

STIRLING COUNCIL

MINUTES of MEETING of the COMMUNITY PLANNING AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD VIEWFORTH, STIRLING, on THURSDAY 30 MAY 2019 at 10 am

Present

Councillor Chris KANE (Convener)

Councillor Maureen BENNISON
Councillor Douglas DODDS

Councillor Scott FARMER
Councillor Jeremy MCDONALD

In Attendance

Diane Connock, Professional Practice Supervisor
Lesley Gallagher, Service Manager, Regeneration and Wellbeing
Lisa Hanley, Policy Officer
Mark Henderson, Media Officer
Lindsay McKrell, Team Leader
Isabel McKnight, Chief Officer – Strategic Commissioning & Customer Development
Pam McNicol, Council Archivist
Stuart Oliver, Senior Manager, Economic Development, Culture & Tourism
Alison Ryan, Gender Based Violence Co-ordinator
Sheila McLean, Governance Officer (Clerk)
Louise McDonald, Committee Officer (Minutes)

Also In Attendance

Andrew Bain, Active Stirling
Matt Bunnell, Active Stirling
Steven Coulter, sportscotland
Trish Thomson, Centre Manager, McLaren Leisure
Jane McGeary, Marketing, McLaren Leisure
Ray Watkins, Board Member, McLaren Leisure

The Convener intimated his intention to alter the order of the Agenda. The items were taken in the order minuted below.

CR116 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor Alasdair MacPherson.

CR117 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

CR118 URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CONVENER

There were no items of urgent business.

CR119 MINUTES – 28 MARCH 2019

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the Minutes of Meeting held on 28 March 2019 as an accurate record of proceedings.

CR120 ROLLING ACTION LOG

The Committee agreed to note the Rolling Action Log subject to the following amendments:

- CR104 31/01/19 – ‘funding to be investigated’ to be added to the current action;
- CR111 28/03/19 – Stirling East Ward to be discussed offline with Convener of the Community Planning and Regeneration Committee and Active Stirling; and
- CR113 28/09/19 – Smith Museum Action – Comments column to be updated to state ‘detail to be included in September performance report’.

CR121 PERFORMANCE & STRATEGIC PRIORITIES PROGRESS REPORT

The report presented the recommended performance indicators to be reported to Community Planning and Regeneration Committee, in line with Council Priorities.

Following a Member query the Senior Manager Economic Development, Culture & Tourism agreed to provide detail regarding figures recorded within the scorecard.

Discussion took place around the lack of narrative within the scorecard and it was agreed that additional narrative would be included in the scorecard going forward.

The Convener reminded Members that he would welcome a discussion regarding their requirements for the scorecard.

Decision

The Committee noted the performance of reported indicators within the Committee Scorecard.

(Reference: Report by Chief Officer Strategic Commissioning & Customer Development, dated 21 May 2019, submitted).

CR122 SPORT, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND HEALTHY LIVING DELIVERY PLAN

The Service Manager, Regeneration and Wellbeing presented the report which provided the updated and final Sport, Physical Activity and Healthy Living Delivery Plan. The Delivery Plan had been developed in partnership with, amongst others, Active Stirling; NHS Forth Valley, and sportscotland.

The Delivery Plan reinforced the focus within the Strategy which prioritised the intentional use of sport and physical activity as a lever of change to tackle inequalities, support healthy living and support economic growth.

The Delivery Plan also strengthened the underlying ethos of the Strategy, which was to encourage the inactive to be active, the active to remain active, and support those likely to face the strongest barriers to participation.

The Committee welcomed representatives from Active Stirling and sportscotland to the meeting.

Following a Member query regarding the links with affiliated sports clubs and community based play, Active Stirling agreed to provide a briefing paper to Committee Members on the 40 programmes currently on offer.

Members commented that the report demonstrated how partnership working and collaboration could be positive and thanked officers for the excellent work.

Decision

The Committee approved the revised Sport, Physical Activity and Healthy Living Strategy Delivery Plan.

(Reference: Report by the Senior Manager – Economic Development, Culture & Tourism, dated 21 May 2019, submitted).

CR123 LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The report presented the Libraries and Archives Implementation Plan for approval. The final Libraries & Archives Strategy was approved by the Community Planning & Regeneration Committee in November 2018. The Strategy document was informed by an extensive consultation exercise with current, past and potential users of the service, resulting in a series of recommendations for service delivery.

The Implementation Plan addressed the recommendations made in the Strategy by setting Tasks to achieve within clearly defined timescales. Together these Tasks set out a strategic direction for the work of the Libraries and Archives service over the next five years.

Following a Member query around income generation it was agreed that a report would be commissioned within 6 months to explore revenue generation of libraries and archives. This would be included as an additional recommendation to the report.

Decision

The Committee agreed:

1. to approve the Libraries and Archives Implementation Plan: and
2. to a report to a future committee meeting exploring income generation of libraries and archives.

(Reference: Report by the Senior Manager – Economic Development, Culture & Tourism, dated 24 April 2019, submitted).

