

**ABERDEENSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD –
20 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN (INCLUDING LOCALITY PLANNING
APPROACH)**

1. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board:

- 1.1 Consider the progress made to date in development of the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan priorities;**
- 1.2 Approve the web version of the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan to be submitted to the Scottish Government as evidence of our progress by 1st October 2017; and**
- 1.3 Agree to consider regular progress reports on the delivery of the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.**

2 Background / Discussion

2.1 In March 2017, the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board formally agreed three Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) priorities for Aberdeenshire and the timetable of work to develop the priorities through to September 2017. The priorities are as follows:

- Changing Aberdeenshire's Relationship with Alcohol
- Reducing Child Poverty in Aberdeenshire
- Connected and Cohesive Communities

A 'watching brief' will continue to be retained on obesity and homelessness during the development process and beyond. Future opportunities to review this will be through the Council's Strategic Assessment process, the annual progress report on the LOIP, and the required review of the LOIP as the CPP determines.

The legislative deadline for developing a LOIP and at least one locality plan is 1 October 2017. Recent feedback from the Scottish Government and from other CPPs across the country is that evidence of progress thus far, and detail of the development approach still to be taken in the coming months will be sufficient in meeting the legislative deadline. The focus must remain on what we will actually deliver to improve outcomes for communities.

2.2 Developing the LOIP as a web-based document has been supported previously by the Board. The LOIP is being developed on the Our Aberdeenshire webpages (<http://www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk/our-priorities/loip-preview>). These developing webpages will not be published publicly until after the Board agrees the recommendations to this report. Designing the LOIP through a visual, interactive process will help to engage partners and communities and enable an agile plan that can be updated to reflect changing evidence and aspirations.

Engagement

- 2.3 The priorities identified in the LOIP and the locality planning approach was informed by previous engagement including engagement undertaken to develop the Local Community Plans 2016-2019 and engagement within Peterhead, Fraserburgh and the Banff and Macduff localities.
- 2.4 Communities are being given the opportunity to give their views on the LOIP priorities as part of the current engagement on the draft Council priorities during the period August – October 2017. A range of engagement approaches have been adopted including with the Citizens' Panel, with residents and communities via online surveys, social media, local and regional media as well as face to face sessions within wards. Partners and Members also can 'have their say' through workshops and the online surveys.
- 2.5 Priority focused engagement will also continue to take place in the coming months via the Citizens' Panel, ADP community engagement forums, locality based communities' engagement and as part of the commissioned research into deprivation in Aberdeenshire.

Priorities

2.6 **Changing Aberdeenshire's Relationship with Alcohol**

Link to unpublished LOIP Alcohol priority webpage - <http://www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk/our-priorities/previewalcohol/>

The task and finish multi-agency LOIP Alcohol group has continued to develop and refine outcomes/goals, suggested performance measures and an action plan for the priority. In August, the CPP Executive reviewed the draft plan and supported the list of actions included within it. The Board is asked to comment on the actions considering the level of ambition articulated and the time scales.

Three broad improvement outcomes have been identified and the action plan is organised under these outcomes:

- Prevention: We have an environment and culture where low-risk alcohol consumption is the social norm and drunkenness is considered harmful.
- Protection: Protect those vulnerable to harm from alcohol use to ensure a safe and healthier environment.
- Care & Support: Enable more people at risk of alcohol harm to reduce the risk by increasing their engagement with effective services.

Work is ongoing to clarify the long, medium and short-term outcomes and relationship to the proposed performance measures and actions identified within the LOIP.

Several improvement actions were considered by the task and finish group that have not been incorporated into the LOIP at this stage because the delivery of the actions is not necessarily within the remit of any partner at present or the actions will require national policy review. These actions will be

retained for possible future inclusion in the action plan and can be presented to the Board during an appropriate review process for consideration.

2.7 Reducing Child Poverty

Link to unpublished LOIP Reducing Child Poverty priority webpage - <http://www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk/our-priorities/loip-preview-child-poverty/>

The Board previously agreed that further information was needed to better understand the extent, nature and patterns of child poverty and deprivation in Aberdeenshire. The scoping group for this priority, the Tackling Poverty and Inequalities (TP&I) Strategy Group, agreed that there should be two strands to this work: one quantitative and one qualitative.

