



USES AND BENEFITS OF A COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

Overview

- CAP is a cornerstone of community development - not just a plan
- Helps build enterprising, proactive and sustainable communities
- Enables communities as partners in their own development

Communities

- Gives local groups strong community mandate
- Better access to funds for community projects
- Better able to make representation on behalf of community and have influence on service provision and development
- Process builds joint working and shared ownership of plan
- Strengthens local community organisations
- Encourages more people to become involved – active citizenship
- Builds capacity around community priorities
- Builds social networks

Wider area

- Benefits joint working between communities
- Shared working on projects and issues shared in common
- Greater ability to jointly influence and feed into other strategic plans and participate in area networks
- Potential to shape long term relationships between communities and public sector.

Community Benefit Funds

- Provides guidelines for fund management and fund allocation
- Helps with strategic management of funds (e.g. short term vs long term, proactive developmental role)
- Provides community mandate for fund management
- Helps prevent gatekeeper/them and us syndrome!
- Supports community management of funds

Need to keep it alive – 5 year plan with 20 +year vision
Use it or lose it * Review and redo *