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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **SOCIAL AFFAIRS THEMATIC CPP GROUP** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD** on **MONDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2011** at **9:30 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry
Executive Director - Customer Services

BUSINESS

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (IF ANY)**
3. **MINUTES**
Social Affairs Thematic CPP Group 22 August 2011 (Pages 1 - 8)
4. **BUDGET PRESENTATION**
Presentation by Carol Walker, Head of Education, Argyll and Bute Council
5. **LOCHGILPHEAD JOINT CAMPUS - CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE**
Presentation by Anne Devine, Principal Teacher, Lochgilphead Joint Campus
6. **IMPLEMENTATION OF GETTING IT RIGHT FOR EVERY CHILD (GIRFEC)**
Presentation by Mark Lines, Service Officer – Children with Needs, Argyll and Bute Council
7. **CHOOSE LIFE STRATEGY**
Presentation by Alison McGrory, NHS Highland
8. **UPDATE OF EXAMINATION RESULTS 2011**
Report by Cleland Sneddon, Executive Director – Community Services, Argyll and Bute Council (previously issued to Executive) (Pages 9 - 14)
9. **A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF A COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT YOUTH WORKER**
Report by Raymond Flanagan, CLD Youth Worker, Argyll and Bute Council (Pages 15 - 18)

10. PROPOSED THEMATIC CONTENT FOR NEW COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT

Presentation by Lynda Thomson, Organisational Development Manager, Argyll and Bute Council

11. SOCIAL AFFAIRS THEMATIC CPP GROUP SCORECARD

12. PROVISIONS OF NEW ALCOHOL (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010

Presentation by Graeme Forrester, Governance and Law, Argyll and Bute Council

13. FEEDBACK RECEIVED ON CONSULTATION ON MAIN ISSUES REPORT

Report by Angus Gilmour, Head of Planning and Regulatory Services, Argyll and Bute Council (Pages 19 - 22)

14. HIGHLIGHT AND EXCEPTION REPORTS

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- (i) Youth Focus/Argyll and Bute Youth Forum and Dialogue Youth (to follow)
- (j) Health Improvement Planning and Performance (to follow)

SOCIAL AFFAIRS THEMATIC CPP GROUP

Marlene Baillie
Councillor Mary-Jean Devon
Councillor Anne Horn
Derek Leslie
Eleanor MacKinnon
Andrew McClure
Councillor James McQueen
Councillor Elaine Robertson

Councillor Vivien Dance
Glenn Heritage
Councillor David Kinniburgh
Verina Litster
Councillor John McAlpine
Councillor Roderick McCuish
David Price
Cleland Sneddon

Angus Gilmour
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MINUTES of MEETING of SOCIAL AFFAIRS THEMATIC CPP GROUP held in the MEMBERS ROOM, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD on MONDAY, 22 AUGUST 2011

Present: Councillor Vivien Dance (Chair)
Councillor Anne Horn
Councillor Roderick McCuish
Councillor Elaine Robertson
Cleland Sneddon, Executive Director – Community Services,
Argyll and Bute Council (Thematic Lead)
Glenn Heritage, Third Sector Partnership
Sgt Mark Wilson, Strathclyde Police

Attending: Melissa Stewart, Area Governance Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
Helen Kidd, Planning and Information Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Aileen Goodall, Lead Officer, 16+ Learning Choices, Argyll and Bute Council
Anne Paterson, Quality Improvement Manager – Early Years, Argyll and Bute Council
Eileen Wilson, Argyll and Bute Community Planning Manager

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated from Councillor Mary Jean Devon, Councillor David Kinniburgh, Marlene Baillie (Strathclyde Police) and Derek Leslie (NHS Highland).

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Social Affairs Thematic CPP Group meeting held on 9 May 2011 were approved as a correct record.

3. VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND DOMESTIC ABUSE

A report indicating the levels of domestic abuse in Argyll and Bute compared to the national picture, and highlighting the activities of the Argyll and Bute Against Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women (ADA and VAW) Partnership was considered.

Decision

1. Agreed to support the ongoing work of the ADA and VAW Partnership to address the issues of domestic abuse and violence against women in Argyll and Bute;
2. Agreed to raise awareness of the issues among CPP Partners;
3. Noted that Cleland Sneddon would investigate the best way of raising awareness of the issues with the Council's workforce;

4. Requested that the new Strategy and Implementation Plan for 2012-2015 be brought to a future meeting of the Group; and
5. With reference to Domestic Abuse incidents recorded by Police, requested from Mark Wilson a breakdown of those incidents which are alcohol and/or drug related.

(Reference: Report by Planning and Information Manager, Argyll and Bute Council submitted)

4. PERFORMANCE AND PROGRESS REPORT ON COMMUNITY SAFETY

Mark Wilson presented a report which provided a summary of crimes committed across Argyll and Bute during the period April – June 2011 compared to the five year average for April – June. He advised that apart from Drug Crimes, figures for the last three months showed a downwards trend. He explained the reason for the rise in Drug Crimes was due to a successful intelligence led operation carried out in Oban which targeted a number of properties and that it was hoped to repeat this in other areas in the future and that he was in the process of pulling together a briefing note on intelligence.

Decision

1. Commended the downward trend in crime figures across Argyll and Bute;
2. Noted the successful outcome of the recent intelligence led operation carried out in Oban; and
3. Noted that Eileen Wilson would raise with the Community Safety Partnership and Drivesafe Partners the possible dangers caused by slow drivers and whether or not they would be able to raise awareness of the need for slow drivers to be considerate of other road users and to pull into passing places when available to allow for overtaking.

