INVERCLYDE ALLIANCE BOARD

MONDAY 21 MARCH 2016 - 1PM

BOARD ROOM 1, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, GREENOCK

Present: Councillors S McCabe (Chair), J Clocherty and K Shepherd (Inverclyde Council), Chief Inspector E Brown (Police Scotland), Ms L Nock (DWP), Ms K Wallace (Scottish Natural Heritage), Ms S Mitchell (Skills Development Scotland), Ms S McKendry (Scottish Enterprise), Mr I Bruce (CVS/I3SF), Mr A McKinlay (Scottish Government) and Mr A Comrie (Strathclyde Partnership for Transport).

In attendance: Mr J Mundell, Mr A Fawcett, Ms W Bain, Ms M McKenna and Ms S Lang (Inverclyde Council) and Mr B Moore (Inverclyde Council/Inverclyde HSCP).

Apologies: Councillor J MacLeod (Inverclyde Council), Councillor J McIlwee (Inverclyde HSCP), Mr K Hogg (Scottish Government), Ms A Cumberford (West College Scotland), Ms S Kelly (Skills Development Scotland), Mr M Creaney (DWP), Chief Superintendent J Downie and Superintendent R Kennedy (Police Scotland).

WORKSHOP SESSION – COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015

A note of the workshop session and accompanying presentation are attached as Appendix 1.

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of the meeting of 14 December 2015 was submitted and approved.

MATTERS ARISING

Clyde Conversations

Ms Bain advised the Board that the 2016 conference provisionally planned for April/May was now more likely to be held in September. The Steering Group had taken the decision that the scope of the conference, which had the theme of Respected, Responsible, should be widened to encompass volunteering, including adult volunteering.

WORKING TOWARDS A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY INVERCLYDE: INVERCLYDE DEMENTIA STRATEGY 2013-2016

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on progress in respect of the Inverclyde Dementia Strategy, specifically in relation to Inverclyde's objective to promote a Dementia Friendly Inverclyde.

The Board heard a presentation by Deborah Gillespie, Head of Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness and Reid McLaughlin, Lead Worker, Dementia on the Inverclyde Dementia Strategy. (A copy of the presentation is attached as Appendix 2). Thereafter Ms Gillespie and Mr McLaughlin answered a number of questions from participants. It was noted, in particular, that the aims of the community initiative, currently being piloted in Gourock, included improving awareness, knowledge and understanding of dementia, reducing the stigma within the community and creating a dementia friendly environment.

(Councillor Clocherty left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided: that the Board note the progress with piloting an approach to developing a

Dementia Friendly community within Inverclyde.

PRESENTATION ON ARTS PROJECT IN BROOMHILL

It was noted that this presentation would be made to the next meeting of the Board.

SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2013-17 – OUTCOME DELIVERY GROUP QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Chair of the SOA Programme Board providing an outline of progress against the outcomes and indicators set out in the Outcome Delivery Plans for the Single Outcome Agreement 2013-17.
Decided: that the progress made by the various Outcome Delivery Groups be noted.

INVERCLYDE ALLIANCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Chair of the SOA Programme Board on the progress which has been made in taking forward the actions in the Inverclyde Alliance Improvement Plan.
Decided:
(1)   that the Board note the progress which has been made in taking forward the actions within the Inverclyde Alliance Improvement Plan; and
(2)   that it be noted that a further progress report will be submitted to the next meeting of the Board.

FEEDBACK ON ALLIANCE BOARD LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

There was submitted a report by the Chair of the SOA Programme Board providing the Alliance Board with the feedback from the Leadership Workshop session held on 14 December 2015.
Decided:
(1)   that the Board note the feedback from the Leadership Workshop which took place in December 2015;
(2)   that the Board agree that the top three priorities as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be added to the Alliance Improvement Plan; and
(3)   that it be remitted to the SOA Programme Board to review the Alliance Memorandum of Understanding, including the roles of the Programme Board and Alliance Board, and that a report with recommendations be submitted to the next meeting of the Board.

INVERCLYDE COMMUNITY JUSTICE COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on the draft Inverclyde Community Justice Communication and Engagement Strategy appended to the report.
Decided: that the Board note the draft Inverclyde Community Justice Communication and Engagement Strategy.

MULTI-AGENCY EQUALITY GROUP

There was submitted a report by the Lead Officer, Best Start in Life Outcome Delivery Group proposing the establishment of a multi-agency approach to equality and diversity, by which public bodies and interested groups can work together in partnership to reduce inequalities for those with protected characteristics.

Decided: that agreement be given to proceed with the establishment of a CPP Equality Group.

