

## **REPORT TO COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 7 SEPTEMBER 2023**

### **ABERDEENSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23**

#### **1 Executive Summary/Recommendations**

1.1 The Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership Annual Report 2022/2023 has been developed and will be considered by the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board on 13 September 2023, prior to submission to the Scottish Government. This is an opportunity for Communities Committee to consider and comment on the draft annual report. Progress continues to be made across the three LOIP priorities – Reducing Poverty, Connected & Cohesive Communities and Health & Wellbeing, with a number of successful initiatives across Aberdeenshire having positive impacts on our communities.

#### **1.2 Recommendations**

##### **The Committee is recommended to:**

1.2.1 Consider and comment on the Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership draft annual report 2022/2023 (Appendix 1). Comments will be collated and presented to the Community Planning Partnership Board for their consideration prior to finalising the report for publication.

1.2.2 Note that the Annual Report will be considered by the Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership Board on 13 September 2023.

#### **2 Decision-Making Route**

2.1 Under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, Community Planning Partnerships are required to publish annual reports which describe progress made towards ambitions in their Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) and Locality Plans.

2.2 Scottish Government Guidance is that annual reports should be published within six months of the end of the reporting year.

2.3 The draft annual report will be considered by the Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership Board on 13 September 2023.

#### **3 Discussion**

3.1 The LOIP priorities – Reducing Poverty, Connected and Cohesive Communities and Health and Wellbeing have continued to see progress throughout challenging circumstances. Full details of achievements from 2022/2023 are available in Appendix 1.

3.2 Under the Reducing Poverty priority, the Tackling Poverty and Inequalities strategic group has continued to develop opportunities for experts in experience, targeting marginalised communities through the Lived Experience

forum. The group has adopted a rights-based approach to delivering a project focusing on fuel poverty.

- 3.3 Challenges for the group include the increasing number of households, particularly working households seeking advice and financial assistance, an increasing number of mental health referrals and issues around the availability of public transport, particularly in rural areas, which, along with access to childcare, is impacting on people's ability to take up employment.
- 3.4 A number of successful initiatives are being delivered under the Connected & Cohesive Communities priority which oversees delivery of four Locality Plans in Banff, Macduff, Fraserburgh and Peterhead. These include Grow at the Vinery – The Vinery Project which is a Community Inclusion project around food, financial inclusion, and skills, delivering personal development and employability programmes for young people, parents and adults who are experiencing multiple and complex barriers to moving into good quality, sustainable employment. The project also supports those with long term mental health conditions, substance dependency, social isolation and are disengaged from education.
- 3.5 The Fraserburgh Community Council Resilience Group Food Larder opened in April 2021 and has steadily built up a membership of over 70 members. Run by volunteers and operating out of a temporary location made available by a local business, membership is open to residents of Fraserburgh and the surrounding area enabling weekly visits to stock up on key items. During 2022/2023, the initiative achieved its short-term plan to provide an inviting and non-stigmatised shopping experience. Partnership work continues to achieve the long-term plan to secure a larger, permanent building with a view to enhancing the service.
- 3.6 Much progress continues to be made in terms of the Health and Wellbeing priority, which is being delivered by two separate strands – healthy eating active living (HEAL) and mental wellbeing. 2022/2023 saw great engagement with our communities and a raft of presenters highlighting mental wellbeing through the Mind Yer Mind campaign.
- 3.7 The Healthy Living Active Living project completed a valuable and informative community engagement programme during 2021/2022 that involved community groups across Aberdeenshire to find out what keeps people well and what challenges they have. The feedback provided a wealth of insight, experience, understanding and enthusiasm to support community involvement in bringing about change and co-develop an action plan that aims to create environments across Aberdeenshire that support people make healthier choices about food and lead more active lives.

#### **4 Council Priorities, Implications and Risk**

- 4.1 This report helps deliver all six of the Council's Strategic Priorities as well as the Community Planning Partnership Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.

<b>Pillar</b>	<b>Priority</b>
<i>Our People</i>	<i>Education Health &amp; Wellbeing</i>
<i>Our Environment</i>	<i>Infrastructure Resilient Communities</i>
<i>Our Economy</i>	<i>Economy &amp; Enterprise Estate Modernisation</i>

4.2 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is (are) agreed.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Financial		X	
Staffing		X	
Equalities and Fairer Duty Scotland			X
Children and Young People's Rights and Wellbeing			X
Climate Change and Sustainability			X
Health and Wellbeing			X
Town Centre First			X

4.3 There are no financial and staffing impacts as a result of this report. Staffing and financial impacts as a result of delivery of the LOIP priorities are reported regularly to the Community Planning Partnership Board and Executive.

4.4 The screening section as part of Stage One of the Integrated Impact Assessment process has not identified the requirement for any further detailed assessments to be undertaken as this report is presenting the draft LOIP Annual Report and will not in itself impact on people with protected characteristics. Individual LOIP priorities have all been impact assessed and are regularly reported to the CPP Board and Executive.

4.5 The following Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a [Corporate Level](#):

- ACORP005 Working with other organisations (e.g. supply chains, outsourcing and partnership working)

The following Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a [Strategic Level](#):

- BSSR002 Communities are confident, resilient, and inclusive. Individuals feel secure and in control of their circumstances.

## **5 Scheme of Governance**

- 5.1 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and had no comments to make and are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.
- 5.2 The Committee is able to consider this item in terms of Section D.1.1.c of Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance as it relates to Community Planning.

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### **List of Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership Draft Annual Report  
2022/2023