The TP&I group and its partners agreed to take on the quantitative desk research of this plan. The council's Policy, Performance & Improvement team are collating relevant, existing data from within the council and the CPP partners. These indicators will support the analysis of child poverty in the context of the LOIP and, potentially, future requirements coming from the Scottish Governments' Child Poverty Bill.

The Poverty Alliance and Professor John McKendrick (Glasgow Caledonian University) have been commissioned to undertake the qualitative fieldwork and four work streams are currently underway:

- desk research, with a focus on poverty/child poverty within a rural context;
- online survey of practitioners across Aberdeenshire: gathered more than 220 responses from various of roles across partner organisations;
- interviews with families and children experiencing poverty; and
- workshop with partners to discuss findings and recommend actions scheduled for October.

The action plan supporting delivery of this priority will be further developed based on the findings and recommendations arising from the research and considered by the Board at its next meeting.

2.8 Connected and Cohesive Communities

Link to unpublished LOIP Connected & Cohesive Communities priority webpage - <http://www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk/our-priorities/loip-preview-connectedcohesive/>

The third LOIP Priority 'Connected and Cohesive Communities', focuses on enabling local neighbourhoods become stronger, by building their own capacity. The term "connected communities" refers not only physical connections but social connections ensuring people have access to local services, opportunities and support. Community cohesion refers to a common vision and sense of belonging within communities – where all individuals feel valued, respected and there is equity of access which addresses socio-economic inequalities. The Board previously recognised that delivery of these types of outcomes is best achieved by developing improvement actions that

are appropriate to the community rather on an Aberdeenshire wide basis. The development and delivery of a locality planning approach, defined by the guidance and regulations supporting Part 2 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 gives an opportunity to support communities in a targeted and effective way that enables community participation.

The Board agreed in March 2017 to take forward a locality planning approach initially within the communities of Banff & Macduff, Fraserburgh and Peterhead. The Board agreed that there should not be additional plans created for the localities – the approach should enable existing activity outcomes and impact measure such as those included with regeneration plans, local learning communities plans, place plans etc. to be drawn together in a way that would provide visibility and enable the Board to support the effectiveness of activity underway. The draft locality planning approach for Peterhead is incorporated within the LOIP. The approach will continue to be developed and presented back to the Board at a future meeting.

The approach for Fraserburgh and Banff & Macduff is being developed.

The Board is asked to note that the locality planning approach supporting this priority will not be limited to the three communities initially identified. The CPP will continue to develop and enhance its understanding of communities across Aberdeenshire and agree improvement activity as required.

- 2.9 The Board has previously agreed to review the LOIP on a one, three and five-year basis to ensure priorities and improvement actions remain appropriate. The Board may wish to adjust the focus of LOIP at these key review milestones.
- 2.10 It is proposed to present the Board with regular progress updates on delivery of the LOIP. There will also be an annual public performance report that will be approved by the Board.
- 2.11 The Board will note a report on the agenda that updates the Board on a proposed governance arrangement that will support the delivery of the LOIP.

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 An Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken on the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan priorities and will continue to be reviewed as action plans are further refined. The assessment is attached at Appendix 1 and no impact has been identified.
- 4.2 There are no specific financial and staffing implications due to this report. However, in agreeing the LOIP and associated action plans, partners are committing to the delivery and resourcing required.

- 4.3 Funding to deliver the deprivation research has already been secured from Education & Children's Services, Aberdeenshire Council and the CPPs budget.
- 4.4 The following risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level:

Working with other organisations – all statutory community planning partners have a legislative responsibility to ensure that a LOIP is agreed in the area and that progress takes place towards the agreed outcomes. Progress on the LOIP will be reported to the CPP Board by the lead partnerships and be available to communities on an annual basis.