(Reference: Argyll and Bute Sub Division – Summary of Multi-Member Ward Performance for the Period April – June 2011 compared to the five year average for April – June, submitted)

5. 16+ LEARNING CHOICES - SCHOOL LEAVER DESTINATIONS REPORT

Aileen Goodall gave a presentation on the 16+ Learning Choices Policy and Practice Framework which aims to help prevent and reduce youth unemployment and support economic growth in Scotland. The presentation also included statistical information on the School Leaver Destination Return 2009/10 and follow up results for March 2011 for Argyll and Bute.

Aileen also responded to a number of questions arising from her

presentation.

Decision

1. Noted the contents of the presentation and report; and
2. Noted that Glenn Heritage would provide to Aileen an information pack on training courses provided by Argyll Voluntary Action for volunteers.

(Reference: Report by Skills Development Scotland dated June 2011, submitted)

Aileen Goodall and Mark Wilson left the meeting.

6. FINANCIAL IMPACT OF EARLY YEARS INTERVENTIONS

Anne Paterson gave a presentation which highlighted the financial and collateral impact of Early Years Early Interventions showing that there was strong evidence for investment in early years/early intervention from Neuroscience; Longitudinal research (social benefits); and Economic modelling.

Decision

Noted the contents of the presentation.

Councillor Anne Horn left the meeting during discussion of the foregoing item.

7. SOCIAL AFFAIRS THEMATIC GROUP SCORECARD

Cleland Sneddon highlighted the contents of the Social Affairs Thematic CPP Group Scorecard in respect of key measures identified by the Council in respect of Older People's Services, Learning Disability Services, Mental Health and Children and Families and advised that a copy of this would be circulated with the Minutes of this meeting.

Decision

Noted that further indicators had yet to be identified by Partners and that Cleland would follow this up in advance of the next meeting.

8. WEB DEVELOPMENT

Eileen Wilson confirmed that the Thematic Pages of the Community Planning Partnership website were now linked to the Council website and that more information on the activities being looked at by the Thematic Groups needed to be included and that it would be useful to look at the best way of populating the Thematic pages with this information.

Decision

Noted that Governance Officers, in liaison with the Community Planning

Manager, would investigate the best way of publishing information on the Thematic pages of the website.

9. ALCOHOL AND DRUG PARTNERSHIP PERFORMANCE TIMELINE

Cleland Sneddon advised that he had taken on the role of Chair of the Argyll and Bute Alcohol and Drug Partnership and presented a performance timeline covering the period July 2011 to January 2012 for the Partnership for information.

Decision

1. Noted the contents of the report; and
2. Agreed that a progress report be brought to the Thematic Group in March 2012.

(Reference: Argyll and Bute Alcohol and Drug Partnership Performance Timeline, submitted)

10. HIGHLIGHT AND EXCEPTION REPORTS

(a) ARGYLL AND BUTE ADULT PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Consideration was given to a highlight and exception report provided by the Argyll and Bute Adult Protection Committee.

Decision

1. Noted the activity undertaken by the Argyll and Bute Adult Protection Committee during the period April – June 2011 and the key challenges and actions to be addressed in the future; and
2. Agreed that the information provided was too general in nature and requested a more detailed report be prepared for the next meeting.

(Reference: Report by Argyll and Bute Adult Protection Committee dated August 2011, submitted)

(b) ARGYLL AND BUTE HEALTH AND CARE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Consideration was given to a highlight and exception report provided by the Argyll and Bute Health and Care Strategic Partnership

Decision

Noted the activity undertaken by the Argyll and Bute Health and Care Strategic Partnership during the period April – June 2011 and the key challenges and actions to be addressed in the future.

(Reference: Report by Argyll and Bute Health and Care Strategic Partnership dated 21 July 2011, submitted)

(c) ARGYLL AND BUTE STRATEGIC COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Consideration was given to a highlight and exception report provided by the Argyll and Bute Strategic Community Safety Partnership

Decision

1. Noted the activity currently being undertaken by the Argyll and Bute Strategic Community Safety Partnership and the key challenges and actions to be addressed in the future; and
2. Agreed to request the Clerk to the Licensing Board to provide a report detailing the provisions of the new Alcohol etc. (Scotland) Act 2010 and that this be brought to the next meeting of the Thematic Group on 7 November 2011

(Reference: Report by Argyll and Bute Strategic Community Safety Partnership dated 15 August 2011, submitted)

(d) ARGYLL AND BUTE'S CHILDREN

Consideration was given to a highlight and exception report provided by the Argyll and Bute's Children Partnership.

Decision

Noted the activity undertaken by the Argyll and Bute's Children Partnership during the period April – June 2011 and the key challenges and actions to be addressed in the future.

(Reference: Report by Argyll and Bute Children's Partnership dated 26 July 2011, submitted)

(e) ARGYLL AND BUTE CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Consideration was given to a highlight and exception report provided by the Argyll and Bute Child Protection Committee.

Decision

Noted the activity undertaken by the Argyll and Bute Child Protection Committee during the period April – June 2011 and the key challenges and actions to be addressed in the future.

