



REPORT TO: COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD 8 NOVEMBER 2018

SUBJECT: LOCALITY PLANNING UPDATE

BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR (CORPORATE SERVICES) (MORAY COUNCIL)

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1. To advise the Board of progress of work on the locality plans proposed within the Moray 10 Year Plan (LOIP).

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1. **It is recommended that the Board notes the progress and endorses the planned next steps for work with communities to develop locality plans (as set out in Appendices 1 and 2).**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Community Empowerment Act 2015 places specific duties on Community Planning Partnerships around locality planning. Based on assessment of the data about the communities in Moray and the consultation and engagement work done by the Partnership, two areas have been identified for specific locality based work as part of the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.
- 3.2 A locality plan under the Act is a plan to improve the outcomes in that area and it must clearly take account of the perspectives and ambitions of the local community.
- 3.3 Work has been taking place with local communities and practitioners to advance locality planning in the two areas identified of New Elgin East and Buckie Central and East. This has been going well with good engagement from local

communities and partner agencies. Progress reports on each area are attached as Appendices 1 and 2 and these also set out the next steps for further engagement with a view to developing plans with the communities by early 2019.

- 3.4 As noted in the appendices, support is being provided by the Scottish Centre for Community Development (SCDC) which will allow the learning from the two pilots to inform work in other localities in Moray and to feed into other national developments around place-based working. The Voice (Visioning Outcomes in Community Engagement) tool is also being used to plan and monitor progress and will assist in the evaluation of the pilots.

4. **SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The allocation of specific resource to support the community engagement work required to develop locality plans has been crucial to enabling progress to be made. A funding application to the Scottish Government Making Places Initiative has recently made in a bid to secure external funding to support this work for temporary period.
- 4.2 As has previously been noted, while partners have a great deal of experience in community engagement and development, this is the first attempt to co-produce local area plans aimed at improving outcomes. As such it is a learning process and is not without risk. To manage this, partners are working jointly to share experience and skills and maximise the use of resources and are receiving support from SCDC.
- 4.3 Once plans are developed, it will be important to ensure that implementation and monitoring of progress is effective. Proposals require to be developed to put new arrangements in place for this purpose.

5. **CONCLUSION**

- 5.1. The approach to locality planning is being developed with a view to working closely with communities to ensure that their perspective informs the understanding of the issues to be addressed and the development of a locality plan for each area. So far, good progress is being made and the next stages are to enhance the level of understanding and begin to develop the specifics of the plans.

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Background Papers: Previous report to the Board 5 February 2018

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