Ritchie Johnson
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EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Stage 1: Title and aims of the activity (“activity” is an umbrella term covering policies, procedures, guidance and decisions).	
Service	Business Services
Section	Policy, Performance and Improvement within Customer, Communication and Improvement
Title of the activity etc.	Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) – Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP)
Aims of the activity	<p>The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 specifies that CPPs must develop a LOIP by 1st October 2017 (http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2015/6/part/2/enacted).</p> <p>The Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) focuses on three priorities: Changing Aberdeenshire’s Relationship with Alcohol; Reducing Child Poverty; and Connected and Cohesive Communities. The Plan places an emphasis on reducing inequalities between and within our communities.</p> <p>The LOIP looks at how harmful drinking patterns emerge over all age groups and locations in Aberdeenshire, in order to de-normalise and reduce high-risk alcohol consumption.</p> <p>Child poverty has long lasting effects and is related to a range of adverse health outcomes later in life, impacting on potential incomes and educational attainment and perpetuating inter-generational inequality. The LOIP addresses these issues.</p> <p>The Connected and Cohesive Communities priority encapsulates concerns around: supporting our communities to become stronger and build their own capacity; supporting vulnerable individuals/communities; and how to address issues like social isolation and loneliness</p>
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Stage 2: List the evidence that has been used in this assessment.	
Internal data (customer satisfaction surveys; equality monitoring data; customer complaints).	An evidential narrative was compiled, using the CPPs Local Strategic Assessments (2015) as a basis and encompassing open source data and available data from Council services and Partners. This included Citizens’ Panel data and information.

Internal consultation with staff and other services affected.	<p>Consultation has taken place with a CPP Executive LOIP Sub-Group (Jan – Jun 2016), the CPP Executive (2016/17) and CPP Board (2016/17) on identifying the priorities for the LOIP.</p> <p>Engagement has taken place with partner representatives relevant to the Alcohol and Child Poverty priorities in developing action plans for these priorities. This includes a Child Poverty survey circulated to experts and practitioners in roles that may come into contact with children and families experiencing poverty.</p>
External consultation (partner organisations, community groups, and councils).	<p>An evidential narrative was compiled and this included feedback on PESTELO (political, economic, social, technological, environmental, legislative and organisational emerging issues) from each of the six local community planning groups.</p> <p>Scottish Government On-going consultation with partner organisations, third sector, academia.</p> <p>Local Community Councils Aberdeenshire’s Citizens’ Panel, ‘Viewpoint’.</p> <p>Child Poverty research will include a workshop of partners and experts. Deeside Alcohol Project - Research about community perceptions of alcohol was carried out across Deeside in 2016. South ADP Forum Community Conversation – Survey of individual’s experiences alcohol and any issues or concerns around the sale or use of alcohol.</p>
External data (census, available statistics).	<p>An evidential narrative was compiled, using the CPPs Local Strategic Assessments (2015) as a basis and encompassing open source data and available data from Council services and Partners. This included SIMD 2012 data.</p> <p>Research has been commissioned to allow the Council and CPP to better understand child poverty in an Aberdeenshire context (report due October 2017)</p> <p>Citizens’ Panel surveys have been used in 2016 and 2017 to gather views from Aberdeenshire residents on alcohol issues, The Citizens’ Panel survey in November 2017 will also contain a topic on Child Poverty, to add to the data of the commissioned research.</p>
Other (general information as appropriate).	<p>Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and associated guidance Scottish Government Child Poverty Bill (due autumn 2017)</p>

Stage 3: Evidence Gaps.

Are there any gaps in the information you currently hold?	Understanding the extent, nature and patterns of Child Poverty in Aberdeenshire.
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Stage 4: Measures to fill the evidence gaps.

<p>What measures will be taken to fill the information gaps before the activity is implemented? These should be included in the action plan at the back of this form.</p>	Measures:	Timescale:
	<p>Qualitative research has been commissioned to allow the Council and CPP to better understand the extent of child poverty in an Aberdeenshire context. This includes desk research, a survey of practitioners, interviews of families and children experiencing poverty and a workshop with partners to discuss the findings and recommendations.</p>	<p>September 2017</p>

Stage 5: Are there potential impacts on protected groups? Please complete for each protected group by inserting “yes” in the applicable box/boxes below.

