

Shetland Partnership

Annual Report 2017/18



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A Shetland Partnership Report
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The Shetland Partnership

The Shetland Partnership is the Community Planning Partnership for Shetland. Community planning is about how public bodies work together and with local communities to design and deliver better services that make a real difference to people's lives.

The Partnership is made up of a wide range of public agency partners and community and third sector bodies who work together to deliver our collective ambitions for the future. Find out more at www.shetlandpartnership.org.

Our Annual Report

This is our Annual Report for 2017/18. It provides an overview of what we have

achieved this year. The purpose of the report is to share information with communities and partner agencies. The aim is to help everyone understand what we have been up to as a Community Planning Partnership in 2017/18.

What did we set out to do in 2017/18?

Part 2 of the *Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015* brought about changes to how community planning works. As a result of this, the Shetland Partnership has put a lot of effort into making sure we are complying with the legislation in a way that best works for Shetland.

There are three main duties in the legislation that Community Planning Partnerships should fulfil. This annual report outlines how the Shetland Partnership have met these duties, what we have learned along the way and what we will be doing in the future.

Our Duty

Prepare a local outcomes improvement plan (LOIP)



Did we achieve it?



Progress report

Shetland's Partnership Plan is the local outcomes improvement plan for Shetland. Development of the Partnership Plan has been the Partnership's main focus in 2017/18. The Partnership signed-off the Plan in July 2018 identifying a vision and four key priorities for Shetland for the next ten years - 'Participation', 'People', 'Place' and 'Money'. A key part of this work has been to review the Partnership governance arrangements to ensure we can deliver the Plan.

Our Duty

Carry out Locality Planning



Did we achieve it?



Progress report

Yell, Unst and Fetlar is the first area in Shetland to undertake Locality Planning. Representatives from partner agencies and the three Community Councils have been working on developing a Plan for the locality. Locality planning is all about new ways of working, ensuring agencies and communities are working together to find appropriate local solutions to local challenges; we are still learning how to do this and have yet to finalise the Locality Plan.

Our Duty

Review and report publically on progress with the LOIP and Locality Plans



Did we achieve it?



Progress report

This report tells the story of what we have done to develop the Plans in question. We are accountable to the Shetland Community for the work we do as a Community Planning Partnership and whether or not we are making a difference for the people of Shetland. This report is an important tool for helping people understand what we do, what we have achieved, and whether or not we are fulfilling our statutory duties.



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Involving people in communities is a key part of what Community Planning is all about. It is not just about how all the agencies involved work together, it is also about how they individually and collectively work with community bodies to improve people's lives.

In 2017/18 the Shetland Partnership involved a number of people in discussions about the draft Partnership Plan and began to think creatively about how we secure and sustain community participation in community planning in future. Page 3 has more information on what we learned from talking

to people in Shetland. Page 4 describes briefly how we aim to get people more involved in community planning and how we intend to improve this further in the future.

Other Partners

There are a wide range of potential community planning partners in Shetland including community and third sector bodies, trusts, charities, public sector bodies and many more. Involvement in community planning is a statutory duty for 14 public bodies in Shetland. See www.shetlandpartnership.org for further information.



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What have we learned?

As a Community Planning Partnership, it is important that we learn from what we do and share that learning. 2017/18 saw us learn a lot as we adjusted to the new requirements under Part 2 of the Community Empowerment (*Scotland*) Act 2015 and took new approaches to carrying out community planning.

In order to develop Shetland's Partnership Plan, we had to analyse a wide range of data and evidence that tell us something about what life is like for people in Shetland. Whilst nothing shocking or too surprising emerged from the analysis, it has been a valuable

exercise to demonstrate where the collective effort of community planning can have the most positive impact for Shetland between now and 2028.

Shetland's Partnership Plan and the Locality Plan will help to form a strong mutual understanding of the challenges Shetland faces in the short, medium and long-term. However, the data and evidence we have looked at does not tell the full story. We need to talk to people about their experience of the issues to help shape our response and get people involved in helping to improve the lives of everyone in Shetland.

Shetland is a great place to live (for most people)



Shetland's communities are generally strong, active and supportive - we have the highest rate of both social enterprise start-up and volunteering in Scotland

More people are living longer, healthier lives - life expectancy and early mortality in Shetland are better than the Scottish average



Shetland has a high employment rate and generally higher earnings - very few people are registered as unemployed and the median income for Shetland is higher than the Scottish average



but there are challenges...

