



## Your Moray

**REPORT TO:** COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD ON 17 MAY 2023

**SUBJECT:** MID TERM REVIEW OF PARTNERSHIP COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2021-24

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

### **1. REASON FOR REPORT**

- 1.1 To update the Board on of the work done so far to deliver on the statutory Moray Partnership Community Learning and Development (CLD) Plan and on emerging priorities for the final 18 months of the plan.

### **2. RECOMMENDATION**

#### **2.1. It is recommended that the Board:**

- i) note the positive impact of partnership working in delivering on the Moray Partnership CLD Plan (2021-24);**
- ii) note the allocation of £745,218 from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund for partnership delivery of the 'Multiply' programme to support adult numeracy;**
- iii) comment on the emerging priorities which have been identified and which will be incorporated into a refreshed work plan; and**
- iv) note the resumption of HMI inspections of CLD and the role that the CLD Plan will play in that process.**

### **3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Moray Council has lead responsibility on behalf of the Community Planning Partnership to produce the statutory three year Community Learning and Development (CLD) Plan as per the [Requirements for Community Learning and Development \(Scotland\) Regulations 2013 \(CLD Regulations\)](#)
- 3.2 The current [Partnership CLD Plan](#) was approved by the CPP Board on 22 September 2021. The Plan covers the period September 2021 – August 2024 and is currently at the mid-term stage of delivery. This report updates

committee on progress made so far in delivering on the Plan through the CLD Strategic Partnership (CLDSP).

- 3.3 The CLDSP is the strategic lead group with responsibility for delivering on the plan. There are representatives from UHI Moray (who currently chair), Skills Development Scotland; Moray Pathways, LEAD Scotland, tsiMORAY and Highlands and Islands Enterprise. Council services are represented through Communities (CLD), English as Additional Language (EAL), Education, Communities and Volunteering
- 3.4 Partners agreed to use national Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) developed by CLD Managers Scotland to report on delivery against the Plan. The results of these are summarised in **Appendix 1** and can be grouped in relation to adult and family learning; youth work; community development and capacity building and mental health and wellbeing.
- 3.5 Partners have also developed case studies and other performance information which capture some of the impact of the work against the priorities identified in the CLD Plan which have been captured in an interactive online resource - [http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray\\_standard/page\\_39860.html](http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_39860.html)
- 3.6 The Plan had an initial focus on Covid recovery and **Appendix 2** captures the actions taken in the first year which demonstrate significant progress against the initial plan priorities and meet the Plan's aim to '*shift the balance of delivery to provide more face-to face support and to create opportunities to help people reconnect within their communities.*'
- 3.7 This CLDSP meet regularly to monitor progress in delivery of the Plan. Partners used the new How Good Is Our Community Learning and Development 4 framework to evaluate the quality of partnership working around the CLD Plan – the results of which have been added to [the Education Scotland](#) case studies website (**Appendix 3**)
- 3.8 The self-evaluation identified examples of improved partnership working; enhanced collaborative working linked to external funding investments and new strands of work being developed strategically.
- 3.9 The most recent example of this is the 'Multiply' programme to improve numeracy which is part of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund drawn down through the Moray Economic Partnership. The CLD Strategic Partnership will have a co-ordination role around the 'Multiply' allocation of £745,218 to be completed by 31 March 2025. As per the approved governance arrangements final decision making on Multiply funding approval is located with the Local Economic Partnership
- 3.10 As always, there is room for improvement with partners keen to raise awareness of the impact of the difference CLD approaches make in Moray and to build on the collaborative approach to delivery over the lifetime of the current plan and into the next one from 2024-27.

3.11 Partners have identified a number of emerging themes which they wish to take account of in the remaining 18 months of the current plan. The overarching themes remain the same but partners are working together to

- Deliver on the Multiply programme to improve numeracy in Moray.
- Understand the impact of reduced volunteering levels (for example Health and Social Care Communities and Volunteering Team have noted a 30% reduction in their volunteer numbers) and actions needed to support and sustain volunteering.
- Understand and respond to the cost of living crisis and how this is impacting on services, agencies and communities.
- Continue ethos of working strategically and in partnership to maximise the impact of external funding streams in improving outcomes for Moray communities.
- Identify how best to respond to the projected rise in Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children and other refugee/ asylum seekers in Moray.
- Seek support from Community Planning Partners to respond to LOIP priorities in relation to community meeting spaces – particularly in New Elgin.

3.11 HMIE have intimated that CLD inspections will be restarting in the 2023/24 academic year and that there will be a particular focus on the delivery of the Partnership CLD plan and the role of the CLD Strategic Partnership and their use of data to inform priorities. The mid term review of the Plan is timely in preparing for that forthcoming inspection.

#### **4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1. The Statutory Requirement to produce the Plan has been met and this mid term review is in line with the governance role of the CPP Board.
- 4.2. The Plan mid term review has already been discussed at Education, Children's and Leisure Services Committee on 19 April 2023 and was approved by them (paragraph 19 of the minute refers).
- 4.3. A further reporting on the Localities element of the CLD Plan will be brought to the Board after discussion at the CLD Strategic Partnership and CPP Community Engagement Group.

#### **5. CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 The Board is asked to note the progress made by the CLDSP in delivering on the Partnership CLD Plan as evidenced by the information attached to this paper.
- 5.2 The Board is asked to comment on the refreshed priorities.
- 5.3 The Board is asked to note the resumption of CLD inspections and the key role that that Partnership CLD Plan will play in that process.

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**Background Papers:** Appendix 1 (Key Performance Indicators) ;  
Appendix 2 (CLD Workplan update)  
Appendix 3 (Self- Evaluaton) : [Plan on a Page Summary Report](#)  
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