

Fair for All Advisory Panel



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

You are requested to attend a meeting of the **Fair for All Advisory Panel** on **Thursday 27 August 2020** from **1.30 p.m. – 3.45 p.m.** via Microsoft Teams.

BUSINESS

1.30 – 1.35	1.	-	Welcome and Apologies <i>Councillor Robert Foster, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care Partnership and Lead Member for Poverty.</i>
1.35 – 1.40	2.	Pg 2	Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 11 March 2020 <i>Councillor Robert Foster, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care Partnership and Lead Member for Poverty.</i>
1.40 – 1.50	3.	Verbal	Child Poverty Action Plan <i>Receive update from Audrey Sutton, Interim Executive Director (Communities)</i>
1.50 – 2.20	4.	Presentation	North Ayrshire CPP Approach to Addressing Community Need Arising from Covid-19 <i>Receive presentation from Morna Rae, Senior Manager, Policy Performance and Community Planning, and discuss future actions</i>
2.20 – 2.30	5.	Presentation	Reporting on Progress on Fair for All <i>Receive presentation from Jacqueline Greenlees, Policy and Community Planning Officer</i>
2.30 – 2.40	Comfort Break		
2.40 – 3.40	6.	Verbal	Discussion on learning from the Covid-19 experience and how we can work differently/better with our communities to tackle inequalities in the renewal and recovery period.
3.40 – 3.45	7.	-	AOCB
Date of Next Meeting: To be confirmed.			



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At a meeting of the Fair for All Advisory Panel on 11 March 2020, Garnock Committee Room, Cunninghame House, Irvine.

PRESENT

Councillor Joe Cullinane (North Ayrshire Council) **(Chair)**
Councillor Marie Burns (North Ayrshire Council)
Councillor Shaun Macaulay (North Ayrshire Council)
Councillor Louise McPhater (North Ayrshire Council)
Councillor Donald L Reid (North Ayrshire Council)
Craig Hatton (North Ayrshire Council)
Audrey Sutton (North Ayrshire Council)
Rhona Arthur (North Ayrshire Council)
Morna Rae (North Ayrshire Council)
Lauren Cameron (North Ayrshire Council)
Chris Chapman (Robert Owen Centre)
Jennifer Wallace (Carnegie UK Trust)

Jennifer McGee (North Ayrshire Council) (Minutes)

IN ATTENDANCE

Neil Cowan, Policy and Parliamentary Officer (Poverty Alliance)
Thomas Reaney, Senior Manager (Streetscene)

APOLOGIES

Councillor Todd Ferguson
Gerry Mclaughlin (NHS Health Scotland)
Tim Frew (YouthLink Scotland)
Jim McCormick (Joseph Rowntree Foundation)
John Dickie (Child Poverty Action Group)
Alan McGregor (University of Glasgow)
Pete Seaman (Glasgow Centre for Population and Health)
Tommy Whitelaw (Dementia Carers Voices)

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Cullinane welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were recorded.

2. MINUTE/ACTION NOTE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: 28 August 2019

The Minute/Action Note of the Meeting of the Fair for All Advisory Panel held on 28 August 2019 were confirmed.

3. GET HEARD

Neil Cowan provided the panel with a presentation on the Poverty Alliance Get Heard Scotland Project.

Get Heard Scotland (GHS) is a community engagement and policy development project to help contribute to national and local anti-poverty policy. The focus of the project is working with members of communities affected by poverty and organisations working on the issue at grassroots level. The Poverty Alliance have targeted three Local Authority areas: Highland, Mid Lothian and North Ayrshire.

As part of the GHS work, Poverty Alliance have developed a toolkit to support finding those better solutions must be the individuals, communities and organisations that directly confront poverty day in and day out. The toolkit was developed by engaging with people with direct experience of poverty, as well as voluntary and community sector organisations, policy makers and academics involved in anti-poverty work.

The Poverty Alliance have held 10 discussion sessions in North Ayrshire during 2019/20 in Stevenston, Irvine, Saltcoats, Kilbirnie, and Kilwinning, hosted by organisations like Café Solace, Garnock Valley Men's Shed, Garnock Valley Youth Forum, Centrestage, North Ayrshire Disability Alliance. As a result of these discussions, it has been noted that community food initiatives; community organisations; cost of the school day measures; local authority services are key areas which are working well in North Ayrshire. Social security; transport; food insecurity; employment; social/leisure activities; cost of the school day remain as key issues in the area.

N Cowan highlighted that the next steps would be the publication of the GHS national report and the North Ayrshire report. A Sutton advised the panel that she and the Leader of the Council would be meeting with Neil and his colleague Peter Kelly to discuss the North Ayrshire report.

Cllr Reid asked N Cowan whether the key issue in North Ayrshire were worse than those of other areas. N Cowan advised that there are a lot of similar issues in other areas.

Cllr Burns highlighted that a lot of the key issues highlighted within the presentation are raised at the Irvine Chit Chats.

