

**The Highland Community Planning Partnership**  
**Community Planning Partnership Board – 5 June 2014**

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**Chief Officers Group – strategic priorities**

**Report by Chief Officers Group**

**Summary**

Proposes re-drafted strategic priorities for which the Chief Officers Group will take direct responsibility.

**1. Background**

- 1.1 Following the meeting of the Chief Officers Group (COG) on 30 January and the workshop of 18 February, it was proposed to the Highland Community Planning Partnership Board at its meeting of 6 March that the COG would take direct responsibility for five ‘strategic priorities’.

These would facilitate the achievement of the 44 long term, and 169 intermediate, outcomes in the CPP Single Outcome Agreement which would continue to be pursued and reported upon through existing processes.

The strategic priorities are represented below following discussion at the HCPP Board meeting of 6 March and reflecting feedback received at that meeting.

**2. Strategic priorities**

- 2.1 The proposed strategic priorities for which COG will take direct responsibility are:
- a. Maximise the use of collective resources to achieve best outcomes, demonstrating a shift to prevention and the re-allocation of resources between CPP members where this represents best value.
  - b. Collaborate on workforce planning and skills development to meet Highland needs, in the context of the Highlands and Islands Skills Investment Plan and our roles as major employers.
  - c. Engage in dialogue with communities in order to empower them to participate in service planning and delivery.
  - d. Tackle deprivation and inequalities including by improving access and connectedness for communities.
  - e. Value and be positive about Highland life to attract people, jobs and investment.

### **3. Next steps**

- 3.1 Subject to endorsement by the CPP Board, the Chief Officers Group will produce action plans to take forward the above strategic priorities.

#### **Recommendation**

The CPP Board is asked to endorse the strategic priorities proposed by the Chief Officers Group

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