

## **Item: 8**

**Policy and Resources Committee: 19 June 2018.**

**Locality Plan 2018 to 2021 for the Non-linked Isles.**

**Joint Report by Chief Executive and Executive Director of Corporate Services.**

### **1. Purpose of Report**

To consider the Locality Plan 2018 to 2021 for the Non-linked Isles, insofar as it applies to the Council.

### **2. Recommendations**

The Committee is invited to note:

#### **2.1.**

That, in terms of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, a locality plan has been developed to supplement the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan, with the Orkney Partnership's chosen locality being the non-linked isles.

**It is recommended:**

#### **2.2.**

That the Locality Plan 2018 to 2021 for the Non-linked Isles, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, be approved insofar as it applies to the Council.

### **3. Locality Planning**

#### **3.1.**

In addition to the requirement for a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan, the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 ("the Act") carries a requirement that all community planning partnerships undertake locality planning. The Regulations and statutory guidance on Part 2 of the Act specify that the maximum size for a locality shall be 30,000. However, all community planning partnerships, whatever their total population, are required to undertake some locality planning for the benefit of disadvantaged areas.

#### **3.2.**

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.

### **3.3.**

The non-linked isles were chosen as the locality for The Orkney Partnership's first locality plan in light of evidence demonstrating that Orkney's smaller isles have their own unique challenges. An extensive consultation and engagement exercise took place during 2016 to 2017 when the Orkney Partnership worked together with Orkney Health and Care, and took a new approach in linking their engagement activity with a participatory budgeting project run by Voluntary Action Orkney. The locality plan was then developed by a short life working group, which included all elected members for the isles.

### **3.4.**

A public consultation on the draft locality 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 finalised and approved.

### **3.5.**

The locality plan, including the two appendices, attached as Appendix 1 to this report now requires to be considered by the Council, insofar as it applies to the Council.

## **4. Equalities Impact**

An Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken and is attached as Appendix 2 to this report.

## **5. Environmental Implications**

The Locality Plan 2018 to 2021 for the Non-linked Isles was submitted on 27 March 2018 to the Scottish Government's Strategic Environmental Assessment Team for screening. The Council was subsequently advised that there was no requirement to carry out a full Strategic Environmental Assessment.

## **6. Links to Council Plan**

The proposals in this report support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the Council Plan strategic priorities of Connected Communities, Caring Communities, Thriving Communities, Enterprising Communities, Quality of Life.

## **7. Links to Local Outcomes Improvement Plan**

The proposals in this report support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan priorities of Strong Communities, Living Well and A Vibrant Economy.

## **8. Financial Implications**

### **8.1.**

Any actions arising from the Locality Plan that have financial consequences for the Council that cannot be contained within existing budgets will be reported to the Policy and Resources Committee.

### **8.2.**

The financial memorandum that accompanied the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill stated, in relation to the strengthened duty to facilitate Community Planning that 'for those public bodies which are complying with national and local action already underway at policy level to strengthen community planning it is anticipated that the provisions will impose either no or minor costs' (such as costs relating to travel or staff time).

## **9. Legal Aspects**

There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendation of this report.

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## **11. Appendices**

Appendix 1: Locality Plan 2018 to 2021 for the Non-linked Isles.

Appendix 2: Equality Impact Assessment.