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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP** will be held in the **VICTORIA HALLS, HELENSBURGH** on **TUESDAY, 17 JANUARY 2012** at **2:00 PM**, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry
Executive Director - Customer Services

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HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

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MINUTES of MEETING of HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held in the VICTORIA HALLS, HELENSBURGH on WEDNESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2011

Present: Councillor Vivien Dance(Chair)
Councillor Al Reay
Councillor David Kinniburgh
Councillor Ellen Morton
Councillor Daniel Kelly
Councillor George Freeman
Councillor Andrew Nisbet
Charles Reppke – Head of Governance & Law
Sally Loudon – Chief Executive
Mary Haggarty – Arrochar and Tarbet Community Council
Katrine Wreford – Rosneath and Clynder Community Council
Michael Crowe – Cardross Community Council
Derek Leslie – General Manager NHS
Morevain Martin – Community Development Manager
Alastair Macbeth – Helensburgh Study Group
Bill Hassall – Helensburgh Study Group
Gillian Barclay – Argyll Voluntary Action
Inspector Paul Robertson – Strathclyde Police

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated from :-

Councillor James Robb
David McCaughey – Strathclyde Fire and Rescue
Viv Smith – NHS
Morevain Martin – Senior Development Officer
George Watt – Chamber of Commerce
Tony Davey – Cardross Community Council
Nigel Millar – Helensburgh Community Council
Neil Black – Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest

3. MINUTE OF MEETING 20 SEPTEMBER 2011

The Minute of Meeting 20 September was approved as a correct record.

4. BUDGET CONSULTATION

The Group was briefed by Councillor Morton on the process and purpose of the Budget Consultation. The success of the online interaction was highlighted and Councillor Morton stressed the importance of a co-ordinated approach in the sharing of ideas and in identifying needs.

Sally Loudon, Chief Executive, gave a presentation which detailed the measures proposed by the Council to address the required £74 m savings by 2014/15

Derek Leslie, NHS and Gillian Barclay, Third Sector also gave presentations outlining their spending profiles and the issues facing their service budgets.

Members of the public were then asked for their views and questions which were addressed by the relevant parties.

Councillor Freeman asked Derek Leslie, NHS, about the percentage of the budget allocated to staff related costs and a breakdown of the primary care, to which Mr Leslie replied that he would arrange to circulate a similar presentation containing this information.

Alastair McBeth, Helensburgh Study Group, enquired as to what cognisance was given to the data collected by the HSG when drawing up the budget.

The Chief Executive responded to this by advising that any decisions would be made on a strategic level and that any new projects would be subject to the development of a business case which would demonstrate a need and that would fit into the Council's Corporate Plan.

Bill Hassall, HSG, enquired as to why, when the Council had reduced staff, the staff related costs for this year were higher and if it would be reasonable to expect that these costs would be reduced once the redundancy payments were removed from the figures. The Chief Executive agreed to circulate the results of the employee costs and advised that severance costs had been vastly reduced in the past two years.

Alastair McBeth asked if the Council would reconsider the strategic approach and recommended that some expenditure be coded by area. He also asked that if questions were submitted in writing, if he should expect a response.

The Chief Executive said that it would depend on the complexity of the request but that she would endeavour to answer any such questions.

Lawrence Slavin asked how much transparency there was in the £64million savings figure. The Chief Executive responded that all the savings in this figure had been subject to Consultation. She added that it was essential to get a clear idea of what areas were important to people and that the budget calculator would give an indication of this. An analysis of all the information would be given to the elected members.

She confirmed that all committee papers would be available to the public.

Decision

To note the content of the presentation by the Budget Working Group.

5. STRATHCLYDE POLICE - POLICING IN HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND

The Group was briefed by Inspector Paul Robertson, on the restructuring measures currently being implemented across the Helensburgh and Lomond area following budget constraints. He gave assurances that there would be no reduction in complement and that there would now be a total of 40 officers based in Helensburgh, with three to five of these being sergeants. The Group were informed that ten officers would cover the Garelochhead area on a rotational basis giving increased presence on the peninsula and that the service would be enhanced by the new measures.

