

# DUNDEE



## PARTNERSHIP

### **Minute of the Dundee Partnership Management Group held on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 1:30 pm at D&A Enterprise Centre, Gardyne Road**

#### Present:

Alice Bovill, Community Regeneration Forums  
Brenda Campbell, Scottish Government  
Councillor Kevin Keenan, Dundee City Council  
David Lynch, Health & Social Care Partnership  
David Martin, Dundee City Council (chair)  
Drew Walker, NHS Tayside

Gordon Pryde, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service  
Grant Ritchie, Dundee & Angus College  
Julie Farr, Dundee Social Enterprise Network / TSI  
Murray Webster, Community Regeneration Forums  
Suzie Mertes, Police Scotland

#### In Attendance:

Andy Perkins, Figure8 Consultancy  
Elaine Zwirlein, Neighbourhood Services, DCC  
Jill Brash, Corporate Division, DCC  
Karen Moir, Children & Families, DCC  
Paul Davies, Corporate Division, DCC (minute)

Paul Henehan, Leisure & Culture Dundee  
Peter Allan, Corporate Division, DCC  
Robert Peat, Dundee Drug Commission  
Tom Stirling, Neighbourhood Services, DCC

#### Apologies:

Alison Henderson, D&A Chamber of Commerce  
Councillor John Alexander, Dundee City Council  
Gordon MacDougall, Skills Development Scotland  
Nick Fyfe, University of Dundee

Philip Long, V&A Dundee  
Robin Presswood, City Development, DCC  
Stewart Murdoch, Leisure & Culture Dundee  
Tom Flanagan, TACTRAN

#### **Action**

#### 1. WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

David Martin welcomed everyone to the meeting, including Brenda Campbell our new Scottish Government Location Director, and thanked D&A College for hosting the meeting.

#### 2. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Agreed as correct.

#### 3. MATTERS ARISING

##### (a) Action Note from March 2019 Meeting

All items are complete, or on the agenda.

##### (b) Drug Commission Update / Dundee Partnership Forum

Robert Peat, Chair of the Dundee Drug Commission provided an update that included;

- The Commission was scheduled to run for a year, in order to explore the Dundee situation and make recommendations
- A draft report will be made available to the Dundee Partnership next Friday for comment and sense checking. Four weeks are being given for comment to be returned. The report will then launch to the public on 16<sup>th</sup> August
- There has been media coverage at all meetings, and some concern has been raised over the language used by them. In general though, the media have been reasonably responsible in the reporting of the Commission's work. Support at the launch is hoped for too

- The Commission has included twenty members who have engaged well, and maintained its independence
- Feedback of any sort was sought at the start, from local communities, service users, etc., and over 1,000 people have responded in total
- The Commission has met every six weeks to gather evidence. Most of these have been open meetings with people invited to give evidence on the work currently being done in Dundee
- The Commission is aware that language is very important when addressing this area of work, and that kindness and compassion are needed
- Focus has been primarily given to four areas;
  - Leadership
  - Drug related deaths
  - Treatment services
  - Mental health. Included as it became very apparent that poor mental health makes accessing and receiving support harder
- The Commission believes that additional resources would be helpful, but that finance is not the main issue. Instead, the system / delivery model needs to change

Andy Perkins, Figure8 Consultancy, then outlined some of the evidence seen by the Commission;

- Fifteen different sources of evidence have been accessed, including formal literature reviews and case studies from other countries (harm reduction in Canada, prevention measures in Iceland, and decriminalisation in Portugal)
- Some measures that could make a difference are not within our gift to change locally (e.g. safe consumption rooms are legislated for at UK level) and so national level negotiations will be needed
- The Commission's findings will primarily be based on the four areas listed above. Other areas, despite being relevant, were not fully explored e.g. enforcement or drug availability, though there will be some comment in the report on these
- 'Why Dundee?' was looked at. National experts gave evidence, and many of the same issues are faced across the country. Dundee is not alone in facing this issue
- One example of a Dundee: National comparison showed that proportionately Dundee has more drug related deaths in SIMD1 areas
- The bulk of evidence led the Commission to examine the drug service in Dundee
- A big challenge will be how to focus on reengaging people through the changes that need to take place
- There will be short- and medium-term actions needed to implement a new system

Discussion followed, the main points of which included;

