

ABERDEENSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD – 10 JUNE 2015

SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT REVIEW AND UPDATE

1 Recommendations

The Board is recommended to:

- 1.1 Agree to update the Single Outcome Agreement for 2016/17 onwards.**

2 Background

- 2.1 Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership has a Single Outcome Agreement that sets out its priorities over a 10-year period from 2013-2023. This was developed during 2012/13 and signed off by the Scottish Government in June 2013.
- 2.2 The existing Single Outcome Agreement received positive feedback from the Scottish Government and continues to be relevant for partners and the communities. Nevertheless, it may be an opportune time to update it to take account of a number of factors.
- 2.3 Board members will be aware that health and social care integration is changing the partnership landscape significantly and crosses over a number of priorities in Aberdeenshire's SOA. Therefore there is an opportunity to set out the new arrangements and the priorities, outcomes and actions of the Health and Social Care Strategic Plan, due to be published in late 2015.
- 2.4 Alongside that, the redesign of community justice will see the responsibilities formerly assigned to regional Community Justice Authorities transferred to Community Planning Partnerships. A strategic plan will have to be agreed by early 2016 and this will need to be reflected in the SOA.
- 2.5 It is clear that the new Community Empowerment Bill will have an impact on the partnership's 'supporting communities and volunteering' priority. There remains a need to clarify how community engagement, capacity building and development are coordinated across the public and voluntary sectors in Aberdeenshire.
- 2.6 At a local level, the partnership has six Local Community Plans for 2013-2016. These plans are currently being reviewed and updated for 2016-2019. Local strategic assessments have been developed to assess local need and inform the priority-setting process. There is a significant opportunity to feed the development of these plans into the update of the Single Outcome Agreement. This will better connect local priorities and actions into the overall strategic direction of the partnership.

- 2.7 At a national level, feedback from Audit Scotland and the National Community Planning Group show that the expectations on Community Planning Partnerships are rising and there remains a particular focus on prevention and joint resourcing. Updating the Single Outcome Agreement provides an opportunity to more clearly articulate Aberdeenshire's approach in these matters.
- 2.8 There is also a communications opportunity to refine the existing document to make it more easily digestible to partners and communities. The Easy-Read Summary that was previously developed has been a useful tool in communicating the SOA to a wider audience. However, it is important that all of the partnership's publications do their utmost to achieve buy-in from partner staff, elected members and the public.
- 2.9 It is acknowledged that the SOA is agreed in partnership with the Scottish Government which will be holding its elections in May 2016. It is also noted that there will be local government elections in May 2017. Rather than waiting to 2018 to agree a new SOA, it is suggested that update work continues during 2015/16 to ensure the agreement remains current for Aberdeenshire.
- 2.10 A timetable is set out in appendix 1.

3 Equalities, Financial and Staffing Implications

- 3.1 An equality impact assessment would be carried out as part of the update to the Single Outcome Agreement.
- 3.2 The update to the SOA will need to be supported by staff within the Council's community planning team and by partners as and when appropriate. The update process is not planned to be as resource-intensive as the volume of work that was required to develop the SOA during 2012/13.

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APPENDIX 1: SOA UPDATE TIMETABLE

DATE	STAGE
July 2015	Local strategic assessments completed
Autumn 2015	Priorities agreed for Local Community Plans
23 September 2015	Board discusses and reviews annual reports on Single Outcome Agreement and Local Community Plans
November 2015	Board and wider partners review local strategic assessments and consider implications for the Single Outcome Agreement
January – March 2016	Partners agree draft Single Outcome Agreement through their internal management teams
12 March 2016	Draft Single Outcome Agreement is presented to Aberdeenshire Council for consultation and support
March 2016	Local Community Plans 2016-2019 agreed by Local Community Planning Groups and presented to the Board for endorsement
March 2016	Board agrees updated Single Outcome Agreement
April 2016	Local Community Plans and Single Outcome Agreement published

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LOCAL STRATEGIC ASSESSMENTS COMPLETED COMBINING DATA, HORIZON SCANNING AND ENGAGEMENT FINDINGS

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LOCAL STRATEGIC ASSESSMENTS USED TO SET PRIORITIES

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LOCAL STRATEGIC ASSESSMENTS USED TO INFORM SOA REVIEW AND UPDATE

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LOCA COMMUNITY PLANS DRAFTED AND CONSULTED UPON

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