GETTING IT RIGHT FOR BROOMHILL

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director, River Clyde Homes on a proposal for "Getting It Right for Broomhill" involving neighbourhood/locality planning.
Decided:
(1)   that the Board endorse the detailed brief attached to the report;
(2)   that this be agreed as a way forward for delivering a locality, asset based community development approach for Broomhill;
(3)   that additional resources which partner organisations can or already bring to the programme be identified and be the subject of a report to the next meeting of the Board; and
(4)   that regular update reports be submitted to the Board.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Alliance Board would be held on Monday 13 June 2016 at 3.30pm.

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Note of workshop

Alasdair McKinley attended the Alliance Board to discuss three parts of the Community Empowerment Act, talking about Community Planning, participation requests and asset transfer.

There was a manifesto commitment from the Scottish Government with initial discussions around how you could legislate to get communities to get involved. There are also elements that would be helpful for culture change, and helping support involvement. The Government recognised that public bodies haven't been good in the past about listening to communities.

The focus of the Act is to let people have a say in what is important in their lives.

Key differences since the 2003 act are:
– a broadening of the role of a wider range of statutory partners
– encouraging more involvement
– Government are clearer now about what CPPs are about, and what community planning is
– focus on tackling inequalities
– focus on how collaboration can result in better outcomes
– locality planning came from parliament.

The aim is not to be prescriptive. The Audit Scotland Community Planning report said lots of positive things had happened at a local level and key recommendations were made for the Scottish Government and CoSLA to improve.

'Participation requests' is about community organisations choosing when they want to engage and change things. Normally statutory bodies make the decision as to when that might happen and what it might be. It aims to set up a dialogue between communities and statutory bodies

Discussion in the group highlighted the following:

• This is not just about dealing with communities. What is an organisation's role to support communities to come forward? Public bodies have limited resources – how do we spread them across other organisations?

• There is a risk that affluent communities are in a better place to engage. How do Third Sector Interfaces support those who are less able or less ambitious? How do all organisations help build the capacity of communities? Partners need to be very conscious of not disempowering more deprived areas further.

• Are we even aware of which of our staff are out supporting communities across all partners?

• Do have to agree resources to support community participation and engagement. Where does the expertise lie around the table?

In the guidance it sets out, in regard to asset transfer in terms of a group owning an asset, that they have to be a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, a company limited by guarantee, or a community benefit body. For participation requests and use or management of land or assets then they have to be a community controlled, constituted group.

The Scottish Government have been clear from the outset that it should be local groups/local communities who can take advantage of the asset transfer element of the legislation and that it is not intended for e.g. national charities.

The aim of the legislation is to improve outcomes, not about doing things 'cheaper'. The Financial memorandum consultation recognised that there will be costs, but no one could quantify it.

Preparations locally include:

– reviewing the guidance to ensure we're ready for the requirements coming in
– have identified where we are just now in terms of current requests
– want to be open enough that people don't really need to go through the formal participation request process.

Asset transfer can be very empowering for some community groups. The Act sets out that it can be any asset owned or leased by a public body, not just unused or underused. It is not about getting rid of assets which are liabilities.

There are mechanisms in the act if things go wrong but there was a plea to start from a more positive place. For example Community shops have a really high success rate. Let's do everything we can to ensure success.

When an asset is bought by a SCIO, Company limited by guarantee or a Community benefit organisation it belongs to those who have taken it on. There is a stewardship role for the original, public body owner in assessing prior to transfer whether the group are capable of taking it on.

There are some great examples of community organisations who have done it locally e.g. Kilmacolm New Community Centre and the Inverkip Community facility. The challenge can come with any financial support required and teasing out who are the capable groups and people are.

Public bodies have to be able to challenge ourselves to make sure we're doing the best we can to engage with communities. We need to assess how well we resource engagement and where and when we engage and take things to communities and people at the right time.

There's a lot less experience of asset transfer in Health, however the Community Orchard Movement have approached some hospitals regarding their greenspace where they would like to plant orchards.

Some partnerships are trying to think about asset transfer strategically.

Play Scotland are encouraging local areas to have play areas for children, including opening up schools assets etc. Can assets be used for other benefits and other areas? (There can be issues with PPP arrangements with new school estates).

Need to not underestimate the creativity of our communities and their abilities.

In regard to Localities in Inverclyde the biggest challenge is in areas where the outcomes have not gotten any better for decades.

Alasdair gave an example of Wester Hailes who are following Christie principles. Key achievements have been that the local school is 12th in Edinburgh, there are no children in

secure accommodation and there has been an 80%+ reduction in complaints about youth disorder.

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

Where it came from?

- **Manifesto Commitment** - To make it easier for communities to take over unused and underused public sector assets and to introduce measures to help communities deal more effectively with vacant and unused property in their areas.

- **Christie Commission** – strengthen the community voice in planning and delivering services

What does it do?

