



MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP (CPSP) MEETING  
HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM ON THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 10.03 AM

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PRESENT: Roger Wilson, Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough  
Council (Chair)

Councillors  
Julie Flaherty  
Thomas Larkham

OFFICIAL PARTNERS:	BPA CVSP CVSP CCMS DfC EA HSCB Invest NI Libraries NI NIHE PHA PSNI SHSCT SRC	Adrian Farrell Geraldine Lawless Gilbert Lee Majella Corrigan Simon Sloan John Donnelly Sophie Lusby Ethna McNamee Adrienne Adair Catherine McFarland Colette Rogers Chief Inspector Bernard O'Connor Paul Morgan Catriona Regan
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APOLOGIES:	DfC NIFRS Tourism NI	Piers Dalgarno Dermot Rooney Martin Graham
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Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council

Councillor Peter Lavery  
Councillor Tim McClelland

Olga Murtagh, Strategic Director (Place)

IN ATTENDANCE: Sharon O’Gorman, Strategic Director (Position)  
Sharon McNicholl, Strategic Director (Performance)  
Elaine Gillespie, Head of Department: Community Planning  
Jennie Dunlop, Community and Strategic Planning Manager  
Michelle Markey, Community Planning Officer  
Patricia McParland, Democratic Services Officer

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

**1.1 Welcome**

The Chair (Roger Wilson) welcomed everyone to the eleventh meeting of the partnership and he thanked attendees for accommodating the date change and the move to Zoom forum due to the ongoing impact of Covid-19.

He advised attendees of the Zoom etiquette and advised that there had been some changes in membership due to retirement and colleagues moving to other roles. Ruth Bell, Vice Chair, had retired from EA and a replacement was being sought but in the meantime John Donnelly was in attendance at this meeting. He wished Ruth Bell all the best on her retirement and welcomed John Donnelly to the meeting. Louise McMahon HSCB had moved to a new role within HSCB and had been replaced by Sophie Lusby. Nichola Creagh, DfC had taken up a new post and would be replaced temporarily by Piers Dalgarno, however he was unable to attend today's meeting and Simon Sloan was in attendance instead. He wished them all the best in their new roles and welcomed the new representatives.

**NOTED.**

## **1.2 Apologies**

NOTED: apologies were received and accepted from Piers Dalgarno DfC, Dermot Rooney NIFRS, Martin Graham Tourism NI, Councillor Peter Lavery, Councillor Tim McClelland and Olga Murtagh Strategic Director (Place), Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council.

**NOTED.**

## **1.3 Introductions**

All partners introduced themselves.

**NOTED.**

## **2. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **2.1 Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting on 30 June 2020**

Minutes of the Community Planning Strategic Partnership (CPSP) meeting on 30 June 2020.

**AGREED:** that the Minutes of the Community Planning Strategic Partnership (CPSP) meeting on 30 June 2020 having been previously circulated be confirmed and signed off as a correct record.

## **3. LEADERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE**

### **3.1 Update from Catherine McFarland, NIHE**

- Report CPSP-20-05**

Catherine McFarland guided partners through the report.

The Chair, Roger Wilson agreed that it was good to see how small amounts of money could make a big difference and he emphasised the importance of easy access. He referred to the response rate which he felt was one of the highest amongst Councils and he commended the level of engagement which had taken place in the ABC area adding that this had been very successful. He was also aware that Elected Members had a keen interest in the project and he asked for more detail in relation to the procedure for voting for the projects.

Catherine McFarland explained that partners would not be able to take part in the voting but would be allowed to view the videos and she recommended that they did this. She felt that Community Planning needed to be about making a difference and not just having plans and she felt this project was one of the tools which could be used to prove this to the community, the partnership and a wider audience. She felt it was significant that others saw how important small contributions were to a community. She added that 107 applications had been a fantastic response.

The Chair, Roger Wilson asked if the Community Planning team could make available a link to the videos to members of the partnership.

