



Community Planning in Aberdeen

COMMUNITY PLANNING

LEAD OFFICERS GROUP

Note of meeting held on 23rd April 2009

<p>Present</p> <p>Kath Beveridge, Head of Service, Community Planning and Regeneration; Ailsa Duncan, Strategist (Regional) (Aberdeen Works); Adrian Berkeley, Grampian Police; Andy Verreydt, Grampian Police (Safety); Kirsty Morrison, NESTRANS; Dave Valentine, Strategist (Area North) (Locality Planning and Community Engagement); Sandra Bruce, Strategist (Area South) (Equalities Action Network); Jan Falconer, Strategist (Environment); Donna Laing, Planning and Infrastructure (Land Use); Gail Beattie, Team Leader, Planning and Infrastructure (Land Use); Susan Summers, Adult Learning Development Officer (Lifelong Learning); Sarah Dickinson, Civic Forum; Kay Dunn, Strategist (Children and Young People's Strategic Planning Group); Leslie Brown, Community Safety Strategist (Community Safety); Martin Barry, Scottish Enterprise (ACSEF); Martin Murchie, Head of Performance Management and Quality Assurance, Aberdeen City Council; Lesley Thomson, Community Arts Manager (Culture);</p>		<p>Apologies</p> <p>Gail Woodcock, Strategist (Culture and Sport); David Rout, Head of Aberdeen City Command, Grampian Fire and Rescue Service; Elaine Sinclair, NCPO; Gerry Donald, NHS; Susan Cooper, City Chamberlain, Resources Management; Lillias Leighton (Chair), Strategist (City) (Learning);</p>
Item	Action	Responsible
1. Note of last meeting	Agreed	

2. Matters arising		
3. SOA Update	<p>The Scottish Government has now given formal feedback. Final submission date is 15th May (for Scottish Government).</p> <p>Scottish Government feedback as previously reported. In addition there is a strong drive to join up aspects of our SOA with Aberdeenshire. Martin Murchie has looked at both SOAs to determine where joint working is happening and has made contact with Aberdeenshire to agree a form of wording for the SOAs.</p> <p>Ailsa Duncan circulated a feedback document listing the feedback issues raised by various partners. This was circulated to facilitators yesterday for action with a deadline of the end of April.</p> <p>The Civic Forum's comments have been particularly helpful and feedback welcomed by the Forum on what has happened in relation to their comments.</p> <p>The draft SOA has to be agreed at TACA and ACC before submission date, so it is important that the timetable is adhered to.</p> <p>All tracked changes on V5 (previously circulated) to Ailsa Duncan by end April. Track changes re Civic Forum comments on table and e-mail to Ailsa Duncan for collation. This needs to reflect shared working (Martin's paper).</p> <p>The Chartered Institute for Housing has a helpful examination of all SOAs with a critique of measures and recommendations. This needs to be taken into account - Gale Beattie will pick up with Les McGonigle.</p> <p>SOA Reporting 08-09 Martin Murchie will be putting a paper</p>	<p>ALL SOA writers</p> <p>Gale Beattie</p>

	<p>to TACA. The Annual Report is due in September. Deliverability (delivering change) is key to evidence and to inform future SOAs.</p> <p>There was a far ranging discussion on indicators, what are we actually measuring and whether more qualitative "Quality of Life" indicators would be more appropriate. Ailsa Duncan will place a link to an interesting website which examines this in more detail on the Community Planning website.</p>	Ailsa Duncan
4. Best Value 2 consultation arrangements	Ailsa Duncan has asked that any comments - individual or corporate be passed to her by May 6 th so that a TACA response can be developed for consideration of the next meeting on the 14 th .	ALL
5. Challenge Forum Updates <u>Environment</u>	<p>A general question to Forums was posed - how are Forums integrating the SOA into their programmes?</p> <p>A meeting was held on the City's Waste Strategy on the 25th February and members have individually responded to the Waste Strategy Consultation.</p> <p>The Transition Aberdeen application is currently being drafted and is due to be submitted to the Climate Challenge Fund panel in July/August. A decision on funding should be made by September 2009.</p> <p>The Forum will be attending the Aberdeen EcoCity event at the Highland Games to promote the work of the Forum on the 21st June.</p> <p>The Forum are also currently organising an afternoon workshop/meeting to discuss energy efficiency in hard to treat homes. The programme will include a short presentation on the "Carbon Countdown for Homes" by WWF Scotland following their report on the subject last year. A presentation will also be given by John Reid of the Building Research Establishment,</p>	