(Reference: Report by Argyll and Bute Child Protection Committee dated 26 July 2011, submitted)

(f) **EARLY YEARS PARTNERSHIP**

Consideration was given to a highlight and exception report provided by the Early Years Partnership.

Decision

Noted the activity currently being undertaken by the Early Years Partnership and the key challenges and actions to be addressed in the future.

(Reference: Report by Early Years Partnership dated 16 August 2011, submitted)

(g) **ARGYLL AND BUTE STRATEGIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES FORUM**

Consideration was given to a highlight and exception report provided by the Argyll and Bute Strategic Housing and Communities Forum.

Decision

1. Noted the activity undertaken by the Argyll and Bute Strategic Housing and Communities Forum during the period April – June 2011 and the key challenges and actions to be addressed in the future; and
2. Agreed to request the Head of Planning and Regulatory Services to provide a report advising on feedback received so far on the consultation on the Main Issues Report and that this be brought to the next meeting of the Thematic Group on 7 November 2011.

(Reference: Report by Argyll and Bute Strategic Housing and Communities Forum dated 28 July 2011, submitted)

(h) **THIRD SECTOR PARTNERSHIP**

Consideration was given to a highlight and exception report provided by the Third Sector Partnership.

Decision

1. Noted the activity undertaken by the Third Sector Partnership during the period April – mid July 2011 and the key challenges and actions to be addressed in the future; and
2. Noted an update provided by Glenn Heritage regarding a position statement being presented to the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Management Committee regarding the expulsion of Bute Community Links from the Third Sector Partnership and the consequences of this action.

(Reference: Report by the Third Sector Partnership dated 3 August 2011, submitted)

(i) **YOUTH FOCUS/ARGYLL AND BUTE YOUTH FORUM AND DIALOGUE YOUTH**

Consideration was given to a highlight and exception report provided by the Youth Focus/Argyll and Bute Youth Forum and Dialogue Youth.

Decision

Noted the activity undertaken by the Youth Focus/Argyll and Bute Youth Forum and Dialogue Youth during the period April – June 2011 and the key challenges and actions to be addressed in the future.

(Reference: Report by Youth Focus/Argyll and Bute Youth Forum and Dialogue Youth dated 10 August 2011, submitted)

(j) **HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE ACTION GROUP**

Consideration was given to a highlight and exception report provided by the Health Improvement Planning and Performance Action Group (HIPAG).

Decision

Noted the activity undertaken by the HIPAG during the period April – June 2011 and the key challenges and actions to be addressed in the future.

(Reference: Report by the HIPAG dated 18 August 2011, submitted)

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 7 November 2011 in the Members Room, Kilmory, Lochgilphead.

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**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES - EDUCATION**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
3 NOVEMBER 2011**

UPDATE OF EXAMINATION RESULTS 2011

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1** The Executive received an initial SQA examination results paper on 22 September 2011. This gave information on examination performance across Argyll and Bute but did not contain comparative data for national or 'family' comparisons. This initial paper was prepared to enable the schools to present their achievement reports to the area committees at an earlier date than had been the case in previous years. The comparative data is now available and is presented in this update.
- 1.2** Argyll and Bute schools have continued to perform well in the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) examinations. Despite decreases in S4, the authority remains above or equal to the national and 'family' averages in most measures. 12.9% of S5 pupils gained five or more Highers, the best result for twelve years and well above the national average. Also of note is the maintenance of improved performance at Advanced Higher achieved by pupils at S6. It should be noted that the 2011 results are 'pre-appeal' and may increase up to one percentage point following the appeals process.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** The Executive Committee is asked to note the update of results for 2011 and to continue to support the work of schools in securing continuous improvement.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1** Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) levels:

Level 7	Advanced Higher @ A-C
Level 6	Higher @ A-C
Level 5	Standard Grade @ 1-2 plus Intermediate 2 @ A-C
Level 4	Standard Grade @ 3-4 plus Intermediate 1 @ A-C
Level 3	Standard Grade @ 5-6 plus Access 3

3.2 The results for the five years 2007-2011 are shown in the following table. All results are above or well above the national average with the exception of 5+ Level 3. There was a significant increase in Higher results this year, particularly for those pupils taking five or more Highers in S5.

	2007		2008		2009		2010		2011	
	A&B	Scot	A&B	Scot	A&B	Scot	A&B	Scot	A&B	Scot
By the end of S4										
5+ @ level 5	35.2	32.3	35.6	33.8	36.0	33.0	38.0	33.0	36.5	35.4
5+ @ level 4	82.0	75.0	83.3	75.7	82.1	74.0	82.0	73.0	78.6	78.3
5+ @ level 3	95.4	90.5	94.0	90.5	93.7	88.0	94.0	88.0	92.3	92.6
By the end of S5										
1+ @ level 6	40.5	38.1	44.1	38.2	43.9	40.0	47.0	43.0	48.2	44.2
3+ @ level 6	20.9	21.6	24.2	21.9	23.0	23.0	23.0	24.0	26.6	25.7
5+ @ level 6	11.7	09.7	09.6	09.5	09.5	10.0	08.0	11.0	12.9	11.7
By the end of S6										
1+ @ level 7	15.8	11.9	12.1	12.3	16.0	13.0	15.0	12.0	15.8	15.4

3.3 Performance in SQA examinations is also shown as a percentage of the S4 roll achieving certain levels by the end of S6. This allows schools to report on the total achievement of pupils up to and including their S6 year. If pupils leave before S6 their achievement is reported for the year that they would have been in S6.