Gilbert Lee stated that Participatory Budgeting was an excellent project, although it may not end up exactly as had been planned as voting could only be done online which may not suit every member of the public. He highlighted that the project would not have got to this stage without the work done by Michelle Markey who he stated had been outstanding in making sure the project was delivered.

Simon Sloan echoed the comments by Gilbert Lee and paid tribute to the work done by the team, led by Michelle Markey. He remarked that the engagement element had been hampered due to the current restrictions so it was encouraging to see that the project had gone forward so successfully. He also wished to make partners aware that DfC was keen to use Participatory Budgeting in conjunction with organisations like Louise O’Kane’s to try to bring it to the mainstream. He stated that the fact that the project was trialled in this borough meant that DfC would be very interested in the evaluation in terms of trying to encourage a more regional approach as had been done in Scotland where there was a commitment of a percentage of public service spending which was guaranteed to be used in that way. It was hoped that this could be replicated in Northern Ireland and he hoped that this would be a flagship project which would help to demonstrate the use of Participatory Budgeting to engage with people and allow their voices to be heard. He wished the partnership good luck with the project.

The Chair, Roger Wilson asked how many Councils were engaged in Participatory Budgeting at this level and he wondered if there was an opportunity for DfC to carry out formal evaluation and to share best practice.

Simon Sloan advised that he understood that at least five or six Councils had used Participatory Budgeting projects including Newry, Mourne and Down District Council. He added that any Council partnership that had used it had a positive experience and wanted to bring it forward. He pointed out that the current restrictions had held some projects back. He explained that last year DfC had held an innovation lab in relation to Participatory Budgeting and there had been a lot of recommendations from that which had not yet been implemented due to the Covid-19 response. It was felt that in order to mainstream Participatory Budgeting, it needed to be more than DfC led as there were bigger players for example The Executive Office, Department of Finance and Northern Ireland Audit Office who were all aware of and interested in it. They were keen advocates of it as a method of making public funds more accessible and the approach has been endorsed by NIAO, which was very encouraging. DfC would be bringing it to the attention of the Executive for the Minister to push it forward with her colleagues. He hoped it would be part of the toolkit for Community Planning organisations to use readily.

Geraldine Lawless highlighted that she had attended recent meetings organised by Michelle Markey for groups, which she had found to be excellent and very well attended. As Chair of TADA she highlighted that they were happy to be able to sponsor many groups which were not constituted. This was a benefit for many groups which were applying for funding for the first time and did not have the documentation that would be necessary when applying for many grants. She commended Michelle Markey for her work.

Paul Morgan thanked Catherine McFarland and the team for their work in relation to the project. He was encouraged to hear that there were still governance arrangements around Participatory Budgeting but a lot of the bureaucracy had been taken away which left it easier for groups to access and utilise the funding. He was interested to see what would come out of the evaluation and he felt that the project looked good going forward. Finally, he asked for more detail in relation to Action Co-ordinators.

Catherine McFarland explained that thanks should go to the Community Planning team, Elaine Gillespie, Jennie Dunlop and Michelle Markey for all their work behind the scenes. She suggested that Jennie Dunlop could provide more information in relation to the Action Co-ordinators.

Jennie Dunlop advised that when the Action Planning had been carried out a couple of years ago, Action Co-ordinators were the people who volunteered to lead out on actions. She explained that when the first partnership health check had been carried out last year it had been found that some of the Action Co-ordinators had felt that they needed more support as they were operating in a complex environment as some things may have been approved by the partnership but this not being reflected in their organisation's business plan. The programme was happening regionally and it was important to have a programme that would support the people who were delivering out on the actions for the partnership and the panel. The Action Co-ordinators had been driving forward the actions of the partnership over the last three years.

Elaine Gillespie stated that she echoed the sentiments of Simon Sloan and Catherine McFarland in relation to Participatory Budgeting which she stated had been a great success and they were extremely proud of it. She highlighted that Participatory Budgeting was not just about a funding stream and she stressed the importance of continuing the great momentum which had been built up and looking at ways in which to mainstream it.

