MID ROSS DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP

ACTION NOTE FROM THE MEETING HELD ON: Friday 6th November 2015 at Council Offices, Dingwall.

PRESENT: Sarah Wedgwood (Chair); Cllr Graham MacKenzie (Vice-chair); Robbie Bain (RB); Liz Macdonald; Margot Smith (MS); Rhiannon Pitt (RP); Cllr David Alston; Tracy Shaw; Mags Duncan; Debbie Milton (DM); Stewart Macpherson; Anne MacDonald; Siobhan Mackenzie (THC, note); Di Agnew; Cllr Angela Maclean;; Ian Murray (HLH)

APOLOGIES: Jim Quate, Cllr Ian Cockburn; Karen Cormack; Donnie MacKenzie; Insp David Ogilvie (Police Scotland); Pol McClelland (PM);; Val Cameron; Kay Mackillop

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION AGREED	LEAD	NAMED OFFICER	TIMESCALE		
1	Welcome & Apologies						
2	Community Planning Issues	RB provided an update on changes to Council Area Committee structure and there followed a discussion on the role of District Partnerships as part of the Community Empowerment agenda. It was noted that there is need for further discussion on this as the role of the DP evolves.					
		Community Learning & Development Statutory instrument on development of CLD plan. Highland considered weak on building community capacity. All Community Planning Partners agreed to share lead role on CLD across DP areas. Diane Agnew (THC) to have coordination role for Mid Ross.					
		Highland Wide Local Development Plan.					
		The current consultation on the Highland Wide Local Development Plan was noted. The inter-relationship between the work of the District Partnership and the Development Plan was discussed.					
		An example was the importance of transport planning to accessibility of health provision. It was noted that Ross Memorial Hospital has no bus stop.					
3	National Conversation on Creating a Healthier Scotland	Liz MacDonald provided a briefing on the National Conversation and indicated how feed-back could be made.					

4	Care & Learning Update	Debbie Milton reported on the development of family centres as a CLD Plan priority. These provide Early years delivery from a single building as a one-stop shop and help develop relationship with families especially those reluctant to ask for help. Looking at partnership with fire station in Dingwall. No staff will be relocated but very close to Dingwall building where EYS is located.		
		Staffing - Maurice McIntyre retiring Graham Nichols taking over. Twilight sessions quarterly for staff bringing together Health workers, social workers, teachers and therapists to discuss particular themes – covering new psychoactive substances (legal highs) in next session. Consulting with primary heads on planning for early years at local level. Health Visitors – no vacancies in Mid Ross at present but new legislation provides for an additional 500 across Scotland.		
		There is a problem with recruitment of School Nurses. DM agreed to provide more information to the next meeting	Debbie Milton	
5	Feed-back from Partnership Open day	Debbie Milton provided feedback on the open day held in August. The Chair thanked everyone who had been involved in making it such a successful event.		
		There was discussion on aspects of the event and specific questions on the feed-back forms filled in by attendees. DM agreed to forward further information to RB to circulate.	Debbie Milton/Robbie Bain	
6	NHS Update	Rhiannon Pitt asked for feedback on the Change & Improvement Plan. It was noted that many of the Outputs have already been achieved. Bill Alexander has stated that it is important that The Change & Improvement Plan is seen as a local document and therefore needs local feedback. Concern was expressed about changes to Ambulance cover for non-injury falls.	All	

7	Highlife Highland	Ian Murray, Chief Executive, Highlife Highland, gave a briefing on the work of HLH and stressed their role in the Preventive Health Agenda, through: youth work; books on prescription; cardiac rehab; Otago etc. Discussion included the role of Community Planning (and HLH) in end-of-life planning and care.		
8	Highland Senior Citizens Network	Anne Macdonald provided a background to the work and structure of the Senior Citizens Network. This is a membership and campaigning organisation which is working to enable older people to have their say in how services for older people are provided. Work includes: preventing loneliness; involving people and connecting young people and older people in the community.		
9	AOB Issues	 Liz Macdonald alerted the Partnership to a conference on Learning Disabilities to be held in Smithton Church on 16th June 2016. The conference will focus on employability. 		
		Our Voice leaflets - Scottish Government asking Scottish Health Council to develop peer networks as a vehicle for people to get involved with Health & Social Care		
7	Dates of Future Meetings	 District Partnership Meeting Friday 6 May 2016, 14.00 Council Offices, Dingwall. Open Event Friday 26 August time and venue to be arranged. 		