

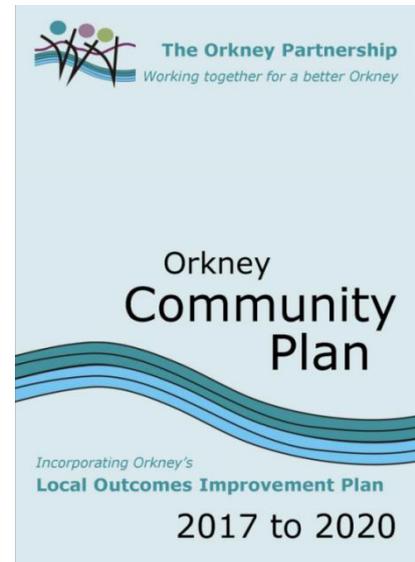
The Orkney Partnership

Community Planning News – January 2018

Have you seen **Orkney's Community Plan 2017 to 2020**? If you want to read it you can find it [here](#) – or get in touch with us.

The Plan was approved by the Orkney Partnership Board at their meeting in September. Every community planning partnership is required to publish a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan, or LOIP. The Community Plan doubles as Orkney's LOIP. It describes what we aim to achieve by working together in partnership.

The document is a three year rolling plan which is refreshed, updated and reissued every year and represents a 'snapshot' of the plan at this point in time.



Our Mission, Values and Strategic Priorities

We've been doing quite a bit of work over the past few months to consider whether our mission, values and strategic priorities are still right for us. This has involved workshops and special meetings of the Board. Following discussion we agreed there was no need to change our mission, but we decided to review our values. Our existing values were a good fit when they were first agreed but that was quite a few years ago and they were in need of an update. Our mission and new values are shown here:

Our shared mission:

Working together for a better **Orkney**

Our values:



Resilience
Enterprise
Equality
Fairness
Innovation
Leadership
Sustainability

In 2015 when we set our strategic priorities these were: Healthy and Sustainable Communities; Positive Ageing; and A Vibrant Economic Environment. We decided to refresh these to strengthen focus and ensure clarity. Here are our updated priorities:

Our strategic priorities:

Strong Communities

Living Well

A Vibrant Economy



Delivery Groups will deliver the outcomes around these priorities for the Board. We have a piece of work to do now to ensure all the outcomes and activities are aligned to the Delivery Group best placed to take them forward. Membership of the groups will follow from that, and then the Board will appoint chairs at its meeting in March. More on that in our next update.

If you want to know how we resource our projects you'll be interested in our **Joint Resourcing Plan**. The Plan lists resources, in cash and kind, for projects being undertaken or overseen by our Delivery Groups. It also shows each partner's total budgeted revenue expenditure for Orkney during 2017/18 as well as any capital expenditure they've committed for the same period. You can find it [here](#), or get in touch with us.

Do you need a small grant?

If so, the **Community Development and Capacity Building Fund** might be just what you're looking for. Read on to find out if you're eligible.

In 2014 the Scottish Government made additional resources available to local health and social care partnerships to support the delivery of improved health and social care outcomes, with a focus on prevention and strengthening our approach to tackling inequalities.

Small grants from this fund are offered to communities/community groups in association with the Partnership's Positive Ageing Delivery Group. The funding is available to support the establishment and/or development of new and innovative activities in local communities that will help to keep people with long term health conditions, including older people, active and socially engaged. If your group applies you'll be asked to explain how you will sustain the activity following the period of 'pilot' funding and it's important you ensure that there are measurable outcomes at the end of the funding period. Any organisation that is interested should contact Gail gail.anderson@vaorkney.org.uk or Meghan meghan.mcewen@vaorkney.org.uk at Voluntary Action Orkney.

Our Property Asset Management Working Group has now finished its work. It was set up because we wanted to work together and take a more innovative and creative approach to use, disposal and development of our properties. Our target outcome is the improved use of properties. We now have a **Property Asset Management Future Property Sharing Protocol** which Partners are in the process of signing. This will ensure the work is built into all relevant partnership asset management activity. We're already sharing ideas and information and have an operational group that will take specific pieces of work forward. We'll publish the Protocol shortly.



Locality Plan – Consultation Draft

We're currently seeking views on the Orkney Partnership's first Locality Plan.

We have a statutory duty under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 to identify areas whose residents experience poorer outcomes than the rest of Orkney. We must then publish a locality plan with the aim of improving these outcomes. All our evidence pointed to the non-linked isles as being the area of Orkney that has additional challenges so this was the area we chose for our first plan. Some of you will be aware of the background work when we carried out a consultation and visited the isles as part of the Your Island Your Choice project.

The Plan was developed by a working group, which included councillors representing the non-linked isles, and details the top priorities identified by isles residents themselves. It sets out what we plan to do to address these priorities.

Your top priorities				
Digital connectivity	Work and local economies	Housing and communities	Influence and engagement	Getting around the islands

We'd like to know what you think. The draft Plan is available [here](#). You can respond to the consultation [here](#) if you're able to do this online. We know that some of you will not be able to respond online or may not want to. If you want paper copies get in touch and we will send these to you. The closing date for responses is **Monday, 5 March 2018**.

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