Gilbert Lee referred to the Shared Leadership programmes and highlighted that he had thoroughly enjoyed the Carnegie programme with the two other linked Councils. These were some of the best leadership programmes he had ever attended. He pointed out that the 10 workshops across three months was a fairly heavy commitment for community volunteers like himself who also participated in other groups. He understood that the statutory partners were under staffing pressures due to the current circumstances and he felt that care needed to be taken to ensure that resources were not overstretched.

The Chair, Roger Wilson stated that Officers would note these comments. He asked if partners were happy to agree the recommendation. All confirmed that they were.

**AGREED:** That the partnership evaluate the Carnegie projects, including Participatory Budgeting and Shared Leadership programmes, to inform the direction of travel and next steps of the partnership.

#### **4. BETTER OUTCOMES SUBCOMMITTEE**

##### **4.1 Update from Adrienne Adair, Libraries NI**

- **Report CPSP-20-06**

Adrienne Adair guided partners through the report.

The Chair, Roger Wilson thanked Adrienne Adair for the comprehensive report.

Chief Inspector O'Connor stated that the report answered some of the questions and concerns that he had in relation to what was happening operationally across the district. He felt that the plan was very high level and explained the "How". He highlighted that PSNI were

seeing a lot of issues in relation to vulnerability amongst young people and he gave the example that in the run up to Halloween there was a large increase in antisocial behaviour across the district. Young people in the Craigavon area were telling Police they had not eaten for two days because their parents were out of work. There were also vulnerability issues in relation to old people who had not been able to leave their home and in some cases were suffering with dementia as well as other conditions. PSNI were signposting these people to the relevant agencies. He highlighted that there needed to be more coordination in the distribution from food banks and he gave the example of an elderly gentleman who had received 10 food parcels and had begun to save them up. Then when his family intervened and removed some of the perishable items, the man reported it as a burglary. In relation to the hospitality industry, Chief Inspector O'Connor advised that in 10 years' time it was likely that the industry would look very different and he felt a balanced approach was needed in relation to how it was managed. He highlighted that the hospitality industry had been extremely compliant with government regulations and he felt that this needed to be recognised more as it was a long term employer within the borough. He stated that it would be useful to see how some of the information included in the plan would operationally manifest itself in relation to what Police saw on a daily basis. He pointed out that PSNI was still in the situation where it was the 24/7 service and was only supported by the Education Authority during the initial pandemic period which had been greatly appreciated. However, Officers were still being called to houses at 3.00 am and when they needed support from other agencies it was not available. He gave an example, stating that the Neighbourhood Team in Banbridge had given £40.00 of their own money to provide a family with food and fuel to bring a child to hospital following a domestic incident as there was no other agency there to help. There was still a lot of vulnerability and deprivation which was not being addressed and whilst there were high level discussions he felt consideration needed to be given to how the issues were dealt with.

The Chair, Roger Wilson highlighted that this was a sobering overview of the realities of the challenging situation which currently existed. At one level Community Planning was looking at the long term community, economy, environment and wellbeing of the area but consideration also needed to be given to current issues. He highlighted that the relationships in this partnership had played a big part in the initial response. He understood the point in relation to the food parcels and he was aware that a number of organisations had worked closely including DfC to try to ensure that the right number of parcels were going to the right people at the right time. This was an ongoing challenge.

Adrienne Adair was horrified by Chief Inspector O'Connor's account but she was aware of similar problems in other areas. These issues would be brought back to the groups and discussions would take place on how this could be made better.

Paul Morgan pointed out that the plan referenced the importance of the multi-agency approach when dealing with poverty. A group had been established by the Trust to address poverty. It includes Council representation and it was hoped to have representatives from Northern Ireland Housing Executive and DfC on board in the near future to ensure a link with regional strategies. Whilst the group had only met a couple of times it was felt that the approach needed to be better coordinated so that the impact had more effect on families and communities. He highlighted that the process was at an early stage but efforts were being made to secure a more joined up approach particularly on the issue of poverty as this problem would still remain after Covid-19 had gone. He felt that poverty was a bigger problem than ever and highlighted the impact that welfare reform had on families which had been compounded by the pandemic. There was a lot of need and if agencies did not work collectively, some would be missed which was the sad reality.