Inspector Robertson then took questions from members of the public and addressed any concerns raised.

Decision

Agreed to note the presentation by Inspector Robertson.

6. BETTER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RESOURCE PACK

The Group was informed by the Community Development Manager, that the Better Community Engagement toolkit would be available on the Council website before Christmas and that hard copies of this were available in the local office. She advised that various organisations were already using these toolkits and were finding them useful. Morevain invited anyone who required assistance with these, to contact her.

Decision

To note the update from the Community Development Manager.

7. UPDATE FROM THEMATIC GROUPS - ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

(a) SOCIAL AFFAIRS

The Group was asked to note a report providing a brief update of the progress of the Social Affairs Thematic Group.

Decision

Agreed to note the contents of the submitted report.

(Ref: Report by the Executive Director of Community Services, dated August 2011, submitted)

(b) ENVIRONMENT

The Group was asked to note the progress which the Environment Thematic Group has made in progressing outcomes from the agreed action plan and scorecard for the group.

Decision

Agreed to note the contents of the submitted report.

(Ref: Report by Andrew Campbell, Scottish Natural Heritage, dated 15 June 2011, submitted)

(c) **ECONOMY**

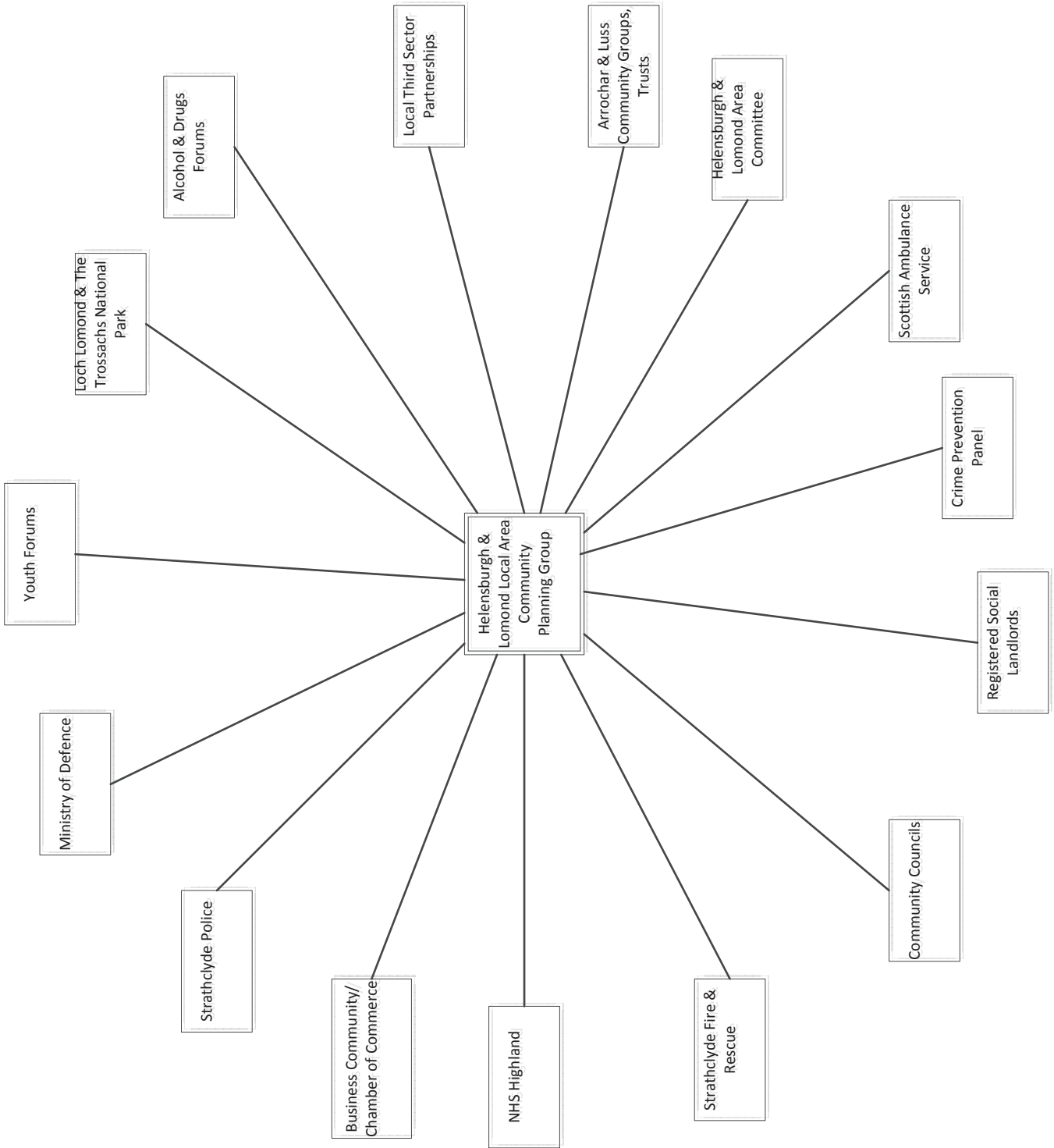
The Group noted a report providing them with a summary of issues covered at the last meeting of the Economy Thematic Group which took place on 25 May and they were advised that the group remains focussed on identifying and recording measures which will enable changes in the local economy to be identified and tracked or treated as appropriate.