4. CARNEGIE TRUST UK

Jennifer Wallace provided the Panel with an update on the work Carnegie UK Trust are carrying out in relation to Scotland's National Performance Framework (NPF) and how Scotland could take forward the wellbeing approach over the next ten years making some specific recommendations for the NPF such as:

- Renaming the Framework – a more engaging title such as The National Progress Framework.
- Being clear that the Scottish approach is a wellbeing approach and ensuring concepts such as prevention, outcome focus, integration and localism are referred to as part of this approach.
- Linking the Framework to budget process by shifting money towards we know will improve collective wellbeing.
- Explain what it means for different parts of the system.
- Clarify the links between productivity, inclusive growth and wellbeing.
- Focus more on communication with the public so that they can benefit from the data that is gathered about them and on their behalf.
- Tell a story – we need to hear about when people joined the dots between different outcomes and indicators and did creative things as a result.

J Wallace also highlighted that the wellbeing approach is distinct because it recognises the value of kindness and how this could transform relationships between citizens and those who serve them and that this is often at the heart of the discussion of the Kindness Network, which A Sutton is a part of.

J Wallace circulated a summary document on the work Carnegie UK Trust are carrying out in relation to Scotland's National Performance Framework (NPF) for information and also signposted the Panel to the Trust's publication section of their website where all new material is published.

5. KINDNESS

Morna Rae provided the Panel with a presentation on the Kindness work taking place in North Ayrshire.

M Rae highlighted that:

The North Ayrshire Kindness Promise which our CPP Board committed to in November 2019.

Kindness was the theme to our Community & Locality Planning Conference which was held in January. The Conference was attended by a wide range of partners, community representatives and members of the public. Those in attendance were very engaged and fed in to group discussions which help us create our [Conference Report](#)

Kindness is also a topic of discussion at our March round of Locality Partnership meetings which will focus on how kindness might be recognised and promoted within communities. The discussions will also cover the definition of 'random', 'relational' and 'radical' kindness, why kindness is important, what helps/gets in the way, and what might be done by Community Planning agencies and communities.

Craig Hatton advised that this work is a big shift in approach which will open up free thinking.

6. CHILD POVERTY ACTION PLAN

Lauren Cameron provided the Panel with an update on the North Ayrshire Child Poverty Action Plan.

L Cameron highlighted that our local Child Poverty Action Plan (CPAP) was published in June 2019. Since its publication, the North Ayrshire CPAP has been one of 10 reviewed by the Poverty and Inequality Commission as well as receiving individual feedback from the Improvement Service. The feedback received highlighted that employability and employment support, CPP focus, Fair For All Strategy and Fair For all Commission where all clear areas of good practice.

Following feedback on areas of improvement from the Poverty and Inequality Commission, actions for the 2019/20 report include:

- Strengthening and develop the report – which is due to be published in June 2020;
- Streamline the action plan – have three key drivers;
- Include the Fair For All Commission Work
- Refine and strengthen our data approach – scorecard style;
- Include case studies – the Scottish Government are keen for lived experience to included.

Once the 2019/20 report is drafted it will be shared with the CPP Board, Council's Cabinet, North Ayrshire Integration Joint Board and NHS Board for approval. Following approval, there will be a launch of an easy read version of the report as well as a video to support communication to a wider audience.

A copy of the report will be shared with the Panel following publication.

7. FAIR FOR ALL COMMISSION

A Sutton highlighted that it has been three years since the formation of the Fair For All Commission.

The Commission currently meet on a monthly basis and is made up of 17 Community Commissioners who are residents with genuine experience of poverty and ten Civic Commissioners who come from a wide range of backgrounds such as business leaders, policy developers and third-sector leaders. The role of the Civic Commissioner is to listen to the shared stories of the Community Commissioners and develop a deeper understanding of the real problems faced by our residents, which in turn will lead to more informed decision-making from those leaders who hold the power to drive change.

These meetings allow Civic Commissioners to find out what is working, what is not, and what people would like to see changed in order to solve poverty and most importantly, the information we hear from real people will help to have an actual impact on shaping the Fair For All's Commission's findings.

A Sutton also highlighted that our Fair For All Commission Officer, Fiona Pow, would also be taking on the work around food development in North Ayrshire as this ties in well with the work of the Fair For All Commission.

The Chair highlighted that he is also involved in the work with Fair For All Commission and that the Commission would be focussing on four main themes:

- Poverty and Health
- Poverty and Housing
- Poverty and Benefits
- Poverty and Cost of the School Day

The Chair advised that he, along with other Commissioners, is leading on the Cost of the School Day Theme and that this work is being taken forward in schools across North Ayrshire.

8. FOOD FORUM

Audrey Sutton provided the Panel with an update on the work of the North Ayrshire Food Forum.

A Sutton highlighted that as food poverty is embedded as one of North Ayrshire's Fair for All Themes, the Council had established a Food Forum. The Food Forum is focussed on ensuring the people of North Ayrshire are able to access safe, affordable and nourishing food.

The Food Forum has over 50 regular attendees from a range of partner, voluntary and community organisations and it is currently developing its governance in order to establish itself as an independent organisation.

The Council are also in the process of establishing a Food Growing Strategy which will support the development of sustainable, local food production which links in to and adds to local community food provision, supporting the Fair For All Strategy.

9. AOCB

No other business was discussed. The Chair thanked everyone for attending and for their input at today's meeting.