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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership
Strategic Partnership

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Inquiry into Community Planning by Local Government, Housing & Planning Committee

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Strategic Partnership with information in relation to the Scottish Parliament inquiry into Community Planning by the Local Government, Housing & Planning Committee.

Recommendations:

The Strategic Partnership is asked to:

- Note the report

1 Introduction

1.1 The Scottish Parliament's Local Government, Housing & Planning Committee is continuing its scrutiny of the impact of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (the 'Act') with an inquiry into Part 2 of the Act, that covers Community Planning.

1.2 Part 2 of the Act changed how community planning is delivered by CPPs. They have to develop Local Outcomes Improvement Plans and targeted 'locality plans' for smaller areas which need more support. Partners also have to work with communities to involve them in community planning.

1.3 Link to Part 2 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act

1.4 This inquiry is looking at the impact of the Act on community planning and how CPPs respond to significant events such as the COVID-19 pandemic and the current cost-of-living crisis.

1.5 The Committee wanted to hear from organisations directly involved in Community Planning Partnerships as well as communities and individuals about the impact the Partnerships have had.

1.6 There were two different surveys (provided as appendices 1 and 2) which were live until 13 January 2023. The first call for views was aimed at members of Community Planning Partnerships (organisations or individuals) and asks a number of detailed questions about how the partnerships operate. The second survey was shorter and is aimed at other organisations or individuals who have an interest in community planning.

1.7 Link to the Community Planning inquiry webpage

2 Glasgow Response

2.1 All partners were strongly encouraged to provide their own response to the Call for Views.

2.2 Glasgow City Council circulated details of this inquiry to all individual members of all structures of the Partnership to respond to the Call for Views. Partners were asked to encourage and support their representatives on Partnership structures to respond as appropriate.

2.3 Glasgow City Council drafted a response and is attached as appendix 3 for reference.

3 Further Information

3.1 This item of business was discussed in private by the Local Government, Housing & Planning Committee on 1 November 2022.

3.2 Further information on the inquiry, including expected timescales for outputs, details on other elements/phases of the inquiry, and other CPPs approaches to response, are being sought from the Scottish Government's Place Director,

the Scottish Community Planning Network, and the Community Planning Improvement Board (via the Improvement Service).

3.3 The Strategic Partnership should note that the Scottish Government's Local Governance Review is still proceeding and the output of this review may impact on the output of the Scottish Parliament Committee's inquiry.

4 Recommendations

4.1 Note the report

Appendix 1
Community Planning - Call for Views

1. What action has been taken at a local level to improve community participation and collaboration between partners since the requirements of the 2015 Act came into force? Can you provide examples of success?

2. What progress has your CPP made in tackling inequalities since the 2015 Act? To what extent has your CPP adopted a preventative approach in seeking to tackle inequalities? Can you provide examples of success? How are you responding to the current cost-of-living crisis?

3. How have Local Outcomes Improvement Plans and locality plans reduced inequalities? Can you provide examples?

4. What are the challenges faced by CPPs to the effective planning and delivery of their outcomes? How has the Act changed how community planning partners deliver their services?

5. What role did your CPP have in the response to the Covid-19 pandemic? What has the legacy of the pandemic been to approaches to community planning?

6. Does the existing guidance for Community Planning Partnerships need to be updated?

7. How does community planning align with other strategies and planning requirements?

8. Do partners in your CPP contribute resources to enable the delivery of outcomes?

9. Whether inclusion as a planning partner has changed the way your organisation works, spends its budget and makes decisions?

10. Does the statutory membership of Community Planning Partnerships need revisiting?

Appendix 2
Community Planning – survey

If you are not familiar with Community Planning Partnerships you will be asked:

- What are the biggest challenges facing your local area and how are public bodies, including your local authority, addressing these?

- How well does your local authority work with your community to improve services and the local area more generally?

- How would you describe public services in your local area compared to 10 years ago?

If you are familiar with Community Planning Partnerships you will be asked:

- Have you been involved in the work of your local Community Planning Partnership? If yes, what has been your experience of participating?

- Are you aware of your area's Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and Locality Plans? If yes, what impact do you think the Plans have had?

- In your view, do locality plans focus on and support those areas in your council area needing the most support?

- What involvement has the broader community had in developing Local Outcomes Improvement Plans and locality plans?

- Have opportunities to engage with community planning partnerships improved in recent years?

- Has community planning contributed to a reduction in inequalities in your local area in recent years?

- Are you aware of any data sources which allow you to see whether outcomes in your local area have improved over time?

- What are the biggest challenges facing your local area and how are public bodies, including your local authority, addressing these?