

Highland Community Planning Partnership
Community Planning Board - 16 December 2016

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Local Outcome Improvement Plan – Development Plan

Report by LOIP Sub - Group

Summary

The report provides a summary of the requirement on Community Planning Partnerships to develop a Local Outcome Improvement Plan and sets out proposals for how to take this forward for the Highland CPP.

1. Background

- 1.1 Under the terms of the Community Empowerment Act (2015), each Community Planning Partnership must produce and publish a Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP). The LOIP will provide a vision and focus for the delivery of public services at a local level. It will be based on agreed local priorities and provide a focus for achieving those priorities. The LOIP will replace the current Single Outcome Agreement in each Community Planning Partnership area.
- 1.2 Each LOIP must:
- Be evidence based and demonstrate a strong understanding of local needs, circumstances and aspirations;
 - Outline how participation with local communities and the business and third sectors has helped develop and influence this understanding;
 - Translate the understanding of local needs into a genuine plan which reflects the CPP priorities for improving outcomes and tackling inequalities in their area;
 - State clearly what will be different for communities in the long term (10 years) but also the indicators and targets which will identify progress in the medium (3 years) to short (1 year) term.
- 1.3 The LOIP needs to be based on active participation by communities and community bodies. There must be a period of consultation on the draft LOIP but this must not replace the broader duty on the CPP regarding the participation of communities beforehand.
- 1.4 Each CPP must have its LOIP in place by 1 October 2017.

2. Developing the LOIP in Highland

- 2.1 A sub-group of the COG has been exploring how to take forward the development of the LOIP in Highland. Following agreement of the COG at their meeting in November, the following is proposed:

2.2 *Principles to guide LOIP development*

The following are recommended as principles to guide the CPP in the development of the LOIP. These reflect the Scottish Government guidance on LOIP development but

also the experience of partners from the SOA.

- The LOIP should not be a continuation or a refresh of the current SOA. This should be a new approach but reflecting existing shared strategic plans.
- The LOIP should be more focused than previous SOAs, concentrating on fewer priorities that are genuine outcomes for the partnership as a whole
- The LOIP should focus on addressing inequality and focus on prevention
- Any plan must be accessible to our communities
- The LOIP should be evidence based and take an asset based approach
- The LOIP should inspire partnership action and provide the overall framework for Partnership action.

2.3 **Timetable for development**

As outlined in section 1, there are specific elements which must be included as part of the development of the LOIP, including community engagement and a period of formal consultation prior to the agreement of the LOIP by 1 October 2017. The following proposes a timescale for taking this forward which includes CPP Board consideration of the developmental stages.

Stage	Who	Timescales
Initial Identification of Priorities	COG	December 2016
Agree LOIP Development Plan	CPP Board	December 2016
Evidence Base Test	LOIP Sub-group	January 2017
Prioritisation of Identified Priorities	COG meeting	February 2017
CPP Board agrees initial priorities and engagement process	CPP Board	March 2017
Engagement	Strategy (to be developed) - will include Community Partnerships	March to May 2017
Refinement of priorities	LOIP Sub-group and COG	June 2017
Agreement by CPP Board	CPP Board	June 2017
Formal consultation on LOIP	Priority groups to be identified	July – August 2017
Final agreement of LOIP by CPP Board	CPP Board	September 2017
Submission of LOIP to Government	-	1 October 2017

2.4 **Stage 1 – Initial Outcomes and Framework Development**

An initial piece of work is required by all partners to consider potential outcomes for the LOIP. This is a developmental piece of work in order to establish a draft structure for the LOIP which will be subject to community engagement, refinement and further consultation.

It is recommended that outcomes are initially organised around the life stages of :

- Early years
- Children and young people
- Adults
- Older People

When identifying outcomes, the following tests should be applied:

- Outcomes should be strategic/high level priorities
- Outcomes should address inequality and focus on prevention
- Outcomes should require partnership intervention to be achieved
- Outcomes should be long term

Alongside this, consideration is needed of existing frameworks and structures, to determine what may be required to support the LOIP going forward. For example, it was noted at COG that the LOIP should fit with the multi-agency strategic planning framework that already exists for children and that the existing framework can be built on to ensure the involvement of the full range of partners.

This will also provide a focus for reviewing the thematic group structure that supports the current SOA to ensure that going forward, there are the appropriate supporting structures in place in order to deliver on the statutory reporting requirements. It will also be important to consider how the appropriate links are made between any new thematic structure and the Community Partnerships.

3. Recommendation

The Highland Community Planning Partnership Board is asked to:

- Note the duty on the CPP to develop a Local Outcome Improvement Plan;
- Agree the proposed approach for taking this forward in Highland which includes:
 - Principles to guide development
 - Timetable for development
 - Initial outcomes and framework development

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