

Community Planning Update	15 November 2016
Corporate Policy and Resources Committee	For Information

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Leader and Champion
Outcome	Establish key relationships with strategic partners to deliver our vision for this Council area
Lead Officer	Head of Policy and Community Planning
Cost: (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 3rd November 2016 in Sheskburn House, Ballycastle, at which the Partnership welcomed their new Chair, Councillor George Duddy.
- 2.2 The Partnership also appointed Vincent Lusby (Invest NI) as Vice Chair of the Strategic Partnership.

- 2.3 It was noted that all statutory partners, apart from Tourism NI, Western Health and Social Care Trust and CCMS, had now signed and returned the Terms of Reference document for the Partnership.
- 2.4 Updates were received from the Chairs of the three Thematic Working Groups and further information on the Thematic Working Groups is given in section 3.0.
- 2.5 Consideration was given to the development of a vision statement for the Community Plan and it was agreed that the Community Planning Team would draft this on the basis of the finalised overarching Outcome Statements for each theme once these are endorsed by each Thematic Working Group.
- 2.6 It was noted that the Community Plan would also include a section on the values underpinning the Plan and the work of the Partnership. The concept of values was one of the areas explored at each of the Thematic Working Groups preliminary meetings and a number of ideas had been generated.
- 2.7 An exercise took place during the meeting for the Partnership to try and identify the values to be included in the Plan but it was finally agreed that each member would be asked to think about this on the following basis:
- a. No more than five values to be included in the document
 - b. Concentrate on “values” not the “how”
 - c. Should be relevant to the three thematic areas (Environment; Health & Social Well-Being; Economy)
 - d. Should be pertinent to the Causeway Coast and Glens area.
- 2.8 The Community Planning team had organised an art competition for primary school pupils in the Causeway Coast and Glens asking them to picture how their environment - where they live, attend school and play - could be made better and what contribution they could make to this. The Partnership were asked to judge the 94 entries received and the winning entries came from:
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| 1 st Prize | St Patrick’s Primary School, Glenariff |
| 2 nd Prize | Rasharkin Primary School |
| 3 rd Prize | Hezlett Primary School, Castlerock |
- 2.9 The Partnership also noted that the Programme for Government consultation had now been launched (closing date Friday 23rd December 2016) and it was agreed that a request would be made for the Programme for Government Team to deliver an information session to the Partnership at its next meeting in December.
- 2.10 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 or data analyst 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 but that a business case was being developed by Council staff in relation to this matter.

3.0 Community Planning Working Groups

3.1 As previously agreed by the Partnership the following three themes have been established as the main pillars of the community plan:

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

3.2 It was further agreed that working groups would be set up under each theme and that these working groups would be allocated the task of working up the high level outcomes, actions and indicators for the draft Community Plan.

3.3 A schedule of “task and finish” workshops was established for each of the working groups to run from 29th September 2016 to 15th December 2016; the intention being that the information coming from these Working Groups would form the basis of the draft Community Plan.

3.4 The half way point has now been reached for the working group meetings and each Group has discussed and debated the outcome statements for their thematic areas. Some Groups have completed this task but some have yet to be finalised.

3.5 The next stage in the process is for each of the Working Groups to identify actions and indicators under each outcome statement and the final round of workshops will take place as follows:

Environmental Working Group	Health and Social Well-Being Working Group	Economic Working Group
Thursday 10 November 2016 9.30 am to 12.45 pm Roe Valley Arts and Culture Centre, Limavady	Thursday 17 November 2016 9.30 am to 12.45 pm Coleraine West Community Centre, Coleraine	Thursday 24 November 2016 9.30 am to 12.45 pm Sheskburn House Ballycastle
Thursday 1 st December 2016 9.30 am to 12.45 pm Roe Valley Arts and Culture Centre, Limavady	Thursday 8 December 2016 9.30 am to 12.45 pm Coleraine West Community Centre, Coleraine	Thursday 15 December 2016 9.30 am to 12.45 pm Sheskburn House Ballycastle