<p><u>Cultural Forum</u></p> <p><u>Equalities Action Network</u></p>	<p>East Kilbride on the practical considerations of achieving the improvements. This meeting is in conjunction with the Construction Industry Development Forum, Aberdeen City Council and the Scottish Construction Centre. The date and time are yet to be confirmed.</p> <p>Workshop on Energy Efficiency Improvements to Existing Housing Stock.</p> <p>The issue of retrofitting our existing housing stock to achieve energy efficiencies is both topical and critical. The Aberdeen City Environmental Forum & the Construction Industry Development Forum in association with Aberdeen City Council and the Scottish Construction Centre are organising an afternoon discussion forum to highlight the benefits for the construction sector, private householders, social landlords and the environment of tackling home insulation and other energy efficiency improvements. Technical aspects, particularly the challenge of "hard to treat" homes will be presented.</p> <p>This Workshop will be an opportunity to gain an up to the minute technical briefing on this important subject and to help influence government action on delivery of a comprehensive programme of home insulation and other energy efficiency improvements.</p> <p>The focus has been the development of the Cultural Strategy for the city. A small group has been delegated to work on further development of the strategy. The strategy is due to go to Committee in the autumn.</p> <p>Due to meet tomorrow. Sandra Bruce has received more requests to join the Network.</p> <p>The equalities theme is present throughout the SOA with facilitators taken ownership within the relevant outcome.</p>	
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<p><u>Locality Planning</u></p>	<p>be available on the website. This will inform work towards the Economic Summit on June 11th. ACSEF Board meeting tomorrow - focus will be on next steps from workshops and the Delivery Plan.</p> <p>Met this morning to progress work on Neighbourhood Planning and the future of Locality Planning (many partners involved in restructuring). A small group will take this forward with a view to reporting by the end of the year.</p> <p>One of the areas to be further developed is the identification of priorities (neighbourhood) and how to lead these into strategic priority setting.</p> <p>Report due on Neighbourhood Community Action Plans 09-10.</p>	
<p><u>Community Engagement</u></p>	<p>The Community Empowerment Action Plan is a focus for the Forum (links on the website).</p> <p>Development of a Community Engagement Strategy for Community Planning is also under consideration.</p>	
<p><u>Children and Young People</u></p>	<p>Service Evaluation is underway. This will identify core activity/outcomes which will cut across partner organisations.</p> <p>It will also change the way reporting is done across a range of strategies to feed into integrated inspections.</p> <p>Integrated Children's Services Plans now operational electronically.</p> <p>Young people will be developing their own Engagement Strategy.</p> <p>Changing timeline (strategic gardening calendar) to ensure that all work has been done to feed into SOA.</p> <p>Kath Beveridge suggested we share planning timetables to try and get to one timetable, which fits in with the budget planning cycle.</p>	

<p><u>Civic Forum</u></p> <p><u>Lifelong Learning</u></p> <p><u>Aberdeen Works</u></p>	<p>This would be a valuable piece of work in light of the impending financial situation across the public sector. This is part of the discussion we need to have to identify the principle and actions, which need to underpin the SOA.</p> <p>Next meeting on 21st May at 7pm. The meeting will focus on Transport Strategies and The Strategic Development Plan.</p> <p>Finalising Action Plan on Care in the Community.</p> <p>Next meeting focusing on Curriculum for Excellence.</p> <p>Ailsa Duncan will report at next meeting.</p> <p>At the end of the meeting Kath Beveridge reflected on the reports of new members for several Forums and the need to do further aligning of priorities and delivery plans.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>6. Date, time and place of next meeting</p>	<p>May 28th at 12.30 in Room 1.0 in St Nicholas House</p>	