



REPORT TO: COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2020

SUBJECT: LOIP PROGRESS REPORTING

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1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1. To advise the Board of revised arrangements that are being developed for the monitoring of progress on the Loip priorities and to provide examples of the developing work in this area.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1. It is recommended that the Board:-

- (i) reviews and notes the revised arrangements that are being developed for the monitoring of progress on the Loip priorities;**
- (ii) scrutinises and notes the progress reported in the templates attached to this report (Appendices 1, 1a, 2, 3 and 4); and**
- (iii) agrees lead for reporting against Raising Aspirations (poverty) priority**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. The Local Outcomes improvement Plan (Loip) is the planning document that captures the Community Planning Partnership's targeted approach towards communities experiencing poorer outcomes. There are 4 priorities in the Moray Loip: building a better future for our children and young people; empowering and connecting communities; growing, diverse and sustainable economy and changing our relationship with alcohol.

- 3.2 Previous reports to the Board have highlighted challenges in the development, implementation and monitoring of work on Loip priorities. Therefore, as the Loip was reviewed at the end of 2019, partners have also been considering how to improve the implementation and performance monitoring associated with the plan.
- 3.3 A separate report on this agenda, proposes some revision to the Loip in the form of a second edition. That report also has an appendix that proposes a delivery framework for the Loip priorities in the form of action plans. These are based on the high level plans set out in the Loip but provide a simpler more outcome focussed format for planning and monitoring.
- 3.4 To help support an improved performance monitoring and reporting regime, the templates for regular performance reports to the Board which the lead officer is responsible for producing are attached for the four priorities. The template is designed to focus and report progress on milestones, outcomes and measures for each area and the Board may wish to consider whether the information provided allows sufficient detail to apply adequate scrutiny and assurance. Indicative measure of performance are included, these will be firmed up in line with performance management framework arrangements for the 2020/21 reporting period.
- 3.5 Building a better future for our children & young people in Moray **(Appendix 1)**:
Progress against the four milestones and indicators contributing to this priority is ongoing.

Delivery is via the 2017-20 Children's Services Plan, for which the 2019/20 annual report is due to be presented to the GIRFEC Leadership in September. Indicators show that improvements have been made in secondary attainment and subsequent rankings from the lowest to the third quartile, inferring the gap is narrowing, however local improvements should be viewed against results remaining below national and comparator averages. Achieving educational aspirations is currently measured using attendance and exclusions, perhaps not fully aspirational, therefore in addition expected levels of literacy and numeracy have been incorporated. In primary, both fall below national and comparator averages and rank in the lowest quartile. In secondary, although results have improved in the last year, they remain below national and virtual comparators. Lead Officer analysis states decreasing performance in improving health supports and outcomes for children before they are born and improving performance in children and young people being safe from harm, abuse and neglect.

Challenges relate to progressing the priorities within the Children's Services Plan 2020-2023 with limited capacity.

Note additional Children's Plan milestones and indicators are included **(Appendix 1a)**.

- 3.6 Empowering & Connecting Communities **(Appendix 2)**:
Anticipated progress against the four milestones contributing to this priority has been achieved, indicators have yet to be developed so are reported not progressed.

More people are participating in learning opportunities and community activities, delivered via the CLD Strategic Plan. Similarly milestones around those experiencing the poorest outcomes joining the conversation and communities ability to address their own needs and aspirations has been improved via Locality Plans in New Elgin East and Buckie Central East, the latter receiving praise in a recent HMIE inspection.

Challenges around gathering data, statistically evidencing progress made and reporting arrangements as well as continuing to work with communities during lockdown.

- 3.7 Growing diverse, inclusive and sustainable economy **(Appendix 3)**:
Anticipated progress against the four milestones contributing to this priority has been achieved.

Performance achieved against milestones reported to the Board in April 2019 was around planning processes and the update in this template eludes to the work required to define further actions to progress and improve outcomes.

Challenges in the impact of COVID-19 on the economy and the need to reflect on targets and baselines caused by the recession.

- 3.8 Changing our relationship with alcohol **(Appendix 4)**
Majority of actions have progressed to plan.

The number of people who are at risk of alcohol or drug problems engaging with the service is increasing. Actions continue to tackling barriers to promoting engagement and reducing inequality. The 2020/23 Children's Service Plan will take forward the education provision for children and young people in line with evidence and best practise.

Challenges are around refocusing the LOIP priority to 'Improving wellbeing of our population'.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. As a performance report, there are no direct financial, workforce, equalities, policy or legal issues from this report.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1. There is further work identified in order to provide assurance on the delivery of the priorities and this will include the further development of delivery plans, performance management and working with communities and stakeholders to ensure that their perspective is reflected in the work going forward.**

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