

Agenda Item	13.
Report No	PEO 24/18

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: People

Date: 15 March 2018

Report Title: **Community Learning and Development Plan 2018-2021**

Report By: Director of Care and Learning

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on progress in developing the Highland Community Learning and Development Plan 2018-2021.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked to:-

- i. note the legal requirement to produce a Highland Community Learning and Development Plan 2018-2021;
- ii. agree that the Community Planning Partnership be consulted on the draft plan;
- iii. agree that the People Committee consider and finalise the new Highland CLD plan 2018-2021 at its meeting scheduled for 29 August 2018.

3. Background

- 3.1 Community Learning and Development (CLD) is a way of working which supports disadvantaged or vulnerable groups and individuals of all ages to engage in learning that is negotiated with them, with a focus on bringing about change in their lives and communities.
- 3.2 In 2012 the Scottish Government issued Strategic Guidance for Community Planning Partnerships: Community Learning and Development, which set out the core purpose of CLD as early intervention, prevention and tackling inequalities through:
- community development (building the capacity of communities to meet their own needs, engaging with and influencing decision makers);
 - youth work, family learning and other early intervention work with children, young people and families;
 - community-based adult learning, including adult literacies and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL);
 - learning for vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in the community;
 - volunteer development; and
 - learning support and guidance in the community.
- 3.3 In 2013, the Requirements for Community Learning and Development (Scotland) Regulations were introduced. They place a duty on local authorities, in partnership with Community Planning Partnerships and other CLD providers and communities, to secure the delivery of CLD through the implementation of a three year CLD plan. In response to the Regulations the Council and the Highland Community Planning Partnership established a CLD strategic group which developed the first Highland CLD plan which was published in September 2015.
- 3.4 The Highland CLD Strategic Partnership ensures that CLD services are planned and evaluated within the context of wider community planning activity (as is required by the legislation) and is chaired by the Director of Care and Learning and includes colleagues from NHS Highland, Police Scotland, Fire and Rescue Service, Scottish Natural Heritage, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, the University of the Highlands and Islands, High Life Highland and the Third Sector Interface.
- 3.5 The current Highland CLD plan sets out a framework whereby CLD is delivered through the nine Community Partnerships with a focus on the communities for partnership action which have been identified by the Community Planning Partnership.

4. Development of the 2018-2021 CLD Plan

- 4.1 The development of the new Highland CLD plan will include consultation with:
- the partners represented on the CLD Strategic Group;
 - CLD providers;
 - individuals who are participants of CLD providers; and
 - Community Partnership locality engagement.
- 4.2 In addition to the above, the community engagement carried by each of the Community Partnerships using methods and approaches such as The Place Standard will provide information to support the development of the new Plan. The Plan will also be informed by the outcomes identified in the Highland Outcome Improvement Plan, For Highlands Children and the Adult Strategic Commissioning Plan.

- 4.3 The Plan will meet the CLD Regulations by demonstrating:
- how the local authority will co-ordinate its provision of CLD with other partners that provide CLD within Highland;
 - what action the local authority will take to provide CLD over the period of the plan;
 - what action partners intend to take to provide CLD in Highland over the period of the plan; and
 - any needs for CLD that will not be met within the period of the plan.
- 4.4 The legislation places the duty to develop CLD plans on Education Authorities in partnership with community planning partners and it is proposed that the Highland Community Planning Partnership be consulted prior to the People Committee considering and finalising the plan in the Autumn of 2018.

5. Implications

- 5.1 Resource - the requirements for the CLD Plan will be delivered within the existing resources of the Community Planning Partnership.
- 5.2 Legal - there is a legal duty on the Council to develop a three year CLD plan.
- 5.3 Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural) - the focus for CLD work is on reducing disadvantage and inequality.
- 5.4 There are no other specific implications arising from this report.

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Background Papers: None.