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**HELENSBURGH & LOMOND AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP MEETING
16 NOVEMBER 2010**

I refer to the above and enclose herewith Additional Items 13: **The Renewable Energy Action Plan (Reap) Sub-Group – Update**, 14. **Update Report On Social Affairs Thematic Cpp Group**, 15. **Update Report On Economy Thematic Group** AND 16. **Update Report On Environment Thematic Group**

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HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

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**Argyll and Bute Community Planning
Partnership****Management Committee
Date: 8 September 2010**

Title: REAP – sub group update

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Renewable Energy Action Plan (REAP), which was approved by the CPP on the 16 June, was developed from a key action in the Argyll and Bute Community Plan 2009-2013 in order to facilitate a co-ordinated partnership approach to renewable development in Argyll and Bute. In light of the implications on public sector resources from the onshore requirement from off shore wind and marine renewables the management committee recommended the establishment of a sub-group to look specifically at these implications.
- 1.2 The group met on the 20 July and discussions centred around the links with REAP, responsibilities of partners, infrastructure issues, communications and the potential impact on existing service provision and resources.
- 1.3 We have the opportunity to work in a proactive manner with the key developers to ensure that we are in a position to influence the outcome.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Management Committee agree to the planning and delivery of a CPP consultation event with the off shore wind developers and marine consenting authority, Marine Scotland, to take place on the 10 February 2011 following the CPP full partnership meeting.
- 2.2 In advance of the meeting on the 10 February 2011 the Management Committee consent to the sub group approaching the CPP thematic groups and Local Area Community Planning Groups requesting that they give consideration to the questions that should be asked and issues that should be raised at the consultation event.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 As partners will be aware there are significant renewable development proposals coming forward in our area. Argyll and

Bute has three proposed off shore windfarm sites, the Argyll Array, off Tiree, being the largest consisting of anywhere between 300 and 500 turbines and having a capacity to generate enough power for 1,000,000 households (1.8GW). These developments can only be described as transformational projects given their scale and potential impact on our communities. In addition the recent Scottish Government Saltire Prize Scoping study proposed a number of wave and tidal sites within Argyll and Bute which may well form part of a future Scottish commercial wave and tidal leasing round by the Crown Estate. Scottish Power Renewables are also proposing a 10MW tidal device in the Sound of Islay with an application due to be submitted to Marine Scotland in the near future. If consent is given for this later this year and further testing in Orkney is successful in 2011 then the ten tidal turbines would be manufactured in 2012 and installed in 2013. This is likely to be a world-leading development and would help to put Islay and Argyll at the centre of the marine renewables industry.

- 3.2** There could well be implications on public sector resources from the on shore requirements associated with these off shore wind and marine renewable developments however we are still at an early stage in the development of these projects, with construction not anticipated to start until 2015 at the earliest. There is therefore still an opportunity to proactively engage with the developers and to discuss the implications and influence the outcome. It was for this reason that the sub group was established.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1** The Renewable Energy sector has the potential to fundamentally and positively transform the economy and communities of Argyll and Bute. The scale of the off shore developments as well as potential future wave and tidal developments that are being considered for Argyll and Bute are significant and could be described as transformational projects in their own right. However, it is critical that the CPP partners work with the developers and key stakeholders at a local and national level to ensure that these developments happen in a sustainable and co-ordinated manner, that we are all fully aware of the implications, including public sector resource implications, and requirements and the optimal benefits for our communities are secured. In order to achieve this outcome there is a need to proactively engage with the developers to ensure that we minimise the impact on our limited resources but maximise the benefit to our communities..

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Title: Social Affairs Thematic CPP Group

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The fourth Social Affairs Thematic CPP Group meeting was held on 9 August 2010.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Note progress in the development of the Social Affairs Thematic CPP scorecard.
- 2.2 Note that the group agreed to sign the proposed partnership agreement subject to some amendments.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The group considered a report providing an update on progress of the performance management arrangements for the Social Affairs Thematic CPP Group.

The Thematic Lead Officer also reported on background work currently being undertaken by the Council in respect of changes to the Pyramid system which will be rolled out over the next 2 to 3 weeks.

The group noted the details of these reports and agreed some changes to the scorecard which is likely to be further amended following feedback from the recent 'Forward Together' events.

- 3.2 The group considered a report outlining details of the integration of strategic partnerships and a proposed partnership agreement and agreed to sign the agreement subject to a couple of minor amendments.
- 3.3 The group noted progress on the pilot currently being undertaken to enable Partners to access the Council's performance management system, Pyramid and that 3 Argyll and Bute CHP representatives had access to it.

