

SOCIAL AFFAIRS THEMATIC GROUP UPDATE

1. SUMMARY

This report provides a brief update on the progress of the Social Affairs Thematic Group (SATG)

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the CPP Management Committee note the content of this report.

3. DETAIL

The last meeting of the SATG was on the 14th February 2011.

The Group considered the following reports:

- Budget Settlement Report – outline of the financial settlement for the Council for financial year 2011/12.
- The Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) and noted the impact of the significant reductions in housing investment finance in future years
- A presentation on the 3rd Sector Partnership by Glenn Heritage noting the support by the partnership for voluntary and community organisations, support for volunteers and support for social enterprises.
- A series of partnership groups' highlight and exception reports from the Strategic Housing and Communities Forum; Child Protection Committee; Argyll and Bute Children, Community Safety Partnership and the 3rd Sector Partnership.
- Development of Telecare and Nighttime Home Care Services and out of hours social work and mental health services. The progress on shifting the balance of care for elderly persons was discussed in detail.
- Community Payback Orders – outlining the new CPO's as a replacement for the outgoing Probation and Community Service Orders.

- Updates in relation to scorecard development, SOA/CP Review; Integration of Partnership Groups.

4. CONCLUSION

The agenda for the SATG has developed a greater depth over recent meetings and has looked at a wide range of service areas. The papers have prompted significant partner debate and scrutiny of performance.

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