

**ABERDEENSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD
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LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANS 2016-2019 - ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2016/17

1. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board:

1.1 Note the progress made during the first year, 2016/17, of the 3-year Local Community Plans (LCPs), as referred to in section 2.3.

2. Background / Discussion

2.1 The 2016-19 Local Community Plans (LCP) were endorsed by the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board in June 2016. The plans were developed in close consultation with communities, with each having between 3 and 5 priorities for their respective Areas.

2.2 The engagement and evidence that underpinned the development of the LCPs and the aligned priorities and actions were considered as part of the evidence base for developing the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP).

2.3 Local Community Plans

2.3.1 The LCP end of year reports provide an overview of progress, highlighting what has been achieved locally over the past twelve months, the challenges that have been encountered and demonstrate how working together with local communities can improve the quality of life for everyone throughout Aberdeenshire. The end of year reports can be viewed at the following link - <http://www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk/resources-and-useful-links/annual-reports/>

2.3.2 'Stronger Communities' is a priority for five LCPs. Actions within each of the five plans to meet this priority vary from developing and supporting employability projects in Buchan, to working with communities in helping them realise the implications of the Community Empowerment Act on local communities in Garioch and Kincardine & Mearns.

2.3.3 All six Areas have been very successful carrying out Participatory Budgeting (PB) projects over the last twelve months. This process involving citizens on deciding how public money is spent enables community members to shape local services and meet local priorities more effectively. Much of the focus was on initiatives that would help improve health and wellbeing (a main priority for five Areas) within specific targeted areas such as local groups in Turiff and Formartine, to cross community projects across the Marr Area.

2.3.4 'Connected Communities/ Connectivity' is a priority within four LCPs. Over the last year Community Planning Officers (CPOs) have worked with partners and communities to develop and improve sustainable cycle routes in Formartine, Kincardine & Mearns and Marr. This in turn supports the 'Health & Wellbeing' Priority with the respective plans. As well as this partners, communities and service providers in Formartine and Banff & Buchan have

been exploring community based transport initiatives to improve access for hospital and health appointments within rural communities.

- 2.4 Whilst the priorities contained within the LCPs are fixed for the duration of the plan, these are very much 'live plans' and action documents are updated when necessary. The priorities and actions identified within the LOIP will continue to inform local activity and in turn feedback from local activity will inform actions under the LOIP priorities.

3 Scheme of Governance

- 3.1 The Board is able to take a decision on this item in terms of Section P in Part 2A of Aberdeenshire Council's Scheme of Governance as the committee responsible for conducting the process of community planning in the area.

4 Implications and Risk

- 4.1 A full Equalities Impact Assessment was undertaken during the development of each Local Community Plan in 2016 and no negative impacts were identified at that time.
- 4.2 There are no specific financial and staffing implications due to this report.
- 4.3 The following risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level: working with other organisations – partnership working is required to deliver the Local Community Plans. Monitoring of the plans is reported six-monthly to local community planning groups and Council Area Committees.

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