By the end of S6, the percentage of pupils gaining 5+ Highers has risen above 22% and well over half of all pupils achieve at least one Higher. These cumulative S6 results are some of the best results over the five years 2007 – 2011.

The following table shows the authority compared with the national figures (%):

	2007		2008		2009		2010		2011	
	A&B	Scot	A&B	Scot	A&B	Scot	A&B	Scot	A&B	Scot
By the end of S6										
5+ @ level 5	57.2	47.2	52.0	47.9	54.5	48.0	56.0	50.0	58.9	52.9
English and Maths	95.6	91.4	95.4	92.3	95.5	92.0	95.0	93.0	93.2	94.0
1+ @ level 6	50.1	42.4	47.8	43.0	49.9	43.0	54.0	46.0	57.7	49.4
3+ @ level 6	34.6	29.2	30.2	29.8	34.1	30.0	32.0	33.0	36.2	34.9
5+ @ level 6	21.9	18.9	19.3	19.4	22.2	20.0	22.0	22.0	22.3	23.5
1+ @ level 7	15.8	11.9	12.1	12.3	16.0	13.0	15.0	14.0	15.8	15.4

3.4 The comparison of Argyll and Bute with its family of five similar authorities is shown in table 3.4. These families of similar authorities were developed by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE), using statistical methodology, to compare those with similar characteristics. The authorities compared with Argyll and Bute are: Angus, Dumfries and Galloway, Highland, Scottish Borders and South Ayrshire.

3.5 Argyll and Bute performs comparatively well at Standard Grade/Intermediate 1 and 2. This year, the Higher results place the authority among the best of the comparator authorities.

Family comparisons (%):

	Angus	D&G	Highland	S. Borders	S Ayrshire	Argyll&Bute
By the end of S4						
5+ @ level 5	32	37	37	39	39	37
5+ @ level 4	77	80	82	80	79	79
5+ @ level 3	93	93	92	92	95	92
By the end of S5						
1+ @ level 6	43	43	47	47	50	48
3+ @ level 6	24	23	27	28	30	27
5+ @ level 6	09	10	12	12	14	13
By the end of S6						
1+ @ level 7	15	14	17	17	17	16

3.6 The process for authority monitoring of examination results is as follows:

- i. Head teachers send their initial analysis of their school's results to the Quality Standards Manager following the initial release of results by the SQA in August
- ii. These reports and the authority performance are discussed at the September head teacher meeting.
- iii. Internal school discussions take place with departments focusing on individual subject performance.
- iv. Following this Executive Committee report, reports on achievement, including examination results, for individual secondary schools/joint campuses are presented by head teachers/principals at their appropriate area committee meeting.
- v. Officers visit schools to discuss detailed analysis and predictions for the next examination period. Actions at subject level are agreed.

This process, and the examination results, are also discussed with the District Inspector from Education Scotland.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 Argyll and Bute schools continue to demonstrate strong performance across most of the national qualification measures. These results will now be incorporated into improvement objectives and targets for 2012.

5. IMPLICATIONS

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| 5.1 | Policy: | None |
| 5.2 | Financial: | None |
| 5.3 | Personnel: | None |
| 5.4 | Equal Opportunities: | None |
| 5.5 | Legal: | None |

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A Week in the Life of a Community Learning and Development Youth Worker by Raymond J Flanagan MSc CLD

I have described below my typical working week in order to highlight the range of formal and informal youth work activities that I'm involved in as the Mid Argyll CLD Youth Worker attached to Lochgilphead Joint Campus and its learning community or catchment area.

Monday morning finds me in Lochgilphead Joint Campus, planning for the week's Princes Trust xl classes for both S3 xl and S4 xl groups. A Prince's Trust xl club provides a personal development programme aimed at young people aged 13-19 at risk of underachievement or exclusion from school.

Run as a club, the xl programme provides young people with the space and attention they need to learn skills and confidence as well as to form a sense of ownership over their work and own development. It aims to re-engage young people in education by ensuring that learning becomes accessible, valid, relevant and attractive. Furthermore it allows young people the opportunity to increase confidence and self-esteem, improve attendance and motivation, improve social skills and behaviour, investigate potential and recognise achievement through accredited qualifications.

Then off to Mid Argyll Youth Project to visit the young parents group which is a support group under the auspices of the More Choices More Chances implementation group. This group was set up to enable young parents to take part in training, gaining qualifications and give them the confidence to go on to further education, paid employment or volunteering.



Back up to the Joint Campus for the first period of the afternoon, S3 xl who are doing a SQA Access 3 qualification. The group decided to raise funds for 'First Aid 4 Gambia'. One of the ideas they came up with was to get me to go on a sponsored diet for 10 weeks - I can't understand why? The group set me a target of 21 pounds in the 10 weeks, I did actually lose 23 pounds and we

raised £750 in the process. Pictured are members of the group presenting the cheque to Fiona Nelson one of the founders of First aid 4 Gambia. The next project is to collect 3,000 10 pence coins' to sponsor a school in the Gambia. This involves constructing a device to collect all the 10 pences. Ideas are flowing from the young people as we struggle to get to grip with the concept of cost implications. Next, meeting with the deputy head to discuss possibility of running a 12 week xl programme for Christmas leavers introducing them to 'life skills' or 'survival skills'. Budgeting is a subject the 'leavers' often ask for assistance with.

