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**Title: Report on Better Community Engagement Resource Pack**

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**1. SUMMARY**

1.1 This report provides a brief update on the Better Community Engagement Resource Pack.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 Members note this report.

**3. DETAIL**

3.1 Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership (CPP) competed in the Scottish government's National Better Community Engagement Programme and was selected to participate. The resulting challenge was to produce a resource for CPP partners and community groups (esp. Local Area Community Planning Groups, Community Councils and Third Sector fora) to enhance their community engagement activities.

A steering group of CPP partners, led by Argyll & Bute Community Development Team, was formed to develop a resource pack which had three core purposes:

- To pull together a very broad spectrum of physical resources, ice-breakers, facilitation techniques, games and planning tools that could be cherry picked to use with young people, under-represented and hard to reach groups, as well as the wider population;
- To provide information on a range of evaluation techniques to encourage users to move away from, or supplement, the all-pervasive monitoring questionnaire; and
- To provide information on CPP structures and processes, and guidance for partners and community groups on how to interact with, influence and be part of those structures.

The resource pack is almost complete and will be accessible from Argyll & Bute Council's website soon. CDs and hard copies will also be available and the community development team will support users of the pack by providing resources and training where required. A small selection of the resources were used at a training event for the MAKI Local Area Community Planning Group on March 21.

**4. CONCLUSION**

4.1 The resource pack should be rolled out to other community and voluntary organisations in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands.

**5. IMPLICATIONS**

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| 5.1 | <b>Policy</b>    | None |
| 5.2 | <b>Financial</b> | None |
| 5.3 | <b>Personnel</b> | None |

5.4 **Equalities Impact Assessment** None.

5.5 **Legal** None

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