
Minute of Strategic Planning Advisory Group

Date: Tuesday 21st February 2023

Time: 2pm

Place: Via MS Teams

Present

Councillor Lee Lyons, Chair

Margaret Anderson, Vice Chair

Dr Simon Farrell, Stakeholder GP

Tim Eltringham, Chief Officer & Director of Health and Social Care, HSCP

Mark Inglis, Head of Children's Health, Care & Justice Services, HSCP

Billy McClean, Head of Community Health & Care Services, HSCP

Gary Hoey, Chief Social Work Officer

Lisa Duncan, Chief Finance Officer, HSCP

Sheila Tyeson, Senior Manager, Policy, Performance & Commissioning

Rachael Graham, HSCP Planning & Performance Coordinator, HSCP

Thomas Griffin, Digital Programme Manager, HSCP

Kevin Anderson, Service Lead – Policy, Performance and Community Planning, SAC

Linda West, VASA

John Simpson, Chair – Prestwick Locality Planning Partnership

Phil White, Partnership Facilitator

David Girvan, Chair – Girvan and South Carrick Locality Planning Partnership

Derek Frew, Police Scotland

Nadine McCord, Administrative Assistant (Minutes)

Cllr L Lyons in the Chair.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Gabrielle Coyle, Billy Cooper, Rosemary Robertson, Lesley Reid and Marie Oliver.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest to be noted.

3. Minute of Previous Meeting

The minute of the meeting held on 20th December 2022 was approved by the group.

4. Locality Planning Partnership Update

P White informed that the purpose of this report is to update SPAG members on key developments and issues related to Locality Planning in South Ayrshire.

P White explained that they recently sought legal advice from C Caves, Head of Legal and Regulatory Services regarding Equality Impact Assessments. P White advised that they want to ensure these are being done correctly and will go to formal consultation in the first instance.

P White advised in terms of the re-launch of the Locality Planning Partnerships the group overseeing the re-launch process continues to meet to progress this and includes HSCP, LPP Chairs, Thriving Communities, VASA and CPP. They will work with LPPs to identify the timing and arrangements for the re-launch process.

P White shared the summary table of local priorities which details how monies have been used (full details within circulated paper).

J Simpson advised that they continue to develop in their own group the most important things at the moment. J Simpson explained that they now have a mentor/buddy contact which has been positive.

J Simpson informed that the number of applications have increased over last 3 years and the diversity of these has been welcomed. J Simpson explained that this also gives them a closer opportunity to be with the communities and extends out their network as Locality Planning Partnership. J Simpson explained that the group must feel the opportunity to contribute and have really benefitted from the small grants which they have received.

D Girvan, Chair – Girvan and South Carrick Locality Planning Partnership, advised that it has been beneficial receiving the wellbeing pledge funds. D Girvan informed that they have recently progressed a defibrillator project with some of the funds, which involved moving all the current defibrillators to allow 24/7 access to them for members of the public.

P White informed that another initiative that has been progressed with the monies has been “Cosy Boxes” which is targeted support boxes for individuals in great need. P White

advised that over 200 of these boxes have been distributed. P White advised that “Cosy Spaces” also continue.

Cllr L Lyons queried what happened with any underspend of these funds.

P White explained that we will carry money over and consideration has been given to joining up the carry over for next year’s monies to allow them to hold bigger decisions days.

Cllr L Lyons highlighted that a third of the applications for this funding were unsuccessful, but the funds were not all spent.

P White advised that some of the bids did not meet the criteria set in terms of priorities.

D Frew questioned if there was any evidence base that they found whilst doing the assessments that pushed them towards the structures being proposed.

P White advised that the rationale came from the Shaping Places from Wellbeing Project, which exposed what they knew in stark detail around real inequalities within Ayr. P White advised that while they concentrated on Wallacetown they know that the broader areas have some worse outcomes. The question the assessment asks is “what is the rationale?” and they were able to give a response due to the data they have to back this up.

5. GIRFE Progress

P White advised that the purpose of this report is to provide SPAG members with an overview of the Getting it Right for Everyone (GIRFE) initiative and South Ayrshire pathfinder activity.

P White explained that at the last meeting he gave a brief update as they were about to embark on this initiative, which he advised is being supported by colleagues from The Scottish Government and other professional leads. P White advised that as the meetings progressed, they realised that South Ayrshire were well ahead of some of the other Partnership areas.

P White advised that they have negotiated a design approach to look at Troon locality and use the GIRFE principles. P White explained that they will use any learning from the Troon locality to inform what they do with the other 5 localities.