- The Act will strengthen the voices of communities in the decisions that matter to them

- Creates new rights for community bodies and places new duties on public authorities

What does it do?

Community Planning:

- Places Community Planning Partnerships on a statutory footing and imposes duties on them around the planning and delivery of local outcomes, and the involvement of community bodies at all stages of community planning.

- Tackling inequalities will be a specific focus, and CPPs will have to produce "locality plans" at a more local level for areas experiencing particular disadvantage.

What does it do?

Participation Requests:

- Provides a mechanism for community bodies to put forward their ideas for how services could be changed to improve outcomes for their community

- This could include community bodies taking on delivery of services

What does it do?

Asset Transfer Requests:

- Provides community bodies with a right to request to purchase, lease, manage or use land and buildings belonging to local authorities, Scottish public bodies or Scottish Ministers

- There will be a presumption of agreement to requests, unless there are reasonable grounds for refusal

- Reducing inequalities will be a factor for public authorities to consider when making a decision

- Relevant authorities will be required to create and maintain a register of land which they will make available to the public

FAQs

- When will the Act come into force?
  - Around this time next year. Regulations and Guidance required.

- Will the Government provide extra resources to local authorities to implement the Act?
  - General agreement to fund new burdens, COSLA must quantify and demonstrate what the costs are

- Does Asset Transfer under the Act have to be at market value?
  - No. The Act does not say anything about how much a community body would be expected to pay for transfer of an asset.

Info and Contact

- http://www.gov.scot/Topics/People/engage/CommEmpowerBill

- Ian Turner, Ext 40790

Working Towards a Dementia Friendly Inverclyde

Alliance Board
21st March 2016

Context for our strategy

- National Dementia Strategies

- Inverclyde strategy development 2013

- Creating a dementia friendly community

- est 1345 people with dementia in Inverclyde

- 661 on GP register

- Rates of diagnosis increasing; and projected to rise – currently 178 people receiving PDS

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Getting it right for people with dementia, their families and carers

- Improve dementia awareness and knowledge

- Opportunities are extended for people with dementia to stay connected to their community

- Enable earlier diagnosis and improve support after diagnosis

- Enable people to live well with dementia

- Promote a dementia friendly Inverclyde

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Implementation

- Multi agency partnership implementation group

  - Four sub groups:

  Learning and development

  Health and Social Care; other care sectors

  Engagement work people with dementia, carers

  Community Led initiative

  - Self evaluation: strong collaborative partnership; but capacity and resourcing issues

    - Evaluation of strategies impact

Community Led Initiative

- Phased programme and pilot work – Gourock

- Consultation- connections and barriers; what helps; what is needed

- Learning from experience Motherwell; York

- Businesses; transport; leisure; faith

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Community Led Approach

- Community development and capacity building

- Incentives to engage - customer care; commitments to deliver & feedback

- Toolkit - Information and guidance; education; environmental checklists

- Environmental audits- pilot dementia specific audits; Walk in our shoes/Act on our issues

- Intergenerational opportunities

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Current position

- 9 organisations and businesses piloting the toolkit; evaluation for roll out

- 6 community groups; 4 churches/ faith groups; 4 schools; Police; RCH; NHS visiting service

- 845 completed dementia awareness sessions April 2015 to Feb 2016 in Inverclyde – Alzheimer Scotland

- Dementia informed training - L& D subgroup

- Environmental audit of public spaces – Gourock Community Council

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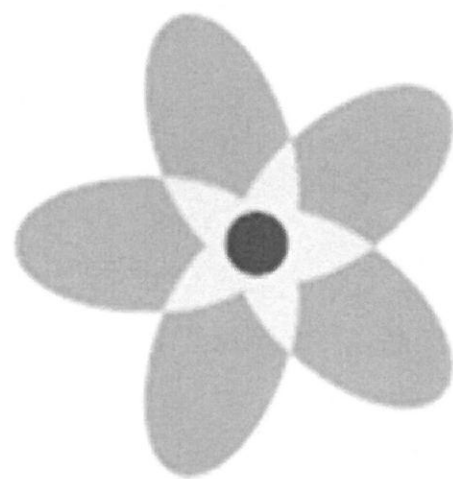Greater Glasgow
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Key outcomes

- Improved awareness and understanding of dementia to reduce stigma

- Improved knowledge and skills within the community to become responsive individuals

- Provide better access to facilities by creating a dementia friendly environment

- Improved opportunities to enhance the social life of people with dementia

- Improving the health and wellbeing of people with dementia

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Impact and Outcomes
- the next steps

- Feedback surveys/focus groups with people with dementia in Gourock
- Recognition of achievements
- Roll out – Launch
- Port Glasgow Churches/ Salvation Army

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