

Management Committee

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Area Community Planning Groups Update

The purpose of this update is to provide bullet point highlights of matters discussed by the Area Community Planning Groups (Area CPGs) during the September 2014 round of meetings

General/Common to all

- The 4 Area CPGs considered the draft terms of reference and the SOA Localised Delivery Action Plan. There was a general consensus that, following the inclusion of input from Area CPG members on certain points, the draft Terms of Reference should be adopted and that the phased approach to localising the SOA was an appropriate way to proceed
- Argyll & Bute Council Amenity Services gave a presentation to the Area CPGs on the recent changes in within the service and highlighted opportunities for Third Sector and Community Organisations to work with officers in the coming months. The quality of work of Amenity Services was widely appreciated however it was noted that there could potentially be capacity issues should community organisations begin to enter into service level agreements.
- It was noted that several CPP partners did not attend the Area CPG meetings and that several scheduled reports from partner organisations were not provided.

Bute & Cowal Area CPG Meeting held on the 2nd of September 2014

- A Sub group formed at the June 14 Area CPG meeting to take forward the findings of the Community Engagement report in the context of the Single Outcome Agreement with a focus on depopulation and making Bute and Cowal a more attractive place for people to come and live and work has met twice. An update on the work of the group was given at the meeting.
- This group will feed into the SOA: Local Workshops which will take place during Phase 2 of the SOA Localised Delivery Action Plan

Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area CPG Meeting held on the 3rd of September 2014

- The group received a presentation from Advancing Community Understanding of Mental and Emotional Needs (ACUMEN), which outlined the philosophy

and framework which enabled the organisation to play a part in the development of mental health services across the Argyll and Clyde area and from the Kintyre Link Club, a mental health club run by members for members.

- The presenters asked the group to be more aware of mental health issues and to assist on providing the relevant information to the general public as a way of also reducing the stigma association with mental health issues.
- The Chair thanked both organisations for the informative presentations and requested that feedback is provided to the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) outlining the importance of retaining both ACUMEN and the Kintyre Link Club as this type of activity reduces long term costs on the NHS.

Helensburgh & Lomond Area CPG Meeting held on the 9th of September 2014

- The group received a presentation from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport on the Argyll and Bute Transport Outcomes Report for 2014/2015. It was noted that a new rail franchise was commencing in April 2015 and this would present opportunities to engage in potential new services for the area
- The group considered a report relating to Kirkmichael Commonwealth Family Fun and Sports Day. The Chair highlighted that the Area CPG considers matters strategically and there is a need for activities to directly link to the SOA Outcomes.

Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area CPG Meeting held on the 10th of September 2014

- The group received a presentation for Scottish & Southern Power Distribution (Hydro) on community resilience. They spoke about the key benefits of the Priority Service Register, their emergency plan and partners and how they communicate with customers to provide the best possible service. Links with Community Councils and local Community Resilience plans were discussed.
- NHS Highland updated the Group on the current situation in regards to Ross of Mull and Iona Doctors. Three review groups have provided public sessions in Tobermory, Bunessan and will provide a further public session on Iona in September. Local cover has been secured in Bunessan until the end of January 2015. The Group discussed their concerns around the Tobermory Practice stopping 24 hour cover.

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