B McClean informed that this would allow them to define the service model and engagement model and have a plan at locality level. B McClean explained that this will be an intensive but valuable piece of work. Once local plans have been established, they will bring an overview of any plans to SPAG.

6. Care at Home Update

B McClean explained that they are looking at a fundamental redesign of Care at Home. B McClean advised that the principal is shifting towards in-house service and explained that over the past 18 months they have got half of the commissioned capacity that they had

previously. B McClean advised that there is lots of variation they need to better understand.

B McClean advised that himself and T Eltringham have a meeting planned to look at demand and capacity and how they can reduce the backlog of people waiting for care, which will inform the model going forward.

B McClean informed that he will be chairing the Recruitment and Retention Sub-Groups and will be focusing on Care at Home.

B McClean advised that they have identified the following three markets where they are most likely to be able to recruit from - school leavers, return to work mums and retired and return professionals. B McClean advised that the messages need to be different within the branding that they put out, but he is hopeful that they will be seeing a huge impact around recruitment and retention soon.

T Eltringham assured that they are aware that this is an enormously complex area of risk for the Partnership, and they are putting every effort into attempting to make progress on this issue.

A discussion ensued around potential incentives/ packages of employment and career progression options which may attract people to take up employment within South Ayrshire.

7. Community Planning Partnerships Workshop Update

K Anderson advised that at the Community Planning executive last summer it was agreed to move to a locality base way of working and align with HSCP.

K Anderson explained that they have been doing a series of workshops and trying to understand their ability to collaborate in areas where the toughest problems are evident.

K Anderson advised that they are meeting as an SDP Chairs Executive tomorrow to agree how we will take things forward at the next board meeting. K Anderson stated that he is keen that they don't diverge from what Partnership is already doing.

K Anderson continued to advise, in terms of Ageing Well Strategy the Community Planning Board are keen to endorse this, emphasising the importance of getting people on the board and included to ensure they are capturing all views that are essential to getting the Strategy right.

K Anderson explained that they are developing a Council Plan at the moment and one area of this is going to be a more comprehensive impact assessment, one of which will be ageing population. In terms of the process for this the earliest this can go to Council cabinet meeting would be April so must establish now if this will be ready to put on the agenda.

P White explained that if the Council process has gone through the UK wide group that oversee age friendly community and meets in early May this would allow them to do a formal launch at the end of May.

8. Children's Services Whole Family Wellbeing

M Inglis shared presentation on screen with the Group.

M Inglis informed that they have a Children Services Planning Partnership Group which he chair's, with a range of members who sit on this Group. M Inglis explained that the Group have received additional funding with regards to delivering on The Promise. M Inglis explained that the funding is about developing Whole Family Wellbeing and has created lots of opportunities for them.

M Inglis advised that over the coming year, South Ayrshire Children's Services Planning Group are embarking on a Learning Review, supported by Horizon Research to consider how best to develop Whole Family Services in South Ayrshire and to align with The Scottish Governments funding criteria and their National Principles Holistic Whole Family Support.

M Inglis explained that they are also looking at how to build on Belmont Family First Model and ensure they are building across clusters and have capacity within schools to respond. M Inglis advised that they know by intervening earlier with the right person at right time they are able to prevent children and families being drawn deeper into involvement. M Inglis explained that the evidence they have gained over the past few years around this has been strong and The Scottish Government are really excited about what they have planned and keen to see how this progresses.

M Inglis informed that they have a new plan that will be ready for publishing at end of March- and incorporates what they are doing regarding their delivery of services to children and families across South Ayrshire to make South Ayrshire the best place for children to be raised.

J Simpson queried regarding neurodevelopment what the plan was for the number of children awaiting diagnostic tests.

M Inglis informed that a PAN Ayrshire meeting took place recently to discuss neurodevelopment. M Inglis explained that there are approaches in place but that this is a national challenge to address some of these concerns.

Dr S Farrell expressed that this was a national issue, with huge waiting lists in most areas. Dr S Farrell advised that a lot of positive work is ongoing to address the issue.

9. Any other business

Dr S Farrell advised during admissions focused work a lot was raised about the lack of power of attorneys in place. Dr Farrell advised that they are trying hard within primary care to encourage people around this process. D Farrell expressed that they are expensive documents to obtain and feels that this is a health inequalities resource issue. Dr Farrell stated that he feels some work needs to be done potentially looking at the costing and process of this.

P White highlight that this issue has been raised on a number of occasions and they do try and make people aware of best routes to go down within the locality groups. P White explained that he will look at this again and other opportunities e.g., Power of Attorney national days which are very informative.

With no further business to be discussed, L Semple thanked everyone for their attendance and brought the meeting to a close.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 25th April 2023