

## SUTHERLAND DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP

**ACTION NOTE FROM THE MEETING HELD ON:** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October at Highland Council Offices Drumbuie

**PRESENT:** Cllr Deirdre Mackay - (Chair), Cllr Hugh Morrison (HC), Dr Margaret Somerville - Director of Public Health, Angela Echevarran (HC), Bob Silverwood (NHS), Christine Ross, John Garvie (HC), Ross Mackenzie (NHS) , Andy Mackay (HC), Tina Lear (Note)

**APOLOGIES:** Dawn Grant (HC), Susan Owen, Kathleen Cunningham, Alan Miller, Donald Fisher, Mike Evans, Catriona Taylor, Nigel Brett-Young (HLH), Yvonne Ross,

**IN ATTENDANCE:** One member of the public attended

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION AGREED	LEAD	NAMED OFFICER	TIMESCALE
1	<b>Note of last Meeting</b>	Note of last meeting agreed by Ross Mackenzie and John Garvie			
2	<b>Matters Arising</b>	2.1 Change fund – Concerns were expressed about the Change Fund. Applications had been submitted late last year in response to calls for community proposals. There had been a very tight timescale. Proposals approved at the local Change fund group had been forwarded to the highland Group. Unfortunately no information has been forthcoming since that time in respect of success or otherwise. The chair had contacted Simon Steer in April and has also spoken with Bill Alexander. The Helmsdale Project is being supported on month to month basis by Bob Silverwood but there is no budget to support this. This money would need to be repaid from the Change fund. There was also concern expressed at the absence of community engagement with what is happening. The Third Sector is now involved and has a key role. It was agreed to set up a meeting between the Chair, Simon Steer and Mhairi Wylie.	HC	Andy Mackay	Next meeting

		<p>2.2 Employment – 11 Community Workers - employed by Partnership, but have not yet started work. Community development is important and the posts have to be made the most of. There has to be co-ordinated involvement in the community. Get briefing from Bill Alexander on 11Community Development posts.</p> <p>Various discussions regarding developing employability. Key areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NHS work experience attachments/schemes</li> <li>• Stem Ambassadors – promote science and technology</li> <li>• Skills Academies – Possibility of them</li> </ul>	HC	Andy Mackay	Next Meeting
3	<b>Children and Young People's Services</b>	<p>3.1 Angela Echavarren gave a presentation on Early Years Collaborative Group – Briefing no 2. The presentation will be circulated with future papers. Angela explained the 'stretch' aims and Workstreams. For information of queries on Workstreams Hilary Parkey, Programme Manager – Early Years Collaborative can be contacted on email: <a href="mailto:hilary.parkey@highland.gov.uk">hilary.parkey@highland.gov.uk</a> or telephone: 01463 702875 (indirect). Issue one of the Highland Early Years Collaborative newsletter can be found here: <a href="http://www.highland.gov.uk/healthandsocialcare/servicestochildrenandfamilies/highland-early-years-collaborative.htm">www.highland.gov.uk/healthandsocialcare/servicestochildrenandfamilies/highland-early-years-collaborative.htm</a></p> <p>Baby milk is no longer available in local supermarkets, only Health Centre stocks it. (Durness) AE to look into.</p> <p>3.2 Youth Conference, Scott Irving to present to next District Partnership meeting.</p>	HC	<p>Note</p> <p>Angela Echevarran</p> <p>Note</p>	Next meeting

		3.3 Deprived area funds – Preventative spend funding rolling out. How should funding be used in designated areas. It needs to be embedded at local level. How to bring it together – community development, priorities etc. More info required.			
4	<b>Adult Services</b>	<p>4.1 Margaret Somerville presented on Health Inequalities in the Highlands. Although this was discussed in Adult Services, it is also relevant to Children’s Services as well. The presentation included areas such as: life expectancy trends, the gap in life expectancy, creating wellbeing, social conditions and main determinants of health. The presentation will be circulated with future papers. Contact Margaret for her presentation and Harry Burns Presentation.</p> <p>4.2 Ross Mackenzie gave an update on IT compatibility between HC and NHS Highland. All staff from Drummie have now moved to the Lawson. They are still connecting to the Council system at the moment. Speech and Language Therapists have not yet moved to Drummie Council Offices.</p>	HC	Andy Mackay  Note	Next meeting
5	<b>Scottish Ambulance Services</b>	5.1 Ross Mackenzie gave update in place of Alan Miller. There have been concerns about inadequate service cover at Kinlochbervie. A trainee is due to start on 1 <sup>st</sup> December, but he may not accept as he needs somewhere to live. There will be further recruitment in October. Meeting to be arranged with Alan Miller, DP Chair and NW CS member.	NHS	Ross Mackenzie	Next meeting
6.	<b>Dental Services in NW Sutherland</b>	6.1 Ross Mackenzie to contact Alex Fraser, Dental Services Manager and Cathy Lush and invite to next meeting. To look into the possibility of the mobile dental service spending two weeks doing dentistry for schools and 2 weeks for members of the public. Ross to facilitate and invite Hugh, Deirdre, Andy and possibly LHP.	NHS	Ross Mackenzie	Next meeting

7.	<b>Future Agenda Items</b>	<p>7.1 It was initially agreed that with Integrated Transport, we will await the outcome of the Lochaber pilot, but this has not yet started. Transport should be taken as a priority. Andrea Madden did previous work on transport. DM to invite Andrea to next meeting and also T4T reps.</p> <p>Grean – Chair to feedback on work she is currently doing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated Transport</li> <li>• Rent Arrears – afforded heat</li> <li>• Re-visit Telecare</li> <li>• Changes to Welfare Benefits</li> <li>• Emotional Literacy</li> <li>• Befriending Dementia Project</li> </ul>	HC	Deirdre Mackay	Next meeting
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8	<b>Comments/questions</b>	<p>8.1 Concern over the Change Fund, the money communities need and also confusion over the Community Networkers role. Bob Silverwood noted significant support had been given to Sutherland projects.</p> <p>8.2 Regarding the conference in Wick. Will the Sutherland Schools receive an invitation? (Science &amp; Tech Conference). Dr Somerville will forward information on.</p>		Dr Margaret Somerville	
9.	<b>AOB</b>	<p>9.1 It has been proposed that Christine Ross is to be the representative from the Voluntary Sector to sit on the DP Pre Assessment Panel – All in agreement.</p>		Note	
10.	<b>Meeting Dates</b>	<p>10.1 The date of the next meeting is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at Drummuie Council offices, Golspie.</p>			