



Orkney Partnership Board

Minute of the meeting of the Orkney Partnership Board held at 14:00 on 14 March 2019 in the Council Chamber, Kirkwall

Present:	James Stockan Ian Kinniburgh Gail Anderson Dougie Campbell David Drever Alan Dundas Graeme Harrison Thomas Knowles Leslie Manson Graham Sinclair	Orkney Islands Council (<i>Chair</i>) NHS Orkney (<i>Vice Chair</i>) Voluntary Action Orkney SFRS Integration Joint Board SEPA Highlands and Islands Enterprise Historic Environment Scotland Orkney Islands Council HITRANS
VC	Seonag Campbell	Skills Development Scotland
In attendance:	Anna Whelan Marie Love	Orkney Islands Council (<i>Secretary</i>) Orkney Islands Council

Item

1 Apologies

Alistair Buchan	Orkney Islands Council
Cheryl Chapman	VisitScotland
John McKenna	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Gillian Morrison	OIC
Graham Neville	Scottish Natural Heritage
Gerry O'Brien	NHS Orkney
Garry Reid	Scottish Sports Council
Craig Spence	Orkney Housing Association Limited
Eddie Abbott-Halpin	Orkney College
Sally Shaw	Integration Joint Board and Orkney Community Justice Partnership
Matt Webb	Police Scotland

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2	Draft minutes of the last meeting of the Board on 18 December 2018	Chair	To amend as necessary and agree the minutes
2.1	The minutes were agreed.		

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3	Matters arising	Chair	
3.1	<u>3.1 (Matters arising - Loganair discussion)</u>		
	<p>There was an action that Jonathan Hinkles of Loganair be invited to speak to the Board re. the Orkney Pledge, but that this be arranged around a time when he was in Orkney for another meeting rather than as part of a Board meeting. Graham Sinclair advised he had spoken to Jonathan Hinkles who would provide some dates when he would be in Orkney so that the Board would have an opportunity to meet him.</p>		<u>Action: ML</u>
3.2	<u>3.2 (Matters arising - Locality Plan Actions)</u>		
	<p>There was an action for Alan Johnston to raise the issues of Road Equivalent Tariff and Digital Connectivity with Michael Matheson, Scottish Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity. It had been noted at the last meeting that Alan Johnston was following this up and Erica Clarkson had agreed she would also raise it.</p>		<u>Action: AJ/EC</u>
3.3	<u>16.2 (Poverty and disadvantage factors that affect children and young people in Orkney)</u>		
	<p>Discussion had taken place on hidden poverty and it had been agreed work was needed on normalisation so that specific questions around finance were always asked as part and parcel of practice. Erica Clarkson had advised that she would find out what was done in other areas around normalisation.</p>		<u>Action: EC</u>
4	Executive Group report		To report progress
4.1	<u>Update from the Group</u>		
4.1.1	Noted that the last meeting of the Group had been cancelled due to lack of substantive business.		
4.2	<u>Development Plan update</u>	Marie Love	
4.2.1	Marie Love presented a progress report on the Development Plan.		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re. action C1 (Community engagement) noted that the 'Orkney Matters' consultation exercise would now take place in 2020 rather than 2019. This was a Place Standard consultation exercise to be carried out by officers in Development and Marine Planning in relation to the Orkney Development Plan. The Board had previously agreed to accept the invitation to participate in the exercise as it would be a useful source of data. • Re. action D1 (Develop a partnership approach to property asset management for existing and future property projects) noted that the Property Asset Management Future Property Sharing Protocol had now been approved and the action was complete. 		

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5	Locality Plan Actions	Anna Whelan	To review progress
5.1	<p>Anna Whelan presented a progress report on the Locality Plan Actions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re. 1 – 3 (Digital connectivity) this work had been held up because of the delay around the Digital Scotland Reaching 100% programme tendering process. The Scottish Government were as yet unable to provide information around successful tenders. • Re. 14 (Isles-proofing) this had now been added to the criteria in OIC's equality impact assessments and had already had an impact. In February 2019 it had been proposed that second home discounts were removed in Orkney, but elected members had instead agreed that a second home discount of 50% should apply where a person's main residence in Orkney was separated from their place of work by a body of water and transport provision did not permit daily commuting. • Re. 15 (Exploring new opportunities for participatory budgeting activities) a second tranche of funding was being progressed via the Strong Communities Delivery Group and Your Island Your Choice 2. 		
6	Living Well Delivery Group (LWDG)		To report progress
6.1	<p>The LWDG Delivery Plan and covering report was noted. Members agreed the importance of an action around the ageing population and supporting people to work longer and continue to develop by retraining if necessary. While it was important to recognise young people, negative attitudes towards older people who were being seen as a drain on resources was disappointing; they should be viewed as a resource rather than a drain. Noted that this had been identified by all the delivery groups and would be taken forward, probably by the Vibrant Economy Delivery Group.</p>		
7	Strong Communities Delivery Group (SCDG)	Gail Anderson	To report progress
7.1	<p>Gail Anderson presented the SCDG's Delivery Plan. She highlighted the action to establish a community led wellbeing service in four islands to address the issue of services to older people in the isles. Funding had been secured from the Aspiring Communities Fund for a 15 month project and a project manager, evaluator and the majority of island wellbeing coordinators had now been appointed. Gail also advised that the Your Island Your Choice 2 participatory budgeting exercise had been very successful. She would present a full report to a future meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Action: ML/GA</u></p>		
8	Vibrant Economy Delivery Group (VEDG)	Graeme Harrison	To report progress
8.1	<p>Graeme Harrison presented the VEDG's Delivery Plan. He advised that the group had had a helpful session on transport at its last meeting when OIC's Transportation Manager had outlined all the current strategies and consultations. It was anticipated the Skills Education Summit would be held later in the year. Orkney.com had moved on considerably and up to date case</p>		

