

Community Empowerment Group

Role

The Community Empowerment Group will oversee the new integrated locality planning arrangements to ensure they operate effectively in Aberdeen. The group will maintain an overview of the delivery of the Partnership's Engagement, Participation and Empowerment Strategy and participation requests and will advise and support the CPP Board, Management Group and Outcome Improvement Groups on effective approaches to engage and involve communities in the delivery of the LOIP and Shared Locality Plans. It will be an important link between the strategic perspective of the CPA Board and the priorities and perspectives of communities across Aberdeen.

Remit

- Oversee the transition to the new Locality Planning arrangements and support the collaboration between the LEGs, Priority Neighbourhood Partnerships, Outcome Improvement Groups and wider community groups on shared priorities
- Assist in the removal of any barriers which exist in the delivery of the LEGs/ PNP's and connection with wider community groups and networks. This includes overseeing phase 2 of the Locality Planning Review
- Plan, oversee and be accountable for the development and delivery by Community Planning partners of the Engagement, Participation and Empowerment Strategy through the Locality Empowerment Groups and Priority Neighbourhood Partnerships
- Ensure Community Planning Aberdeen is meeting its statutory duties in relation to community engagement and participation, as prescribed by the Community Empowerment Scotland Act 2015
- Advise on effective practice on how to involve and engage with communities and promote consistency and cohesion of approach across Outcome Improvement Groups
- Oversee, understand and share best practice in terms of community development and engagement initiatives, for example volunteering, recruitment and training
- Oversee delivery of the Community Learning and Development Plan
- Oversee delivery of City Voice, including approval of questionnaires on behalf of Community Planning Aberdeen prior to issue to the city voice citizens panel

Membership

Core community planning partners are invited to have representation on the CPA Community Empowerment Group. This includes statutory community planning partners and members of the Civic Forum. This group will also include the Chairs of the Locality Empowerment Groups, Chairs of the Priority Neighbourhood Partnerships, representation from Community Learning and Development and representation from City Voice. Other organisations can be co-opted onto the Community Empowerment Group when appropriate.

Chair/Vice Chair

The Chair of the Community Empowerment Group will be appointed by the Management Group.

The Vice Chair, where considered appropriate, will be appointed by the Community Empowerment Group.

Code of Conduct

In utilising their authority and carrying out the responsibilities delegated to them, Partners must comply with the terms of Code of Conduct for their respective organisation and where a Partner's organisation does not have a Code of Conduct the Partner must adhere to principles in the Councillor's Code of Conduct.

Operating Model

Meeting frequency determined by the Community Empowerment Group.

Governance and Reporting Arrangements

The Community Empowerment Group will report to the CPA Board, via the Management Group, in line with the requirements of the CPA Outcome Management and Improvement Framework.

Copies of the agenda and minutes will be available on the Community Planning Aberdeen website.

Community Empowerment Group Core Members

Organisation	Name	Designation
Aberdeen City Council	Michelle Cochlan	Chair of Community Engagement Group and Community Planning Manager
North East College	N/A	
Police Scotland	Deputy - Craig Feroz	Local Area Inspector - Seaton
NHS Grampian	Imran Arain	Public Health Practitioner
Scottish Enterprise	N/A	
Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board	Shamini Omnes	Public Health Coordinator and South Locality Lead
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service	Scott Symon	Group Commander, SFRS
Skills Development Scotland	N/A	
ACVO	Maggie Hepburn	CEO
Active Aberdeen Partnership	N/A	
Civic Forum	Jonathan Smith	Vice-Chair of Community Engagement Group and Chair of Civic Forum
Grampian Regional Equality Council	Dave Black	General Manager, GREC

Subject Matter Experts	Name	Designation
City Voice	Anne McAteer	Research Officer, ACC
Locality Planning	Shamini Omnes Colin Wright	Public Health Coordinator and South Locality Lead Development Manager and South Locality Lead
Community Learning & Development	Colin Wright Fiona Clark Linda Clark	Development Manager and South Locality Lead Service Manager Team Manager Partnerships