Colette Rogers pointed out that this was a key challenge facing the partnership which had come up in many discussions between partnership meetings. There had been a tremendous amount of learning following the Phase 1 response and she highlighted that during the initial stages of the pandemic in March, all agencies had to act very quickly with best intentions but services did overlap and were not as connected as they could have been. However, since

then she stated that there had been a huge number of conversations in relation to how connections could be improved, having a knowledge of what was available and how people could be referred. PHA continued to link with DfC, Advice NI and the Community Voluntary Sector to see if networks could be improved. She referred to a conversation between the Communication department in PHA and Better Outcomes Group to look at how the reach of the full partnership could be used to get some key messages out for example in relation to availability of services or how to redirect people to services. She highlighted that Police Officers should not have to give money to those in need but the fact that they were willing to do it, spoke volumes about Officers. The links needed to be joined and places where this was not happening needed to be identified. It was about making services better for people in this area.

Elaine Gillespie highlighted that the points raised were a timely reminder of the purpose of the Community Planning Strategic Partnership. The TAP teams which had now been superseded by the work that was being done in relation to the recovery plan were there to deliver out on what the partnership told them to do. It was the role of this level of the partnership to take a step back and look at what was working and whether the action being taken was having an impact and if not, how should resources be redirected to make sure the operational work happened. This was a year long plan with a six-month review in March 2021 which would take a good look at what was happening and ascertain whether what was being done was having the necessary impact.

The Chair, Roger Wilson suggested that the sub-group would take on board issues raised today and it may be useful for Chief Inspector O'Connor or some of his colleagues to have a conversation with them to ensure that the issues were covered in the work that was being done.

Chief Inspector O'Connor highlighted that Craigavon was one of the areas that Police were concerned about particularly in relation to domestic incidents and young people and he would welcome the views of Councillor Larkham who represented the area.

Councillor Larkham stated that he was aware of the difficulties encountered in the Craigavon area and highlighted that everyone was trying to work together on these issues. He noted that PSNI had linked with Education Authority in relation to antisocial behaviour and he highlighted that there were a number of detached youth work projects in the area and organisations which were working on the ground.

Gilbert Lee was also aware of issues raised by Chief Inspector O'Connor and he had heard a similar story where young people in the Lurgan area had gone to an after school facility and a child had asked if they could bring home the milk at the end of the day as they did not have any at home. This type of incident should not happen in society. He remarked on Chief Inspector O'Connor's point that PSNI were the only 24/7 service and highlighted that he had seen a person suffering from mental health difficulties having to be rescued from a river by Police. The mental health team finished work at 5.00 pm and whilst he understood the reason for this, he felt that there needed to be a service in place for these issues. This was a response and recovery plan and it needed to focus on these issues. There needed to be an immediate response and he felt that as there was one representative from each statutory partner it should be possible to cut through bureaucracy as had been demonstrated in the early stages of the pandemic. He added that these were short term solutions therefore there needed to be a long term plan to improve conditions in the future. He felt that the general public would respond if they were made aware of the situation.

The Chair, Roger Wilson highlighted that having listened to comments the direction was very much a two-pronged approach which involved dealing with short term operational matters as well as the longer term recovery plan.

Adrienne Adair highlighted the immediacy which was almost a repetition of what happened during the initial lockdown in March. Issues were now compounded as the situation had gone

on for so long and some of the stories highlighted earlier needed an immediate response. The plan included issues which would be tackled now and would have long term implications so work would continue.

