

Community Planning Update	19 April 2016
Corporate Policy and Resources Committee	For Information

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Leader and Champion
Outcome	Establish key relationships with strategic partners to deliver our vision for this Council area
Lead Officer	Elizabeth Beattie
Cost: (If applicable)	

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 As previously indicated, the Community Plan will be a long term plan (for 10 to 15 years), based on sound, robust evidence with a focus on improving social, economic and environmental well-being and contributing to sustainable development.
- 1.2 The Community Plan will be a strategic planning tool and it will be the key over-arching framework for partnerships and initiatives in the Council area and at local and neighbourhood levels. It is not seen as an additional or parallel process to structures already in place.
- 1.3 Developing and implementing the Community Plan will be a major undertaking and will involve partnership working at many different levels in this area. The aim will be to try and integrate wide ranging streams of public life, weaving these together and producing a statement outlining the future direction for the new Council area and how it will be achieved.

2.0 Community Planning Strategic Partnership

- 2.1 A meeting of the Community Planning Strategic Partnership took place on 6th April 2016 at which the partners were given an refresher on the contents of the Statutory Guidance on Community Planning.
- 2.3 The Partnership also considered a draft 'Partnership Terms of Reference' which outlined the guiding principles for the Partnership and how the Partnership would be formally established. It was agreed that each organisation would be asked to sign the document and that a PR event would be arranged to promote this step forward for the Partnership.

- 2.4 Discussion also took place on emerging themes and priorities based on previous visioning exercises. Partners agreed to a number of amendments to the draft priorities and that these would form a framework for discussion during the community engagement process.
- 2.5 Partners further agreed to the formation of initial Thematic Working Groups operating alongside the community engagement process. These working groups would begin to formulate the evidence base for each theme, source any other relevant information and identify potential support partners to work up priorities or outcomes under each theme. The results from the community engagement process would then feed into each Working Group and they would formally begin work on developing an Action Plan in September 2016. Nominees to these Working Groups will come initially from within the Partnership.
- 2.6 Partners were also advised of the dates and times of seven public meetings arranged as part of the community engagement process. One public meeting will take place in each District Electoral Area. Locations are to be finalised and circulated to the Partnership.
- 2.7 Partners also noted that a range of additional tools and mechanisms were being used to engage with the community and that partners would be expected to become involved in this process.

3.0 Other Community Planning Issues

- 3.1 The “Partners Order” was laid in the Assembly and debated on 14th March 2016. It was subsequently confirmed by the Assembly with the Order becoming ‘live’ the following day, ie 15th March 2016.
- 3.2 The statutory partners designed by this legislation are the same as the list of those invited to participate on the Causeway Coast and Glens Strategic Partnership, ie:

Police Service for NI
Tourism NI
NI Housing Executive
Education Authority for NI
Northern Health and Social Care Trust
Western Health and Social Care Trust
Health and Social Care Board
Public Health Agency
Fire and Rescue Service
Invest NI
Sport NI
Libraries NI
Council for Catholic Maintained Schools (CCMS)