



REPORT TO: COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD 13 SEPTEMBER 2018

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP GOVERNANCE

BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR (CORPORATE SERVICES)

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1. To ask the Board to consider a number of questions that have arisen with regards to governance in order to provide clarity for the Partnership moving forward.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1. **It is recommended that the Board note and agree the proposals to provide clarity on community planning governance arrangements moving forward.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. The Community Empowerment Act 2015 places specific duties on Community Planning Partnerships to produce a local outcomes improvement plan with a particular a focus on actions aligned to addressing the poorest outcomes and to prepare locality plans. This has led to a more focussed agenda than that of the previous Single Outcome Agreement which was a more comprehensive approach to all of the matters that might fall within community planning. As a result a number of questions have arisen in relation to governance of the whole community planning agenda and work that partners are engaged in that require to be clarified.

- 3.2 The governance questions are summarised in **Appendix 1** with proposed solutions set out against each issue. In particular attention is drawn to the proposal to structure the CPB agenda to ensure that there are clear links with other partnership groups and that relevant issues are brought to the attention of the board. The proposal is that there will be a section of the board agenda for reporting of Loip work; a section

for reporting of other community planning items and an information and noting section. Partnership groups would be asked to identify in advance items for interest, influence and noting for example in relation to plans and strategies. This structure has been introduced for the agenda for this meeting and will continue to be developed once Groups are invited to forward plan issues for reporting.

- 3.3 There are a number of other proposals in Appendix A that seek to ensure that there are links between groups where work is inter-related by having a common representative on the groups. Other points are mainly clarification of where responsibilities will rest.
- 3.4 **Appendix 2** illustrates the inter-relationship between the various priorities both national and local that influence community planning work.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. There are no resourcing or other implications arising directly from this report.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1. A number of governance questions arose linked to the narrower focus of the Loip and the need to ensure that the Community Planning Board has oversight of the whole community planning agenda. It is proposed that these are addressed by clarifying responsibilities, having a common representative across appropriate groups and structuring the CPB agenda to enable partnership groups to refer appropriate items to the board.

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Background Papers: None

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