

Item: 9

Policy and Resources Committee: 25 September 2018.

Orkney Community Plan.

Joint Report by Chief Executive and Executive Director of Corporate Services.

1. Purpose of Report

To consider the Orkney Community Plan 2018 to 2021, incorporating Orkney's Local Outcomes Improvement Plan, insofar as it applies to the Council.

2. Recommendations

The Committee is invited to note:

2.1.

That, in terms of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, Single Outcome Agreements have been replaced by Local Outcomes Improvement Plans setting out the plans of each community planning partnership to address its strategic priorities.

2.2.

That Orkney's Local Outcomes Improvement Plan is a three-year rolling plan, and the document presented represents a 'snapshot' of the plan at this point in time.

2.3.

That a Locality Plan has been developed to supplement the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan, with the Orkney Partnership's chosen locality being the non-linked isles.

It is recommended:

2.4.

That the Orkney Community Plan 2018 to 2021, incorporating the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, be approved insofar as it applies to the Council.

3. Local Outcomes Improvement Plan

3.1.

The Orkney Partnership was streamlined and reconfigured in 2015 in line with the requirements of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. The Orkney Community Plan was extensively revised at that time to match the requirement in the Act for a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan, and first issued in that form for the period 2015 to 2018.

3.2.

The Community Plan is revised and reissued every year on a rolling basis. The final draft of the Orkney Community Plan 2017 to 2020, incorporating the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan, was submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee in September 2017 and subsequently approved and adopted as a working plan insofar as it applied to the Council.

3.3.

The Local Outcomes Improvement Plan has now been updated for the period 2018 to 2021 and is attached as Appendix 1 to this report. The Plan includes new values and updated strategic priorities. Elected members were invited to comment and their responses were considered when the values were reviewed. The strategic priorities were updated following the annual review, carried out in the form of a 'horizon-scanning' exercise by the Orkney Partnership Board.

3.4.

The Local Outcomes Improvement Plan is supported by a Locality Plan. In addition to the requirement for a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan, the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 carries a requirement that all community planning partnerships undertake locality planning. A locality plan identifies local areas which are relatively disadvantaged in terms of social and economic opportunities and sets out what the partnership will do to improve outcomes in the area. The Locality Plan 2018 to 2021 for the non-linked isles was presented to the Policy and Resources Committee on 19 June 2018 and subsequently approved by the Council.

4. Equalities Impact

An Equality Impact Assessment was undertaken in 2015 and updated as necessary in the course of each revision of the Community Plan. The current update is attached as Appendix 2 to this report.

5. Environmental Implications

The 2015 to 2018 Local Outcomes Improvement Plan was submitted in September 2015 to the Scottish Government's Strategic Environmental Assessment Team for screening. The Council was subsequently advised that there was no requirement to carry out a full Strategic Environmental Assessment. As the Community Plan is revised and reissued every year on a rolling basis, a Strategic Environmental Assessment has not been carried out for the 2018 to 2021 Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.

6. Links to Council Plan

The proposals in this report support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the Council Plan strategic priorities of Connected Communities, Caring Communities, Thriving Communities, Enterprising Communities, Quality of Life.

7. Outcomes in Local Outcomes Improvement Plan

The improved outcomes for communities outlined in the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan priorities are Strong Communities, Living Well and Vibrant Economy.

8. Financial Implications

8.1.

Any improvement actions arising from the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan that have financial consequences for the Council that cannot be contained within existing budgets will be reported to the Policy and Resources Committee.

8.2.

The financial memorandum that accompanied the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill stated, in relation to the strengthened duty to facilitate Community Planning that 'for those public bodies which are complying with national and local action already underway at policy level to strengthen community planning it is anticipated that the provisions will impose either no or minor costs' (such as costs relating to travel or staff time).

9. Legal Aspects

There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

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11. Appendices

Appendix 1: Orkney Community Plan 2018 to 2021, incorporating Orkney's Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.

Appendix 2: Equality Impact Assessment.