

DRAFT Minutes of the Orkney Community Planning Partnership Board

Wednesday 17 September 2025, Council Chamber, School Place and via Microsoft Teams

0. Introductions

New members and attendees were welcomed and introduced themselves.

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)
Davie Campbell
Katrina Wiseman
Scott Robertson
David McGroarty

Participating partners

Integrated Joint board
Skills development Scotland
NatureScot
Community Justice Partnership
HITRANS

Joanna Kenny
Connie Calvo
Graham Neville
Stephen Brown
Cllr Kristopher Leask

Co-opted partners

Voluntary Action Orkney

Morven Brooks

IN ATTENDANCE

Scottish Government
Orkney Islands Council
NHS Orkney
NHS Orkney
NHS Orkney
Orkney Islands Council
Orkney Islands Council
Highlands & Islands Enterprise
Orkney CPP

Ellen Leaver
Alex Rodwell
James Goodyear
Hannah Casey
Nigel Calvert
Oliver Reid
Cllr Sandy Cowie
Ruth Kirkpatrick
George Vickers (Secretary)

APOLOGIES

Visit Scotland
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Historic Environment Scotland
NHS Orkney
Community Learning and Development
OIC Director of Housing, Educations and Communities
Orkney Housing Association Ltd

Cheryl Chapman
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Dorothy Hoskins
Louise Wilson
Kerry Spence
James Wylie
Craig Spence

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (3 July 2025)

The draft minutes were approved without amendment.

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising beyond those already on the agenda.

4. Resourcing the CPP – Joint Resourcing of Community Planning Support

Presented by: Alex Rodwell

- The Board noted the updated resourcing paper, including the recruitment of a new Community Planning Manager to succeed George Vickers.
- The updated job title will be “Community Planning Manager” with modernised language in the job description.
- The total cost for 2025/26 is £72,236, apportioned among five facilitating partners.
- The Council will absorb the cost of the recruitment overlap.
- The Board noted the paper and supported the recruitment timeline.

5. Population Health Framework 2025–2035

Presented by: Hannah Casey

- The Board welcomed the Scottish Government and COSLA’s framework.
- Emphasis was placed on a whole-system approach and the CPP’s leadership role.
- The Board agreed to support the recommendations and engage in shared priority setting.

6. Public Sector Reform – Verbal Updates

Presented by: Oliver Reid and James Goodyear

- Positive progress reported on partnership discussions and shared commitment to reform.
- £300,000 secured from Scottish Government to support the reform journey.
- Emphasis on relationship-building, cultural change, and inclusive language.
- The Board noted the update and agreed on the importance of early engagement and third sector inclusion.

7. OCCP Annual Report 2024/25

Presented by: George Vickers

- The report summarised progress on sustainable development, cost of living, and equalities.
- Key statistics highlighted population decline, gender pay gap, and housing targets.
- A correction was noted regarding NHS funding for food surveys.
- The Board approved the report, subject to amendments.

8. Joint Children's Services Plan and Child Poverty Strategy – Verbal Update

Presented by: Alex Rodwell

- Proposal to integrate the Children's Services Plan, Child Poverty Strategy, and UNCRC reporting into a single strategy and delivery plan.
- The Board noted the proposal and supported the direction of travel.
- Clackmannanshire Council was suggested as a model for inspiration.

9. Updates from Partners

- Council: Structural changes include a new Head of Active Communities and a focus community and partnership.
- NHS Orkney: Leadership changes noted; Cabinet Secretary visit scheduled for 6 October.
- Children's Services: Orkney preparing to receive unaccompanied asylum-seeking children under the national transfer scheme.
- Third Sector: No formal report this meeting; update expected in December.

10. Delivery Group Reports

10.1 Equalities Delivery Group

Presented by: George Vickers

- The group has not met in a year; challenges in representation and momentum noted.
- David Campbell volunteered to chair the group going forward.
- The Board agreed to continue to focus the group on ferry linked isles and wider equalities issues.
- A workshop will be arranged to re-establish direction and membership.

10.2 Sustainable Development Delivery Group

Presented by: Councillor Kristopher Leask

- The group recommended extending the Executive Group's remit to oversee Community Wealth Building.
- Skills Development Scotland to be invited to join the Executive Group.
- The Board noted and supported the update.

10.3 Cost of Living Task Force

Presented by: Stephen Brown

- £214,000 from the Islands Cost Crisis Fund to be allocated following a successful bidding process.
- A sub-group with no conflicts of interest will assess bids.

- School breakfast provision is being rolled out across different parts of Orkney.
- The Board noted the update and praised the collaborative work.

11. Any Other Business

- No additional items raised.
- Members were reminded to suggest future agenda items.

Next meeting: Tuesday 16 December 2025, 2:00–5:00pm at UHI Orkney, Conference Room.