

**REPORT TO:** East Lothian Council

**MEETING DATE:** 26 February 2013

**BY:** Executive Director (Support Services)

**SUBJECT:** East Lothian Community Planning Partnership Governance Review

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## **1 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To inform Council of progress with the review of the East Lothian Community Planning Partnership governance arrangements.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That Council endorses the Community Planning Partnership Board's agreement in principle to establish new governance arrangements and structure as detailed in paragraphs 3.4 and 3.5.

## **3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The East Lothian Community Planning Partnership (ELCPP) agreed to carry out a review of its governance arrangements and structure in 2012. The review was necessary in order to allow the ELCPP to:

- reflect on how the partnership, governance arrangements and structure have been working
- take on board the implications of the adoption of the Economic Development Strategy (e.g. the recommendation that a new strategic economic development board be established)
- prepare for the establishment of the integrated Health and Social Care Partnership
- consider the implications of the establishment of the Scottish Police Authority and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
- consider the impact of the review of Community Planning being undertaken at a national level and the guidance on the development of a new Single

Outcome Agreement, which Community Planning Partnerships are expected to produce by June 2013.

3.2 The review included a Stakeholder survey (August 2012) and a strategic level workshop held on 7 September 2012 which was informed by an issues paper covering external issues and the views from within the partnership; the results of the stakeholder survey and the priorities from the Community Planning Partnership that was held in June 2012. Key themes which emerged from the workshop were:

- the Partnership should focus on fewer clearly defined priorities
- fewer formal organisations and a tighter time limit on the life of those created
- tighter reporting in both directions up and down and horizontally in the chain of communications and organisational hierarchy
- clear sense of shared responsibilities between the Partnership and partner organisations so that there is reporting into and out of the partners and the Community Planning Partnership structure.

3.3 A second strategic level workshop was held on Thursday 8 November 2012. This workshop was informed by an options paper which presented a new approach and two options for a structure.

3.4 The Community Planning Partnership Board meeting of 10 December 2012 considered a report recommending new governance arrangements and structure based on the outcome of the consultations and workshops. The Board agreed that the following principles should guide the new governance arrangements for the Partnership:

- Communities must be at the heart of community planning
- Our way of working is based on co-production
- Shared responsibility among all partners from all sectors – public, third, community and private
- Empowerment of all involved to take on this role
- Resourcing follows priorities and outcomes
- The structure is simple and focused on achieving the Community Plan/ Single Outcome Agreement through partnership working
- Transparency and accountability in our operations.

3.5 The Board agreed in principle to a new structure based on:

- A strong governance role for a slightly expanded Partnership Board including elected member and community representation

- The replacement of the existing seven Theme Groups by three new Strategic Boards with responsibility for the Economy and the Environment, People (including health and social care, education and children) and Communities (including community safety) and the relevant Single Outcome Agreement Outcomes that relate to these areas
- Clear direct reporting relationship between the Strategic Boards and the Partnership Board
- Local area coordination and integrated service delivery and planning in all 6 ward areas (Musselburgh combines two wards)
- Recognition of the role for the private sector in relevant areas of work

3.6 The Board established three short-life working groups to report back to the Board by the end of February on the detail of the new structure, including the remit and membership of the new Partnership Board and Strategic Boards.

#### **4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The review of the ELCPP governance arrangements and structure will provide a more strategically focussed Community Planning Partnership which reflects the impact of public sector reform, the national review of Community Planning and the guidance on the new Single Outcome Agreement.

#### **5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

5.1 This report is not applicable to the well being of equalities groups and an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required.

#### **6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 Financial – none

6.2 Personnel – none

6.3 Other – none

#### **7 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

7.1 Quarterly Monitoring Report on Effective and Efficient Services; Community Planning Partnership Board, 11 June 2012

7.2 Quarterly Monitoring Report on Effective and Efficient Services; Community Planning Partnership Board, 10 September 2012

7.3 Quarterly Monitoring Report on Effective and Efficient Services; Community Planning Partnership Board, 10 December 2012

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