People want to be more involved in the decisions that affect them - 41% want to be more involved in decision making and only 27% feel they can influence decisions affecting their local area



Shetland has some issues around alcohol - the proportion of people who drink to a potentially harmful level is higher in Shetland than elsewhere in Scotland



Shetland has an increasing proportion of older people compared to younger people and this is happening faster than in most of the rest of Scotland



The Cost of Living is among the highest in the UK - almost half the households in Shetland do not earn enough to live well, even with higher than average incomes



...and some communities within Shetland face greater challenges than others

The Cost of Living in some of our more remote communities is even higher than the Shetland average



There is disparity in the coverage of fibre broadband and mobile phone coverage



Some areas have a higher proportion of lower income households than others



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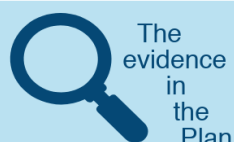
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Community engagement

The 2015/16 Place Standard consultation was the first step in engaging Shetland communities in community planning. 939 people in Shetland responded to this survey answering questions about their place and what needs to be improved. The responses gave us a good starting point for developing Shetland's Partnership Plan.

During 2017/18 we engaged community bodies in discussions about the evidence and the emerging priorities for the Partnership Plan; their experience of the issues in their community; and, to offer them the chance to express their interest in getting involved in helping to deliver the Plan in the future.

Community bodies told us...



The evidence in the Plan is well presented - the use of infographics makes the Plan accessible and engaging

Open and honest conversations are the best way to harness meaningful community input - communities have been 'consulted' a lot in the past, we need to create a culture of real participation and partnership



The Partnership will be judged on what it delivers - if we want to prove that we are working in a different and more effective way, communities need to see visible results and soon



The priorities are the right ones - communities recognised the evidence and issues identified in the Plan and could relate them to their own experiences



What next?

This report focuses on the development work undertaken during 2017/18 – a time of strategic planning rather than directly delivering improved outcomes for people.

While this has been time well spent, we know that people want to better understand how the Plan will be delivered and how to get involved. This section briefly summarises some of the steps we are taking to deliver Shetland's Partnership Plan and our shared priorities.

Shetland's Partnership Plan - our shared priorities



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People participate and influence decisions on services and use of resources



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Individuals and families thrive and reach their full potential



Place

Shetland is an attractive place to live, work, study and invest



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All households can afford to have a good standard of living

Delivery Planning

This next phase of Community Planning focuses on planning and agreeing how we are collectively going to deliver the agreed priorities in Shetland's Partnership Plan - one Delivery Plan will be produced for each priority in Shetland's Partnership Plan.



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Delivery Plans - an overview

What? 4 Delivery Plans (<i>one for each Priority</i>) outlining how we are collectively going to deliver agreed priorities in Shetland's Partnership Plan 	When?  The Plans will be developed throughout Autumn 2018 and will cover a 3 year period	How? For each priority we will work together to further understand the current outcomes and what needs to be done to make a difference to these 	Who? Senior representatives of the partnership will take the lead on each priority, involving partners (including communities) in the process 
Resources Each Delivery Plan will identify the resources that will be required for delivery and the contribution by community planning partners 	Content  The Plans will identify prioritised actions for a 3 year period, the reasoning behind these, and details of how we will measure if we are making a difference	Assessments  Each Delivery Plan will be assessed for potential economic, social, environmental, equality and rurality impacts	Approval Consultation and engagement with all partners (including communities) will help finalise the Plans - statutory partners will be asked to formally sign them off 

Locality Planning

The process of Locality Planning in Yell, Unst and Fetlar has been ongoing alongside the development of the Partnership Plan. Review of evidence and previous engagement exercises has helped us identify potential key opportunities and challenges unique to this area.

We now need to work with partners – including the communities – to have conversations about these challenges, the reasons behind them, and how this impacts on the lives of people in the area. By understanding the issues better we hope to identify a set of shared priorities. We can then go on to agree what it is we need to do to address these challenges, maximise opportunities, and how we will work together to deliver these.

Community Participation

Communities have a key role in holding the Shetland Partnership to account. We are working on an approach to engaging

community councils, and other community bodies, in regular face-to-face discussions with Shetland Partnership representatives.

We want people to have the opportunity to hear about the work that is currently underway in their community and across Shetland on their behalf. We also want to provide the opportunity for them to question agency representatives about how decisions are taken, resources used, and communities involved to achieve our shared goals.

Community bodies will be key in helping us design how we do this and fundamental in both how – and if - it works.

Our Partnership

We want to ensure our Partnership is as valuable as it can be. We will continue to work with all partners – including communities – to finalise new arrangements for managing the Partnership. We want to ensure it delivers its duties effectively and makes a real difference for Shetland.

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