

EX99. Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

The Executive considered a report by the Chief Executive presenting information on some of the processes which have been developed to help the Council, and its partners where relevant, meet the new obligations brought into force by the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

The Act requires that each community planning partnership (CPP) sub-divides its area into localities. These must be either a council ward or have a population no greater than 30,000. After defining each locality the CPP must identify areas in which people experience significantly poorer outcomes resulting from socio-economic disadvantage, than people living in other localities in the council area or Scotland more generally. Where such a locality is identified, the CPP must prepare and publish a locality plan for that area.

In order to ensure compliance with the requirement to publish locality plans Community Action Plans (CAPs) would be developed. These CAPs will focus on specific areas where there are identified outcome deficits. CAPS will not be developed for every locality.

A summary of the process which would be followed when dealing with an asset transfer request was also set out in the report as was information about participatory budgeting.

Decision

The Executive:

- (1) approved the proposed Locality Planning Framework and the proposed split of the Council area into 3 localities based on multi member wards;**
- (2) asked that officers report back on the outcomes of the first Community Action Plan process in Bo'ness and the Participatory Budgeting exercise in due course;**
- (3) asked the Chief Executive in conjunction with relevant community planning partners to establish the necessary officer groups to facilitate the locality planning process outlined in the report; and**
- (4) approved the Asset Transfer Request Process set out in section 6 of the report.**