

Community Empowerment Group
Thursday 31 Aug 2023, 2-4 pm

Member	Present
Michelle Crombie, Aberdeen City Council (Chair)	Yes
Maggie Hepburn, ACVO (Vice Chair)	Apologies
Claire Smith, Police Scotland	Apologies
Dave Black, SHMU	Yes
Susan Thoms, ACC	Yes
Colin Wright, ACC	Apologies
Martin Wyllie, ACC	Apologies
Elaine McConnachie, NHSG	Yes
Iain Robertson, ACHSCP	Apologies
Margaret Stewart, ACC	Yes
Anne McAteer, ACC	Yes
Jade Leyden, ACC	Yes
Murray Dawson, SHMU	Apologies
Allison Swanson, ACC	Yes
Carol Hannaford	Apologies
Maria Jose Pavez	Yes

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1.	Welcome & Apologies	All	Apologies noted. Welcome to Maria Jose Pavez who will now represent GREC on the group. Permission was given to record the meeting for members absent.	
2.	Actions from meeting on 29 June 23	All	<p>Actions from the last meeting were marked as complete or will be considered on today's agenda with the exception of the following:</p> <p>Action from the previous meeting for Maggie to discuss with Sandy Mathers setting up a page online with information for communities on asset transfer. Maggie was not at the meeting to provide an update.</p> <p>Action from the previous meeting for Margaret to share LOIP translation animation/comic work done by young people. Margaret updated the group that the illustrations are being turned into animations to connect children and young people to the aspirations of the LOIP and City Centre Master Plan. MS will circulate story board imagery to members. Allison suggested this could be used for promotion of LOIP refresh.</p>	<p>MH</p> <p>MS</p>

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			<p>Action from the previous meeting for Maggie to get in touch with Jonathan Smith again after July and invite him to attend a meeting to provide an update. Maggie was not at the meeting to provide an update.</p> <p>Anne provided an update on the final City Voice Community Empowerment Survey Report which was issued to panel members this morning. Dave asked if we could build in reflection time for the group to consider the results. Michelle will think about how we can incorporate this into the workshop to be held as part of the next meeting. However, would also expect project teams to explore fully. Anne will share the detailed comments received as part of the survey with group members as well as the newsletter. Michelle asked Allison to add the report to the agenda for the next CPA Management Group meeting.</p>	<p>MH</p> <p>MC/AM/AS</p>
3.	Education Scotland CLD Progress Visits	MS	<p>Margaret advised that Education Scotland has not yet confirmed dates for the CLD progress visits to Aberdeen but there is an expectation that they will be here before March/ April next year. The visit will focus on two key areas:</p> <p>How effective is Local Authority and CLD Partners leadership of outcomes How effective is Local Authority and CLD Partners leadership of positive impact</p> <p>Prompted by the HMIE inspection Margaret has been working with Colin and education colleagues to pull together a report to update on the CLD plan. The report runs from Sep 21 to Sep 23 and includes some case study examples of the work of CLD partners.</p> <p>There is a proposal to extend the governance of CLD. Reporting still to come through the CEG and Children's Services Board but will also be shared with Education and Children's Services Committee. Margaret looking for greater clarity from CEG about what they want and hoping for greater buy in from partners on their commitment to delivering on the plan. Dave suggested that the CEG has oversight of the community development section of the plan and CSB covers the rest. Members of CEG and CSB will be invited to attend a workshop being run by Colin to explore.</p> <p>It was discussed that there might need to be a sub group (of CEG/CSB) of wider CLD partners to drive ownership of the CLD plan. Margaret considering whether the networks we currently have are enough to do this and is considering the best model.</p>	<p>MS/CW</p> <p>All</p>
4.	LOIP Refresh Kickstart and Review of SO16	MC	Michelle gave a presentation on the upcoming refresh of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans. The proposal is that stretch outcome 16 which was introduced as part of the Community Empowerment Strategy will also be embedded in the refreshed Local Outcome Improvement Plan along with the other 15 stretch outcomes.	

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			<p>The group agreed that stretch outcome 16 would remain the same:</p> <p>100% increase (48%) in the proportion of citizens who feel able to participate in decisions that help change things for the better by 2026</p> <p>This is despite latest City Voice data suggesting a decline in performance. In July 2023, 16% of City Voice respondents scored 5 and above (out of 1-7) for feeling able to participate in decisions that help change things for the better. This is significantly lower than our baseline for 2021 (24%) and in 2020 (27%).</p> <p>The LOIP refresh presents an opportunity to review the current improvement aims under stretch outcome 16. Project managers to make any specific proposed amendments by 21 September, providing their rationale for the change.</p> <p>The next meeting at the end of September will be an in person workshop to discuss proposals further.</p>	All
5.	Community Engagement in LOIP/ Locality Plan Refresh 2024	AS/JL	<p>Allison thanked everyone for their input on community engagement in the LOIP/ Locality Plan refresh at the last meeting. Allison will circulate this information to CEG members to consider but three different themes emerged:</p> <p>Ideas on what to engage on and how to engage How to reach as many people as possible How to conduct the engagement</p> <p>What to engage on and how? Proposal is to use the Place standard tool which is a nationally recognised tool for place based conversations. There will be an online platform for people to respond and in person locality engagement events which will be led by Jade with the PNPs and LEGs.</p> <p>6 locality sessions – Provisional Dates and Locations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 October – 9.30am-12.30 North PNP • 14 October - 9.30am-12.30 Central PNP • 14 October – 1.30pm-4.30pm South PNP • TBC – North LEG • 18 October – 6pm – 8.30pm - Central LEG • 25 October - South LEG <p>CEG members are asked to support facilitation of the events and advise Allison/ Jade by 8 September.</p>	All

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			<p>How to reach as far as possible? CEG members asked to review list and advise on any groups we have potentially missed and take a lead on engagement. Either by sharing materials or facilitate a session with the groups.</p> <p>How we can promote the engagement? Created a list from CEG and Management Group. Really keen for members to highlight where they can support to create engagement. E.g. shmu community film etc. Members to respond by 8 September.</p> <p>Susan flagged PB event in Mastrick in October as an opportunity to attend.</p> <p>Jade queried with Margaret the availability of IPADs for the events. Margaret to confirm but there are also library consultation events going on at the same time.</p> <p>Susan raised the PB activity of Fairer Aberdeen and the opportunity to build on the momentum of these events and continue the conversation with communities. Jade and Susan to discuss.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>AS/JL</p> <p>JL/MS</p> <p>JL/ST</p>
6	Community Paradigm Session	All	<p>Thank you to Dave for preparing the pre-reading for this session. Unfortunately we have ran out of time to hold this session today. Group to discuss rescheduling of these at the next meeting and potential for us to open these up to colleagues across the partnership via live webinars or recorded sessions.</p> <p>Session 3 – November 2023. The transformative potential of participatory budgeting. Session 4 – Exploration of good practice in online tools and resources.</p>	All
7.	Date of next meeting	All	In person, Room 4-W-01 26 September 2023	