

**Single Midlothian Plan half year performance report April- September 2018-19****Report by Dr Grace Vickers, Chief Executive****1 Purpose of Report**

The Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board has approved a 3 year plan for the period 2016-19, with medium term outcomes and associated indicators. This plan also functions as the strategic planning document for the Council to which all service plans relate. The Board has chosen to focus on 3 key priorities for improvement between 2016 and 2019, reducing inequalities in Health, Learning and Economic Circumstances. This report, which has been taken to the CPP Board provides a performance update on the work of the partnership in the first six months of the financial year 2018-19.

**2 Background**

**2.1** The Community Planning Partnership, a statutory Board under the Community Empowerment Act 2015 is required to publish a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan each year. This plan must set out what shared local outcomes the partners are pursuing within the outcomes framework established by the Community Empowerment Act statutory guidance.

**2.2** Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) are required under the new Act to mobilise public sector assets, activities and resources, together with those of the voluntary and private sectors and local communities, to deliver a shared plan to improve outcomes in Midlothian. This document is the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan. The Midlothian version of this, the Single Midlothian Plan uses an evidence based approach, underpinned by data, to drive improvement in meeting the differing needs of local populations and client groups.

**2.3 Key Priorities**

As a final part of this planning cycle, the CPP as a whole (130 delegates from public and private sector partner agencies, Council, community councils and third sector representatives) met and debated what this evidence indicated and how we could develop further the previous three priorities of early years/child poverty; positive destinations for young people; and economic growth. The CPP conference recommended the partnership focus on three priorities for the period 2016-19:

- **Reducing the gap in learning outcomes**
- **Reducing the gap in health outcomes**
- **Reducing the gap in economic circumstances**

Whilst developed locally these mirror Scottish Government's national priorities of addressing health inequality; closing the gap in learning and inclusive economic development. The CPP Board has committed to working together to focus on delivering improvement in these for local residents.

## 2.4 Themes of the Partnership

There are 5 themes of the CPP, the first 3 of which are managed by statutory boards established under various legislation, the latter two by partnership groups directly flowing from the Community Empowerment Act. Governance arrangements for each of these were approved by Council following a review by the CPP Board in June this year. The themes are:

- Adult health and care, managed by the **Integration Joint Board**,
- Safer communities, managed by the **Community Safety and Justice Partnership Board**,
- Children and young people's services managed by the **Getting it Right for Every Midlothian Child Board**
- Lifelong learning and employment, reducing poverty, and supporting communities capacity for self-help led by **the Improving Opportunities for the People of Midlothian partnership**
- Economic development , housing , environmental sustainability and links to physical development planning led by the **Sustainable Growth for Midlothian partnership**

- 2.5** Performance reporting is undertaken every six months to the CPP Board, with regular progress updates being taken to the five theme boards/ partnerships at each meeting where support and challenge is undertaken. The six monthly performance report for April to September 2018 on the work of the partners is attached to this report.

## 3 Report Implications

### 3.1 Resource

The Single Midlothian Plan for 2016-19 and the 2018-19 action plan comprise outcomes, actions and indicators agreed with Community Planning Partners. The CPP Board members are now required by law under the Community Empowerment Act 2015 Section 9 (3) to provide joint resourcing of actions to improve agreed outcomes, and to jointly resource the CPP processes to enable community participation in decision making.

### 3.2 Risk

By ensuring that appropriate, measurable outcome indicators are in the Plan, the Partnership is in a better position to ensure it is working effectively towards improving quality of life in Midlothian.

### **3.3 Policy**

#### **Strategy**

The Single Midlothian Plan outlines how the CPP will deliver the priorities for Midlothian and therefore contribute to the achievement of 15 national outcomes outlined by Scottish Government. Performance management reports are produced every six months, and enable the contributions of partners to be seen. The Board have agreed to focus on the three key priorities set out earlier in this report, and a dashboard of performance indicators has been developed to give the Board an overview of performance on these three areas specifically. Wider Performance reporting for the five themes is provided to the Community Planning advisory and facilitation group, which has a key role in providing challenge on performance and linking the work of the five themes.

#### **Consultation**

As indicated there is an annual process of engagement as part of the planning cycle. Work continues to strengthen the voice of communities of place and interest in the community planning process. This year's annual planning day included feedback from around 500 young people, with 37 in attendance as participants on the day.

#### **Equalities and Sustainability**

Equalities issues are key, and the plan identifies actions aimed at reducing inequalities by partners for 2018-19 in each theme, as well as some specific actions with protected characteristics groups involving partnership working. The Equalities and Human Rights Commission has statutory reporting requirements which the CPP must comply with. To comply each thematic partnership needs to ensure it tracks how its actions have made a positive impact with and for protected characteristics groups. This requires an equalities impact performance system across the partners.

### **3.4 IT Issues**

There are no specific IT issues

## **4 Recommendations**

Council is asked to note the Single Midlothian Plan key priorities performance report for April to September 2018/19 as approved by the Community Planning Partnership Board

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**Background Papers: Half one performance report Single Midlothian Plan 2018/19**