

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1. The community planning partnership is committed to involving local communities in the review and development of the community planning partnership. Information gathered from the self assessment which took place between March and June 2011 has now been collated. This paper outlines some of the actions that have now been taken.
- 1.2. The key recommendations for local community planning were that local structures should be reviewed and alternative models for achieving partner and community involvement in community planning be explored.
- 1.3. The Council currently supports community planning at local, thematic and strategic level. As a result of the findings of the self assessment the council has now implemented changes in how that support is managed and coordinated.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. That Local Area Community Planning Groups consider the attached table in relation to their area.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1. The draft recommendations from the self assessment were discussed at strategic and local community planning levels during the August 2011 and September 2011 rounds of local and thematic meetings.
- 3.2. This enabled each Local Area Community Planning Group to discuss the issues that affected them and recommend actions specific to their LACPG.
- 3.3. The results of those discussions were reported back to Strategic Community Planning in October 2011 and it was agreed that each LACPG could move forward and make the changes required to become more effective local community planning fora.
- 3.4. Two further rounds of Local Area Community Planning Group meetings in November 2011 and January 2012 have enable the local groups to refine and agree their approach. The changes agreed are summarised in the table below.

LACPG	Findings	Actions	Timescale
Bute and Cowal	LACPG reported to be mostly effective and although a small number of people questioned the style and timing of the meetings it was agreed that the structure would continue unchanged There is a need to improve links with the business sector and with relevant strategic partnerships.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Group to identify appropriate business representative• Group to identify relevant strategic partnerships to establish links	March/May 2012

3.5. The support that the Council offers across the Community Planning framework has also been reviewed and a number of actions have been taken forward to ensure that there is a coordinated, joint approach to supporting Community Planning.

4. CONCLUSIONS

4.1. Reviewing Community Planning will be an ongoing process and improvements will continue to be implemented.

5. IMPLICATIONS

HR	none
FINANCIAL	none
EQUALITY	none
LEGAL	none

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