- 3.4** The group considered a report from NHS Highland which highlighted the type of work being undertaken by the Highland Improvement Planning and Performance Group (HIPAG) and agreed to request that HIPAG identify a measure which could be included in the groups' scorecard.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1** The group has made progress in taking forward the scorecard and the integration of strategic partnership arrangements.

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**Argyll and Bute Community Planning
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Date: 8th September 2010**



Title: Update Report on Economy Thematic Group

1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report summarises progress which the Economy Thematic Group has made in regard to developing and implementing actions in the Community Plan, and in developing a scorecard and work programme.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Management Committee note the progress which the Economy Thematic Group has made in progressing outcomes from the agreed action plan and scorecard for the group.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** The Economy Thematic Group meets quarterly and is progressing in delivering the outcomes and actions relating to the Economy of Argyll and Bute contained in the Community Plan.
- 3.2** The agreed Scorecard now forms the basis of the scrutiny and performance monitoring work which the group undertakes under their Terms of Reference. Group members continue to express ongoing concerns about the relevance of the Scorecard in light of continuing difficulties in allowing partners to input information onto the Pyramid system, with frustration being expressed by both Elected Members and strategic partners about the lack of partner performance data which the Scorecard contains. It was noted that work is continuing to address these issues, and the group agreed that the process of monitoring progress is of secondary importance to taking the work of the group forward.
- 3.3** Partner updates in relation to actions in the Community Plan gave the group detailed information about progress, noting in particular success with partners signing up for the Food From Argyll initiative, Business Gateway roadshows, and the very recent announcement about HIE board approval for the budget for the Argyll Marine Science Initiative at Dunstaffnage.
- 3.4** The group considered issues relating to Principles of Representation within Community Planning, and also a draft Partnership Agreement for the group. It was agreed that partners would feedback comment on these items to the Community Planning Manager, and that finalised documents would be submitted to the November meeting of the group for adoption. This

will help clarify and simplify procedural items relating to the group's work, and will be important in the development of the group into an effective partnership working forum.

- 3.5** In terms of performance monitoring, the group has agreed that the thematic group scorecard will be considered at each group meeting, and in addition, there will be a standing item on update of progress of Community Plan actions, and verbal input from attending partners, and associated strategic partners, on the work which they are carrying out in helping to deliver the key Economy actions of the Community Plan.
- 3.6** The group agreed that the focus of the next meeting due to be held in November will be on marketing of Argyll and Bute, specifically in relation to the Argyll and The Isles Brand, and Destination Management Organisations.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1** The Economy Thematic Group have made good progress in taking forward the development of thematic actions within the Community Plan and have a clear process in place to ensure effective implementation and monitoring of same.

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Title: Update Report on Environment Thematic Group

1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report summarises progress which the Environment Thematic Group has made in regard to developing and implementing actions in the Community Plan, and in developing a scorecard and work programme.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Management Committee note the progress which the Environment Thematic Group has made in progressing outcomes from the agreed action plan and scorecard for the group.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** The Environment Thematic Group meets quarterly and is progressing in delivering the outcomes and actions relating to the Environment of Argyll and Bute contained in the Community Plan.
- 3.2** The developing Scorecard now forms the basis of the scrutiny and performance monitoring work which the group undertakes under their Terms of Reference. At the most recent meeting of the group there was extensive discussion on how information could be meaningfully recorded within Pyramid, and about partner access to Pyramid for the purpose of updating the Scorecard. The group agreed to devote a significant amount of time at their next scheduled meeting to consider and refine targets within the Scorecard, including consideration of related strategies which may contain outcomes more appropriate for inclusion within the Scorecard. The group also agreed to consider at the next meeting what partnerships the group would like to seek information from in related to highlighted/exception reports.
- 3.3** The meeting considered a draft Partnership Agreement for the group and endorsed it, with agreement that it will be reviewed on an annual basis. This agreement will be important in the development of the group into an effective partnership working forum.
- 3.4** The group had an informative presentation on the Green Gym scheme, noting that such schemes have been taken forward in both Helensburgh and Dunoon. The Project Manger informed the Group that a submission had been made for LEADER funding, which if successful would allow an additional 50 Green Gym

sessions to be run.

- 3.5** The group discussed the Offshore Wind Consultation paper by Marine Scotland, noting that a draft consultation response would be considered by the Council's Executive in September, and that this would be circulated to the Environment Thematic Group.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1** The Environment Thematic Group have made progress in taking forward the development of thematic actions within the Community Plan and are now developing an effective system of monitoring implementation and monitoring of same by way of a Pyramid Scorecard.

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