- The launch on the 16<sup>th</sup> August will give us some initial feedback, and including this on our September agenda would be useful
  - Links between the Dundee Partnership and Alcohol & Drugs Partnership are important. Simon Little, ADP Chair should be invited to the September meeting
- Political interest in this is welcomed. An overview of the findings has been shared with MPs / MSPs
- Poverty issues come together with this agenda
- Enabling a solution focus is important, including addressing stigma
- People with lived experience have been involved from the start of the Commission. A common trigger is self-medication to cope with Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
- The scale of the problem is daunting, but there is also a real opportunity to use collective effort to make progress. People have multiple issues e.g. homelessness, debt, mental health, and so it will take time to reduce the numbers

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- Trauma informed services are needed
- Keeping the draft in confidence until after the launch is important to reduce the risk of adverse press coverage before the document is released. Preparing a press statement and speaking to local editors regarding the August launch may help with this
- From a community point of view, while the report is welcomed, a message also needs to go out to suppliers of drugs and where possible, increased speed and degree of response to drug supply is needed
  - Operation Fundamental has been a good example of enforcement, leading to 19 arrests, 27 warrants served, large amounts of drugs and approximately £20k cash being seized
- Support for those affected is needed as well as enforcement. No single area of work will solve the issue – collective effort is needed

(c) Tay Cities Deal / Michelin Update

David Martin indicated that a fuller update on these will be possible at the next two meetings, and proceeded with the below update;

Tay Cities Deal

- £300m has been agreed for 22 projects
- A summary is available [here](#)
- Two of the projects are actually themes; employability skills, and culture & tourism
- The detail of the projects will be submitted in early July and contribute to a 10-15 year programme
- The aim is to have the final deal signed off pre-Christmas

Michelin

- As a company, will maintain a presence in Dundee, albeit not manufacturing tyres. Instead a joint venture with DCC and Scottish Enterprise will see the site used to generate low carbon options
- A five year business plan is being developed at present, including development of infrastructure. This will aim to generate new jobs before tyre production ends in June 2020
- Many expressions of interest in the site have been received, including six or seven to be given serious thought
- Grant added that D&A College are retraining around 100 staff over the summer, including management training and digital skills

Another piece of good news is that the last Modern Apprentice affected by McGills entering administration is now in a new apprenticeship

4. EXECUTIVE BOARD UPDATE – COMMUNITY SAFETY & JUSTICE

Elaine, Suzie and Karen provided an update on behalf of the Executive Board, the main points of which included;

- Communities Officers have been supporting people by providing information on retail / city centre thefts
- Operation Moonbeam across Halloween / Bonfire Night provided safety information and contributed to a reduction in calls to the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
- Operations Fundamental and Slate have undertaken enforcement around drug misuse, alongside partners who took referrals for support of the vulnerable people involved
- Work around domestic abuse is ongoing, including setting up of a practitioner forum. It is anticipated that as trust in the system grows, the numbers coming forward will increase before the improved activity leads to an actual decrease of incidence
  - Discussions around MARAC are a priority

- New legislation in effect from April added 'use of coercive control' in to the definition of domestic abuse which will also increase numbers
- The Executive Board is leading on the Community Custodial Unit for women
  - This sixteen person unit will be one of two in Scotland and is due to open in 2020
  - It will support women to not reoffend through increasing integration and maintaining links with their children
- Alternatives to custodial sentences are seeing increasing use, especially with young people
  - Alongside this an increase in the percentage of Community Payback Orders being completed is also being seen
- A Tayside Road Safety Forum has been established and has a Strategy and Action Plan in place. Activities providing good opportunities for work across all three Local Authorities include; Go Safe, Bikeability, and the Safe Travel Initiative
- Community Safety partners;
  - Are developing a Home Safety Scheme which plans to use the Fast Online Referral Tool as a system for coordinating activities and referrals
  - Local MATAC meetings are also helping to coordinate interventions
  - Host a range of youth diversionary activities
  - Have established a Hate Incident sub-group to help reduce the incidence of hate incidents
- The incidence of crime within the main crime groups was summarised (see attached). Other highlighted information included;
  - Group 1-4 crime decreased 7%, compared with a 6% increase across Scotland
  - There was an increase in serious assault and robbery last year, but a decrease in rape and attempted rape
  - Lots of work in schools has contributed to a reduction in the sharing of 'intimate images'
  - Rates for most acquisitive crimes, including shoplifting are down
  - Rates of vandalism, fire raising and anti-social behaviour have all reduced
  - The number of drug offences is up, but offences related to supply have decreased
- New KPIs are being introduced to measure how people feel one year after reporting offences

Discussion followed, which included the following;

- Community Payback Orders;
  - Scottish Government funds are received to cover the cost of supervision of CPOs
  - Karen to send information on the funding of resources to Kevin
  - There is a presumption against short-term sentences and so we are likely to see an increase in the use of CPOs. We are well placed to deal with this thanks to colocation of relevant staff
- There is an opportunity to include more information in newsletters e.g. common sense precautions
- The Executive Board has a good range of representation and associated support to take forward its agenda
- A partnership approach is working to assist Syrian refugees. This links people to ESOL provision, their communities, and work opportunities
  - Some of the refugees who have been involved in the programme for some time are now acting as peer support for newer refugees
  - Positively, there have been no signs of hate crime directed at this group

**KM**

5. CITY PLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19

Peter and Jill outlined that this report has been produced three months earlier in the year than previous in previous years, and expressed their thanks to all those involved in pulling the information together.