Geraldine Lawless advised that she had raised concerns at a number of meetings in relation to food parcel issues. She explained that from a TADA point of view, three people were on the road and they delivered a total of 1500 food parcels. They sourced the funding as they did not receive any assistance from Council or DfC. She felt that many rural areas had been forgotten about and she stated that they had witnessed some distressing scenes which she had spoken about previously. There were many issues which she believed were not reported and she highlighted that they had entered homes affected by suicide and no assistance from other agencies was available. They had to assist families financially and practically by purchasing food for them. They were out from the early hours of the morning buying food and at that stage it was difficult to apply for grant funding. She added that without the help that TADA had provided, many families would have been left desolate. She gave an example of a family they had visited where there were four vulnerable adults being looked after by an elderly lady. This family had received no help whatsoever and had been referred to TADA at a late stage. She felt that the referral process needed to be looked at and there needed to be stronger links between groups.

Paul Morgan reemphasised the need for a coordinated approach as one agency would not be able to pick up every issue. He pointed out that there was an out of hours service for Social Services which was regionally based but connected back to local contacts. It dealt with a number of issues for example childcare, domestic violence and mental health issues. This service was there but on its own it could not meet all the needs identified. There needed to be a link between all work that was being done both locally and regionally.

The Chair, Roger Wilson highlighted that part of the challenge was that different approaches were taken by different Councils across Northern Ireland which needed to be addressed. There were ongoing conversations with DfC and other organisations in relation to this and issues needed to be addressed here and now. He outlined that a report would be brought back to the next meeting, however a decision needed to be taken in relation to the work strands and that further work would take place going forward. As the end of the year approached there were many more challenges which needed to be dealt with. He asked if partners were broadly happy with the direction of travel. They confirmed that they were. The Chair, Roger Wilson thanked Chief Inspector O'Connor for the insight which he had shared.

**AGREED:**

- That Community Planning partners approve the Covid-19 Response and Recovery Plan
- That the Covid-19 Recovery Plan and ABC Peer Network to replace the six Thematic Action Plans and Planning Teams for the next 12 months.

**5. LOCAL PLANNING: PLACE SHAPING PLAN PROOF OF CONCEPT**

**5.1 Update from Elaine Gillespie, Head of Department**

- **Report CPSP-20-07**

Elaine Gillespie guided partners through the report.

Jennie Dunlop outlined the process in relation to the tender, explaining that the same approach was being used for this as for the Action Plan, involving communities in decisions around the plan and having evidence informed approach and partnership working. They had secured contributions to the cost of the development of the plan from two community planning partners DfC and Northern Ireland Housing Executive for which they were thankful, however

they wanted to make sure that other partners had the ability to feed into the plan. When partners combined their functions and powers they could make a real difference to places in the borough. It was hoped to start the contract at the beginning of December 2020 and the successful company would carry out a comprehensive review of all the existing plans and strategies for Armagh. Then between January and March 2021 there would be quite intensive engagement, the majority of which it was anticipated would be online. This would involve communities, businesses, community planning partners and other strategic partners. It was anticipated that a draft plan would be brought to Council in April 2021 and would be available to the partnership meeting in June 2021. There would also be a public consultation on what the partnership came up with for the plan. It was felt that it was important that the plan had some academic input and discussions had taken place with Dr Gavan Rafferty from Ulster University whose expertise was at the intersection of spatial planning and integrated services. He was very interested in community engagement and she added that Michelle Markey would be guest lecturing at the University next week to give an update on the Participatory Budgeting project. Dr Gavan Rafferty would also give focus to inclusive health places through planning and cross border issues.

Elaine Gillespie added that at the beginning of the planning process, the partnership had agreed to take a thematic approach to what it did and had not pursued a locality based approach, however it had been felt that for community planning to really work consideration needed to be given to the locality element. This was the mechanism that was being piloted to do that, which would allow a strategic look at all the work which was done and understand whether they were meeting local needs and bring it to a local level in places like Armagh, Craigavon, Banbridge and Lurgan. It was an exciting piece of work which she hoped would receive support from the partnership.

The Chair, Roger Wilson remarked that he had a keen interest in the project. He acknowledged the contributions from other organisations which allowed the project to happen and he felt that there was a real opportunity to go on a different direction of travel which would ensure that it was not just another masterplan. It was hoped to do something different so it was important that partners were actively on board.

