

## **Development of Area Partnership Plans noted – Request to Head of Policy and Corporate Governance.**

**5** With reference to the minutes of 16th April 2024 noting the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) and the service reform of Community Empowerment Services, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the development of Area Partnership Plans, advising

- (1) that one of the key actions identified as a priority for the newly formed Communities Team was to support Area Partnerships in the development of Area Partnership Plans that would define local ward priorities and areas of need, highlight the resources and infrastructure available and ensure any future investment of resources were effectively targeted in response to the actions plans;
- (2) of the proposal to develop the action plans to leverage community-identified data and the work undertaken with colleagues from Strategic Information, Innovation & Technology in the development of Area Partnership dashboards, as detailed in the report;
- (3) that the proposed plans would have clear strategic links with the Child Poverty Programme, Thriving Places, Local Place Plans and HSCP Sector Plans; and
- (4) the next steps and a proposed timeline of the process that would be undertaken in 2025/26 as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
  - (i) the report;
  - (ii) that further dashboard sessions would be organised for Partnership members and the wider community, as it had not been clear in November 2024 the purpose of the original events; and
  - (iii) that a development day could be arranged to discuss ideas on how the Partnership should move forward;
- (b) raised a number of questions and concerns that were addressed by Martin Hawkins; and
- (c) requested that the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance arrange a meeting to include Councillor Bell, Kara Dooley, Communities Support Officer and Avril Williamson, Ibrox and Cessnock Community Council, to discuss proposed timelines for the development of the Area Partnership plans as those detailed in the report required revision to suit all members of the Partnership and would report back to a future meeting with an update.