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	<p>studies on living, working and study in Orkney were being produced. There might be a need to accelerate the student accommodation situation. The first element of the Orkney Research and Innovation Campus had been completed in January and office accommodation had been taken up by EMEC. The next milestone would be completion of works on the old primary school to allow relocation of the Heriot Watt students. The project was on schedule and on budget. Work was going on around the Islands Deal, particularly the innovation strands.</p>		
8.2	<p>Seonag Campbell advised that, in terms of Talent Attraction, there was a regional strategy and work was ongoing to align what was happening in the Highlands and Islands with the national strategy. One element was attracting teachers into Scotland and trying to ensure the Highlands and Islands region was being promoted. SDS were keen to support local content.</p>		
9	CONTEST/PREVENT		To report progress
9.1	This item was not discussed.		
10	The Islands Deal	Chair	To review progress
10.1	<p>The Chair presented an update on the Islands Deal. He highlighted that the bid was £300 million, £100 million for each of the island areas which was ambitious and, per capita, beyond what had been offered in other Deals. He advised projects should be progressed in any case with resources being sought from the normal routes and, if the bid to the Islands Deal was successful, it would be a bonus. It was anticipated there would be an announcement in the autumn budget statement at the very earliest.</p>		
11	Single Authority Model	Anna Whelan	To receive an update and report progress
11.1	<p>Anna Whelan gave an update on work being carried out by the Single Authority Model Steering Group.</p>		
12	Brexit preparations		To receive an update
12.1	<p>Ian Kinniburgh advised that Eddie Graham, NHS Orkney's Resilience Officer, had given a presentation to the last meeting of the Board of NHS Orkney to bring members up to date with preparations. No issues had been identified re. workforce challenges which had been reassuring. However, it was clear that if there was no deal there could potentially be disruption around drug supply and medical equipment for a period of time. A lot of work had been done around fuel, with aviation fuel being the biggest challenge as it came from Spain.</p>		

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13	Period Poverty – Provision of free sanitary products in public buildings	Marie Love	To receive update on arrangements
13.1	<p>Marie Love gave an update on the provision of free sanitary products in public buildings. The Scottish Government had provided funding since August 2018 to make free sanitary products available in schools, colleges and universities. It had subsequently committed to increasing the number and range of places where products are available for those who need them. A funding package for local authorities had been agreed to expand access to free sanitary products to public buildings. The Scottish Government and COSLA had suggested that the main route of delivery should be through community planning partnerships to ensure delivery meets local needs.</p>		
13.2	<p>Work was well underway in Orkney and the products would be available in a number of public buildings. Voluntary Action Orkney would act as a hub for distribution for a range of organisations / groups. Any partners who wanted to make the products available in their buildings could get in touch with Marie at any time to make arrangements.</p>		
14	Any Other Competent Business	Chair	To consider and approve
14.1	<p>Thomas Knowles gave an update on the Orkney Gateway project. It was agreed that the Recommendations and Initial Feasibility Report be shared with Board members, with the caveat that the document should not be disseminated further as it was a 'blue skies thinking' piece of work against which HES would identify actions and opportunities. <u>Action: ML</u></p>		
14.2	<p>Discussion took place on representation at meetings. Currently the Chair of the Integration Joint Board attended meetings if the Chief Officer of the Integration Joint Board could not attend. It was agreed that the Chair should receive Board papers and could attend meetings in addition to the Chief Officer. <u>Action: ML</u></p>		
14.3	<p>With regard to the planned industrial action by air traffic control staff at HIAL, Ian Kinniburgh noted that there was a strategic dimension with which the Partnership might reasonably be involved. Graham Sinclair reported that it was hoped to set up a meeting with HIAL in the near future to which NHS Orkney would be invited. It was noted that HIAL staff would turn out for emergency flights but there was concern at NHS Orkney about potential delay to people travelling for hospital treatment.</p>		
14.4	<p>Graeme Harrison reported that the Scottish Government had set up a new £50M Town Centre Fund of which Orkney's share would be £200k. This was a one-year allocation for capital projects, and there was scope to use it in St Margaret's Hope. It was noted that where public funds had been used to improve Kirkwall and Stromness, subsequent developers had worked up to the same standard, which gave added value.</p>		

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15	Joint Resourcing	Anna Whelan	To consider and approve
15.1	<p>Anna Whelan noted that the Board had agreed at its meeting of 18 December 2018 to apportion the cost of community planning support for 2019-20 pro rata to the facilitating partners' revenue budgets for 2018-19. However, several of the facilitating partners had not yet been able to supply this information. It was therefore proposed to apportion the cost for 2019-20 using the same ratios as for 2018-19, i.e. pro rata to 2017-18 revenue budgets. Of the five facilitating partners, OIC, NHS Orkney and Police Scotland had already agreed to this proposal in advance of the meeting.</p>		
15.2	<p>Dougie Campbell and Graeme Harrison agreed, on behalf of SFRS and HIE respectively, that they were in agreement with the proposal and it was therefore approved. It was noted that invoices would be issued to the facilitating partners in April 2019.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Action: AFW</u></p>		
16	Date of next meeting 28 May 2019 at 10:00	Chair	

The meeting closed at 16.00.

ML/AW
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