

***Third Sector and Communities CPP Sub-group***

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**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1** The Third Sector and Communities CPP Sub-group continues to develop its Plan as part of the SOA/Community Plan.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1** To note the contents of the report and the progress of the Third Sector and Communities CPP sub-group.

**3. DETAIL**

- 3.1** The Third Sector and Communities CPP Sub-group met on 21 February 2012. In attendance were representatives from the Third Sector Partnership, ABSEN, NHS Highland, Strathclyde Police, Argyll and Bute Council, and HIE.
- 3.2** A presentation from on the Council's standardised SLAs and contracts was delivered. The Council's Procurement and Commissioning team hold a contract register which should cover all Council signed contracts – this is still a work in progress. A shared CPP grant register was discussed as a possible project for this CPP Sub-group.
- 3.3** The Third Sector and Communities Plan was discussed and three success measures per outcome are to be headlined in the SOA/Community Plan for 2012-13.
- 3.4** A review of the recommendations of the Demonstration project "Harnessing the Potential of the Third Sector to Help Achieve Council Objectives" was discussed. Considerable progress has been made since the final report dated September 2010, particularly in relation to funding, and the asset transfer processes. The outstanding actions from the Demonstration project are included in the Third Sector and Communities Plan.
- 3.5** The Argyll and Bute Local Services Initiative (ABLSI) project is taking forward a number of recommendations from the Demonstration Project, and is currently investigating a Social Impact Toolkit.

**3.6** Future events to support the Third Sector were discussed. These include:

- **There's more to Fundraising than Grants** – Saturday 17 March, Kilmory, Lochgilphead. The event is open to charities, social enterprises and community groups in Argyll and Bute to explore a range of income generation opportunities. If sufficient demand, VC facilities will be available from islands.
- **Volunteer of the Year Awards** – 8 June 2012
- **Grant Funding** event with the Scottish Grant-making Trust
- **Community Renewables Opportunities** event
- Launch of the **Asset Transfer Pack**

#### **4. CONCLUSION**

**4.1** The Third Sector and Communities Sub-group continues to develop.

#### **5. IMPLICATIONS**

*Policy: In line with Community Plan/SOA developments*

*Finance: None*

*Personnel: None*

*Legal: None*

*Equal Opportunities: None*

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