

**CONVENTION OF THE HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS - 31 MARCH 2014**

**OUTCOMES**

**RENEWABLES**

- CoHI members agreed to write to the Secretary of State for Energy about the impact of the UK Government's decisions on strike prices for renewable technologies, welcoming the establishment of the EMR Delivery Forum and to emphasise that it is important that the Forum meets shortly.

**HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION**

- CoHI members agreed the focus must be on continuing and increasing the pace of progress; agreeing a model, governance and management arrangements not just to meet legislative deadlines but to improve outcomes for service users.
- CoHI members recognised that integration is the right way forward. Utilising the opportunities that joint strategic commissioning provides using the totality of joint resources to effectively plan and redesign services. Local flexibility and innovation was recognised as key at the local level.
- CoHI members reinforced the pivotal role of staff in delivering change. The focus must be on liberating staff to; deliver services that support individuals and improve outcomes; and to enable consistency and innovation through shared good practice.

**COMMUNITY PLANNING – JOINT RESOURCING**

- CoHI members recognise that there need to be meaningful discussions in Community Planning Partnerships; that joint resourcing needs to extend beyond health and social care integration, and that national bodies must be involved in the process.

- CoHI members commit to embedding a culture where community planning can be described as a “liberating force”, which focuses on using partners’ collective resources in an integrated way to address the distinctive needs of individuals in our communities, and where our partners’ workforces are trusted and empowered.
- CoHI members recognise that communities have a critical role to play in shaping their own futures, and commit to engaging with and unlocking the resources in communities, including the business and third sectors.

## **COMMUNITY PLANNING – PREVENTION**

- CoHI members recognise that there remains a challenge in ensuring that a focus on prevention is core business, not peripheral.
- CoHI members recognise the need to strengthen how we share and learn from each other’s effective practice, both at local and national level, and that emerging work in the National Community Planning Group and What Works Scotland can help this.
- CoHI members recognise the need to create a climate of the pursuit of excellence, with a relentless focus on improvement and support for trailblazers in public service reform.

## **HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

- Innovative Finance - CoHI agreed to continue to explore innovative solutions in housing finance to resolve housing and infrastructure constraints.
- Partnership Working – CoHI recognised the practical challenges in addressing constraints. They agreed to remain focused on identifying priorities, streamlining processes and maximising opportunities through partnership working amongst all stakeholders