ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL PRS COMMITTEE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE 20 JUNE 2013

SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2013-2023 PROGRESS REPORT

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report is to inform the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee of the current status of the draft Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) 2013-23 that is being developed by the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) in line with Scottish Government guidance.

2 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee:

- 2.1 Notes the detail of this report and the progress being made to develop a new SOA.
- 2.2 Notes that the new Single Outcome Agreement 2013-23 will be brought to the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee in due course.

3 DETAIL

- 3.1 Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) guidance has been reviewed so that SOAs improve outcomes for people, tackle inequality and maintain financial sustainability in the face of continuing social and economic challenges. The key drivers behind the review are the broad principles of prevention, integration and greater collaboration to deliver transformational change in service delivery. Partners are committed to delivering clear local outcomes supported by a joint performance framework with clear lines of accountability across the partnership.
- 3.2 The new Argyll and Bute Single Outcome Agreement will cover the period 2013 to 2023 and will be based around a set of long term outcomes backed up by short term outcomes and actions to deliver these. The Single Outcome Agreement will set out an understanding of place, a commitment to prevention and will be linked to the 6 policy priorities areas set out in the SOA Guidance document. The 6 policy priorities are:
 - Economic recovery and growth
 - Employment
 - Early years
 - Safer and stronger communities and reducing reoffending
 - Health inequalities and physical activity
 - Outcomes for older people
- 3.3 Work on developing the new Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement commenced in June 2012 with an initial but detailed collection

and analysis of local and national data around the performance of Argyll and Bute including use of the (national) menu of local outcome indicators. In January and February 2013 partners had the opportunity to participate in themed discussion groups to identify key issues for the CPP and develop draft priorities and outcomes.

- 3.4 The partnership decided to review these draft SOA outcomes in May 2013 as a result of the 2011 census results. The results clearly showed that Argyll and Bute is the local authority area with the highest rate of depopulation in Scotland at -3.4% and the highest older age dependency ratio. The projected change had been predicted, but the scale of the change was greater than had been previously estimated, and this necessitated a careful reconsideration of priorities by partners given the implications of this structural demographic change on service demand and delivery.
- 3.5 The CPP Chief Officers Group agreed that the overarching objective of the SOA should be not only to stabilise but also to reverse the population decline in Argyll and Bute.
- 3.6 Six draft strategic outcomes have been developed to achieve the overarching objective. These have been consulted on with partners and were the subject of an interactive seminar with elected members on 10 June 2013, which resulted in further amendments.
- 3.7 The council will continue to work with partners to develop the SOA and a draft will be considered by Council on 27 June. The CPP Chief Officers Group will work closely with the Scottish Government through their Quality Assurance Process throughout June.

4 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The 2011 census results showed greater than anticipated structural demographic change in Argyll and Bute. This necessitated a review of the initial draft SOA and its outcomes, which is now underway.
- 4.2 The CPP Chief Officers Group will work closely with the Scottish Government to finalise the 2013-23 SOA. There will be regular engagement with partners and elected members throughout this process through the CPP Chief Officers' Group, member seminar and Local Community Planning Groups.
- 4.3 The new SOA will be brought to the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee in due course as set out in the Committee's Terms of Reference.

5 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Policy

The SOA will set the strategic context for the council

and its partners for the next 10 years.

5.2 Financial The outcomes in the SOA will shape the spend of

the council and partner organisations.

5.3 HR None

5.4 Legal The council is required under the Local Government

Scotland Act 2003 to initiate, facilitate and

community planning.

5.5 Equal Opportunities None5.6 Customer Services None

5.7 Risk Failure to develop an appropriate SOA will put

service delivery that improves outcomes for people

in Argyll and Bute at risk.

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