



1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** This report summarises progress which has been made by partners in delivering the agreed Bute and Cowal Local Community Plan.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** That the Local Area Community Planning Group note the progress which has been made by partners in financial year 2010/11 in delivering the agreed Local Community Plan for Bute and Cowal, and consider whether any amendments to the plan may be required. A revised scorecard which reflects the plan, as amended if necessary, will be submitted for consideration at the May LACPG meeting.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** Group members and partners on the Bute and Cowal Local Area Community Planning Group agreed an action plan for delivery, which highlights agreed aims and objectives for the area, as developed in line with the CPP's Single Outcome Agreement, and following community consultation at the first Forward Together Event held in March 2010. Since the agreement of the plan, in May 2010, partners and lead organisations have been expected to deliver the actions assigned to them through that agreement process.
- 3.2** Appendix 1 contains the most recent updates for the action plan, which have been gathered from partners during February 2011. It shows progress to date, and also highlights current risks to completion of key aims and actions.
- 3.3** Group members will recall that as part of the Forward Together 2 Event held in October 2010, attendees were asked to identify local priorities which they felt should be increased or built upon, priorities which should be maintained, those which could be reduced, and those which could be stopped all together. This work was carried out in light of the financial situation which public sector

organisations expected to take effect from April 2011.

To summarise the outcomes of that event, the following were the top three priorities for each category:

What we need to do more of-:

1. Initiatives to attract and retain working age population
2. Effective partnership working
3. Integrated transport services.

What we need to maintain at current levels:

1. Town Centre Improvements- CHORD
2. Health and Wellbeing Projects
3. Joined up transport services.

What we could do less of (or just do differently to be more cost effective):

1. Better targeting of police resources
2. Better targeting of ferry services to when they are needed

What we could stop:

1. Neighbourhood watch
2. Healthy living initiative.

Additionally, participants raised the following topics which they felt should be included within the Local Area Community Plan:

1. The need to promote tourism in the area
2. The need to maintain services that are relevant to an ageing and aged population
3. The need to provide rape counselling services
4. Timetabling and ticketing issues with buses, but also the need to maintain subsidies
5. The need for sheltered and affordable housing

In light of these comments, and the comments made across Argyll and Bute in response to the Council's budget consultation exercise, group Members may wish to consider whether any amendments to the currently agreed Plan are required.

Following discussion and any amendment of this plan, it is intended that a revised Scorecard, which reflects the agreed Local Community Plan, and will enable the group to carry out ongoing effective scrutiny of local performance against agreed outcomes, will be discussed at the May LACPG meeting.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1** There has been some progress by partners in delivering the agreed actions and outcomes of the Bute and Cowal Local Community Plan, and this information is for noting. Following comments made at more recent consultation events partners may deem it necessary to amend the current plan to allow for effective delivery of local priorities in light of the current financial climate. A revised Scorecard will enable the group to carry out regular scrutiny of local performance against agreed outcomes.

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