

Community Planning : Current Landcape & Priorities

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What is Community Planning

- Strip away the jargon
- Effective local collaboration
 - Partnership between empowered communities, empowered local government, and local agencies
- A local approach to identifying ambition & outcomes
- A local approach to services and accountability

Why do we need a local collaborative approach?

“As a Commission we agree that effective, locally integrated service provision is crucial to the achievement of outcomes and that local authority-area level partnership is crucial to the development of that integrated service provision. The continued development of local partnership arrangements should therefore be a key element of the public service reform process.” *Christie Commission*

The Challenge

- Resource / demand challenge
- Making a real impact on inequalities
- Reverse low wage, low value local economies
- Health, educational attainment, opportunity

The Response is Local

- Inequalities will only be effectively dealt with at a local level within a supportive national environment.
- Solutions, innovation and packages of support will come from local partnership.
- The resources that support the elimination of inequalities will be deployed locally.

Commission on Strengthening Local Democracy

- Spheres of governance with distinct 'jobs'
- Democratic power lies with people and communities.
- Purpose of all democratic governance is to improve opportunities and outcomes

The Potential of Community Planning

- Not a sceptic
- Good examples
- Additional impetus in Community Empowerment Bill
- Scottish Parliament question to COSLA
- How do we make this better for people not just improve the process

Strengths

- We know CPPs making real progress in face of mounting pressures
- More of a shared enterprise
- Better use of resources amongst partners

Challenges

- Many CPPs not clear about the added value of working in partnership
- Lack of focus on localities
- Ambiguity exists about purpose – deliver national priorities or focus on local needs

Good things are happenng

- Community Planning West Dunbartonshire
 - Working 4 Business
 - Employability Hub
 - Your Community
- focus on delivering a wraparound / whole systems approach to service delivery.
- Hearing from West Lothian, Fife and North Ayrshire this afternoon.....many more good examples

Next Phase

- Consensus
- Less talking, more action
- Sharp pieces of work
- Demonstration areas – charge these areas with realising the full potential of a collaborative approach