

## The Highland Public Services Partnership

Performance Board 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013

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### The SOA for Highland: next steps

Report by Head of Policy and Performance, Highland Council

#### Summary

This report provides an up-to-date for Board members on the final drafting of the SOA and the feedback process arranged by the Scottish Government.

## 1. Background

1.1 The Performance Board agreed at its meeting in April 2013 to ask responsible officers for drafting sections of the SOA to complete the drafting. For most sections this meant:

- The completion of the delivery plans;
- Checking against the [menu of local outcome indicators](#) either for context or for use as indicators in the delivery plans
- Naming the partner responsible for delivery (in the inputs/resources column).
- Attempting to quantify total public resources for the priority areas (there are available for early years and older people only);
- Providing further descriptions of the community engagement process used to date or how that might develop over the life of the SOA.

1.2 In addition it was agreed that:

- the Safer and Stronger and Reducing Reoffending section was to be drafted following the community safety partnership meeting;
- a further meeting of the drafting group was to take place to try and summarise the key inequalities to address and the outcomes the partnership would work to achieve;
- partners would provide information to include in the Partnership Prevention Plan.

## 2. Progress made and next steps

2.1 Further content has been provided and at the time of writing further revisions are awaited for:

- the delivery plan for the Economic Growth section;
- the section on community safety (Police Scotland are drafting this as the Council has been unable to draft it within the timescale expected);
- the partnership prevention plan.

The version as at end 4<sup>th</sup> June will be circulated electronically for members and hard copies will be made available at the meeting. The working draft [version considered by the Council](#) on 9<sup>th</sup> May is available to the public on the Council's website. This included additional content from the version considered by the Board at its last meeting.

- 2.2 Based on the new content provided there still appears to be work required to complete the delivery plans by confirming the performance data to be used.
- 2.3 The Government is keen to reach agreement on SOAs by the end of June 2013; although it is possible for this to be achieved along with an agreed set of improvements if required. The process for feeding back on SOAs is being arranged and will involve a panel of three people providing comments on the basis of the guidance. The panel is drawn from senior managers in the Government and other public bodies. Dates for this process are still to be confirmed, but an up-date should be available for the meeting.

### **3. Recommendation**

- 3.1 Board members are asked to note that some content is outstanding at the time of writing for the final version of the SOA, but that the latest version to be circulated the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> June will be the version considered by the Panel for feeding back where improvements are required.
- 3.2 An up-date of the feedback dates and the names of those involved will be provided at the meeting.

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