

FALKIRK COUNCIL

**Subject: STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN - SINGLE OUTCOME
AGREEMENT ANNUAL MONITORING STATEMENT 2011/12**
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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report presents to Members the 2011/12 monitoring statement for our Community Planning Partnership's Single Outcome Agreement (SOA). Members will be aware that the Single Outcome Agreement was approved in May 2009 and signed off by the Scottish Government in August 2009. It was amended to take account of the outcomes contained in the new Strategic Community Plan, approved by the Partnership in December 2010, but retains a range of indicators by which progress is assessed. A new SOA will require to be developed by the partnership for 1 April 2013.

2. PROGRESS ON LOCAL OUTCOMES

- 2.1 The monitoring statement in Appendix 1, sets out a summary of progress against each outcome and notes each of the indicators that measure progress. The comparison statement then sets out the change in performance in terms of actual value, but also notes if this change supports the direction of travel agreed by the Partnership. As the SOA measures direction of travel, the change over time for each indicator is noted in most instances as a change of annual returns, rather than the more complex change in baseline.
- 2.2 Over the life of the single outcome agreement, we can see that most of the outcomes are showing good progress. While we may not have achieved the challenging targets we set in 2008 for some indicators, most indicators show improvement. It is important that the Council and our partners review indicators they are responsible for, given the need to ensure that the update statement reflects our understanding of the most current context within which we are trying to achieve our outcomes.
- 2.3 In addition to a factual statement on the progress made against each of the indicators, the annual monitoring process should also have regard to a qualitative assessment on the effectiveness of the partnership approach to achieving outcomes. A condensed statement of progress under each of the Council's four goals which sit above outcomes is also included within the statement.

3. REVIEWING THE SOA

- 3.1 By being consistent with the majority of our indicators we are able to compare our direction of travel and progress over a number of years. Our SOA provides the performance framework which reports on the progress towards the attainment of our 16

local outcomes, as detailed in the Strategic Community Plan 2010 – 2015. Our current SOA also aligns with Falkirk Council's new Corporate Plan.

3.2 As Members will be aware, the Scottish Government and CoSLA published a joint Statement of Ambition earlier in the year which set out a direction of travel for the Review of Community Planning and SOAs. This work has been taken on board by the new National Group on Community Planning. The Group is expected to issue new guidance shortly, which will provide a framework for new SOAs due by 1 April 2013.

3.3 The implications for new SOAs which are likely to be included within forthcoming national guidance are as follows:

- What will be different for local communities in 10 years;
- Clearly prioritised outcomes which are based on robust evidence;
- How local inequalities will be addressed, bearing in mind national outcomes;
- How the total resources available to the CPP has been considered and deployed in support of the attainment of local outcomes;
- The clear link between the evidence a CPP has used to determine priorities and outcomes and how these are expressed within its performance management framework;
- The enablement of effective scrutiny by local Elected Members, Scottish ministers and audit and inspection bodies;
- How we will develop the local capacity to achieve the aspirations within the statement of ambition; and
- How we will develop the capacity of local communities to meaningfully contribute to Community Planning and the attainment of local outcomes.

3.4 The CPP needs to consider the work and resources necessary to support the development of our new SOA. The CPP has agreed that a workshop will be held with all partners to prepare a new SOA for approval in the spring. Such a workshop will be held in the next couple of weeks to allow sufficient to complete our new SOA and be considered by the Council, Partners and the CPP Board prior to submission to the Government. The workshop would enable senior officers from all of the Community Planning partners:

- to be updated on the progress of the development and content of our new SOA; and
- to provide feedback and comment on the new SOA which will help to finalise the document prior to local approval and then submission to the Scottish Government.

4. CONCLUSIONS

4.1 The Single Outcome Agreement is a significant document in that it sets out the commitment of the Council, our local partners and the Scottish Government to meeting the changing needs of the Falkirk Council area. It is important that the Council and our partners monitor regularly the progress we are making against our local outcomes and take appropriate actions where necessary, to ensure progress is made towards achieving the vision for our area. This will become even more important as changes are made following the completion of the Review of Community Planning and SOAs. The

monitoring statement for 2011/12 has been provided to the Scottish Government as a note of the progress we are making in achieving our outcomes.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

- 5.1 Note the monitoring statement attached in Appendix 1; and**
- 5.2 Request that Officers bring forward a new SOA for approval in the spring next year and in line with emerging guidance.**

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Summary Statement

National Outcome	No of Indicators Performance Improving	No of indicators Performance Deteriorating	Provisional figures or Comparison not appropriate	Total No of Indicators
1	9	2	0	11
2	6	5	0	11
3	2	2	0	4
4	4	1	2	7
5	9	3	1	13
6	13	6	2	21
7	5	9	3	17
8	5	0	4	9
9	17	2	1	20
10	5	3	2	10
11	6	1	0	7
12	6	1	0	7
13	3	1	5	9
14	8	2	0	10
15	7	5	0	12
16	8	2	1	11
Total	113	45	21	179
%	63.1%	25.1%	11.7%	100.00%