CR124 MCLAREN COMMUNITY LEISURE CENTRE: STRATEGICALLY FUNDED ORGANISATION UPDATE

The report served as the required regular performance update for strategically funded organisations, as set out in the Council's audit requirements, by providing information on the performance of McLaren Community Leisure Centre against the requirements of their Service Level Agreement. The report also informed the Community Planning & Regeneration Committee of the work currently underway to review the Agreement.

Following a Member query around subsidised memberships it was advised that whilst there were currently reduced memberships, there was nothing currently offered to non-waged people. It was also noted that subsidies for children within the care system were dealt with on an ad-hoc basis.

A discussion took place around advertising of McLaren Community Leisure Centre and it was agreed that there was room for improvement within this area. The Committee was keen for the Council to provide support with advertising.

Decision

The Committee agreed:

1. to consider and comment on the performance update information; and
2. to consider and comment on the review work.

(Reference: Report by Senior Manager Economic Development, Culture & Tourism, dated 21 May 2019, submitted).

*At 11.35am the Committee agreed to adjourn for a Comfort Break
in terms of Standing Order 42*

*The Meeting reconvened at 11.45am
with all Elected Members (previously noted) present*

CR125 LOCAL CHILD POVERTY ACTION REPORT

The report presented the first Local Child Poverty Action Report for Stirling.

The Child Poverty Action Report helped to articulate for the first time, the range of activity that directly impacts upon those families experiencing poverty. It provided a framework for working alongside Community Planning Partners, taking forward actions and identifying areas for improvement.

The report and the actions template appended at Appendix 1 covered the period from 1 April 2018 - 31 March 2019 and described activities undertaken during that period. It also considered further actions that would move the Council towards meeting the Scottish Government's targets to eradicate child poverty in Scotland between now and 2030. Further annual reports would provide an evolving series of updates and actions.

Following a discussion around the introduction of GDPR causing barriers within the level of data sharing and especially for early identification, it was agreed that this would be reflected within the report.

Decision

The Committee agreed:

1. to note the draft Local Child Poverty Action Report for Stirling;
2. to approve the version of this report for submission to full Council on 27 June 2019 subject to inclusion of reference to recognising issues around GDPR and sharing of data; and
3. to note the assessment of child poverty activity prepared by NHS Forth Valley that appeared as Appendix 2 of the report.

(Reference: Report by Senior Manager – Economic Development, Culture & Tourism, dated 21 May 2019, submitted).

CR126 TACKLING POVERTY AND INEQUALITIES – ADVICE DEMAND OVERVIEW

The report offered for consideration an overview snap shot of the level and nature of demand for Advice provision as assessed by the Council's Advice and Welfare Reform Team, and from performance information received by both Stirling Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) and the Council on Disability (COD).

There had been a significant impact on resource within the service due to the issues clients were presenting. The service delivery had been reviewed over the last year and many support channels had been opened up and training packages were also in place for staff. The service was coping with demand and continued to work closely with partners. The service hoped to relocate centrally to help with staffing in reducing time to reach clients.

Following a Member query around monitoring outcomes, trends and types of benefits/tribunals, it was agreed that this would be included in the scorecard.

Decision

The Committee agreed:

1. to note the level and nature of demand for Advice provision as reported; and
2. to add Advice Demand Services to the Performance Scorecard.

(Reference: Report by Senior Manager Economic Development, Culture & Tourism, dated 21 May 2019, submitted).

CR127 ADVICE SERVICES OPTIONS APPRAISAL

The purpose of the report was to update Committee on progress on the ongoing review of Advice Services. It provided the context within which the review was taking place as well as a summary of the work of all of the current local authority led provision.

Following a Member query officers agreed to provide detail on 'All Pay Card' usage restrictions to Member.

A discussion took place around the language used in letters and it was agreed that a meeting would be arranged to provide a better understanding of correspondence being sent to service users.

Decision

The Committee noted the work to evaluate the options for the future shape of Advice Services in Stirling with update report to be submitted to September Committee.

(Reference: Report by Chief Officer Strategic Commissioning & Customer Development, dated 20 May 2019, submitted).

CR128 GENDER BASED VIOLENCE GROWTH FUNDING: 2018/19 AND 2019/20

The purpose of the report was to update Committee on the outcomes achieved from the allocation of growth funding, for 2018-19; and to seek approval for allocation of 2019-20 growth monies.

It was noted that Committee Members would be contacted via email once the outcome of the £20,000 was available and this would be included as a recommendation to the report.

Decision

The Committee agreed:

1. to note the outcomes achieved from the allocation of growth funding for 2018-19 to Forth Valley Rape Crisis; Shakti Women's Aid and Stirling and District Women's Aid; and
2. to delegate approval of funding distribution to officers in consultation with the Convener and Vice Convener of Community Planning & Regeneration Committee and shared with Committee Members via email.

(Reference: Report by Senior Manager Economic Development, Culture & Tourism, dated 21 May 2019, submitted).

The Convener declared the Meeting closed at 12.45pm