



**REPORT TO: COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD ON 13 NOVEMBER 2019**

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON LOCALITY PLANS IN BUCKIE CENTRAL AND NEW ELGIN EAST**

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

## **1. REASON FOR REPORT**

- 1.1. To ask the Board to review and note the ongoing progress being made on the Partnerships Locality Plans in Buckie Central and New Elgin East.

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1. **It is recommended that the Board note the ongoing progress being made on the Partnership's first Locality plan Outcomes Improvement Plans.**

## **3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1. The Community Empowerment Act (2015) and associated guidance requires each Community Planning Partnership to produce a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP). Two plans have been produced in Moray and are in the early stages of implementation. This report provides a brief update following the launches of the plans.

### **Buckie**

- 3.2. The Plan was launched on 14 August and four sub-groups have been set up to take forward the work set out in the plan, monitor the implementation and provide feedback to the community. Highlights include:
- a) Food poverty work and dependency on food parcels that has been identified.

- b) Visit to Lhanbryde to learn from a project there and set up of community lunches (01 November, 12 December and 16 January). Each event will have a different theme e.g. eating well for less, social isolation, financial support;
  - c) The group is working on identifying outcomes and linking these to the Buckie Plan.
- 3.3. The connectivity Group are working on the DialM service and a Park Smart project. The other sub-groups have also met and are working to better define the outcomes they plan to achieve. Officers from across the CPP are supporting particular working groups (e.g. young people).

### New Elgin

- 3.4. The Plan was launched on 14 September with a design for the cover of the Plan provided through a competition run for local primary pupils. A Family Fun Day was used to launch the Plan and was attended by over 500 people. M:ADE (Moray Arts Development Engagement) premiered an inter-generational film at the event made in the school holidays with young people who were identified as potentially at risk of having a poor experience over the holiday period, in partnership with older members of the New Elgin community about their area's heritage
- 3.5. The Working Group is working in partnership with the New Elgin and Ashgrove Public Hall committee and other local community groups on developing the area as a community hub and to revive the New Elgin Summer Fete in 2020. A sub-group of the Working Group has been formed, led by the tsi Moray Development Officer and supported by others such as REAP and Development Plans via the draft Moray Food Growing Strategy to re-generate the community garden at the hall based on feedback from the community, with the first public planting session held on 26<sup>th</sup> October. A project to address the seagull nuisance that has been identified is also progressing and informal feedback is that this is having an impact.
- 3.6. Work is continuing with the Working Group and partners on progressing other actions and developing monitoring. . A formal structure for the Working Group is not needed at this time as they are utilising links with other formal groups such as the Hall committee. Elgin Community Council is represented on the Group and a Council Research and Information Officer has been assisting in explaining arrangements for monitoring progress. The Scottish Community Development Centre has been supporting the locality plan initiative in New Elgin and Buckie through their Scottish Government funded, Supporting Place - Based Approaches Initiative. SCDG's input will be completed early in the New Year after they meet with both Locality Group members and Moray CPP representatives. A final report will be produced for the board with observations and recommendations, and will be included in their submission to the Scottish Government end of project report.

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

- 4.1. There are no direct financial, workforce, equalities, policy or legal issues arising from this report.

#### **5. CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 Early launch and implementation work on locality plans is progressing well in both Buckie and New Elgin. Involvement and participation of the local communities and partner agencies has been very positive and is ensuring the success of the work. Next steps will include developing governance and monitoring arrangements that engage and suit the community nature of the plans, actions and participants as well as meet the needs of the Board to demonstrate strategic progress. Further reports will be brought to the Board to monitor progress as the work develops.

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