

Phase 1 - End of June 2008

Individual councils and community planning partnerships refine, update and secure sign-off on the single outcome agreement for 2008/2009.

Phase 2 - July 2008

Updated analysis of all final SOA's by Improvement Service with a summary report coming before a further meeting of the High Level Steering Group and SOLACE during August.

Over the course of July and into August it is also envisaged that there will be discussion between individual councils/community planning partnerships with Ministers during the summer tours at which point both "asks" and "offers" can be considered in more detail.

Phase 3 - August-October 2008

The High Level Steering Group will finalise guidance for (a) 2009/2010 SOA's to be submitted by community planning partnerships, and (b) confirm the reporting format and timescale for 2008/2009 outcomes.

Phase 4 - November 2008 - February 2009

All 32 CPPs prepare and submit 2009/2010 SOA's by end of February.

Phase 5 - March-May 2009

Dialogue with Scottish Government and community planning partnerships to secure sign-off.

Phase 6

By 30 September 2009 final performance reports against targets for 2008/2009.

In terms of the main mechanisms to drive all of the above processes the High Level Steering Group will continue to meet on a regular basis and consideration will be given on how to best involve representation from ACPOS, Fire and Rescue, College Principals, Health Sector etc. to reinforce the CPP approach at a national level. In addition the Practitioners Forum should continue to meet to develop and share best practice and feed into the High Level Steering Group. At a local level community planning partnerships will all need to fully engage in this process from 1 July 2008 onwards in preparation for CPP SOA's submitted for 2009/2010 onwards.

It is important that the dialogue already established between the Liaison Directors from Scottish Government continues with local councils and community planning partnerships and that this also ideally involves a link Improvement Service officer as has previously been suggested.

Finally there would also be benefit in considering how we can best work together to support delivery of the key outcomes already specified in the initial agreements.

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