

# An Introduction to Community Planning Partnerships

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# Community Planning – the legislation



*We provide a wide range of practical improvement support*

# Community Planning in a nutshell

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It is explicitly about how public bodies work together and with the local community to plan for, resource and provide services which **improve local outcomes** in the local authority area, all with a view to **reducing inequalities**.

The statutory bodies must participate with community body (who wish to be involved) to enable them to participate in the CP process.



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(In more detail) the Community Empowerment 2015 (Scotland) Act requires CPPs to:

- prepare and publish a local outcomes improvement plan (LOIP) which sets out the local outcomes which the CPP will **prioritise for improvement**
- identify smaller areas within the local authority area which experience the **poorest outcomes**, and prepare and publish locality plans to improve outcomes on agreed priorities for these communities (the outcomes prioritised for improvement in a locality plan may differ from those in the local outcomes improvement plan)
- review and **report publicly on progress** towards their LOIP and locality plans, and keep the continued suitability of these plans under review.



## New Duties (to support shared leadership and collective governance) of:

- Facilitating community planning
- Taking all reasonable steps to ensure the CPP conducts its functions effectively and efficiently

Council  
NHS Police Scotland  
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service  
Scottish Enterprise / HIE



However the following range of organisations are now statutory partners under the new Act:

Integrated Joint  
Board



A National Park  
Authority



Regional Strategic Body  
under the Further and  
Higher Education  
(Scotland) Act 2005



Board of  
Management of a  
Regional College



*We are innovators for local government and help councils to identify and share good practice*



Shared  
leadership

Governance and  
accountability

Tackling inequalities

Community  
participation and co-  
production

Understanding local communities' needs, circumstances and opportunities

Effective performance  
management

Resourcing  
improvement

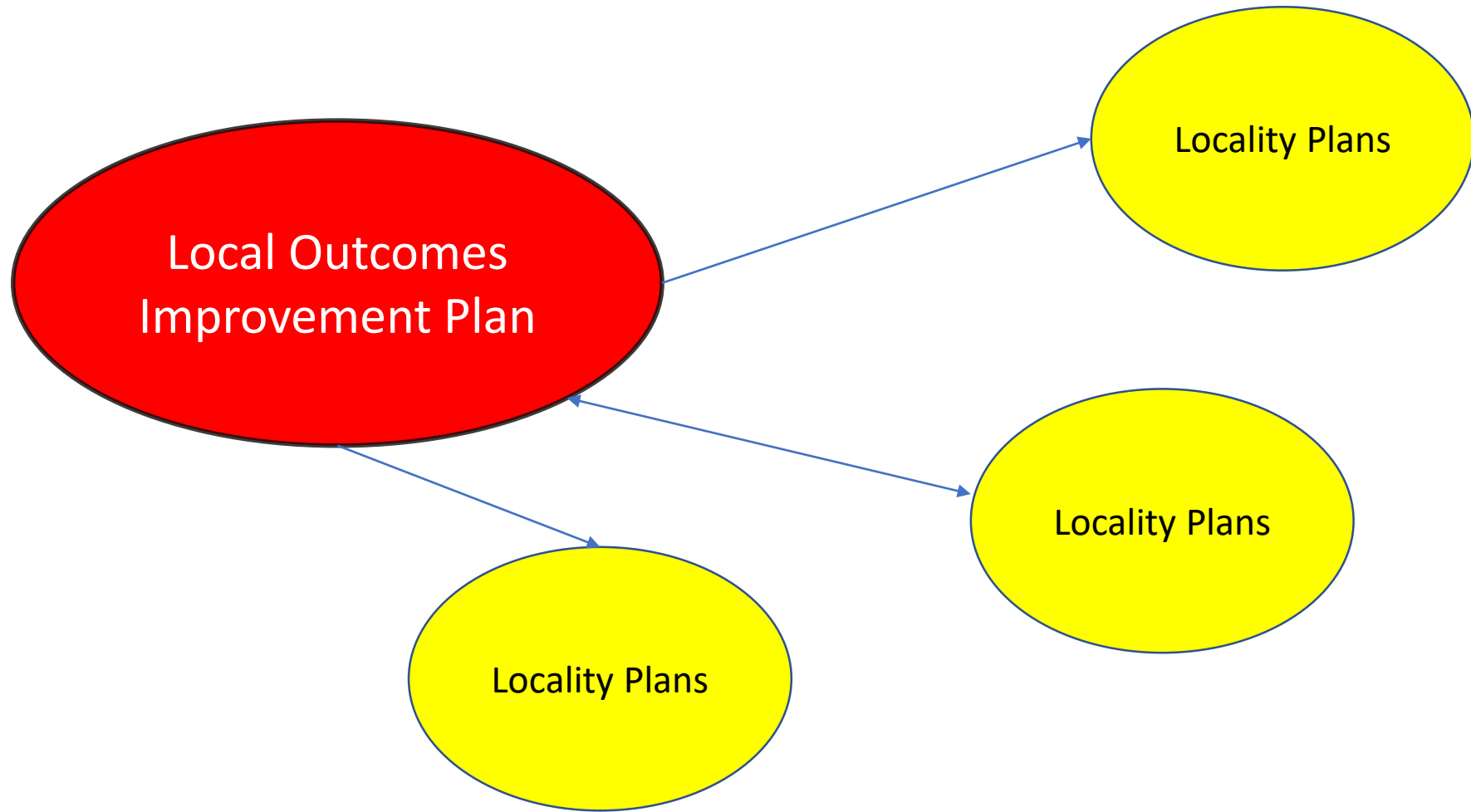
Focus on prevention

Focus on key  
priorities



*We facilitate the sharing of skills, capacity, knowledge and expertise*

# CPPs must publish:





# The LOIP.....

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- The LOIP should set out clear and agreed [priorities](#) for [improving local outcomes](#) and on [tackling](#) inequalities and demonstrate a robust link between these and the CPP's understanding of local needs, circumstances and aspirations.
- Identify those geographical communities / communities of interest that experience significantly poorer outcomes



# The LOIP.....

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- Outline how participation with communities, businesses and third sector has helped to develop and influence this understanding:

**“LOIP should be clearly based on active participation by communities and community bodies”**



# Locality Plans – no one size fits all!

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- It is for the CPP to decide which neighbourhoods should be subject to locality planning.
- No requirement to have a plan for each community / area in the authority
- Significant engagement similar to the development of the LOIP.
- Locality planning alone may not be sufficient to target neighbourhoods or communities of interest



# So, do we need.....?

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Less of this.....



And more of  
this.....



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# The CE Act – there is a lot in there.....

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**Community  
Planning**

**Asset Transfers**

**Allotments**

**Participation  
Requests**

**Community Right to  
Buy**

**Non-Domestic  
Rates**

**Football Clubs**

**Common Good  
Property**

**Delegation of Forestry  
Commissioners'  
Function**

**Participation in Public  
Decision Making**



## A couple of other areas – (1) Participation Requests

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*“where a community body believes it could help to improve an outcome it will be able to request that a public body, which is a public service authority, takes part in a process to improve that outcome”*



## A couple of other areas – (2) Asset Transfers

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Part 5 of the Community Empowerment Act introduces a right for community bodies to make requests to all local authorities, Scottish Ministers and a range of public bodies for any land or buildings they feel they could make better use of. They can request ownership, lease or other rights as they wish.

The public authorities must transparently assess requests against a specified list of criteria, laid out in the Act, and agree the request unless there are reasonable grounds for refusal.



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