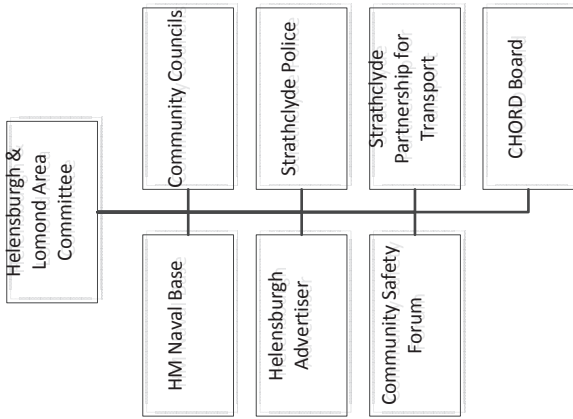
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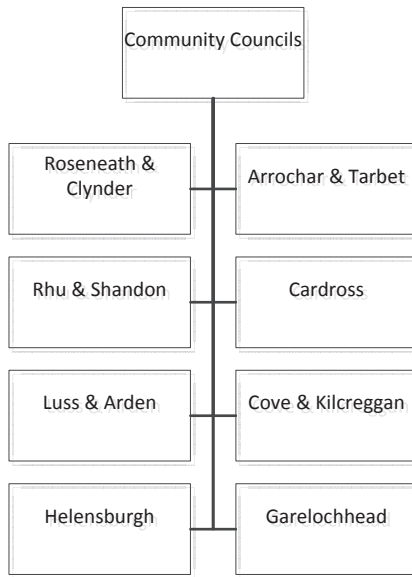
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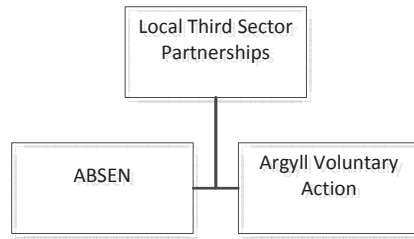
(Ref: Report by Douglas Cowan, Highland Enterprise, dated 8 June 2011, submitted)

