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| **Name and purpose of meeting:**  Community Learning and Development | |
| **Date of meeting:**  05/08/2024 | **Attended by:**  J Amaral |
| **Relevant agenda items:**   * HMIE Record of Visit * CLD Plan 2021-24 Evaluation: progress update * CLD Plan 2024-25 – discussion on emerging priorities and data | |
| **Specific points of interest:**  **HMIE Record of Visit** – The inspection report has been released, the main points highlighted in the report are:   * The refreshed CLD partnership including a broad range of partners and a new chairperson was marked as a strength. * Alignment of CLD service with resilient communities means contribution to community planning priorities. * Areas for improvement: CLD governance and delivery plan need to be clear, with key accountability for agreed-upon actions. * Lack of strategic overview of the delivery of CLD plan. * few third sector organisations and CLD practitioners do not feel that their work is fully valued or recognised sufficiently well. Moving forward, it will be important for the CLD Strategic Partnership to ensure that all CLD strategic partners, staff and volunteers feel valued * and respected as equal partners. Communication, transparency and trust between the council and third sector partners could also be strengthened further.   Other key areas for development:  • There is a need to include the totality of CLD in planning, including community engagement and community development. There is an opportunity to strengthen the understanding of CLD and its impact and to include a broader range of partners.  • A period of change has limited the ability and capacity of senior leaders to progress their vision into practice   * There are currently insufficient joint training opportunities for council and CLD partner organisations, including the third sector * Borders Community Action (BCA) effectively supports individual volunteers and community organisations. Training programmes are based on engagement with members and designed according to identified needs. These range from committee skills to a handbook and guidance for organisations supporting volunteers. A matching service is helping volunteers to find the right activity for them. The next step is for BCA to continue to develop its support to individuals seeking a pathway from volunteering into employment. * There are currently insufficient joint training opportunities for council and CLD partner organisations, including the third sector.   The full report can be viewed here: <https://borderstsi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/cld-scottish-borders-council-pv-230724.pdf>  **CLD Plan 2021-24 Evaluation: progress update**  Gillian Jardine went through the reporting stats. There is still fragmentation in reporting. Juliana pointed out that multiple channels to capture data were used over the past two years and there seems to be a lack of recording and analysis of the data provided by partners. Change in the third sector interface means that data provided before 2023 cannot be retrieved as the previous partnership has dissolved.  The use of Microsoft Forms to capture stats in March 2024 which was helpful but data capture seems to have been lost as it is not aligned with the action tracker. Gillian agreed to review this with Norrie Tait who was responsible to oversee the data gathering.  There was a discussion around the need for quantitative and qualitative data in the reporting and the systems used to capture data need to allow for this to happen, particularly to illustrate key partnership work. Wider discussion around the need for key communications around CLD work and partnership. There seems to be a lack of understanding of what the partnership is about. Amanda Glasgow (SBC CLD team) suggested the use of podcasts to showcase all the CLD work happening in the Borders and to facilitate understanding in the community about CLD practice. Juliana suggested an invitation Iain Corbertt who lead CLD Talks podcast. Amanda has already been liaising with Iain.  **CLD Plan 2024-25 – discussion on emerging priorities and data:**  The partners discussed key priorities coming from learners as data captured should be used to inform the key priorities of CLD moving forward. Juliana agreed to bring the training needs analysis survey developed by BCA every year in October forward as the responses will help inform the CLD plan in September.  There was a discussion around the crossover between the Local Employability Partnership data and Community Planning Partnerships stats. The partners were asked to provide and share any stats from engagement with learning that could support the development of the new CLD priorities plan. | |
| **Comments:**  Communications of CLD Partnership and data collection needs to be improved. There has been improvement in governance of CLD and meetings currently chaired By Jenni Craig have been very productive.  Membership needs to be constantly reviewed with key partners invited as and when required also being an option considering people’s busy work schedule. | |
| **Actions from this meeting:**  BCA to develop and distribute training needs analysis results across the third sector  Juliana to ask third sector leaders around CLD representation.  BCA to provide case study around CLD, third sector and BCA Saltire Awards and volunteering recognition through Volunteer Champion Awards delivered by BCA in June 2024. | |
| **Distribution list for information:**  BCA Team  **Signed: J Amaral** | |