Back to the office to write up class work and input into Performance Indicator & Evaluation system (PIES). Had to deal with pressing enquiry from local voluntary organisation the Ardrishaig Trust regarding a Youth Consultation I was involved in. Headed back out for evening group to the P6/P7 Transition youth group. This group meets from 6.30pm – 8.30pm allowing those about to move into secondary school the opportunity to meet up with others from the feeder primaries.

Tuesday: First period with S4 xl who are doing SQA (Int1). For their project they have opted to produce a Christmas show for the residents of Ardfenaig House. One group will work with the nursery school to teach them Christmas songs and the other group will produce a puzzle book and provide an afternoon tea for the residents. This is all in the planning stages and the next few sessions will be spent ironing out fundamentals like a date that suits everyone.

Next period involves a one to one with a student from Argyll College who is doing an SQA in Youth Work level 2 and required some initial support with course work and encouragement to complete the year long course and plenty of support mechanisms available for them to access. Last period before lunch is S3 xl and we continue with our designs and publicity for our 3,000 x 10 pence collection.

The afternoon starts with attendance at the Adult Learning Forum group which gives me the opportunity to network with agencies that I can signpost young people to via the MCMC client group and MAJIC group (you need to wait until I reach Friday for an explanation of MAJIC!) I find these meetings very interesting and a valuable information resource. Back to the office and onto the phone for a phone interview from Comic Relief regarding an application submitted by Mid Argyll Youth Project.

Another meeting with our SDS worker to discuss destinations of summer school leavers and finish the day with a training session to new Cash Back application invigilators. These are a group of volunteers from various organisations who make decisions on all the funding applications received by Youth Link Scotland for Cash back in the Communities Funding. Went to play golf in the evening, nothing to do with work however my line manager told me not to mention golf as I'm forever looking for a way to include it in Curriculum for Excellence in Outdoor Learning! The curriculum aims to ensure that all children and young people in Scotland develop the knowledge, skills and attributes they will need if they are to flourish in life, learning and work, now and in the future.



Wednesday: First period at the campus S3 xl and a trip to the woodwork class to discuss the design for the collection of 10 pence's with Billy the woodwork technician. He thought the design was practical and workable; however he required sizes, costings and where within the school it is to be situated - back to the drawing board. Pictured are a few of the pupil's discussing their collection device.

Travelled down to Argyll College for visit with students on the SQA course, did presentation on fundamentals of Youth Work and discussed

placement opportunities for the first 10 week block. After this it was off to Ardrishaig for the Mid Argyll Substance Misuse Group meeting. For the past 6 meetings I have mentioned that the Joint Campus working in partnership with myself were looking for funding for new laser lights, in order to run Blue Light Discos in the Joint Campus. I decided to not only take the proposal with me to the meeting I also took the proposer, a young person from the youth forum. We left with a cheque for £1,100 to purchase equipment and provide publicity. The first event is proposed for the 12th November during alcohol awareness week. Back to the School for an Inter Agency Forum meeting, conference call with Youth Achievement / Dynamic Youth awards co-ordinator regarding registration of youth forum members, home for a quick bite to eat and down to Tarbert for a HMIE scoping exercise with Councillor Horn.

Thursday: Another trip to Tarbert to continue the HMIE scoping exercise and back up to the school for 11.05am for S3 xl to externally invigilate the first group of SQA students who are presenting on the topic of Homophobia to the class. This was well received by the pupils and a lot of information and hand outs were gathered by the young people to use as evidence in their portfolios. I then had a meeting with the Young Carers worker regarding a weekend residential to Lochgoilhead for younger carers and the trip to Xscape for the older carers. Next class was S4 xl at 2.45pm and a further discussion on the Ardfenaig project and writing up the weeks diaries on the GLOW website. Back down to the office to prepare for MAJIC tomorrow. I had to deal with 4 enquiries regarding Cash back applications from Youth Link Scotland then graded applications for discussion at Mondays meeting where the last of the funding available to Argyll and Bute will be allocated.

Thursday evening I meet up with 3 members of Mid Argyll Youth Forum in Argyll College Video Conference room where we were V.C'ing with the youth forums from Campbeltown, Rothesay and Oban for the Argyll and Bute Youth Forum's office bearers meeting.

Friday: 9.00am print off vacancy list from Skills development Scotland (SDS) website and Job Centre Plus website (JCP) and templates of all relevant paperwork for Mid Argyll Job Information Club (MAJIC). This job club targets 16+ Learning Choices clients and those within the 18-24 age group claiming job seekers allowance. MAJIC provides information on CV writing, job hunting techniques, interview skills and access and advice on courses at college, driving theory test and literacy and numeracy assistance. One of the unexpected outcomes of MAJIC has been an increase of more mature clients, which I refer to the Adult Literacy worker. I spend the morning in Mid Argyll Youth Project, setting up the hall, lap top and printer, trying to get the wireless network to connect, and then spending the next 3 hours helping clients to prepare for interviews and complete job application forms.

Friday afternoons I try and keep free for catching up with paperwork and planning the following week's activities, however, not this Friday. I had to report back on the HMIe scoping exercise in Tarbert, ensure the young carers going to Lochgoilhead handed in their parental consent forms and see them off on the school mini bus. Meeting with Scottish Natural Heritage advisor on the final report and destination of products constructed during the MAYPOLE project. (Mid Argyll Young People's Outdoor Learning Experience.) This was a yearlong project to provide 'skills for work' to S4-S6 pupils funded by SNH and Determined to Succeed (DtS). The idea was to encourage senior pupils to learn some of the rural skills that were dying out in the area as well as designing, constructing, developing and displaying products derived from materials found on the National Nature Reserves of Tainish and Moine Mhor.



