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| Chief Officers’ Group | Agenda Item | 7. |
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**Developing the Local Outcome Improvement Plan – Update**

### **Report by LOIP Sub - Group**

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| **1.** | **Background** |
| 1.1 | The November Chief Officers Group and December CPP Board considered a development plan for producing a Local Outcome Improvement Plan for Highland by October 2017. This is a requirement for CPPs under the Community Empowerment Act and will replace the SOA. This report provides an update on taking this forward in Highland and sets out a proposed structure for engaging with Highland communities as part of the development process. |
| **2.** | **Identification of Initial Outcomes** |
| 2.1 | As part of the first stage in developing the LOIP, each partner had been asked to consider the key outcomes it had and how these related to addressing inequality and focusing on prevention. It had been intended for these to form the basis for initial discussion and for these to be refined to produce a core set for wider public engagement. |
| 2.2 | A number of organisations did provide either their own outcomes or areas which they identified as meeting the principles of inequality, prevention and requiring core partnership action. The HTSI has also undertaken a piece of work with the wider sector to identify initial areas for development. The LOIP sub-group have considered these and come to the conclusion that at this stage, it would be more appropriate and productive to engage with our communities on broad themes and developing the long term partnership outcomes following that engagement. |
| **3.** | **Proposed Structure for Engagement** |
| 3.1 | The COG is asked to consider the following proposed structure which would form the basis for engagement with communities. It is based on an overarching set of commitments for CPP agencies and a set of core themes.  ***These things are important to make change happen:***   * *We need to listen to our communities’ needs (not wants) to improve what we do and the difference we can make.* * *We need to change how we do things so that we focus on inequality;* * *We need to change our approach and change the language when we engage with our communities so that we focus on solutions and actions in terms of outcomes not inputs;* * *We need to change where we spend our money so that we prevent problems developing;* * *We need to recognise that there are different solutions for different places.* |
|  | ***Themes for developing local outcomes:***   * *Building community capacity;* * *Strengthening community resources and opportunities;* * *Connecting communities and access to services;* * *Creating safer communities;* * *Protecting and supporting vulnerable groups.* |
| 3.2 | In order to engage with communities around these themes and to support the development of partnership outcomes, it is suggested that an engagement approach on the themes be developed around:   * What they mean for where people live – place; * What they mean for individuals – using the life stages approach of early years, children and young people, adults and older people; * What they mean for businesses and employers. |
| **4.** | **Next Steps** |
| 4.1 | The CPP Board will be asked to agree a proposed structure for engagement along with an engagement strategy at the CPP Board meeting on 15 March 2017. |

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| **5. Recommendation** The COG is asked to consider and agree a structure for engagement to support the development of the LOIP. |

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Appendix 1: Agreed principles for LOIP Development

LOIP Development Timetable

**Appendix 1**

**Principles to guide LOIP development**

* 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.

**LOIP Development Timetable**

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| **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 |