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**Title: Update Report on Environment Thematic Group**

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**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** At the February meeting it had been agreed that officers and partners would meet with the Chair to bring forward proposals for an amended scorecard and bring this to the May 2011 meeting. At the meeting on 26 May 2011, the Group were presented with a revised scorecard, prepared on the basis of these discussions. The Group discussed the existing and proposed scorecards noting that there remained an issue regarding setting measures that were meaningful and the difficulty in extracting local figures from those collected nationally. In principle, it was agreed that the existing scorecard should remain although this should incorporate some of the elements of the proposed scorecard. It was also agreed that a further meeting between officers, partners and the Thematic Chair should take place and that they be asked to report back to the August meeting of the Thematic Group when it is anticipated that the scorecard can be finalised.
- 3.3** The meeting received an update following a Community Seminar on Invasive Non-Native Species held in January, a discussion on the Zero Waste Plan and a report on Walking Routes to Schools. The Group also received presentations from RPID, SAMS and SEPA.
- 3.4** Strategic Partnership reports were submitted by the Argyll and Bute Renewable Alliance, Kintyre Recycling Ltd, Argyll and Bute Local Biodiversity Partnership and the Argyll and Bute Local Access Forum. The reports were noted by the group.

**4. CONCLUSION**

**4.1** The Environment Thematic Group continue to concentrate on their performance management role by developing and refining their Performance Scorecard.

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