

Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Strategic Planning Advisory Group	
Held on	26th April 2022	
Agenda Item:	Item 5	
Title:	Locality Planning Partnership Update	
Summary:		
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Route to meeting:		
Regular update report		
Directions:	Implications:	
1. No Directions Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Financial <input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Directions to NHS Ayrshire & Arran <input type="checkbox"/>	HR <input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Directions to South Ayrshire Council <input type="checkbox"/>	Legal <input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Directions to both SAC & NHS <input type="checkbox"/>	Equalities <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Sustainability <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	ICT <input type="checkbox"/>	

LOCALITY PLANNING UPDATE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

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2. RECOMMENDATION

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3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 This report seeks to set out a process for the re-launch of 'Locality Planning' in South Ayrshire building from the previous review process in 2019.

4. REPORT

- 4.1 Following the previous review of Locality Planning a set of recommendations were tabled at SPAG and then, the IJB, for formal ratification. The recommendations were agreed, and preparations made for 're-launch' events in Spring 2020.
- 4.2 Following the restrictions related to Covid, the re-launch was delayed and has subsequently been delayed. LPP members were keen to have 'in situ' events and not an 'on-line' re-launch.
- 4.3 LPPs have been meeting regularly apart from a short break at the onset of Covid.
- 4.4 Because of the protracted delay, there is now a changing context for Locality Planning and this includes a number of significant opportunities:
- The learning from the lockdown period where community groups were mobilised to deal with local need
 - More active links with Community Planning Partners with similar ambitions to root work within communities (for example, Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue)
 - Significant joint working with the newly formed Thriving Communities team within the Council
 - A set of 'Place Plans' for almost all communities has been developed setting out some very local priorities

- An emerging operational model for adult Health and Social Care that is formed around 'teams around localities'
- A parallel model of linking a range of public health, prevention and early intervention work together through 'wellbeing teams and networks' formed around localities
- Greater investment in third/community sector to address health and care issues (for example, £420k funding channelled through VASA for local mental health and wellbeing initiatives)
- Increasing local 'Wellbeing Pledge' monies to be utilised through local priority setting
- Good quality locality profile information which, in the future, will be accompanied by locality financial profile information on health and care
- The need for very robust locality engagement structures to actively inform the Caring for Ayrshire programme

4.5 Locality Planning also faces some real challenges:

- Lack of active membership in many of the groups and membership not reflecting the local population
- Lack of representation from HSCP operational staff
- Lack of clarity re links to other local forums such as Learning Communities, GP Clusters, etc
- Different 'locality' constructs used by different CPP Partners or Council teams
- The new National Care Service proposals do not significantly reference locality planning

4.6 At the most recent LPP Chairs meeting a paper was tabled and endorsed that suggested a different timetable for re-launch that might allow for some development work to take place during the summer period to maximise the opportunities that are set out above particularly through engagement with wider CPP Partners, the Thriving Communities Team and local people and groups.

4.7 What was suggested and agreed is:

- A 'sabbatical' for formal LPPs between June and August (including Council recess)
- (LPP members might meet informally for social/networking/information sharing activity)
- Development work with CPP Partners and Thriving Places to identify common ground and potential to have a set of unified Locality Planning Groups that support wider CPP Wellbeing aspirations – this would be overseen by a *steering group* with key stakeholders from HSCP/SAC/ CPP/VASA and with LPP Chairs

- The group would consider the existing Locality Planning recommendations but reflect on these in the light of the new context and its associated opportunities
- Some parallel development work within Community Planning and its 'Communities Reference Group' so that the emerging locality model might be accepted as the legitimate CPP expression
- Use of the September LPP groups to prepare existing groups for the re-launch
- Formal re-launch events in October

4.8 Essentially, what is being proposed is significantly strengthened locality planning with much greater formal placing within a Community Planning context, supported by HSCP and Thriving Places engagement staff and others, with much greater representation, linkage and influence over health/care and other services, greater ability to inform local decisions with some modest monies (supported by good local profiling) and with clear links with other local forums and representative groups. The revised groups would also play a formal part in the Caring for Ayrshire engagement processes.

4.9 The emerging locality model for the HSCP Adults and Older People operational working would also provide opportunities for much greater local influencing of service provision, and most materially, around public health, prevention and early intervention approaches.

4.10 The Wellbeing Board has indicated that it will devolve its Wellbeing Budget for community capacity work (£100k) down to locality groups to decide on local priorities and local small scale 'commissioning' of initiatives. Together with the existing £5k Small Grants funding already committed, the locality groups will have a discretionary budget of about £21k.

4.11 There is also work needing developed to ensure that children's services and community justice-based work articulates with this new model of working and influencing and ensuring that children/young people and parent/family representation is enabled. As school clusters are a key context for this, it may mean more formally establishing links between Learning Communities and locality groups, for example.

5. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

5.1 Strategic Objective 6 – We are transparent and listen to you

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial Implications

6.1.1 No implications.

6.2 Human Resource Implications

6.2.1 There are no HR implications to agreeing this report.

6.3 Legal Implications

6.3.1 There are no legal implications to agreeing this report.

6.4 Equalities implications

6.4.1 No implications

6.5 Sustainability implications

6.5.1 There are no sustainability implications to agreeing this report.

6.6 Clinical/professional assessment

6.6.1 No assessment needed.

7. CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING

7.1 LPP Chairs meeting on 5th April 2022.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT

8.1 There is no risk associated with agreeing this report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

[IJB Report on Locality Planning 2019](#)

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