

## **SHETLAND PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

**Auditorium, Shetland Museum and Archives, Hay's Dock, Lerwick**

**Wednesday 25 January 2017 at 10am**

### **Present:**

G Robinson, Leader, SIC  
M Bell, Convener, SIC  
A Black, Chief Executive, SCT  
M Boden, Chief Executive, SIC  
C Brown, Scottish Government (by video conference)  
M Eggeling, Scottish Government (by video conference)  
N Grant, Director of Development Services, SIC  
R Hunter, Area Manager, Highlands and Islands Enterprise  
J Johnston, General Manager, Shetland Recreational Trust  
J Moncrieff, General Manager, Shetland Amenity Trust  
M Murray, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service  
R Roberts, Chief Executive, NHS Shetland  
G Smith, SIC  
A Standing, Skills Development Scotland  
M Stout, SIC  
L Tulloch, Chief Inspector, Police Scotland  
V Wishart, SIC

### **Also in attendance:**

C Ferguson, Director of Corporate Services, SIC  
B Hall, Partnership Officer, SIC  
B Kerr, Communications Officer, SIC  
E Perring, Policy Manager, SIC  
E Robinson, Public Health Principal, NHS Shetland  
V Simpson, Executive Manager – Community Planning and Development, SIC  
S Webb, Director of Public Health, NHS Shetland and NHS Grampian  
L Geddes, Committee Officer, SIC

### **Apologies:**

F Burr, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service  
G Cleaver, SIC  
B Gregson, Chair, Shetland Amenity Trust  
L Hall, Director of Human Resources and Support Services, NHS Shetland  
G Howell, Shetland Arts (lateness)  
B Hunter, Chair, Shetland Charitable Trust  
B Leask, Hjaltsland Housing Association  
A Miller, Chair, Voluntary Action Shetland

The Chair welcomed Colin Brown and Mark Eggerling, Scottish Government, who were attending by videoconference, and Susan Webb, Director of Public Health, to the meeting.

### **01/17 Minutes of the Partnership Board –25 October 2016**

The Partnership Board approved the minutes of the meeting held on 25 October 2016 on the motion of Mr Stout, seconded by Mr Smith.

### **02/17 Matters arising/actions from previous meeting**

The Partnership Board noted the following updates from the Action Tracker:

#### **Action No 18.2**

The Director of Development Services advised that work was being pulled together with regard to the Islands Deal, which was focusing on the social and economic development of the three island groups. All three groups were in the same position of being significantly below the Scottish average with regard to a younger population. To balance the Shetland population with the Scottish average would require 1,500 new people moving into Shetland over the next ten years. It was one of several aspects that would be impacted by 'Brexit', and was a significant issue.

The Chair advised that it had been hoped to have an update on the Islands Deal at today's meeting, but unfortunately the officer involved was unable to attend. Progress would continue, but it was unlikely there would be any firm conclusion before the end of the election period.

#### 03/17 **Public Health Annual Report**

The Partnership Board considered the Public Health Annual Report 2016 from the Director of Public Health, NHS Grampian and NHS Shetland (Appendix 1).

Ms Webb, Director of Public Health, introduced the Report to the Board, advising that it was split into two parts. The theme for the first part of the report was substance misuse, and consideration was given to some of the key current issues in tackling alcohol, tobacco and drug use. The second part provided a summary of the work of the Public Health Directorate over the past year, and it provided a comprehensive overview of the work of the Directorate.

Returning to the first part of the report, she advised that because of the small numbers involved, there was a degree of fluctuation with the figures. With regard to the misuse of alcohol, she highlighted particularly the statistics in relation to young people; the impact on children's lives; the effect on hospital admissions; the health impacts; the availability of alcohol locally; and the importance of early intervention and work that could be done to support those who wished to stop. Alcohol consumption was a bigger issue than the misuse of drugs - which affected smaller numbers locally - but problem drug use in the male population was higher than the Scottish average. With regard to tobacco use, smoking in pregnancy was something that would have to be focused on locally. It appeared that people locally had to make a few attempts before they could give up smoking, but those accessing cessation services were more likely to succeed. She went on to say it was important that health and behaviour were not looked at in isolation, as multiple unhealthy behaviours had a cumulative effect on health. Tackling these issues would result in a good return on the investment.