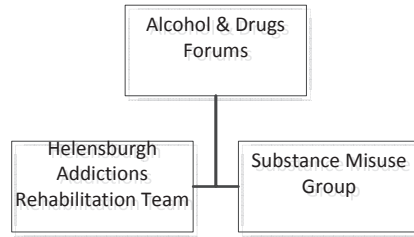
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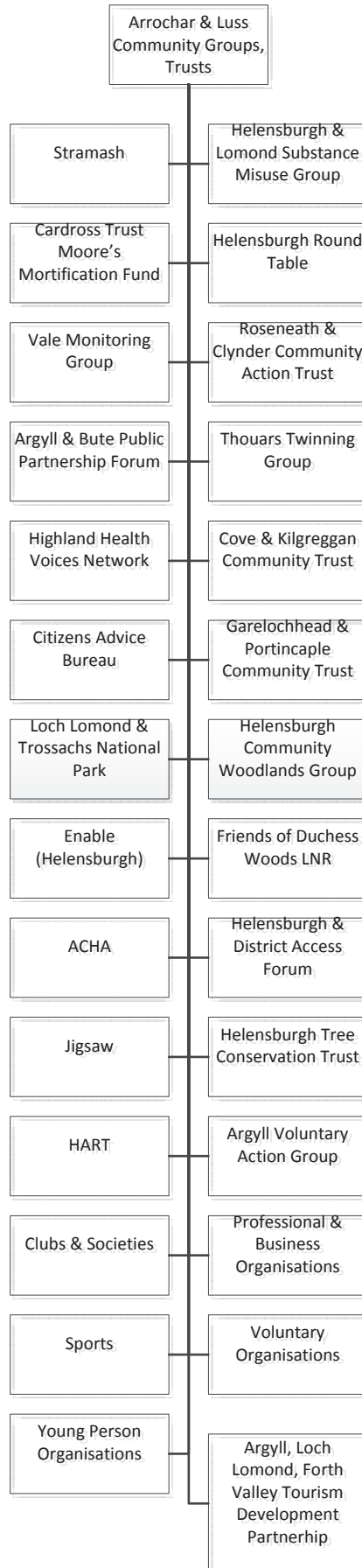












Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**Management Committee**
Date: December 2011argyll and bute
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Social Affairs Thematic Group Update Report

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report summarises the continued progress made by the Social Affairs Thematic Group.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Management Committee note the progress made by the Social Affairs Thematic Group.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 At the group's most recent meeting on the 7th November 2011 a number of key issues were discussed and scrutinised including; Community Learning and Development Youth Work, Social Affairs Scorecard and Consultation feedback from the Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan.

In addition, a number of presentations were made, including; Curriculum for Excellence – Lochgilphead Joint Campus, and Provisions of the new Alcohol (Scotland) Act 2010,

- 3.2 A presentation was given which highlighted the budget challenges being faced in the public sector and how these pressures impact on the Third Sector. The presentation highlighted the need for effective partnership working to ensure knowledge and resources are shared effectively to better meet the needs of our communities.
- 3.3 The group were given a presentation on progress made in relation to the implementation of 'Getting It Right For Every Child' (GIRFEC), a key government policy initiative which promotes emphasis on early intervention and improved outcomes for children.
- 3.4 After consideration of the Choose Life strategy which updated the group on Health Improvement across Argyll and Bute, the CPP agreed to give support, in principle, to the forthcoming draft strategies for Health Improvement and Mental Health Improvement. The group also gave a commitment to the 'See Me'

Pledge which aims at eliminating the stigma and discrimination of mental ill-health.

- 3.5 The group were given an update of examination results for 2011 by Chris Shirley, Quality Standards Manager. Comparative data was presented for both national and local comparisons which highlighted that Argyll and Bute is performing relatively well in a national context.
- 3.6 Discussion took place around the new combined Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) 2012-13. The new plan will bridge the year from the end of the current SOA to the end of the current community plan. Although new outcomes have been agreed the CPP Themes will remain the same and many of the success measures already being used for the current thematic scorecards will still be relevant to the new outcomes.
- 3.7 The next meeting of the Social Affairs Thematic CPP group will take place on 13th February 2012 and will feature presentations from Catriona McEntagart from Happy To Translate, on promoting equal opportunities through overcoming language barriers; and Raymond Flanagan (Youth Worker) on the Learning and Development Youth Work service.

