



Briefing Paper Building Safer Communities Programme Project A – Supporting Better Practice

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Building Safer Communities Programme is made up by five projects which cover supporting better practice, promoting community assets, improving data sharing, delivering education initiatives and building robust evidence. Together these projects will facilitate better engagement and outcomes for communities.
- 1.2 The Supporting Better Practice Project is the first of these projects; a project that, in light of the amount of change and reform taking place throughout Scotland, aims to take forward reform by assisting Community Planning Partnerships (CPP) to deliver transformational change around the four pillars of public service reform (prevention, partnership, people and performance).
- 1.3 The project will provide CPPs in Scotland with training and guidance on how to make communities safer and stronger. Additional support will also be available to a small number of CPPs tackling specific issues. This will look to promote innovative approaches and new pioneering methods such as the Total Neighbourhood Scheme established by The City of Edinburgh Council.
- 1.4 The scrutiny and engagement aspects of the programme are still in their early days and the programme is currently looking to provide support and facilitate shared learning and development to ensure that the early aims of the project are realised.
- 1.5 As a result the current work with partnerships, the safer and stronger communities' initiative is now considered to be a priority for Single Outcome Agreements across Scotland, which the programme acknowledges will be essential in promoting more strategic direction and support for later projects in the programme.

2 Project Plan

- 2.1 The breakdown of the project plan is as follows:

Purpose. To support Community Planning Partnerships to deliver better Safer and Stronger Outcomes.

Scope. Local scrutiny and engagement based on the public services four pillars of reform and Single Outcome Agreement priorities.

Delivery. The programme will offer support for CPPs and more intensive training for those pioneering innovative practices.

3 Deliverables

3.1 The programme will look to provide three deliverable frameworks for improved scrutiny and engagement, increased workforce capability and better partnership working. These will be broken down as follows:

Improved Scrutiny and Engagement.

- Facilitate Learning Network
- Publish Case Studies
- Deliver Scrutiny Training

Increased Workforce capability.

- Produce National Guidance
- Set National Practice Guidelines
- Make National Advisers available.

Better Partnership Working.

- Provide Intensive Support
- Review Total Place use in Scotland
- Map CPP Data

3.2 For more information about the projects and the programme go to the Building Safer Communities website at <http://www.buildingsafercommunities.co.uk>.

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