



Working together for a better Orkney

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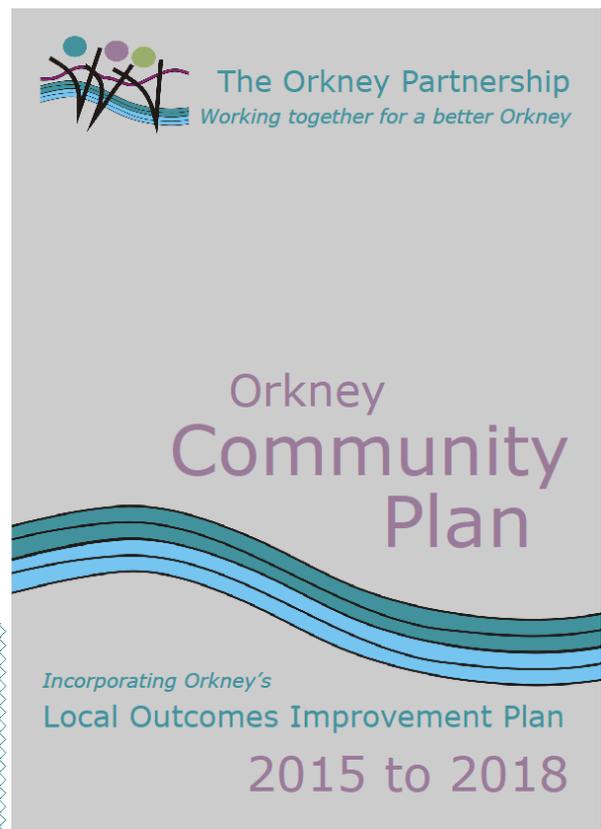
The Orkney Partnership is the new name of Orkney Community Planning Partnership. Partner agencies are still doing what they've always done – working together to improve Orkney for everybody who lives here. But we are now headed up by a new Board with a wider membership than before. And from now on the Partnership will focus exclusively on the really difficult problems which no single agency can solve on its own.

Orkney's new [Community Plan 2015-18](#) took a step closer to adoption when it was approved by the Orkney Partnership Board at their meeting on 16 November. The Community Plan doubles as Orkney's Local Outcomes Improvement Plan, or LOIP. Publishing a LOIP is a new duty on community planning partnerships introduced in the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. Our LOIP will remain a work in progress until the Scottish Government has published official guidance on the new Act in the new year. We will publish a definitive edition for 2016-19.

The Community Plan has been amended following suggestions made in the public consultation held over the summer.

Thank you for your contribution

We'd like to thank everybody who responded to our consultation. Your feedback helped us to improve our plan. Suggestions for minor amendments to the text, or other quick improvements have been included in this edition. Some respondents suggested more substantial changes, and these will be considered by the Board in the new year alongside the changes required by the new statutory guidance on Local Outcome Improvement Plans. If you would like more detailed feedback on your particular response to the consultation, please contact the Community Planning Team using the email address or telephone number on this page, and we'll reply to you individually.



We'd like to stay in touch

If you would like more involvement in community planning, and making a difference to your community, or if you would like this publication in a different language or format, please contact us by email on corporateservices@orkney.gov.uk or telephone 01856 873535 ext 2160



The Orkney Partnership

Our vision for the future is aligned to that of Orkney's **Local Development Plan**:

"By 2030, Orkney will be a first choice location for people to live and work. Orkney will have nationally significant training and investment opportunities. Orkney will attract visitors from around the world to admire its natural environment, heritage and cutting edge business and industrial facilities. Above all, Orkney will be the place to enjoy an exceptional quality of life, a fulfilling career and a sustainable lifestyle."

The Orkney Partnership has three **Delivery Groups** which are working together to address areas where a partnership approach is needed. We have listed below our current **strategic priorities**, and the outcomes we aim to achieve over the next few years.

Positive Ageing

- ◆ People live independently in their own homes or a homely setting where possible.
- ◆ People are participating positively in their communities and the economy and are valued for their contribution.
- ◆ People are enabled to take responsibility for their long term health and wellbeing.

A Vibrant Economic Environment

- ◆ Orkney is an attractive location for young people to live, work and study.
- ◆ Orkney is widely recognised as a location for innovation and the application of experimental thinking in sustainable development in an island context.
- ◆ Orkney's economy offers a broad range of community-based employment opportunities.

Healthy and Sustainable Communities

- ◆ People in Orkney are encouraged and supported to adopt healthy lifestyles
- ◆ People in Orkney participate in community activities that improve access, build inclusiveness and reduce inequalities
- ◆ Orkney has a sustainable workforce which supports service delivery in ways that underpin sustainable communities.

