

Dear Chair of the Area Community Planning Group,

The Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership Management Committee met on 19 August 2014. It was agreed that a summary of the matters discussed at the Management Committee be provided to the Area Community Planning Groups to increase transparency and communication within the community planning structure. The summary is for information purposes and can be shared with the communities that members of the Area Community Planning Group represent.

We would welcome similar highlights from your discussions at the local level for information purposes and we can note these in our quarterly meetings. We are looking at the working of Community Planning Governance and understand this to be a first step in establishing a better flow of communication.

Information for the Area Community Planning Groups about the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2014.

- The current Chair of the Management Committee, Chief Superintendent Barry McEwan of Police Scotland is moving onto a new post and will be handing over his position of Chair at the meeting on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Chief Supt McEwan's leading contribution to Community Planning and Policing in Argyll and Bute was noted.
- The Management Committee has a role to scrutinise performance in the SOA. It was agreed that two of the outcomes of the Single Outcome Agreement would be scrutinised in detail at each meeting alongside strategic, high-level indicators that cut across all the six outcomes.
- Community Planning Partnerships will have a responsibility for Community Justice from 2016. Louise Long will be the Lead Officer and will keep the Management Committee informed.
- A 3-year Community Learning and Development strategy for Argyll and Bute is to be in place by September 2015 and a multi partner team is working to produce this.
- Elaine Garman gave an insightful presentation on the mental health of children and young people from the report: Scotland's mental health: Children & young people 2013. The Management Committee were shocked at the national picture emerging from the report. It was agreed that the Partnership look at health and education at the next meeting.
- The governance of Community Planning in Argyll and Bute is being reviewed with a view to strengthening the existing governance arrangements. Proposals of changes will be considered at the meeting on 31 October. The Management Committee is interested in the views of the Area Community Planning Groups on proposed changes to the Area Community Planning Groups governance.
- It was agreed that key messages and a better approach to communication was required by all partners. A sub-group is being formed to develop key messages take this forward.
- All partners were invited to attend "Argyll Speaks": An opportunity to learn about and influence the Scottish Rural Parliament. Wednesday 17th September, 2014, Corran Halls, Esplanade, Oban. 12 noon-4pm. <http://www.scottishruralparliament.org.uk/event/oban/>