

## Community Planning News – May 2018

### Strategic Priorities and Delivery Groups

If you read our last newsletter you'll know we recently updated our strategic priorities. Our new delivery groups will deliver the outcomes around these priorities for the Board. At its March meeting the Board appointed chairs for the new delivery groups and approved a long term vision and medium term outcomes for each:

#### Strong Communities

Chair: Gail Anderson, Voluntary Action Orkney

- **Long term vision:** Orkney's communities and individuals are fulfilling their potential.
- **Medium term outcomes:**
  - A. Our communities have vibrant, growing, sustainable and inclusive populations.
  - B. Partners and communities share trusting relationships and understand their own and others' accountability, responsibility and capacity.
  - C. Development and innovation are growing through proactive engagement with communities and new partners.
  - D. Our communities have access to the services, facilities and resources they require to enable them to lead and innovate.

#### Living Well

Chair: Gerry O'Brien, NHS Orkney

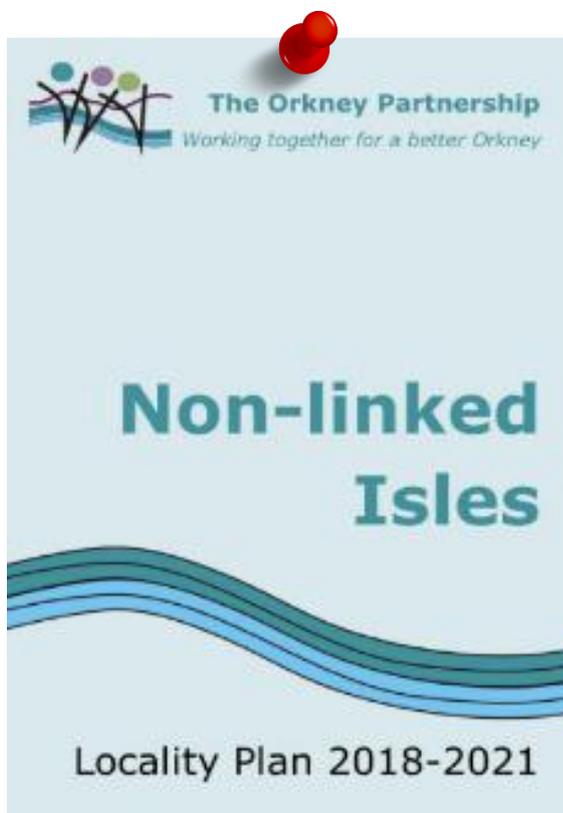
- **Long term vision:** Our people are resilient and live well.
- **Medium term outcomes:**
  - A. People live in safe, warm, homely settings.
  - B. People have the support they need to adopt healthy lifestyles throughout their lives, and take responsibility for their wellbeing.

## Vibrant Economy

Chair: Graeme Harrison, Highlands & Islands Enterprise

- **Long term vision:** Orkney has a vibrant economic environment.
- **Medium term outcomes:**
  - A. Orkney is a location of choice for people to live, work, learn, visit and invest.
  - B. Orkney is widely recognised as a location for innovation and the application of experimental thinking in an island context.
  - C. Orkney's economy offers a broad range of employment opportunities in all localities.

## Locality Plan 2018-21 – Non-linked Isles

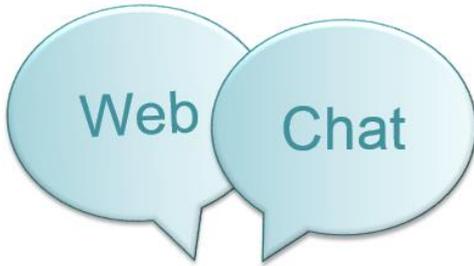


We've just published our first Locality Plan. The plan details the top priorities for action identified by isles residents themselves through the Your Island Your Choice consultation exercise, and the action we plan to take.

Every community planning partnership in Scotland must produce one or more locality plans. A locality plan identifies local areas which are relatively disadvantaged in terms of social and economic opportunities and sets out what the partnership will do to improve outcomes in the area. The plan takes account of existing work and identifies any gaps or issues that need to be addressed.

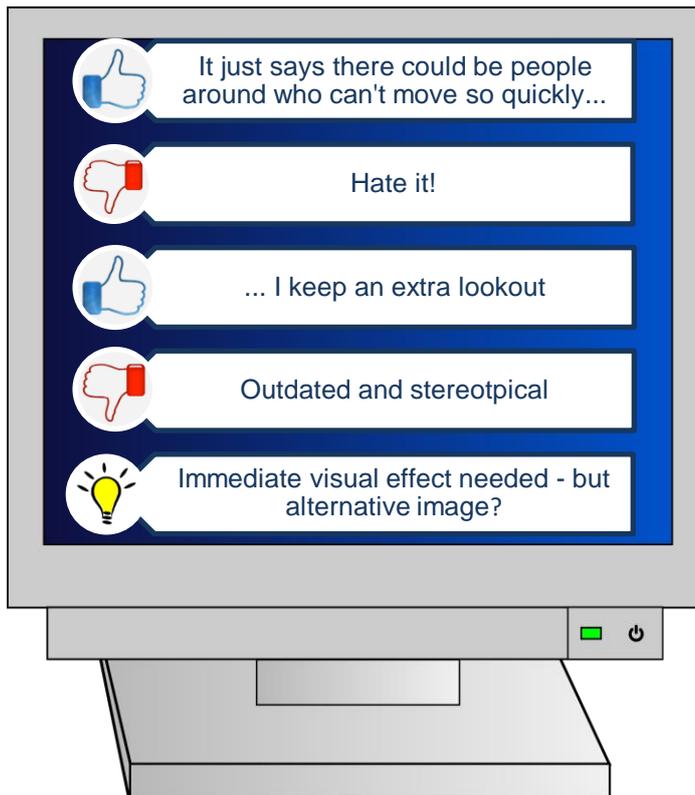
A public consultation on our draft plan was carried out in February / March 2018. The comments were considered by the Orkney Partnership Board on 19 March 2018 following which the Locality Plan was updated and finalised.

You can find out more by reading the plan [here](#).



Gail Anderson hosted a live online discussion on behalf of the Partnership in February. The aim of the Facebook chat was to provide an opportunity for people to tell us what getting older in Orkney is like. It also allowed us to highlight a range of activities older people can participate in. Information, including film clips, was shown on the website in the days leading up to the chat and the

number of people who viewed these ranged from 1847 to 5385 - the Men's Shed proving to be of particular interest. During the evening itself views ranged from 645 to 3572. While there were fewer comments during the live event than anticipated, we were really pleased to see that discussions took place throughout the evening and the days that followed. We asked a few questions, for example what do you think of this road sign?



The discussion that stimulated most debate was one on whether older people felt pressure to retire to make way for younger people. Comments highlighted that older people have valuable experience and it would be a shame to lose that. Contributors added that if you're well and want to work

there's nothing wrong with that, but expressed concern for people who don't want to continue working or are experiencing ill health but have no option. The majority of comments reflected the view that it is not always a question of choice, many people would like to retire but can't afford it, particularly given the rising state pension age.

It was useful for us to see your concerns and to note the sorts of activities that people are interested in. We hope it also gave you some food for thought. Thanks to everyone who took part in the discussion and viewed the information.

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