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Significant progress has been made over the year in achieving the group's objectives and this progress will continue throughout the following year through the development of strong partnership links and increased scrutiny and development of the Social Affairs Thematic Group scorecard.

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Update Report on Environment Thematic CPP Group**Notes from meeting of Thursday 17th November 2011**

1. The autumn meeting of the Group viewed an excellent video presentation entitled “**Argyll Voices on Climate Change**”, prepared by members of Lochgilphead Joint Campus. This inspiring short film was part of a Scottish Government sponsored public engagement strategy project, promoted through Young Scot, to investigate Scotland’s development as a low carbon economy and the implications for individuals, communities and business. Despite technical difficulties with the presentation equipment, both representatives of the project, gave an enthusiastic and well received presentation that generated a large number of questions. The Group commends the video to the Management Committee and recommends viewing via their ‘YouTube’ link at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIToMct2I9U>.

A copy of their report was also made available:



Report on Climate
Change Project.docx

2. Proposed thematic content for new Community Plan/Single Outcome Agreement – outcomes and success measures – these remain under review by partners with a view to identifying further measurable outcomes.
3. The Group received update reports on the Zero Waste Plan, Community Recycling Groups and the Japanese Knotweed Demonstration Programme. Further partnership engagement with SEPA is expected on each of these.

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**Argyll and Bute Community Planning
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**Economy Thematic Group Report
Management Committee December 14 2011**

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1. SUMMARY

1.1 The last meeting of the Economy Thematic Group took place on 29 November and this report provides a summary of the key issues covered. The group remains focussed on identifying and recording measures which will enable changes in the local economy to be identified and tracked or treated as appropriate.

2. Key Issues

2.1 Budget. A presentation on the current budget situation was made by partners, which highlighted the budget challenges being faced by the public sector and how these pressures impact on the third sector. This led to a discussion on the wider economic impacts of the public sector cuts which will be pursued outwith the thematic group meeting.

2.2 Scorecard. The Economy Thematic CPP Group scorecard has undergone significant change over the past two years due in part to the agreement to have one scorecard to serve both the CPP Economy Thematic CPP Group and the Council's Economy Policy and Performance Group (PPG). Discussion progressed to the recent Audit Scotland Report into the role of Community Planning Partnerships in Economic Development and the recommendations on having a systematic, evidence based approach and regarding the use of economic indicators in SOA's and economic development strategies.

2.3 Bute. Under Partner Updates, the economic situation on Bute was discussed.

The Dunoon & Bute travel to work area has the highest unemployment in the Highlands and islands at 5% (Nov 2011) and the rate for Bute is estimated at 6.1%. Yet, employers report that they have difficulty in filling vacancies. There is a complex range of economic and social issues for which a wider partnership approach is required.

One in four of the working age population was claiming some form

of state benefit in Oct 2011, 465 individuals were receiving incapacity benefit or employment support allowance. School leaver destination figure suggest that higher than average leavers are leaving the island, and there appears to be a belief that there are few opportunities for young people on the island.

It is difficult to promote inward investment or business expansion when there are recognised difficulties in recruitment.

There is clearly a lot of activity taking place and an alignment amongst the main economic / regeneration partners (public sector, business and community), with a focus on physical regeneration and business growth/social enterprise activity. However, this traditional approach does not seem to be addressing some of the core issues identified on Bute.

The Thematic Group agreed that this matter be raised with the Management Committee to seek agreement and endorsement of a wider partnership approach to address the economic and social challenges on Bute.

Next Economy Thematic Group meeting is due to be held on 29 February 2012

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