Saturday: Although it was my day off, I had to deal with a couple of phone calls from Lochgoilhead regarding one of the group as I was main contact if any problems occurred, quick call to their parents and it was sorted. I then had to see the older young carers off to Xscape.

Sunday, I went to meet the Lochgoilhead group when they arrived back in Lochgilphead and dropped a couple of them off at home in the outlying villages.

I hope I have given an insight into what I consider to be an extremely interesting and varied job. Seeing young people develop, progress and achieve, regardless of academic ability is what we aim to do and what gives Youth Workers a great deal of satisfaction.

There are no two days the same when you are involved in the youth work service, young people are going through many transitions in their lives, the move from primary to secondary school, the move from school to employment or further education and all the relationship issues that being young brings. Being a youth worker means we often need to react to each and every issue a young person may bring to you as well as implementing ongoing changes in policy and practice driven by the Scottish Government or by the Council to benefit all young people.

We would love to hear from other staff who could share a "week in the life" in their job. If you would like to contribute to a feature article, please contact Helen Thornton, Community Services either email: helen.thornton@argyll-bute.gov.uk or phone: 01546 604127.

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Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**Social Affairs Thematic Group
7 November 2011**

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** This report provides an update on the progress with the Local Development Plan process.

The Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan: Main Issues Report (MIR) was been published for consultation for a nine week period that ended on the 18th July. In total 699 representations were received and work is underway to analyse their content with a view to reporting back the main findings to respective Area Committees prior to preparing the proposed Local Development Plan. This will then go out for a three month consultation period.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** It is recommended that the Social Affairs Thematic Group;
i) note the content of this report detailing progress with the Local Development Plan Main Issues Report.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** 3.1 The consultation period on the Main Issues Report lasted for nine weeks.
- 3.2** The consultation involved 2 press releases issued to 51 media outlets, a statutory advert in five local papers, 9 public events across Argyll and Bute, Council website (banner on home page, special link, on line forms etc), statutory consultation, over 700 e-mails to interested parties, deposit of documents at libraries, selected Council offices and post offices throughout Argyll and Bute and a number of specific meetings with key agencies and other organisations.
- 3.3** In total 699 representations were received that included a significant amount of information that is currently being analysed with a view to reporting back the findings to respective Area Committees in December.
- 3.4** Initial findings indicate that there was significant support for the preferred options as set out in the Main Issues Report. This included a broad welcome for the approach taken in the MIR from the Key Agencies (such as SNH, SEPA, and Scottish Water),

community organisations such as community councils, other organisations, developers, land owners and private individuals. This welcome included for example, the concept of green networks, placing higher densities on appropriate sites, taking a more flexible and pro active approach to the need for sustainable economic development particularly in our more fragile areas, adjusting the affordable housing policy to better meet local needs, the proposed settlement strategy, the concept of strategic business sites and renaissance settlements, the coastal development strategy, the landscape capacity study for renewables, reducing policies in the plan and placing more detail in statutory Supplementary Guidance.

- 3.5 That said a number of alternative suggestions, concerns and ideas were also put forward that will need to be discussed further with interested parties. This is likely to require some suggested policy options having to be changed in light of these. This includes the suggested policy response to crofting and the option to require additional energy saving measures in remoter communities for example.
- 3.6 In addition, a number of the spatial sites identified for additional housing and retail opportunities attracted objections from local communities and further discussion will be required before a recommendation on their future inclusion in the Local Development Plan can be made.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The Main Issues Report consultation has ended with 699 representations received. Work is underway to analyse the comments received with a view to preparing reports for each Area committee to initially consider prior to producing the proposed Local Development Plan for approval by the Council. While generally welcoming the approach taken in the Main Issues Report the comments received are likely to require some changes to the preferred policy options presented in the MIR. This will require further discussions with interested parties prior to being presented to committee.
- 4.2 The Local Development Plan process is currently proceeding as per the timetable set out in the Development Plan Scheme as approved by the Executive Committee in January.

5 IMPLICATIONS

Policy	The Main Issues Report proposed land use policy options for consultation
Financial	Consultation is being met from Development Policy budget
Legal	All statutory regulations have been followed and exceeded where budget permits.
Personnel	Development Policy staff are responsible for delivering

Equal Opportunities the Local Development Plan.
An Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken and will be updated for each phase of the Local Development Plan process to ensure that the policies are assessed in terms of their impacts.

