

AGENDA ITEM 6b

Community Planning Partnership Improvement Issues and Improvement Plan – Issues for the Sustainability Forum

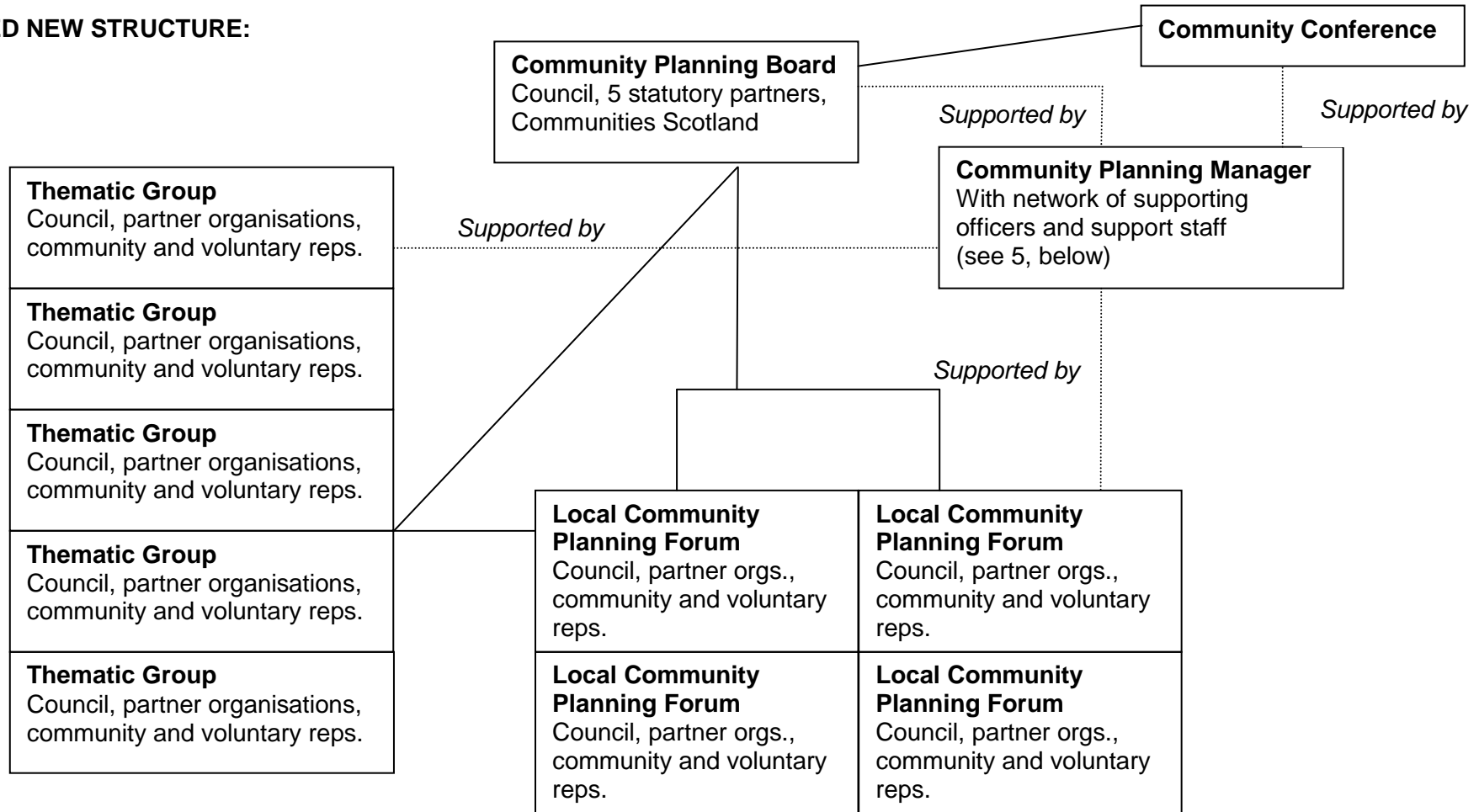
Issue	Requirements	Options	Progress
<p>1. Commitment to the Partnership and relationships between members</p>	<p>Work is required to build good relationships with all partners. The involvement of some partners is still patchy. Elected members and governing bodies of partner organisations should be fully committed. Such involvement is patchy</p>	<p>a. Review the first stage priorities to make them more inclusive of the core objectives of all partners. Go back to the original Community Plan as the starting point. Develop a broader focus on the context for other strategic objectives, such as Integrated Children’s Services.</p> <p>b. Progress the development of area-based/neighbourhood planning, possibly based on the new, enlarged Council wards</p>	<p>Membership of the CP Board has been extended to include the leaders of the opposition parties.</p> <p>Board membership has also been extended to the voluntary and community sectors, the higher and the further education sectors as well as to Skills Development Scotland.</p> <p>Plans for Area Forums have not been progressed.</p> <p>Could membership of the Board be further extended eg to the private sector (Chamber of Commerce) and Jobcentre Plus?</p>
<p>Issues for the Sustainability Forum There is currently no Board Level representation of Environmental interests. It is suggested that Scottish Natural Heritage, National Trust for Scotland, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, or some other appropriate body might be appropriate for this role at this level.</p>			

