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REPORT TO: COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD ON 2 FEBRUARY 2022

SUBJECT: LOIP REVIEW PREPARATION 2022

BY: DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (EDUCATION, COMMUNITIES AND ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT)

1. REASON FOR REPORT

1.1. To ask the Board to consider a mid-point review of the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (Loip) 10 year plan during 2022, which would also enable the Loip to be reset to take account of covid impacts and recovery. The Board is also asked to consider a proposal for the community engagement for the review to run in parallel with the Council process for its Corporate Plan following the local government election in May 2022.

2. <u>RECOMMENDATION</u>

- 2.1. It is recommended that the Board agree:
 - i) to undertake a mid-point review of the Loip 10 during 2022; and
 - ii) that the community engagement for the review runs in parallel with Council engagement for its Corporate Plan, to enable the most efficient use of resources and maximise the impact of p partnership actions in the revised plans.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (Loip) was prepared in 2017 and will be at a five year mid-point in summer 2022. The Board is asked to consider whether a review and reset may be appropriate around June 2022 to take account of the impact of the pandemic and experience to date. The National Covid Recovery Strategy from the Scottish Government also expects a community recovery plan and a revised LOIP should fulfil that role.

3.2 Should the CPB agree a review of the LOIP, there is an opportunity to link the work on the Loip and Council corporate and financial planning and to carry out parallel reviews using a single community engagement process. Subject to views of the Board, this would enable a golden thread and cascade of priorities through all plans from LOIP to council corporate plans and other partners plans where timing suits, building in community voice and influence from outset. It would also ensure that parallel planning maximises the use of resources and the impact of actions.

Outline Process for Development and Timeline

- 3.3 In order to be in a position to undertake an informed review of the Loip in late summer/autumn of 2022, preparatory work would require to begin well in advance to ensure that the necessary data and evidence is available. It is proposed to develop a process that will produce plan on an inclusive, iterative basis as outlined below:
 - Scene setting and data update (Council Research and Information Officers and Community Support Unit preparatory work);
 - Emerging Issues internal, all partner involvement work to identify strengths to build on, issues and gaps to address;
 - Community Perspective data and information exchange, case studies, testing of emerging issues;
 - LOIP and Corporate planning Review of outputs, refining of developing LOIP, emerging actions; drawing out council issues and priorities for emerging Corporate Plan;
 - Review and direction LOIP strategic partner officer review;
 - Loip Board level review and direction;
 - Community Response/feedback; and
 - Final drafts and approvals.
- 3.4 The following broad timeline is proposed for planning purposes:

Mar – June: data analysis and internal work to partners
June – Aug: community and stakeholder to feed into LOIP and Corporate Plan
May – Sept: Board/partner input
Sept- Oct: Approval of revised LOIP and Corporate Plan

4. <u>SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS</u>

4.1. There will be officer time required in undertaking the review. Running this in parallel with the council corporate plan should make more efficient use of resources. It would be useful to identify partner representatives for the planning and writing stages of the review.

4.2. CPOG (Community Planning Officer Group) was consulted on this approach and is supportive of a parallel planning process where partners can share the engagement outcomes from communities and use these to influence their plans taking account of the emerging direction for the Loip from the mid-year review.

5. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

5.1. The LOIP was prepared in 2017 and will reach a five year midpoint in 2022. There is an opportunity to use this mid-point to capture and respond to covid impacts taking account of community input and involvement in a planning process run in parallel with the council corporate planning from March to September 2022. This would provide clear links and collective impact across the Loip and partner plans.

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