
**Argyll and Bute Community Planning
Partnership**

**Management Committee
Date: 8th September 2010**



Title: Update Report on Environment Thematic Group

1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report summarises progress which the Environment Thematic Group has made in regard to developing and implementing actions in the Community Plan, and in developing a scorecard and work programme.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Management Committee note the progress which the Environment Thematic Group has made in progressing outcomes from the agreed action plan and scorecard for the group.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** The Environment Thematic Group meets quarterly and is progressing in delivering the outcomes and actions relating to the Environment of Argyll and Bute contained in the Community Plan.
- 3.2** The developing Scorecard now forms the basis of the scrutiny and performance monitoring work which the group undertakes under their Terms of Reference. At the most recent meeting of the group there was extensive discussion on how information could be meaningfully recorded within Pyramid, and about partner access to Pyramid for the purpose of updating the Scorecard. The group agreed to devote a significant amount of time at their next scheduled meeting to consider and refine targets within the Scorecard, including consideration of related strategies which may contain outcomes more appropriate for inclusion within the Scorecard. The group also agreed to consider at the next meeting what partnerships the group would like to seek information from in related to highlighted/exception reports.
- 3.3** The meeting considered a draft Partnership Agreement for the group and endorsed it, with agreement that it will be reviewed on an annual basis. This agreement will be important in the development of the group into an effective partnership working forum.
- 3.4** The group had an informative presentation on the Green Gym scheme, noting that such schemes have been taken forward in both Helensburgh and Dunoon. The Project Manger informed the Group that a submission had been made for LEADER funding, which if successful would allow an additional 50 Green Gym

sessions to be run.

- 3.5** The group discussed the Offshore Wind Consultation paper by Marine Scotland, noting that a draft consultation response would be considered by the Council's Executive in September, and that this would be circulated to the Environment Thematic Group.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1** The Environment Thematic Group have made progress in taking forward the development of thematic actions within the Community Plan and are now developing an effective system of monitoring implementation and monitoring of same by way of a Pyramid Scorecard.

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