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Activity Summary in Period (please state period you are reporting on)	2nd quarter 2011 – 2012. Adult Protection Multi Agency Self evaluation event set for November 9 th 2011. This event will review the current APC Action Plan with a particular focus on taking forward the development of local practice partnerships to take forward the AP agenda in local areas.
Key Challenges & Actions to Address	Key Actions for local areas to be addressed under the following priorities:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Providing information and advice to public, independent and 3rd sector bodies - To co-ordinate training and development activity - Evaluation of impact on service users and communities - All of the above in order to improve co-operation between public bodies and communities
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<p>Activity Summary in Period (please state period you are reporting on)</p>	<p>1st quarter 2011/12</p>
<p>Key Challenges & Actions to Address</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strategic Planning for Re-shaping Older People's services / Change Fund Initial draft has been accepted on high level information, however the detailed action plan still to be signed off that confirms disinvestment plan on the CHP side. Proposal is that Council will reduce the commissioning care home budget by £0.5 m over three years. An equivalent proposal is required from CHP prior to investment plan being signed off. £1.7 million (limited to 3 years) revenue is available and in order to facilitate the re-design of social care, housing third sector and CHP services. 2. E-Care agenda.NHS system being implemented in Bute. Timescale for the system to be used across the area and linking into Council's Care First system to be determined. 3. Mental Health redesigns (CHP). Confirmation from Scottish Government is available to confirm that a revenue option for funding the new facility is now accessible. 4. Older Persons' re-design (Council). Project Board of June 27th confirmed that Day services will go to tender immediately. The Home Care service has been delayed in order that staff are briefed on the options of TUPE and Voluntary Redundancy (timescale: 28th October 2011). Given there was only one organisation interested, there will be no tender process for the Care Homes. Issues around the sustainability of the Care Homes will be re-visited. 5. Learning Disability re-design (Council).On target with work relating to the Pre Qualifying Questionnaire being progressed which will be presented to the Project Board on 30th November inform the decision whether to tender or not. 6. Community model of care for older people's services being phased in on Bute. Confirmation re timescale for implementation throughout the council area to be confirmed. This will be determined at Joint Managers meeting on 2nd November 2011

	<p>7. Integration of CHP and Adult Care Services (Council). Discussion paper has been approved by the Council and NHS Highland Board. Further detailed work plan to be agreed by Chief Executives of Council & NHS Highland.</p> <p>8. Performance Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance of Care for Older People. Target has been increased to 70% at home. Evidence indicates that present practice is achieving 81.2% (September 2011) for the current year while the overall figure is at 67% due to significant number of historical admissions who would no longer meet the criteria for admission. • Delayed Discharge. Partnership has consistently achieved the national 0/0 target with the exception of one moth during 2010/11. Priority has moved to reducing the overall number by implementing a new community model of care which will reduce admissions and cut of the delayed discharges at source. The proposal is highly dependent upon GP's using the alternative services as opposed to admission to hospital. The total number of Delayed Discharges remains low (12 for September 2011) and the number of bed days lost continues to fall. Detailed information on the reason for admission/re-admission continues to be absent from the CHP and will require some negotiation with the national statistical service, ISD, in order that the appropriate information is recorded and reported. • Waiting list for Free Personal Care at home and residential care placements. There have been no waiting issues relating to finance during 2010/11. Any delays in relation to service delivery have been due to availability of staff and beds.
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Activity Summary in Period

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Cash back for Communities initiative (proceeds of crime):

- Small grant applications by youth work projects in Argyll and Bute have been assessed by the Argyll and Bute cash back assessment panel. Successful applicants to be notified by YouthLink Scotland early November 2011.
- Initial planning has taken place to deliver Racketball as a diversionary activity for young people at risk of involvement in anti social behaviour. Delivery body is 'Scottish Squash and Racketball' in partnership with Argyll and Bute partner agencies. Funded by Cashback for Communities with funding made directly to national sporting bodies.

An application has been made to the COSLA Excellence Awards 2012 (Strong and Sustainable Communities category) on work of the locality based Argyll and Bute Anti Social Behaviour Problem Solving Partnerships. These partnerships are sub groups of area community safety partnerships and this application has been made in recognition of their innovative work in tackling anti social behaviour.

The role of the partnerships is to take action to resolve complaints of anti social behaviour made by individuals and also prevent anti social behaviour by targeting identified hotspots areas. Measures are designed to address underlying causes. The partnerships have a strong operational focus and complaints are dealt with using a person centred multi agency case conference approach. The key stakeholders are Strathclyde Police (Chair), Argyll Community Housing Association, West Highland Housing Association, Fyne Homes, HELP (Argyll and Bute) Ltd, Argyll and Bute Council (Children and Families Social Work, Criminal Justice Social Work, Homeless Service, Regulatory Services, Governance and Law).

Our practice, which is fully in keeping with the 'Promoting Positive Outcomes' framework developed by COSLA and Scottish Government to tackle the causes of anti social behaviour, has been successful in achieving a smarter approach to anti social behaviour cases. The partnerships are a valuable source of information and data on the nature and extent of anti social behaviour within their area and this contributes to the Argyll and Bute Strategic Assessment which is the evidence base for determining Community Safety Strategy priorities and performance monitoring.

