

## Board Meeting

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Responsible Officer	Robin Ashton, GCRB Executive Director
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Action	For Information

### 1. Report Purpose

- 1.1 Provide an overview of new statutory obligations placed on further education boards by the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Board is invited to:

- **note** the new statutory obligations for further education boards to participate in, and contribute to, Community Planning Partnerships as specified within the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.
- **note** the request from Glasgow City Council for GCRB to sit on their shadow board which will ensure that the requirements of the legislation are fulfilled as set out in Annex 1.
- **note** that further work will be required to ensure that both GCRB and the three assigned colleges meet their obligations to the three local authorities within the Glasgow College Region (Glasgow City, East Dunbartonshire and East Renfrewshire) and **request** an update on this at a future meeting of the board.

### 3. Background

- 3.1 The Community Empowerment Act draws on the definition of community empowerment agreed between the Government and COSLA as, '*...a process where people work together to make change happen in their communities by having more power and influence over what matters to them.*'

**3.2** The Act provides a framework for empowering communities including:

- through the community control of land and buildings;
- meaningful community participation in public services, including in decisions about resources; and
- making community planning a statutory duty for more public bodies, for them to be held to account better and to share resources and support community participation.

**3.3** The Community Empowerment Act has nine parts. The full Act can be accessed through the following link:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2015/6/contents>

**3.4** Part 2, 'Community Planning' makes significant amendments to community planning, clarifying its purpose, putting it on a statutory footing with new duties for more partners and shifting from consultation with, to participation of, communities.

**3.5** Under the Act, community planning is about how public bodies work together and with the local community to plan for, resource and provide or secure services which improve local outcomes.

**3.6** CPPs and their partners must take all reasonable steps to secure the involvement in community planning of any community body which it considers is likely to be able to contribute to it.

#### **4. Changes to Community Planning Partnership Duties**

**4.1** The Community Empowerment Act 2015 places specific duties on Community Planning Partnership members to improve local outcomes and tackle inequalities of outcome across communities.

**4.2** Schedule 2 of the act lists the public service authorities to which these new statutory obligations pertain, and this includes further education boards of management.

**4.3** Councils and the specified public bodies must now jointly carry out community planning and together they form the Community Planning Partnership (CPP).

**4.4** Community Planning Partnerships are now required to:

- prepare and publish a Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) which sets out the local outcomes which the CPP will prioritise for improvement;
- identify geographical areas which have communities that experience the poorest outcomes and prepare and publish Locality Plans to improve outcomes on agreed priorities for these areas; and
- review and report publicly on progress towards their LOIP and Locality Plans and keep the continued suitability of these plans under review.

**4.5** There is a particular focus on involving organisations which represent disadvantaged groups, defined as, *“the interests of persons who experience inequalities of outcome which result from socio-economic disadvantage.”*

**4.6** Glasgow Community Planning Partnership has asked the GCRB Chair to sit on their shadow transition board which will form the basis of the new Community Planning Partnership arrangements for Glasgow. Annex 1 provides an overview of the transition planning process.

**4.7** Alan Sherry, Principal of Glasgow Kelvin College, represents the three assigned colleges on the Glasgow CPP Executive Committee.

**4.8** Further work will be required to ensure that both GCRB and the three assigned colleges meet their obligations under the Act to the three local authorities within the Glasgow College Region (Glasgow City, East Dunbartonshire and East Renfrewshire).

## **5. Risk Analysis**

**5.1** GCRB needs assurance that both itself as a board, and the three assigned college boards have in place structures and processes which ensure that these new statutory duties are being met.

## **6. Legal Implications**

**6.1** The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 places a statutory obligation on further education boards to participate in, and contribute to, Community Planning Partnerships.

## **7. Financial Implications**

**7.1** It is now a legal requirement that local authorities and their partners participate in community planning partnerships, and that this can include contributing resources to the achievement of outcomes.

## **8. Regional Outcome Agreement Implications**

**8.1** Greater participation in community planning activity will support an improved understanding of regional needs and provide a basis for joint strategic and operational development which responds to these needs.

**Annex 1. Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Executive Group, Transition Planning Update**



**Item 07**

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**Glasgow Community Planning Partnership  
Executive Group**

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**Transition Planning Update**

**Purpose of Report:**

To update members of the Executive Group on the Transition Planning process.