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<p>2. Decision-making structures and governance</p>	<p>Work is required to get full elected member involvement in the CPP. There is a governance issue around the fact that the Council Leader chairs both the CPP and the CP Board. The governance and membership of the thematic groups needs to be reviewed. Overall, the Partnership needs to ensure that there is no duplication or overlap of the remits of the various groups in its structure.</p>	<p>a. Review the structure of the Partnership. Consider disbanding the full Partnership, establishing a new Board and supporting network of officers, and reviewing the membership and remit of the thematic groups.</p>	<p>The Community Planning Partnership has been disbanded and the CP Board membership extended (see previous section)</p> <p>A new Implementation Group has been established (initially extended to develop the SOA).</p> <p>A review of Theme Groups has been conducted and implemented.</p> <p>A new Economic Development & Transport P/ship has been established</p> <p>A new Alcohol and Drug Partnership is to be established</p> <p>Integrated Children's Services became a recognised Theme Group – has since been incorporated into the Community Health Partnership as a Locality Officers Group for Children's Services</p> <p>Theme Groups are now required to report progress to the CP Board using a standard template and are also reviewing their membership</p> <p>Through the development of the</p>

			SOA, it is becoming apparent that there is duplication and overlap. Should a further review of the Theme Groups be conducted and should they be aligned to the five themes of the SOA?
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Issues for the Sustainability Forum There is a need to identify a clear role and structure to the partnership arrangements for the Forum. The development of the SOA Action Plan should assist in defining this. The arrangements for formal interaction between the theme groups likewise requires to be defined and managed, perhaps coordinated through at least one partner with a common interest.

PROPOSED NEW STRUCTURE:



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<p>3. Planning, performance management and risk management</p>	<p>The CPP needs to develop a full set of evidence-based priorities; establish clear links between the priorities and corporate and service plans; agree performance measures and a performance management framework; assign responsibility for delivery to individuals and organisations; develop honest public performance reporting; and develop joint risk registers.</p>	<p>a. Develop full strategic maps for the new priorities of the Plan, providing a means of mapping the objectives and supporting actions, identifying accountabilities and lines of reporting.</p> <p>b. Develop a joint risk register.</p>	<p>A joint risk register was developed but requires review and updating.</p> <p>The SOA has resulted in a series of evidence based priorities/outcomes for the Partnership – these are currently being aligned to partner’s corporate and service plans.</p> <p>High level performance indicators have been agreed for the SOA and Theme Groups are developing action plans and sets of secondary level indicators. Progress will be reported to the CP Board. An annual report will be prepared in September of each year and incorporated into the public performance reporting.</p> <p>What else do we need to do?</p>
<p>Issues for the Sustainability Forum The delivery of this issue depends on effective management of the SOA Action Plan process. This depends on full engagement of participating partners, possible co-ordinating partners for allied “suites” of actions such as energy, waste, travel, biodiversity etc, and transparency and accountability in terms of achievement</p>			

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<p>4. Community engagement</p>	<p>The Partnership needs to develop agreed standards of engagement, and a systematic approach to consultation; and ensure that the results of consultation are used across the partnership to shape strategic decision-making.</p>	<p>a. The Partnership should formally adopt the National Standards for Community Engagement.</p> <p>b. A network of relevant officers should be established to exchange information and to promote the sharing of good practice.</p>	<p>A Community Conference now takes place annually. Did we formally adopt the Standards?</p> <p>The Citizens Panel is still in place but funding to support this needs to be considered as part of the overall resourcing of Community Planning</p> <p>Plans for Area Forums have not progressed.</p> <p>The CP Co-ordinator has an electronic network for community/ voluntary sector reps – this needs to be extended.</p> <p>Need to finalise a 'joined up' database of Community contacts</p>
<p>Issues for the Sustainability Forum While some activity takes place through individual actions such as South Ayrshire 1000, involvement specific community consultation events such as the Placemaking programme, and community projects with British Trust for Conservation Volunteers and others, there is currently no mechanism existing or proposed for regularising this on a thematic basis.</p>			

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<p>5. Use of resources</p>	<p>The Partnership needs to be supported by an appropriate number of competent and committed staff; identify the resources needed to deliver its priorities; co-ordinate its financial planning and use of information systems; and agree protocols for the use of ring-fenced money.</p>	<p>a. The Partnership should agree to jointly fund a full-time manager with access to support staff, and a small budget.</p>	<p>A full time co-ordinator has now been in post for almost a year but the issue of resourcing the Partnership has not been properly addressed .</p> <p>There is no budget assigned for core costs such as administrative support, meetings, events, catering, publicity, research and surveys, publications, consultancy etc.</p> <p>Develop a budget requirement report setting out needs and issues in relation to resources</p>
<p>Issues for the Sustainability Forum While the Forum is serviced and supported by Council staff, there are no specific resources dedicated to developing the work of the Forum, which is entirely dependent on project or action-based activity by participating partners and groups.</p>			