	Community Perception Surveys undertaken since the adoption of this approach have indicated an improving trend, with the most recent figures showing over 80% of residents surveyed across Argyll and Bute feeling that their neighbourhoods are safe places to stay.
Key Challenges & Actions to Address	<p>A council and partners review of area community safety partnerships has begun in this quarter with aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate Local Area Community Planning Group priorities for community safety within area Community Safety Partnership action plans • Improve data collection and reporting on progress towards achievement of area community safety outcomes and contribution to outcomes within the wider Argyll and Bute Community Plan • Align monitoring and reporting function with the new area scorecards currently being developed <p>Reviews have started with Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands, Cowal and Bute Community Safety Partnerships and will also include Helensburgh and Lomond and Oban, Lorne and the Isles partnerships.</p>
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<p>Activity Summary in Period (please state period you are reporting on)</p>	<p>Argyll & Bute's Children continues to have the lead role in the rollout of GIRFEC and the development of the Integrated Children's Service Plan. It also coordinates interagency reviews in respect of children affected by disability; early years; vulnerable young people.</p>
<p>Key Challenges & Actions to Address</p>	<p>The rollout of GIRFEC will require strategic commitment from all of the agencies.</p> <p>The implementation of the service reviews are continuing with a resource group for element of the vulnerable young people review.</p> <p>There are 3 specific success measures within The Community Plan.</p> <p>ABC04d – Educational attainment of looked after children. This indicator is no longer collated at a national level. The local data will not be available until later in the autumn but meaningful trend data is difficult to obtain given the small numbers of children involved and the consequent significant fluctuations.</p> <p>ABC05a – Community based support for children affected by disability – This continues to be on target with 81% of children with disability who are often cases to social work receiving arranged packages of support.</p> <p>ABC05a – Proportion of looked after and</p>

	accommodated children in a residential setting – This has shown a steady decrease with the current figure standing at 23%.
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Activity Summary in Period (please state period you are reporting on)	The CPC continues in its oversight of interagency child protection activity with the focus during this period on the improvement actions from the SCSWIS inspection.
Key Challenges & Actions to Address	The key task of the CPC will be to take forward the action plan arising from the inspection. No child protection indicators contained within Community Plan review.
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<p>Activity Summary in Period (please state period you are reporting on)</p>	<p>(August – October 2011)</p> <p>The Early Years partnership group known as Getting it Right in the Early Years (GIREY) is due to meet on the 27th of October. This group will be in a position through the aims of the group to meet the challenges of addressing the new Early years Challenge Fund. The Early Years Challenge Fund is currently being discussed with Scottish government and clearer guidance is required to ensure the implementation will allow local flexibility, allocation, use of resources , governance of the fund and measures of success.</p> <p>Aims of Group</p> <p>To build on and strengthen partnership working to deliver integrated services for children, young people and their families.</p> <p>To implement key policy drivers eg The Early Years Framework; Curriculum for Excellence; GIRFEC, Equally Well and Achieving Our Potential and ensure appropriate guidance is formulated to assist integrated delivery and accountability.</p> <p>To agree and integrated annual GIREY Strategy Plan which will identify the priorities from national policy which will be the focus for action and development across Argyll and Bute.</p> <p>To commission integrated Early Years network groups to deliver on key priorities from the GIREY plan</p> <p>To be responsible to reporting to Argyll and Bute’s</p>
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	<p>children and the locality groups in progress related to GIREY</p> <p>To champion and promote integrated delivery in Early Years</p>
<p>Key Challenges & Actions to Address</p>	<p>An Early Years Change Fund is to be established over the next 4 years which will allow local partnerships to develop early years intervention preventative spend model of service delivery. There has been no clear guidance or agreement of what this will look like in real terms and the detail needs to be established with Scottish Government. The allocation and use of the resources has not been clearly laid out although there is indication that a new group will be formed to oversee the change fund (the early years task force). There is discussion on make up of this group and the membership and role of COSLA within this group. If the Early Years Change Fund is to make a difference then it has to have a measure of success. It also requires to be sustainable for the future. The GIREY group will be a very effective and useful group for taking forward in Argyll and Bute the local challenges for the Early years Challenge Fund.</p>
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<p>Activity Summary in Period</p>	<p>August 2011 – October 2011 The Forum met on 9th September 2011 & considered following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback on the consultative draft Local Housing Strategy and its annexes was assessed as mainly positive and minor amendments were approved. A further review of housing supply targets will be undertaken prior to submission of the final LHS to Council's Executive and Scottish Government by end of year. • It was agreed not to participate in the Scottish Government's National Housing Trust initiative at the current time but the Forum recommended further consideration of the Local Authority Mortgage Scheme to assist first time buyers into permanent home ownership. • It was noted that the Scottish Government is due to issue revised SHIP guidance and that the timetable for submission of next SHIP will be February 2012. • Argyll & Bute achieved significant success in the first round of the IIF with a total of 7 projects being approved over 2 tranches. 137 new or refurbished homes will be delivered by RSLs and local community partnerships in Dunbeg, Helensburgh, Lochgilphead, Dalmally, Ormsary, Gigha and Ulva on Mull. Argyll & Bute has secured £2,951,648 to deliver 77 units via the RSL Investment fund & £2,172,586 to enable 60 units via the Innovation Fund. • Forum members also attended a workshop on the Future of Older People's Services and the implications for Housing, with a particular focus on models of extra care accommodation. • 18 new RSL completions were scheduled in this quarter with developments in Lochgilphead and Kilmelford coming on stream in October 2011. • Repeat homelessness within 12 months of case being completed has actually risen this quarter to around 5% (this is a proportionate increase rather than an actual numerical increase, due to overall reduction in homeless applications while repeat cases remained static).
<p>Key Challenges & Actions to Address</p>	<p>Uncertainty over future funding and the strategic investment framework for housing development remains a key challenge although it is likely that the competitive bidding process introduced via the Investment & Innovation Fund will continue in future years.</p> <p>The impact of current economic trends and national policy drivers such as welfare reform, the 2012 homeless target, the 2015 SHQS target, and the 2016 Fuel Poverty target all present major challenges.</p>
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<p>Date</p>	<p>11th October 2011</p>

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