	Positive	Negative	Neutral	Unknown
Age – Younger	Yes			
Age – Older	Yes			
Disability	Yes			
Race – (includes Gypsy Travellers)			Yes	
Religion or Belief			Yes	
Gender – male/female			Yes	
Pregnancy and maternity	Yes			
Sexual orientation – (includes Lesbian/ Gay/Bisexual)			Yes	
Gender reassignment – (includes Transgender)			Yes	
Marriage and Civil Partnership			Yes	

Stage 6: What are the positive and negative impacts?

Impacts.	Positive (describe the impact for each of the protected characteristics affected)	Negative (describe the impact for each of the protected characteristics affected)
Please detail the potential positive and/or negative impacts on those with protected characteristics you have highlighted above. Detail the impacts and describe those affected.	<p>Age – Everyone affected by alcohol has the support that meets their needs.</p> <p>Reduce risk and promote the wellbeing of children and young people affected by parental alcohol use.</p> <p>No child in Aberdeenshire is living in poverty.</p>	
	<p>Disability – A safer and healthier environment is created to protect those vulnerable to harm from alcohol</p>	
	<p>Pregnancy/ Maternity - Support for pregnant women or those who may become pregnant to be able to advise, “if you drink, avoid getting pregnant; if you are pregnant, avoid drinking” in order to reduce the incidence of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder</p>	
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Stage 7: Have any of the affected groups been consulted?	
<p>If yes, please give details of how this was done and what the results were. If no, how have you ensured that you can make an informed decision about mitigating steps?</p>	<p>Members of the ADP support teams as well as forum community members were involved in delivery of the Ellon Community Safety event where we engaged with young people and parents on a number of health and well-being topics including alcohol.</p> <p>Research about community perceptions of alcohol was carried out across Deeside last year. Almost 300 members of the community were engaged in this project.</p>

Stage 8: What mitigating steps will be taken to remove or reduce negative impacts?		
These should be included in any action plan at the back of this form.	Mitigating Steps	Timescale

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Stage 9: What steps can be taken to promote good relations between various groups?	
<p>These should be included in the action plan.</p>	

Stage 10: How does the policy/activity create opportunities for advancing equality of opportunity?

Stage 11: What equality monitoring arrangements will be put in place?	
<p>These should be included in any action plan (for example customer satisfaction questionnaires).</p>	<p>The CPP Board and CPP Executive will be responsible for monitoring the implementation and progress of the LOIPs, as well as doing horizon scanning to identify any emerging issues that need to be addressed.</p>

Stage 12: What is the outcome of the Assessment?		
<p>Please complete the appropriate box/boxes</p>	1	No negative impacts have been identified –please explain.
	2	Negative Impacts have been identified, these can be mitigated - please explain. * Please fill in Stage 13 if this option is chosen.
	3	The activity will have negative impacts which cannot be mitigated fully – please explain. * Please fill in Stage 13 if this option is chosen

* Stage 13: Set out the justification that the activity can and should go ahead despite the negative impact.

Stage 14: Sign off and authorisation.

Sign off and authorisation.	1) Service and Team	Corporate and Community Planning, Policy Performance and Improvement, Business Services	
	2) Title of Policy/Activity	Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP)	
	3) Authors: I/We have completed the equality impact assessment for this policy/activity.	Name: Erin Wood Position: Policy Officer Date: 06/09/17 Signature:	Name: Irina Bonavino Position: Policy Officer Date: 06/09/17 Signature:
		Name: Moyra Stephen Position: Strategic Policy Lead Date: 06/09/17 Signature:	Name: Position: Date: Signature:
	4) Consultation with Service Manager	Name: Amanda Roe Date: 06/09/17	
	5) Authorisation by Director or Head of Service	Name: Kate Bond Position: Head of Service Date: 06/09/17	Name: Position: Date:
	6) If the EIA relates to a matter that has to go before a Committee, Committee report author sends the Committee Report and this form, and any supporting assessment documents, to the Officers responsible for monitoring and the Committee Officer of the relevant Committee. e.g. Social Work and Housing Committee.	Date:	
	7) EIA author sends a copy of the finalised form to equalities@aberdeenshire.gov.uk	Date:	
(Equalities team to complete) Has the completed form been published on the website? YES/NO			Date: