

<b>Community Planning Update</b>	<b>16 August 2016</b>
<b>Corporate Policy and Resources Committee</b>	<b>For Information</b>

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b>	
<b>Strategic Theme</b>	Leader and Champion
<b>Outcome</b>	Establish key relationships with strategic partners to deliver our vision for this Council area
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Elizabeth Beattie
<b>Cost:</b> (If applicable)	

## **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 As previously indicated, the Community Plan will be a long term plan (for 10 to 15 years), based on sound, robust evidence with a focus on improving social, economic and environmental well-being and contributing to sustainable development.
- 1.2 The Community Plan will be a strategic planning tool and it will be the key over-arching framework for partnerships and initiatives in the Council area and at local and neighbourhood levels. It is not seen as an additional or parallel process to structures already in place.
- 1.3 Developing and implementing the Community Plan will be a major undertaking and will involve partnership working at many different levels in this area. The aim will be to try and integrate wide ranging streams of public life, weaving these together and producing a statement outlining the future direction for the new Council area and how it will be achieved.

## **2.0 Community Planning Strategic Partnership**

- 2.1 A meeting of the Community Planning Strategic Partnership took place on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at which the Partnership received a report on the community engagement process to date, as follows:
- 773 people have engaged in the community planning process to date
  - 90 individuals have registered their interest to be included on a Community Planning Register

### **Methodologies Adopted:**

- Series of Public Engagement meetings were held in all 7 DEAs, facilitated by PR Rankin Associates, Partnership Members and Councillors
- Public Notices were posted in local papers publicising these events
- Invitations to these events were sent to 6,827 contacts across numerous databases
- Targeted engagement (Section 75) took place with specific community based and voluntary groups
- A Community Planning 'Questionnaire' was made available online and in hard-copy
- Establishment of a Community Planning Register of Interest
- Council Staff awareness and engagement sessions took place (50 individuals)
- Close involvement with the "Waste No Time" project – an active community democracy project currently running across the CCG area

### **Next Steps:**

- Public Engagement Meetings Report due 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016
- Engagement with groups continuing
- Questionnaire remains open to 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016
- Data collation in process

2.2 The Partnership also received a presentation from the Northern Health and Social Care Trust on "Living Well – The Dalriada Pathfinder Project".

2.3 The Partnership were also given a presentation on the draft Programme for Government and discussion took place on how the Programme for Government and the Causeway Coast and Glens Community Plan could align with each other.

2.4 Members noted that the next major step for the Partnership would be the establishment of the Thematic Working Groups in September. These Working Groups would be task and finish and their purpose would be to produce an Outcomes Based Action Plan for their theme for consideration by the Partnership.

2.5 Following discussion on the emerging themes for the Community Plan, there was a consensus that the themes should be reduced to three to replicate the main pillars of the community planning guidance, ie social, economic and environmental. It was agreed that the Themes should therefore be:

- Health and Social Well Being
- A Strong Economy
- A Sustainable Environment.

2.6 Members of the Partnership raised the issue of the substantial statistical evidence which would be required to inform the actions of the proposed Community Plan. They believed high quality statistical information was critical to the success of the Plan and were of the view that a statistician would be a vital requirement for this function. The Partnership were informed that at this stage no statistician was employed by, or seconded to, Council. Following discussion it was agreed this matter should urgently be explored further by Council.