



COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Committee Report

Public

Date of Meeting: 27 March 2008

Title: Progress and Refresh of - A Community Plan for Carlisle 2007

Report of: Carlisle Partnership Manager

Report reference: PPP 30/08

Summary:

Carlisle City Council approved "A Community Plan for Carlisle 2007" at its meeting on 01 May 2007 in accordance with its responsibility under The Local Government Act 2000 requiring authorities to prepare a Sustainable Community Strategy or Plan for their area. This report presents the framework which the Carlisle Partnership has adopted for reporting on progress and refreshing the plan for 2008.

Questions for / input required from Overview and Scrutiny:

Community, Corporate Resources and Infrastructure, Overview and Scrutiny Committees are requested to consider and comment on the framework and refreshed content of the plan.

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Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: None

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Local Government Act 2000 requires local authorities to publish a Sustainable Community Strategy. (Detailed background notes available in Report PPP 13/07)

It is worth restating that:

“The Sustainable Community Strategy should sit at the heart of a network of interlocking, inter-dependant and mutually supporting local plans and strategies.”

and that the Plan is not intended to be a complete reiteration of tributary plans and documents.

2. CONSULTATION

Feedback from consultation of City Council Executive, Overview and Scrutiny (in the March/April cycle), Carlisle Partnership Executive, Priority Groups and Partners will be incorporated into a final draft of the progress report and refreshed plan. The Final Draft will be presented to the Carlisle Partnership Executive at its meeting on 12 May prior to preparation for publication at the Partnership Annual General Meeting 25 June 2008.

3. FRAMEWORK

The Report and Refresh document will be designed and laid out to complement the original. Each Priority Group will have a full page of A4 to feature an updated text and targets table re-stating or replacing the text and targets in the original plan with appropriate supporting comment. This would require an 8-page document with the content arranged as below:

- A core message or vision statement to feature on the front cover and emphasise a commitment to cohesion and reducing inequalities across health, education and financial security. (To be developed by the Partnership Executive)
- Priority Group targets (pp.24-27 in the original Plan) including the removal of some contributing elements, the addition of new elements and/or priorities, and updating of the accompanying text.. (To be developed by the Priority Group Chairs - John Nixon and Trevor Hebdon (EDE), Richard Pratt and Ned Kemp (CYP), Jane Muller and Myrna Hill (HCOP), Andy Davidson (SSC).
- Detail on the cross cutting themes of climate and the environment, rural and parish planning, community engagement and the spatial strategy (To be developed in consultation with appropriate Partners and Officers).

It is expected that 1000 copies would be produced and that the cost would be less than £ 2,000. City Council Communications Staff will begin work on the preparation of the document and design work not later than **Tuesday 13 May**.

Annex A is a “Mock-up” of the document.

Annex B is a sample of the revised content.

4. IMPLICATIONS

- **Staffing:** The production of the Progress Report and Refresh of “A Community Plan for Carlisle 2007” will be undertaken by the Carlisle Partnership Team and the Carlisle City Council, Communications Team.
- **Finance:** There will be modest budgetary implications with regard to publishing the Plan, which can be met from within existing budgets. Experience with the Plan to date indicates that enhanced delivery of Partner’s programmes (including City Council Programmes) is facilitated without additional cost in resources. The Plan has helped in the allocation of additional funding for delivery by individual partners particularly from the Healthy Communities and Older People’s Group.
- **Legal:** The production of a Sustainable Community Plan for Carlisle is a statutory obligation for the City Council. (Local Government Act 2000 et al).
- **Corporate:** The City Councils Corporate plan will be an element in the network of plans co-ordinated with the Sustainable Community Plan.
- **Risk Management:** A risk management plan will be produced as part of the project planning for delivering the community strategy.
- **Equality & Diversity:** The Sustainable Community Plan is designed to have positive effects on Equality and Diversity within the area and has been impact assessed in accordance with City Council Policy.
- **Environment:** The Environment has been identified as a cross-cutting theme by the Carlisle Partnership. Environment issues will receive increased prominence in this refresh of the Plan.
- **Crime and Disorder:** continues to be a key element of the community strategy for Carlisle.
- **Rural issues:** Rurality has been identified as a cross-cutting theme by the Carlisle Partnership. Rural issues will receive increased prominence in this refresh of the Plan via the inclusion of sections considering Parish Plans and Community Engagement.
- **Impact on Customers:** – The purpose of the Plan is to articulate The vision for the City based on the ambition to: “Improve the Quality of Life” of all Carlisle residents.

