

²⁹ East Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board

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Item 5: Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act
2015 and Statutory Guidance

Presentation by Head of Democratic and
Partnership Services

Community Empowerment

- Potential to change how CPPs work.
- Enhanced duty of shared leadership and collective governance of community planning by Council, NHS, Police, Fire and Scottish Enterprise
- Has implications for policy development, governance, service delivery and budgets.
- Much greater focus on community engagement and evidencing community involvement and impact.
- Community participation must inform:
 - decisions about the CPP's priorities;
 - how services are shaped and resources deployed (priorities must be resourced).

Implications of the Act

- The CPP must have a clear understanding of the distinctive needs and aspirations of communities of place and interest within its area.
- Partners must ensure all parties which can contribute are able to and to the extent that they wish to do so.
- Likely to be a precursor to devolving functions to communities.
- CPPs have a duty to act with a view to reduce inequalities that result from socio-economic disadvantage, with a focus on prevention and early intervention.

Implementation of the Act

- Local Outcome Improvement Plans (LOIP) to be in place by 1 Oct 2017 – outcomes and targets for 1, 3 and 10 year terms. LOIP should demonstrably include partners and communities.
- Locality plans required for those communities that experience significantly poorer outcomes than either the rest of the CPP area or Scotland as a whole. Also to be in place by 1 October 2017.
- Presumption in favour of applicant for Outcome Participation Requests & Asset Transfer Requests. Framework for requests expected to be in place by end 2016.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board:

- Discusses the implications of the significant duties and requirements placed on CPPs in light of the Act and statutory guidance.
- Agrees that PAR Strategic Working Group oversees implementation and reports back to PAR and Board.
- Agrees that a light touch review of community planning arrangements is undertaken, to ensure that they remain fit for purpose, and recommendations presented to the Board in 2017.