



Armagh Banbridge and Craigavon Community Planning Partnership

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP (CPSP) MEETING
HELD IN THE BANBRIDGE CHAMBER OF ARMAGH CITY, BANBRIDGE & CRAIGAVON
BOROUGH COUNCIL ON TUESDAY 4 APRIL 2023 AT 10.19AM

PRESENT:	Colette Rogers (Chair) PHA	
OFFICIAL PARTNERS:	CVSP (Chair) Millennium Court	Geraldine Lawless
	CVSP (Vice Chair) AMH	Colin Loughran
	DfC	Simon Sloan
	EA	Paul Crooks
	Invest NI, (Chair - Place Board)	Ethna McNamee
	Links Counselling (Vice Chair – Promoting Good Mental Health Sub-Committee)	Laura Wylie
	NIHE	Sinead Collins
	PSNI	Sergeant Karen Ross
	SA, (Vice Chair – Tackling Poverty & Social Exclusion Sub-Committee)	Martin Stevenson
	SHSCT (Chair – Promoting Good Mental Health & Wellbeing)	Gerard Rocks
	SRC	Catriona Regan
APOLOGIES:	ABC Council	Sharon McNicholl
	PSNI	Brendan Green
	PSNI	Anne Giles
	DfC	Sorcha Hassay
	DfC	Andrew Orr
	Libraries NI	Adrienne Adair
	NIFRS	Andy Burns
	NIFRS	Dermot Rooney
	NIHE	Catherine McFarland
	SHSCT	Lesley Leeman
	Sport NI	John Hart
IN ATTENDANCE:	Elaine Gillespie, Head of Department: Community Planning, Policy and Research	
	Lissa O'Malley, Place & Strategic Projects Manager	
	Jennie Dunlop, Community and Strategic Planning Manager	
	Emma O'Carroll, Community Planning and Evidence Officer	
	Jennifer McKibben, Project Officer: Community Planning	
	Noreen O'Callaghan, Community Planning and Engagement Officer	
	Paula Wilson, Democratic Services Officer	
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:	Chris Leech, CAF (Vice Chair – Tackling Poverty & Social Exclusion Sub-Committee)	
	Donna Stewart CBVB (Vice Chair – Shared Leadership & Community Engagement Sub-Committee)	
	Seamus McCrory ABC Council (Chair – Tackling Poverty & Social Exclusion Sub-Committee)	

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

1.1 Welcome

The newly appointed Chair, Colette Rogers, from the Public Health Authority, welcomed everyone to the meeting, the first since June 2022 and the first meeting to be held in person in 3 years.

1.2 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Adrienne Adair, Libraries NI, Andy Burns, NIFRS, Anne Giles, PSNI, Brendan Green, PSNI, John Hart, Sport NI, Sorcha Hassay, DfC, Lesley Leeman, SHSCT Catherine McFarland, NIHE, Sharon McNicholl, ABC Council, Andrew Orr, DfC and Dermot Rooney, NIFRS.

NOTED.

1.3 Introductions

The Chair, noting the presence of several additional members, attending as representatives of the four sub-committees, invited all parties present to briefly introduce themselves.

NOTED.

1.4 Update

The Chair provided a brief update on key developments since the last meeting in June 2022.

- PB Take£500+ project very successful: over 3,500 votes cast by residents for their favourite projects, 81 projects received funding to the value of £76,000+.
- Consultation on Banbridge Place Plans well underway. Further update to follow later in the meeting.
- New Sub-Committees set up with meetings underway. Updates to follow in the meeting.
- CVS Panel action plan launched.

2. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting on 23 June 2022.

Minutes of the Community Planning Strategic Partnership (CPSP) meeting on 23 June 2022.

AGREED: that the Minutes of the Community Planning Strategic Partnership (CPSP) meeting on 23 June 2022, having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed off as a correct record.

3. UPDATE FROM CPSP SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRS & VICE-CHAIRS

- **Report CPSP-23-01**

The Chair referenced the recent formation of the four new Sub-Committees of the Partnership and invited the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of each Committee to give a brief update on their progress to date.

Members noted the following key points emanating from each Sub-Committee as follows:

Promoting Good Mental Health Sub-Committee

- Met last June to consider key themes to take forward. These included Take 5, the Loneliness Network, Council's Get Moving Framework and Support for Volunteering.
- Key leads have been appointed under each theme with good progress having been made across the board.
- Key plans under development at both local and regional levels include: Community Voluntary Sector Panel Plan, Trust Chairs Local Partnership Plan, PLIG Group Development Plan.
- Discussions ongoing to help inform the focus of the Sub-Committee moving forward.
- Workshops planned for May to review progress and explore future opportunities.
- External funding opportunities being actively explored.

