
Minute of Strategic Planning Advisory Group

Date: Tuesday 25th October 2022

Time: 2pm

Place: Via MS Teams

Present

Margaret Anderson, Vice Chair
Glenda Hanna, Independent Sector Representative Member
Dr Simon Farrell, Stakeholder GP
Billy Cooper, SAC Staff Side Representative Member
Tim Eltringham, Chief Officer & Director of Health and Social Care
Mark Inglis, Head of Children's Health, Care & Justice Services
Gary Hoey, Chief Social Work Officer
Lisa Duncan, Chief Finance Officer
Phil White, Partnership Facilitator
Marie Oliver, VASA
Lesley Reid, Health Improvement Lead (NHS)
Derek Frew, Police Scotland
Kevin Anderson, Service Lead, Policy, Performance & Community Planning
Rebecca Hunter, HSCP Planning & Performance Officer
Kirsty Pyper, Planning & Performance Officer
Laura Conaghan, Administration Assistant (Minute Taker)

M Anderson in the Chair.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Lee Lyons, Gordon Walker, Katrina McFarlane, Elaine Hill, Billy McClean and Sheila Tyeson.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest to be noted.

3. Minute of Previous Meeting

S Tyeson noted that her title was wrong on the previous minute and should be changed from Team Leader to Senior Manager of Policy, Performance & Commissioning.

With this change made, the minute of the previous meeting was approved.

4. Locality Planning Partnership Update

P White explained that Locality Planning Groups have restarted and they are working on a timetable for a relaunch. It was noted that Community Planning Workshop have been set up to explore the best way to relaunch locality planning. P White advised that there has been a good buy in from Partners (SAC, Scottish Fire & Rescue, Police etc). P White explained that Locality Managers will play a key role in the relaunch of Locality Planning when they are in place. G Hoey noted that having an idea of the demand for each area is a big step to get the correct services involved. T Eltringham added that is important to recognise that having the correct services in place is part of the bigger plan to ensure people are more resilient to take pressures off of Acute Services.

P White advised the group that Troon Locality Planning Group are hosting a Carers Day on Thursday 24th November 2022 following on from the success of the carers day held in Prestwick in June 2022.

P White noted that Locality Planning Groups require to reflect on the cost of living crisis and how decision days will be formatted moving forward. G Hoey suggested getting impact statements from groups that have received funding via decision days to ensure outcomes are being met. P White advised feedback and case studies will be sought from these groups.

M Anderson explained that many residents of Wallacetown and surrounding areas are having trouble determining which local initiatives they should involve themselves in. K Anderson noted that this came up during the consideration of locality changes and will ensure the map of new localities are available publicly.

T Eltringham thanked all involved for the work done in relation to this and highlighted the importance of making a difference within the local communities.

The Group agreed to approve this.

5. Age Friendly Communities

P White provided a presentation in relation to developing an age friendly community within South Ayrshire.

P White advised that an age friendly community allows people to live a healthy and active life and allow them to contribute to their communities. It was noted that an age friendly community ties into the Scotland 2045 policy, A Fairer Scotland for Older People Framework and the Centre for Aging Better Strategy 2022-25. K Anderson explained that this gives the opportunity for the SAC Plan for the upcoming year.

M Oliver advised VASA are creating a directory of useful information for an aging population including public toilets, cosy spaces etc.

T Eltringham highlighted that South Ayrshire has the oldest population in Scotland and require an overarching approach in relation to the older population. P White advised that he will be meeting with the Leader of SAC, Councillor Lyons and Councillor Hunter to get some momentum behind this.

The Group agreed to note this.

6. Belmont Project

M Inglis provided a presentation to the group giving an update of the implementation of the Belmont Project.

M Inglis explained that since the implementation in April 2021, there have been no out with authority placements, kinship care placements, secure accommodation placements, children becoming looked after and no children placed on the Child Protection Register. It was noted that Children's Services are working with Police Scotland and education services to ensure that children that require intervention, receive this as soon as possible.

M Inglis advised that there are reduction trends in South Ayrshire for looked after children. This includes the fact the South Ayrshire spends less than the Scottish average to provide residential accommodation for looked after children per week. M Inglis advised that looked after children has reduced by 39% in 2017 due to using a signs of safety approach which allows for early intervention and prevention. There

has also been a 59% reduction in the use of out with authority placements, which has seen a cost reduction of £2.7m. M Inglis also highlighted that there has been a reduction in violence and aggression towards staff.

M Inglis was thanked for his update and the group welcomed these improvements.

The Group agreed to note this item.

7. Cost of Living

L Duncan advised that this paper was created to highlight the implication and challenges for people due to the current rate of inflation sitting at 10.1%. It was noted that energy and fuel costs continue to rise.

L Duncan explained that commissioned services got an uplift in March 2022 in line with the Scottish Living Wage of £10.50ph. L Duncan added that South Ayrshire added an additional uplift on the non-wage element of the contract. The Scottish Government provided a 4.6% uplift due to the increase in the work related element of the contract. L Duncan noted that commissioned services have been in contact to explain that they are struggling with the rising inflation and pressures on costs. G Hoey queried if a formal reply had been issued to services that have been in contact. L Duncan confirmed that a reply has been issued and meetings are scheduled. It was noted that there is a concern that even if the Partnership increase the rate, the providers may still only give £10.50 as an hourly rate.

L Duncan highlighted that staff have been given training to be able to give advice and guidance on services that are available i.e. food banks, cosy spaces. M Oliver added that VASA are creating a Ayrshire Lifeline magazine that will be sent to all houses in South Ayrshire and will include advice on keeping your home warm, advice from Scottish Fire & Rescue on fire safety and other services available throughout the winter months. M Oliver added that there ongoing conversations regarding creating comfort boxes for people in need over winter.

L Duncan explained that there are no estimates in relation to budget planning for 2023/24. This information will be available in mid-December.

8. Any other business

P White provided a save the date flyer which included dates for webinars being hosted by South Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership and advised the group to sign up to any that may be of interest to them.

With no further items to discuss, the meeting was concluded at 3.15pm.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 20th December 2022 at 2pm