The seventy page report shows where progress has been made on 102 strategic outcomes over the past year, mostly through the Executive Boards. The aim is to finalise the report and publish by the end of June, so any comments need to be submitted by close on 7<sup>th</sup> June.

- One amendment will be the removal of youth unemployment PI due to the lack of robustness of the data. The Executive Board are to be asked to develop an alternative

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Discussion followed which included;

- The report is comprehensive and highlights areas where more work is needed e.g. we are doing well at early years and primary school age, but less well as secondary school age
- Noted that SCQF level 2 is a low bar to be aiming for within some of the Fair Work & Enterprise PIs
  - Jill noted that this is being reviewed alongside targets for PIs
- More active interest from the Scottish Government would be welcomed, including feedback on the report and information on Scottish Government Plans relating to the City Plan (LOIPs in general) over the next two years
  - Brenda indicated that a recent meeting at the Scottish Government reaffirmed the priorities seen in the National Performance Framework, in which creating inclusive growth is key
  - Fair Work & Enterprise Board to reflect inclusive growth in their performance scorecard
- Partners were encouraged to take this report to their Management Team / Board
  - SFRS find it difficult to find a group to do this with as they're a national body and reviewing 32 LOIP reports is unfeasible
  - David indicated that the Community Planning Improvement Board are looking into this, as it also affects Police Scotland and Scottish Enterprise. David and Gordon to discuss options

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6. LOCAL GOVERNANCE REVIEW - UPDATE

Brenda gave an update which included;

- Approximately 4,000 people and forty local organisations responded to the consultation last year
- A report was taken to the Cabinet Secretary and COSLA on 16<sup>th</sup> May and the key messages from this circulated. Actions following on from this are currently being looked at
- Legislation is not being considered during this parliament
- A sub-group of the Cabinet Sub-Committee is to work on this in relation to;
  - Inclusive growth
  - Empowering Communities, including the shifting of power between various levels i.e. Scottish Government, Local Authority and Communities
  - The group meets again on 13<sup>th</sup> June

Discussion followed which included;

- A request for any advance information that would help us stay in line with government plans to be passed to us at the earliest opportunity
- There is a need to let CPPs get on with what they know to do best and deal with ongoing improvement

7. FAIRNESS & LOCAL CHILD POVERTY ACTION REPORT

Peter outlined that each Local Authority area now has a statutory duty to produce a Child Poverty Action Report, jointly between the Local Authority and NHS. In Dundee we have chosen to incorporate this report within our pre-existing, and newly updated Fairness Action Plan and to include actions from a broader range of partners.

The tabled report includes all items that the NHS wanted included. More Third Sector activity could be included in future. The report has been seen by Executive Boards and key CPP partners and needs to be finalised by the end of June.

Comment on the report included;

- This acts as a helpful reminder of what we are doing, and what we still need to do
- More partner-led actions are needed, as at present too much focus is being given to DCC-led actions

8. AOCB

- (a) The Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Strategic Plan is out for comment, with responses sought by 18<sup>th</sup> July. Gordon to circulate this electronically to ensure everyone has sight of it. Once this has been finalised, a review of the local fire plan will follow. **GP / All**
- (b) Kevin enquired how many trades apprentices have been taken on by NHS Tayside. Grant to look into this and pass on the information. **GR**
- (c) Julie informed the group that Dundee Voluntary Action and Volunteer Dundee are merging as of 1<sup>st</sup> October. Christine Lowden has officially retired, but remains in post at DVA part time until the end of September. Eric Knox and Julie will share attendance at the DPMG.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30pm, Enterprise House, Conference Rooms 2&3, Skills Development Scotland, 3 Greenmarket, Dundee, DD1 4QB

Attachments

Theme D: Community Safety & Justice Executive Summary

2019 Meeting Dates (all 1:30-3:30 with buffet lunch from 1:00)

5<sup>th</sup> December – Camperdown Wildlife Centre, Learning Suite, LACD