Tackling Poverty & Social Exclusion Sub-Committee

- Strong focus over winter on the cost-of-living crisis response.
- Sub-group of providers created which met monthly during winter to deliver collective response including provision of food parcels, help with fuel and energy costs, financial inclusion and support and provision of warm spaces.
- Over 10000 people supported both directly and through referrals to advice providers.
- Cost of Living Support Hub now live on Council website.
- Work ongoing with partners re future work response plans, provision of support and advice through workshops and mentoring hours, liaison with the Truth Commission and provision of support for the employment and rental sectors.
- Fewer people sought assistance during February following the payment of £600 energy support payment from Government. Drop of around 35% – 45% compared to previous years over same period.
- Importance of building trust and relationships within the community highlighted.
- Increased moral distress amongst volunteers noted. Work ongoing aimed at improving the support structures and training opportunities for volunteers.

AGREED: that partners come together across sub-committees to provide emotional and mental wellbeing support for volunteers on front line.

Place Board

- Broad range of cross-sector members with differing lenses within the Sub-Committee noted.
- First meeting in January 2023. Professor Neil Galway from QUB in attendance sharing thoughts on the importance of place shaping and what to do with left over places. Importance of emotional connection to place and looking at place from varying dimensions noted.
- Developments within implementation of Armagh and development of Banbridge Place Plans noted.
- Presentation delivered showing progress of public consultations and feedback received on the Banbridge Place Plan – See Appendix 1
- Place Board will hold a workshop in May 2023 to inform the development of the Banbridge Place Plan.
- Potential for shared education campuses was noted, as was the engagement with schools in the Banbridge area throughout the development of the Banbridge Place Plan.

Shared Leadership & Community Engagement Sub-Committee

- PB Take£500+ dominated focus of Sub-Committee over recent months.
- 3707 people had voted. Approximately £77,000 allocated to 81 groups.
- Short video highlighting success of PB Take£500+ decision events was shown. Video can be viewed at:
<https://www.armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk/take500plus/>
- Broad range of participation with the project across community including young children, as children aged 8 and plus could put forward projects and vote.
- Long term goal to mainstream project as means to spend public funds.
- Extensive evaluation process currently underway - to be finalised by August 2023.
- Chair encouraged members to share video with own organisations to promote the exciting partnership project.
- All partners encouraged to think of ways to provide support going forward in both pecuniary and non-pecuniary forms.

The Chair thanked the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Sub-Committees for their participation and made note of the valuable work ongoing amongst the various partners involved. The Chair also encouraged all Partnership Board members to join and attend at least one Sub-Committee going forward.

AGREED: that all partners consider how they can contribute to the partnership's next Participatory Budgeting project and/or consider increasing their contribution.

4. STATEMENT OF PROGRESS 2021-2023

- **Report CPSP-23-02**

Jennie Dunlop took members through the above report. As part of the Statement of Progress, a Partnership Health Check would be conducted within the coming months and Partners noted they would be approached to complete a survey and provide performance data as part of the process. It was advised that the Statement of Progress was completed, as per legislation, not only to provide feedback to the local community but also as a tool for the Partnership to populate its Action Plan going forward. Partners noted that changes to the partnership structures and actions and the provision of leadership support have been a result of the feedback received during the previous Partnership Health Checks.

NOTED.

5. CVS PANEL UPDATE ON CURRENT FUNDING CLIMATE

Members noted with concern the recently announced changes to funding for the voluntary sector. Discussion ensued regarding to the potential impact on the voluntary sector organisations, its volunteers and ultimately the end users as a result of the current uncertainty about funding.

The Chair of the CVSP, Geraldine Lawless, requested that the Partnership send a letter to SOLACE and political leaders to identify what if anything could be done to address the funding issues.

The Chair felt the need to address the issue in terms of short, medium and long term actions and highlighted the need for the Partnership's response to be through the lens of community planning and the impact on community planning in the absence of such voluntary services.

Elaine Gillespie highlighted need to pull together an analysis of key impacts and challenges on community planning as a result and suggested that a report be sent to PSG SOLACE group reflecting the potential future impact of these challenges.

AGREED: That the partnership write to the PSG/SOLACE to raise concerns about funding for Community & Voluntary Sectors.

6. NEW INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEM FOR HEALTH SYSTEM AND SOUTHERN REGION TEST SITE AREA INTEGRATED PARTNERSHIP BOARD

- **Report CPSP-23-03**

Elaine Gillespie delivered a brief overview highlighting the key developments around the new Integrated Care System and Southern Region Test Site - See Appendix 2.

The following key points were noted.

- DoH SPPG have been invited to join the CPSP and to attend that day's meeting to make a presentation on the Integrated Care System and Area Integrated Partnership Board test site in the Southern region.
- Council are having conversations with DoH SPPG about community planning and/or council membership of the test AIPB in the Southern region.
- Importance of working together across community, health and population planning highlighted.
- Partnership to extend invitation to DoH SPPG to attend next meeting of CPSP on 23 August 2023 to provide an update on the pilot.

8. AOB

There were no other items of business for consideration.

NOTED.

9. CLOSE

The next meeting would take place on 23 August 2023 at 10.00 am.

The Chair, Colette Rogers, thanked everyone for their input, stating that she was excited to see what could be achieved going forward and encouraged partners to support one another as and when issues should arise. Partners were encouraged to feedback any topics they wished to see considered at the next meeting.

The business having been completed, the meeting concluded at 12.24pm.