

## Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

### Management Committee

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### Third sector interface

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#### 1. SUMMARY

Dialogue has continued since the January Management Committee meeting on the development of the CPP third sector interface.

There is now agreement on the documentation that describes the interface and the basic operation. This comprises a commitment from the CPP to the third sector and the Third Sector Partnership agreement.

This is a significant milestone in the ongoing relationship with the third sector. There are still significant challenges ahead that need to be tackled together to ensure effective coordination of capacity building activities and representation on CPP partnerships and groups.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATION

That the CPP Management Committee:

1. Note the progress made to develop the third sector interface
2. Adopt the CPP commitments to the third sector and Third Sector Partnership document as the third sector interface

#### 3. BACKGROUND

The January meeting of the Management Committee agreed a set of requirements from the CPP perspective to be included in the dialogue with the Third Sector Partnership about development of the CPP-third sector interface. This followed on from the findings of the research conducted by ODS Consulting on behalf of the CPP.

The dialogue about the interface has continued and reached a conclusion with the agreement that the interface is a combination of two key documents.

The first is a document outlining background information, CPP outcomes for the third sector and a series of statements forming a commitment from the CPP to the third sector. There is some additional detail describing the scope of the interface.

The second document is the Third Sector Partnership (TSP) agreement. The original document produced by the partnership focused on the relationship between the third sector intermediaries. This has been modified to be more open and to include links to the Council and others who also provide support services to the third sector. In this way services can be developed in a coordinated and complementary manner to ensure needs are met as efficiently as possible. The TSP has specified a need for a separate

document to ensure their independence, which is partly on the advice of SCVO who were involved at some stages in the process.

The requirements specified by the CPP at the January Management Committee meeting area covered by the combination of these two documents.

**4. NEXT STEPS**

Once signed off by the CPP, the Government will then make the necessary changes to the funding arrangement for 2010/11 to recognise the Interface as the link between the third sector and the CPP.

The different partners will the follow through on more operational aspects – for example specifying third sector representatives for the different partnerships and groups in the CPP and liaising with the Council and others who provide support services to the third sector.

Ongoing performance monitoring and management arrangements are still to be specified in detail, but there is a commitment to present information in a scorecard format once action plans, success measures and key performance indicators are agreed.

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