Colette Rogers agreed that this was an exciting project and she felt it was important to look at the wider picture in relation to place shaping. Consideration also needed to be given to the priorities that were raised at the beginning of the meeting in relation to what it was hoped to achieve through the plan. It was about how people used that space and the opportunity for physical activity and the mental health and emotional wellbeing impact which that had. Physical activity was included in the plan and places could help to address social isolation so both plans fitted well together. If it was done well with proper engagement, it would be possible to achieve something really good and she felt it was important to ensure a link with the active travel regional programme with the PHA. She highlighted that a lot of work had been done previously for example the Physical Activity conference which partners had been involved in where good connections with universities had been made so it would be possible to get input from others. She welcomed and endorsed the project and highlighted the importance of engagement at a strategic level.

The Chair, Roger Wilson added that whilst the project was starting in Armagh which was a unique place due to its heritage, culture, infrastructure and architecture, consideration could be given to other parts of the borough for example Craigavon, Banbridge, Lurgan or Portadown which would require different approaches and this would create innovation. He highlighted the importance of the partnership and ensuring that the correct level of representative from each organisation was in place as there would be a requirement for programmes of work, investment and projects to be championed. It would be disappointing if actions that needed to be taken to shape the place could not be delivered.

The Chair, Roger Wilson asked if partners were happy to agree the recommendation. All confirmed that they were.



*Majella Corrigan retired from the meeting at 11.18 am.*

**AGREED:**

- That Community Planning Partnership pilot a locality planning approach through the development of an Armagh Place Shaping Plan
- That the Community Planning partners participate in the development of the plan

**6. REVIEW OF COMMUNITY PLAN**

**6.1 Update from Jennie Dunlop, Strategic and Community Planning Manager**

- **Report CPSP-20-08**

Jennie Dunlop guided partners through the report.

*Ethna McNamee retired from the meeting at 11.21 am.*

Simon Sloan stated that he was encouraged to hear that the correspondence had been received. He felt that this partnership was already in a review footing which fitted neatly with what DfC was advising as the ideal approach in the current context. He welcomed the fact that a review would take place sooner than was statutorily necessary and he stated that if the place shaping work in Armagh was endorsed it could be embedded throughout the whole borough which would again involve a review of the approach to community planning work. He endorsed the suggested approach and he supported the recommendation.

The Chair, Roger Wilson added that they were trying to ensure that community planning was not seen as duty that was imposed but rather that was about trying to improve and make a difference in the community and in life.

Gilbert Lee stated that he saw it as his duty as a member of the community to keep an eye on community planning and whilst he may not say the correct phrases at times it did not mean that what he was saying was wrong. He highlighted that care needed to be taken when going into various groups as he felt that the Chair and Vice Chair of the CVSP may not always be the most appropriate people to represent the CVSP and the community at every meeting. There were people with better expertise than himself and Geraldine Lawless who would be better placed and consideration needed to be given to a way that the most appropriate people were invited. He gave the example that if Chief Inspector O'Connor called a meeting to discuss the issues which he had raised earlier then representatives from the community in Craigavon would be better suited to attend than himself. He also felt that groups needed to be inclusive and he noted that when they were initially set up they looked at the travelling community and other minority groups within the community but this seemed to have been lost during the Covid-19 response. Those who did not have a voice at this table needed to be brought forward. He noted that currently we were looking from the bottom up and he would like to see some reports coming from Stormont outlining what they were doing. He had visited Wales on a study tour and found that the system there was very much driven from the top down. He added that there were models in Scotland and Wales already in place and he felt it would be possible to take the best from those. He added that community planning was great, the thoughts were great and it was getting there slowly but he felt that some past experiences needed to be gotten rid of and risks needed to be taken from time to time.

The Chair, Roger Wilson commented that the reason for risk aversion in the public sector was due to the Controller and Auditor General whose job it was to ensure that every penny was spent wisely. As he was supportive of Participatory Budgeting it may be possible to be more innovative and less risk averse.