Annex A
Summary Diagrams

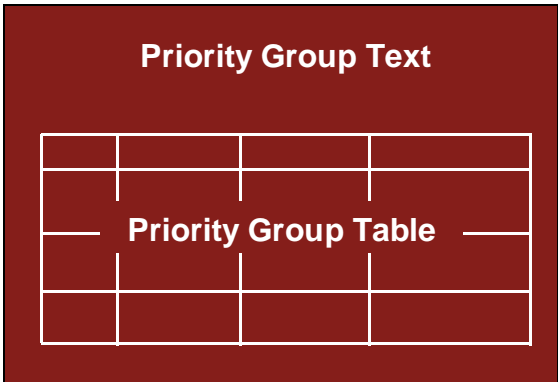
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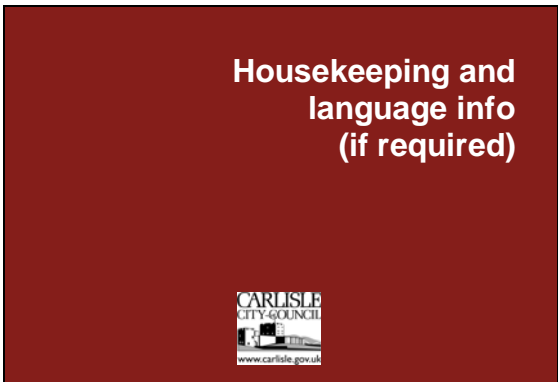
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Annex B

Priority Group Update:

Where targets and issues are removed or deleted from the Plan, supporting text will include an explanation (e.g. progress to date, alteration of priority)

1. Economic Development and Enterprise Priority

“Growing Carlisle – an Economic Strategy for Carlisle 2007-2029” was finalised in January 2008 and submitted for adoption to local authority stakeholders. Detailed action planning on the themes of Place, People and Connections is currently taking place. This process will inform the revised ‘Economy and Enterprise’ priorities.

Its likely that the existing table will be replaced with a similar presentation of 1 or 2 high priority elements from each theme of the Strategy (Place, People, Connections).

2. Children and Young Peoples Priority

The following key priorities for improving outcomes for Children and Young People in Carlisle 2008-09 have been identified:

1. Homelessness: our aim is to support young people who have housing issues by providing supported routes through to permanent appropriate housing solutions. The target was 20 additional supported places. *(It is likely this will be removed from the activity table as a result of the appointment in December 2007 of a YMCA Project Officer and an application for planning permission on the Fisher Street building in February 2008)*
2. Risk-taking behaviour: to co-ordinate and develop existing services relating to risk-taking behaviour with particular emphasis on reducing teenage pregnancy and alcohol-related behaviours, with a view to service delivery where young people can access them (in schools) rather than centrally (in clinics)
3. To address bullying, social integration issues and provide positive role models in schools and in the community via links with the Safer Schools Initiative (as led by the Police): providing added security and confidence for young people and valuing them more.

4. Healthy lifestyles: increase the number of children and young people taking part in existing opportunities physical activities.
5. Play: extending unstructured opportunities for play.
6. Raising aspirations (long term): in the short-term we aim to improve access to opportunities to achieve by focusing on young people in years 7 and 9 and elsewhere, where there are dips in achievement.

The above will be presented in the established tabular format

Underpinning all our priorities is the cross cutting theme of children and young people's voice: this needs to go beyond consultation with children and young people actively engaged in service design and identification of need.

In view of the ongoing school reorganisation across Carlisle, Carlisle Planning Group will actively work with relevant partners to protect and uphold educational standards and provision, as well as young people's engagement in schools, during the transition period

Healthy Communities and Older People Priority

The group is currently producing a 2008 Action Plan in order to identify progress made against existing priorities and to assist in determining suitable revisions for the coming year. This process will inform the revised 'Healthy Communities and Older People' priorities.

It has been proposed to the Carlisle Partnership Executive that Carlisle submit a bid for World Health Organisation 'healthy city' status. Each WHO European healthy city is encouraged to develop a city health profile and to use it as a basis on which to develop its health plans, in conjunction with broad partnerships for health and the community. Should Carlisle decide to submit a bid, a re-formed HCOP group would take the lead alongside a 'Healthy City Officer'.

The WHO Healthy Cities programme engages local governments in health development through a process of political commitment, institutional change, capacity building, partnership-based planning and innovative projects. It promotes comprehensive and systematic policy and planning with a special emphasis on health inequalities and urban poverty, the needs of vulnerable groups, participatory governance and

the social, economic and environmental determinants of health. It also strives to include health considerations in economic, regeneration and urban development efforts (Source <http://www.euro.who.int/healthy-cities>).

Safer, Stronger Communities Priority

Carlisle and Eden CDRP currently fulfil the 'Safer, Stronger' requirements of the Carlisle Partnership and Community Plan. The plan will be adjusted to reflect the latest priorities following the CDRP Strategic Assessment 2007.

Additionally there are intentions to review and strengthen the 'Stronger' element of this priority, possibly through the creation of a new working group or through closer links with a suitable, existing group or partnership. The City's Neighbourhood working and Community Engagement initiatives will be foundation activities for this development.