The Public Health Principal then gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Board, which considered health problems locally and their potential causes. It highlighted in particular the role of poverty and inequality in affecting people's health and the need to promote good health, which would require wide-ranging action across the social determinants of health. This would include formulating, implementing and monitoring healthy public policy, and tackling inequality. It highlighted a number of achievements that had been made in this area, and areas for developments in the future. The role everyone had to play in improving health was emphasised, and it was noted that it was important that there was an advocacy role for those who did not have a voice in the community.

The Director of Public Health and Public Health Principal then responded to questions, and the Board noted the following:

- It was important to build on and keep conversations going locally regarding substance misuse, and this would involve making suggestions that may prove controversial.
- One in five adults exceeded upper limits for alcohol consumption, and families had a role to play in the supply of alcohol to young people. There were not as many interventions taking place locally as there could be. Some interventions had been proven to assist, such as dealing with overprovision.
- Statistics were available in relation to the number of hospital admissions related to substance misuse, and there was an increased risk of long-term conditions later in life for children who were affected in some way by substance misuse. If no interventions took place, health care would become unaffordable in the future, and community planning partnerships were being asked to identify preventative activity. There was a need to spend more on early intervention and prevention; otherwise the consequences would have to be dealt with at a later stage. Locally secondary and tertiary intervention was very good, but primary prevention required more work.

The Partnership Board:

- received the Public Health Annual Report
- agreed to continue to support efforts to improve the public health in Shetland through work on alcohol, drugs and tobacco
- agreed to continue to support the work of the Public Health Directorate in maintaining and progressing its wide range of work to improve and protect the health of the Shetland population

#### 04/17 **Adult Protection Committee Biennial Report 2014-16**

The Partnership Board considered a report which presented the Adult Protection Committee Biennial Report 2014-16 (Appendix 2).

The Chief Inspector, Police Scotland, summarised the main terms of the report in the absence of the Chair and Lead Officer, who were unable to attend the meeting. He highlighted in particular the inter-agency screening meetings which were working very effectively; the procedures which had been revised using a partnership approach; the roll out of training which had taken place; and the continued close working with the Chief Officers Group.

In response to a query relating to the perceived lack of 'buy in' from the Government, he confirmed that it had been highlighted nationally that there was a feeling that the Government had invested more in Child Protection Committees, and there was a need for Adult Protection Committees to receive the same level of support. This was an issue that was being monitored.

The Partnership Board noted the report.

#### 05/17 **Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 – Progress Update**

The Partnership Board considered update report from the Partnership Officer, SIC, (Appendix 3).

The Partnership Officer summarised the main terms of the report, highlighting the two further parts of legislation that had now come into force in relation to Part 2 (Community Planning) and Part 5 (Asset Transfer). The requirements of Part 2 meant that the Shetland Partnership would have to change, and work was being carried out on the two main areas in relation to governance arrangements and locality-based planning. Two further distinct sub-projects were emerging out of this work. These would be overseen by project teams drawn from across the partnership, and would run from now until October 2017. With regard to Part 5, a policy was being developed and would be presented to Shetland Islands Council in February. The Council would act as the point of contact and would co-ordinate dialogue.

The Partnership Officer then responded to questions, and the Board noted the following:

- The locality profile would include information on work that had already been carried out by the NHS in understanding health needs of people in the community, and profiles that had been created in the past. It was hoped to create a 'data book' for each ward area which would include data and evidence plans that formed the basis for locality plans. This information would be available to community groups if they wanted to access funding or pursue their rights under the Act. The profile would be owned by the planning partnership, although the Act was very clear that plans had to be recognised by the community in order to meet their needs and aspirations.
- The Act placed new duties on certain partners. Up until now, community planning had been facilitated by the local authority, but the Act now brought in four other partners to facilitate community planning and ensure that it operated effectively.
- The Act required relevant authorities to produce an asset register, and it was aimed to have all public land and buildings in Scotland on the Scottish Land Register by 2019.

