

**AUDIT SCOTLAND REPORTS – COMMUNITY PLANNING AND HEALTH
INEQUALITIES**

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The main purpose of this report is to provide an update on progress of the Community Planning Partnership in relation to two Audit Scotland National Reports on Improving Community Planning and Health Inequalities in Scotland.

In 2013 Audit Scotland issued national reports on Improving Community Planning and Health Inequalities in Scotland. The Audit Committee considered a report in both June and September 2013 in respect of progress in relation to these two Audit Scotland national reports. It was agreed that a progress report be brought to the June meeting.

Actions identified in the report to Audit Committee in September, relating to tackling inequalities and prevention through the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA), are complete through the development of Delivery Plans. These Delivery Plans have been endorsed by the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee and will go to Council on 26 June for endorsement and agreement that they be submitted to the Scottish Government.

There are no direct financial implications within this report. The Councils contribution to delivery of the SOA and financial consequences will need to be considered as part of future budgets.

It is recommended that members agree the update of progress within 4.2 satisfies the requirements in the national report and the quality assurance process.

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 In 2013 Audit Scotland issued national reports on Improving Community Planning and Health Inequalities in Scotland. The Audit Committee considered a report in both June and September 2013 in respect of progress in relation to these two Audit Scotland national reports. It was agreed that a progress report be brought to the June meeting.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that members note and agree the update of progress within 4.2 of the report satisfies the requirements of the Action Plan following the national reports and quality assurance process.

4.0 DETAIL

4.1 The report to Audit Committee in September 2013 set out an agreed Action Plan to take forward recommendations relating to tackling inequalities and prevention through the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA).

4.2 The actions in the agreed Action Plan for Inequalities and Improvement are set out below with their corresponding update.

Improvement Activity	Timescale	Update (May 2014)
Process agreed for development of inequalities and prevention plans.	September 2013	Complete. Agreed to feature in Delivery Plans
Community engagement activity carried out as part of development of SOA delivery and action plan to improve understanding of	January 2013	Complete. Extensive community engagement carried out.

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Activity targeted at prevention and inequalities identified through development of SOA delivery and action plans.	February 2014	Complete Delivery Plans developed to include this.
Development of SOA delivery and action plans identifies prevention activity and area and partner level.	February 2014	Complete Delivery Plans developed to include this.
Prevention and inequalities plans agreed through process of development of SOA delivery and action plans.	March 2014	Complete. Identified in: Outcome 4 (Children and young people have best possible start) Outcome 5 (5.1) People are empowered to maintain their independence and are an integral part of their local communities. Outcome 6 People live in safer and stronger communities.
Arrangements for measurement and monitoring of prevention plan and inequalities plan established following development of SOA delivery and action plans.	May 2014	Pending sign off of Delivery Plans by Scottish Government, June 2014.

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 In 2013 Audit Scotland issued national reports on Improving Community Planning and Health Inequalities in Scotland. In the report to Audit Committee in September 2013 in respect of progress in relation to these two Audit Scotland national reports, and Action Plan was identified.
- 5.2 The report provides an update on the agreed Action Plan, with each action now complete following a community engagement exercise and development of comprehensive Delivery Plans for the SOA. One action is pending due to the need for sign off on the Delivery Plans. Members are asked to note and agree that the update satisfies the requirements of the Action Plan following the national reports and quality assurance process.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy - The SOA and its Delivery Plans set out the key objectives of the CPP for the next 10 years and provide a reference point for policy development.
- 6.2 Financial - no direct financial implications. As reference point for future policy development and statement of CPP objectives the Councils contribution to delivery of SOA and financial consequences will need to be considered as part of future budgets.
- 6.3 Legal - The Council has a duty to facilitate Community Planning
- 6.4 HR - no direct HR implications. There may be future HR implications in relation to delivery of commitments in the SOA.
- 6.5 Equalities - There is a specific section in the SOA setting out key commitments around equalities and reducing inequalities.
- 6.6 Risk - no direct risk but risks around delivering the commitments in the SOA and related delivery plans will need to be managed.
- 6.7 Customer Service - none

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APPENDICES

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