



Orkney Community Planning Partnership Board Meeting

Thursday 3 July 2025 from 9.30am to 12.30pm

at

**Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Orkney District Office, Kirkwall, and
via Microsoft Teams**

1. Attendance and apologies

DELEGATES

Facilitating partners

Orkney Islands Council
NHS Orkney
Highlands & Islands Enterprise
Police Scotland
Scottish Fire and Rescue

Cllr Heather Woodbridge (Chair)
Meghan McEwen
Ruth Kirkpatrick
Scott Robertson
David McGroarty

Participating partners

Integrated Joint board
Historic Environment Scotland

Joanna Kenny
Dorothy Hoskins

Community Justice Partnership
UHI Orkney
HITRANS

Stephen Brown
Seonaidh McDonald
Cllr Kristopher Leask

Co-opted partners

Orkney Housing Association Ltd.
Voluntary Action Orkney

Craig Spence
Morven Brooks

IN ATTENDANCE

Scottish Government
Orkney Islands Council
NHS Orkney
NHS Orkney
Orkney Islands Council
Orkney Islands Council
Orkney CPP

Ellen Leaver
Alex Rodwell
Elvira Garcia
Hannah Casey
Oliver Reid
James Wylie
George Vickers (Secretary)

APOLOGIES

Visit Scotland
Orkney Islands Council
NHS Orkney
NHS Orkney
SEPA
NatureScot
Skills Development Scotland

Cheryl Chapman
Cllr Sandy Cowie
Laura Skaife-Knight
Louise Wilson
Owen Robinson
Graham Neville
Claire Sim

Pre-Agenda Item

David McGroarty from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service gave a presentation highlighting the challenges faced by the service due to an ageing population and the unique needs of different islands. He emphasized the importance of community-specific approaches and the limitations imposed by the boundaries of their roles. David also discussed the benefits of educational programs for young farmers and the importance of early education in fire safety.

Decisions and Actions:

- Continue educational programs for young farmers and expand them to more islands.
- Explore opportunities for community-specific fire safety initiatives.

2. Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Board 26 March 2025

The Chair asked if there were any questions or comments on the draft minutes of the previous meeting. There were no indications of any issues, and the minutes were agreed upon unanimously.

3. Matters Arising

The discussion focused on the gender pay gap and the revised property asset management future property sharing protocol. Seonaidh McDonald provided an update on the research proposal to investigate the gender pay gap in Orkney, highlighting the need for qualitative research to understand the underlying factors.

Decisions and Actions:

- Agreed to proceed with the gender pay gap research as proposed by Seonaidh McDonald.
- The work to be overseen by the Equalities Delivery Group.

4. Orkney Community Wealth Building Action Plan

George Vickers introduced the revised action plan, which had been updated based on feedback from the consultation. The Board discussed the importance of adopting this Action Plan to serve as a single anchor plan for all public sector bodies and reducing duplication. The plan sets out the need for a community engagement and communications strategy to ensure full participation in the implementation and development of the plan.

- The Board adopted the revised action plan.

5. Revised Orkney CPP Logo and New Website

The board discussed the need for a new logo and website to improve accessibility and modernize the community planning partnership's image. The most popular logo design was the shield.

Decisions and Actions:

- Adopt the shield logo design.
- Develop a brand pack with guidelines for logo use.

6. Population Health Framework 2025/35

Hannah Casey introduced the framework, which aims to improve health and life expectancy while reducing inequalities. The framework focuses on prevention, community engagement, and equitable health and care.

Decisions and Actions:

- Note the framework and discuss steps needed to respond to it.

7. Scottish Government and COSLA Health and Social Care Service Renewal Framework

Hannah Casey presented the Service Renewal Framework, which aims to transform the health and social care system in Scotland. The framework emphasizes prevention, community-based care, and digital solutions. The Board discussed the need for a strategic needs assessment and the challenges of funding the transition.

Decisions and Actions:

- Note the framework and its implications for the Community Planning Partnership.

8 Single Authority Model and Public Sector Reform

Oliver Reid introduced the discussion, emphasizing the need for a collaborative approach to address key issues. Public Sector reform aims to ensure more preventative and early intervention work to reduce the pressures on public services and ensure those services are best able to support local people. There must be no assumption at this stage of what form public sector reform will take in Orkney, whether it be the Single Authority Model or another. The Board agreed to continue exploring the options and to involve all relevant parties in the discussion.

Decisions and Actions:

- Continue exploring how best to meet the aims of public sector reform in Orkney and get better value for the people of Orkney.
- Involve all relevant parties in the discussion.

9. Community Safety

George Vickers introduced the written report on Community Planning Network meeting on community safety. The report noted that while there was not a forum addressing all elements of community safety in Orkney, there was a lot of work in different forums. The Board agreed that there was a need to explore whether all elements of community safety were receiving the attention needed and to address the demographic and recruitment challenges David McGroarty raised in his introduction.

Decisions and Actions:

- Agree to set up a community safety workshop later in the year.
- Identify and invite relevant stakeholders to participate in the workshop.

10. Updates from Partners

Morven Brooks provided updates from various voluntary sector partners, including a written report from VAO on the Third Sector. The Board discussed key issues faced by colleagues and the importance of collaboration and communication among partners.

Decisions and Actions:

- Note the updates from partners.
- Continue to collaborate and communicate effectively.

11. Delivery Group Reports

The Board received verbal and written updates from the Delivery Group chairs. Meghan McEwan provided a verbal update on the Equality Delivery Group, while Kristopher Leask and Stephen Brown provided written reports on Sustainable Development and the Cost of Living Task Force, respectively.

Decisions and Actions:

- Note the updates from the Delivery Groups.

12. Any Other Business

The Chair invited any other business, and there were no additional items raised. The dates for the next meetings were noted.

- Note the dates for the next meetings.

Dates of Next Meetings

- Wednesday 17 September 2025, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm, Council Chamber
- Tuesday 16 December 2025, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm, UHI Orkney, Conference Room