

## **Fife Partnership**

**Fife Partnership Board  
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Agenda Item 7**

### **Fife Community Plan 2010 timescale**

1. This short report outlines the suggested timescale for delivering a new community plan. This would be the basis for Fife Partnership's strategic planning from 2010 when the original 2000 Community Plan period expires
2. As with the 2003 community plan revision, it is proposed we again use scenario planning to help analyse the major influences on Fife's future and proof the plan against the uncertainties that inevitably lie ahead.
3. The process essentially falls into two parts.
4. In 2009 we propose to use scenario planning methods to re-assess the current Fife scenarios, scan evidence about Fife's social, economic, legislative and technological context, identify the key external drivers of change and shape those into alternative possible futures or scenarios. This process would involve a combination of desk research, surveys and/or focus groups, workshops, input from external witnesses and facilitation by specialist expertise, the role that Prof. Peter McKiernan played in the 2003 and 2006 scenario planning.
  - a. It is essential that the Fife Partnership Board has ownership and fully participates in the process, particularly the workshops, scheduled for August to November, that will explore the key drivers and generate the scenario planning. From previous experience it would seem the time commitment was rewarded for the participants because of the opportunity it afforded for in-depth strategic reflection and conversation.
  - b. There are others, such as theme, strategic partnership and service leads who should also be brought into the process, as they were in the Managing Fife's Future workshops which refreshed the scenarios and community plan in 2006.
  - c. We also propose to draw on consultative processes: collecting evidence from recent activity; and seeking engagement of the public through the residents surveys, the Peoples Panel and focus groups, and of younger people through the Big Shout.
5. In 2010, it is proposed we use the scenarios - stories about alternative futures created by drivers outwith our control - and develop our community planning of services, policies and strategies over which we

do have control. This will enable the community plan to take a balanced approach, prepared for and adaptable to the uncertainties of the next ten years. As with the original Fife scenarios, it is proposed we start with an event that enables feedback on the draft scenarios or 'wind-tunnelling' and commences engagement in the production of the Community Plan over the following months. This could include a. This would lead into a process of drafting and consultation, including a possible Citizens Jury, before adoption of a new Community Plan by the Partnership by June 2010. It will also feed into and influence the timing of the 2010 Single Outcome Agreement.

6. The indicative programme is:

Agree outline timescale	Mar-09
Agree detailed approach	May-09
Review 2003 scenarios and winds of change	May-09
Surveys and Focus Groups	May-09
Appoint Specialist Advisor	Jun-09
Gather Environmental Scanning evidence	July to Aug 09
2009 State of Fife Report	Sept 2009
Fife Partnership scenario planning workshops (5)	Aug to Nov 09
Scenarios drafted	Dec-09
Community planning conference and engagement	Jan-10
Citizens Jury	Mar-10
Draft Community Plan approved for Consultation	Apr-10
Community Plan approved by Fife Partnership and partners	Jun-10

7. If this process is agreed, then the working group that developed the SOA will manage the process with regular reports to the Executive Group and Fife Partnership Board.

8. The Board are invited to comment on this outline process.

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