Gilbert Lee remarked that he had just received a circular from the Community Planning department regarding the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) and

he asked if this was the young people's version of CPSP. If it was he asked if they should be involved in CPSP as he had learnt in recent months, particularly through the Carnegie presentations, that many of the issues in society today were as a result of what happened in the lives of young people. He felt if this could be corrected it would be possible to solve the 20 / 30-year plan. He wondered how the CYPSP fitted in with wider thoughts on community planning.

Paul Morgan explained that CYPSP was already represented on CPSP as he sat on both. CYPSP was currently Chaired by the Southern Trust Chief Executive Shane Devlin and was a multiagency partnership with representatives from Education, Housing and Councils. It looked at a wide range of children related issues and rather than being reactive it took an early intervention approach. Below the CYPSP sat the Southern Outcomes Group which was Chaired by himself and this was also a multiagency and multi-disciplinary group which focussed on children's issues as well as parenting, BAME families, children with disabilities, young people's emotional health and wellbeing. This was a more local group which had a number of actions which it worked to progress. Then at a community level there were locality groups which were embedded with people who lived and worked in the local community. Many actions had been developed as a result of issues raised both by parents and by these groups. It was about holding the top to account and ensuring that they delivered on actions that came from local groups.

Colette Rogers explained that as part of the messaging around Covid-19 a regional young person's group had been set up which worked directly with PHA's Communications Team. Some of the standard messages around Covid did not sit well with young people so now they designed the messages and worked with the Communications Team to ensure that they fitted well with their peer group and were communicated via the platforms that they used and were shared effectively. The group was in its early stages but it involved a number of regional youth forums and they were planning to run an event at Stormont around young people's understanding and perception about the challenges around Covid-19. More detail would be available closer to the time.

Paul Morgan added that at a recent meeting of the Southern Outcomes Group it had been agreed the young people were needed to develop the next stage of their plan and work had already begun in relation to this with a local group having been set up. The plan was to look at how to engage with young people from across the spectrum who lived in the southern area. The regional work outlined by Colette Rogers was very positive and this was a more local project for young people.

Adrienne Adair highlighted that there were lots of strategies and agencies which people were not aware of and she stressed the importance of collaboration, joined up thinking and working.

The Chair, Roger Wilson asked if partners were happy to agree the recommendation. All confirmed that they were.

**AGREED:**

- That the scope of the first review of the Community Plan is the partnership's actions and governance structures, which have already been reviewed.

**7. PROGRAMME OF WORK**

**7.1 Verbal update from Elaine Gillespie, Head of Department**

Elaine Gillespie guided partners through the Powerpoint slide elaborating briefly on the following points:

- Community Planning Strategic Partnership to meet again on 24 March 2021
- Meetings of CVSP
- Better Outcomes Sub-Committee meeting
  - ABC Peer Network taking forward the recovery plan
    - Respond Better Together
    - Placing Shaping
    - Resilience of CVSP
    - Support for skills and unemployment
- Leadership and Engagement Sub-Committee meeting
  - Community Engagement Strategy
  - Participatory Budgeting pilot
  - Partnership Development work
  - Shared Leadership programme

**NOTED.**

## **8. AOB**

Colette Rogers highlighted that next year the European Public Health Conference would take place in Dublin. This was a prestigious conference which was normally held in venues in European countries such as Vienna. The event would focus on Public Health in Action Through Partnership Working and she felt that the partnership would be missing an opportunity if it did not take part. The opening date for abstracts was in February 2021, she would send through more details of the conference and she was trying to drum up support to get abstracts in. She felt that some of the partnership's work was ground breaking and should be showcased on a European level. She was happy to work with the partnership on the abstract as she had some experience in this area and she highlighted the Carnegie links and the plans with young people. She hoped that others agreed that this was an excellent opportunity and whilst it was very competitive she felt it was worthwhile.

**NOTED.**

## **9. CLOSE**

The Chair (Roger Wilson) thanked everyone for their attendance, highlighting that he was greatly encouraged by the partnership working that had taken place and he wished everyone well.

The next meeting would take place on Wednesday 24 March 2021.

The business having been completed, the meeting concluded at 11.41 am.