**Recommendations:**

Members of the Executive Group are asked to note:

- The content of the report
- Proposed membership of the “Shadow” Board as set out in section 2.2
- Intention to hold a partners consultation event in September 2016

**Glasgow Community Planning Partnership priorities:**

Specify which priorities this report is in relation to and which underlying principles support the development activity.

SOA   <i>Alcohol</i>	Yes / No <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>	SOA   Principle <i>Early Intervention</i>	Yes / No <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>
SOA   <i>Vulnerable People; Preventing Homelessness</i>	Yes / No <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>	SOA   Principle <i>Equality</i>	Yes / No <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>
SOA   <i>Vulnerable People; In-Work Poverty</i>	Yes / No <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>	SOA   Principle <i>Sustainable Change</i>	Yes / No <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>
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## **1. Introduction**

1.1. The Community Empowerment Act 2015 places specific duties on the CPP partners to improve local outcomes and tackle inequalities of outcome across communities. Community Planning Partnerships are now required to:

- Prepare and publish a Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) which sets out the local outcomes which the CPP will prioritise for improvement;
- Identify geographical areas which have communities that experience the poorest outcomes and prepare and publish Locality Plans to improve outcomes on agreed priorities for these areas (the Thriving Places areas appear to meet the criteria for this); and
- Review and report publicly on progress towards their LOIP and Locality Plans and keep the continued suitability of these plans under review.

## **2. Background**

2.1. At its meeting on 21st June, the CPP Strategic Board agreed that, in order to take forward discussions on the transition to a new model of Community Planning, in an inclusive manner, a “Shadow” Board should be established to oversee the transition and to ensure that the requirements of the legislation are fulfilled. The current members of the Strategic Board will continue to undertake their existing role of overseeing the ongoing work of the Partnership.

2.2. Based on previous discussions and requirements of the legislation, membership of the “Shadow” Board may include representatives from Partners, as proposed below:

- All Existing Strategic Board Members:
- Additional Members:
  - Scottish Enterprise
  - Integrated Joint Board of the Glasgow Health & Social Care Partnership
  - Skills Development Scotland
  - Strathclyde Partnership for Transport
  - Glasgow Colleges

2.3. Over time the shadow board may extend to include other new partners.

2.4. It is proposed that the ‘Shadow’ Board will meet immediately after the Strategic Board meetings. The next such meeting is on 6th September which would therefore be the date of the first “Shadow” Board meeting. As outlined below, Transition Working Groups would report to the ‘Shadow’ Board.

2.5. The Strategic Board has agreed that two Transition Working Groups should be convened. Membership of these groups should include representatives from those partners charged with facilitating community planning in terms of section 13 of the Act. Membership should be drawn from existing partners, and some of the new partners.

2.6. The scope of discussion should include:

- Changes to Governance Framework to allow for a revised model of community planning in Glasgow
- Roles and responsibilities of Partners
- Agreement to produce Local Outcome Improvement Plan
- Project Plan for production of Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plan(s)
- Community Engagement strategy to underpin revised model of community planning in Glasgow and production of Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plan(s)
- Detailed timescales of any required reports, discussion sessions, meetings, and relevant milestones – both for individual partners and for the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

2.7. Transition Working Group A has met twice – including membership representation from Glasgow City Council, NHS, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue Services, Integrated Joint Board, and Scottish Enterprise.

### **3. Objectives for Transition Group A**

3.1. Working Group A will realise its objectives in Governance, Membership, Roles and Responsibilities, Resources and the Overall change process through the successful delivery of four key work streams;

- Shared Priorities
- Collective responsibility and organisational responsibility
- Ways of working and supporting principles
- Making Best use of our resources (assets and people)

### **4. Programme Organisation Structure**

4.1. Each Workstream will identify a lead officer who will be responsible for translating outputs identified into more detailed actions and for scheduling Workstream meetings to facilitate the progress of these actions.

### **5. Stakeholders**

5.1. While Transition Group A is drawn from the existing statutory partners it is important to recognise and reflect the wider stakeholder involvement on the new partners who will form part of the CPP post transition.

5.2. In order to ensure all existing and potential new partners are engaged with appropriately, it is intended to hold a consultation event in September 2016, to which all existing and potential new partners will be invited to participate. Following this event, consideration will be given to the membership of existing formal structures of Glasgow Community Planning Partnership.

### **6. Recommendations**

6.1. The Executive Group are asked to note:

- The content of the report
- Proposed membership of the “Shadow” Board as set out in section 2.2
- Intention to hold a partners consultation event in September 2016