It was suggested that it would be useful to hold a workshop event regarding locality profiles and the practicalities regarding how the information held could be used, and that when considering the future governance arrangements, there was a need for less local authority involvement and more community and partner engagement.

It was further suggested that there was a need for partnership consistency regarding asset transfers and for aligned discussion around this across all organisations, so that there was a collective approach and benefit, and so that any policies created by the individual agencies reflected the priorities of others in the partnership.

The Director of Corporate Services pointed out that it was for each individual agency - as a legal body - to determine what it did with its assets under the Act, but the Board had agreed that the Council should take the lead on the work required to help get to this point. It would soon be possible to share this work with partners, so that each organisation did not have to start from scratch in developing its policies and there would be a common approach.

The Director of Corporate Services, as Chair of the CEA project board, went on to record her thanks to the Executive Manager – Community Planning and Development and the Partnership Officer for their work in relation to the Act. She advised that there was a lot of work still to be carried out as the Act contained particular legal requirements and different levels of responsibility and authority for different sections of the community. There would be a huge amount of work required to ensure that there

was clarity in the governance arrangements which would require support from all partners, and she urged partners to give this some priority.

**06/17 Community Justice Redesign**

The Partnership Board considered the report by the Community Justice Co-ordinator, Community Planning and Development, SIC (Appendix 4).

The Executive Manager – Community Planning and Development summarised the main terms of the report, advising that local community justice partners were expected to have produced a local community justice plan by March 2017. Work on this was progressing well, and it was planned to have a special meeting of the Board in March to agree the Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan.

Mr Bell advised that the last meeting of the Northern Community Justice Authority had taken place in Aberdeen on 24 February, before the new arrangements took effect on 1 April. Shetland was well ahead in terms of these arrangements.

The Partnership Board noted the contents of the report.

**07/17 Children's Services Inspection - Progress Review**

The Partnership Board noted the letter from the Care Inspectorate, which informed on the completion of the inspection of services for children and young people in Shetland (Appendix 5).

The Chief Executive – SIC summarised the main terms of the report, advising that he was pleased to report that positive feedback had been received from the Care Inspectorate in terms of the significant progress made in assessment of need and risks and the quality of response to these, and he paid tribute to the staff involved. The joint action plan that had been agreed in response to the inspection findings would continue to influence improvement in key areas, and he highlighted in particular work that was being done to introduce fee-paid foster carers and increase the residential capacity for looked-after children, which would help recognise the value of permanence for these children.

The Board noted the letter.

**08/17 Shetland Place Standard**

The Executive Manager – Community Planning and Development advised that a letter had been received from the Scottish Government offering a meeting to discuss the use of the Place Standard in Scotland and to help identify priorities. It was hoped to arrange a seminar at a later date.

**09/17 Fairer Scotland Event – March 2017**

The Policy Manager – SIC advised that invitations had been issued for the event on 10 March. The Scottish Government had published the Fairer Scotland action plan which contained fifty actions, and the focus would be on those of greatest significance. There would be an opportunity to have an update on work that had been done in relation to the minimum income standard and the work of the Shetland Commission to Tackle Inequality. Scottish Government representatives would be in attendance.

In response to a query, she advised that the invitations had been issued to members of the Board and its thematic partnerships, those who had presented that the Shetland Commission, and the Commission itself.

10/17 **Future Meeting Dates**

The following meeting dates were noted:

- 21 June 2017 at 10am
- 13 September 2017 at 10am
- 29 November 2017 at 10am
- 14 March 2018 at 10am

It was noted that there would be a special meeting of the Board at the end of March to discuss the Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan, and that it was hoped to organise seminars in relation to participatory budgeting and the Shetland Place Standard.

The meeting concluded at 11.30am.