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A meeting of the **CPP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** will be held in the **VC LOCATIONS IN ARGYLL AND BUTE** on **WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL 2011** at **10:00 AM**.

AGENDA

6. **FUTURE OF POLICING IN SCOTLAND - JANE FOWLER**(Pages 1 - 4)
7. **FUTURE OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES IN SCOTLAND - JANE FOWLER**(Pages 5 - 10)

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ARGYLL AND BUTE CPP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Argyll and Bute Council

13 April 2011

THE FUTURE OF POLICING IN SCOTLAND

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 In line with a series of related pieces of work and consultations currently underway, the Scottish Government has launched a consultation on the future of policing in Scotland. Responses to the consultation are required before 05 May 2011 and the council will be providing a response within that timeframe to represent the views of Argyll and Bute Council. The consultation questions are outlined in appendix one.
- 1.2 This paper seeks to establish a view from the CPP Management Committee as to whether a joint response from the CPP would be appropriate. For the information of partners, the proposed council response would focus on the four key principles outlined in section 3.2.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the CPP Management Committee comes to a view on whether a joint response to the consultation would be appropriate.
- 2.2 That the CPP Management Committee comes to a view on which agency should co-ordinate a joint response if this is agreed to be the preferred way forward.

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 The options outlined within the consultation range from a single Scottish police force, to a rationalised regional police force structure, to retaining eight police forces with increased collaboration. All of these options are discussed in more detail in the consultation documentation which can be accessed via the consultations section of the Scottish Government website.
- 3.2 The generic key principles for discussion for a proposed response are that:
 - Any new structure needs to take account of local accountability whether at Local Authority or Community Planning Partnership level

- Any new structure needs to ensure that local outcomes drive community policing and national outcomes do not cause a tension
- The focus of the review should be on outcomes and police roles
- Any new structure should protect and enhance local partnership arrangements

4.0 CONCLUSION

Whether individual or joint responses are provided, it would be appropriate to ensure that all options outlined through the consultation are considered in line with our wider discussions on shared services and in line with the wider work of the Christie Commission.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy – no immediate policy implications
- 5.2 Financial – no immediate financial implications
- 5.3 Legal – no immediate legal implications
- 5.4 HR – no immediate HR implications
- 5.5 Equalities – no immediate equalities implications
- 5.6 Risk – the threats identified in the SWOT analyses should be considered as potential risks.

Sally Loudon, Chief Executive
21 April 2011

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Appendix One - Consultation Questions / Initial Answers

Question 1	How could Police reform improve services and the delivery of outcomes?
Answer	
Question 2	What do you think are the greatest opportunities and challenges facing Policing in Scotland today and how do you think they should be addressed?
Answer	
Question 3	How can partnership working between the Police and other organisations be improved?
Answer	
Question 4	How can the Police better engage with communities to help them be more resilient and self reliant?
Answer	
Question 5	What arrangements and relationships do you think would lead to the greatest improvements in National and Local accountability?
Answer	
Question 6	Do you agree that change is necessary to protect frontline services?
Answer	
Question 7	Which option do you think should be pursued and why?
Answer	
Question 8	How can we best improve accountability, deliver efficiencies and deliver service improvement at local and national levels?
Answer	
Question 9	Do you have any views on how the process of change should be approached including the extent and pace of change within a given option?
Answer	
Question 10	To assist with our equality impact assessment on the reform please describe any equality issues (in relation to race, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, transgender people, and religion) relevant to each of the options?
Answer	
Question 11	To assist with our regulatory impact assessment please described any financial or other impacts for business charities and the voluntary sector relevant to each of the options?
Answer	
Question 12	Do you think there needs to be any change to the existing rules and responsibilities of the key bodies responsible for policing?
Answer	

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Argyll and Bute Council

13 April 2011

THE FUTURE OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES IN SCOTLAND

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 In line with a series of related pieces of work and consultations currently underway, the Scottish Government has launched its consultation on the future of the fire and rescue service in Scotland. Responses to the consultation are required before 05 May 2011 and the council will be providing a response within that timeframe to represent the views of Argyll and Bute Council. The consultation questions are outlined in appendix one.
- 1.2 This paper seeks to establish a view from the CPP Management Committee as to whether a joint response from the CPP would be appropriate. For the information of partners, the proposed council response would focus on the four key principles outlined in section 3.2.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the CPP Management Committee comes to a view on whether a joint response to the consultation would be appropriate.
- 2.2 That the CPP Management Committee comes to a view on which agency should co-ordinate a joint response if this is agreed to be the preferred way forward.

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 The three main options under consideration for fire and rescue services include having eight services with increased collaborative working, having one national service, or having a regionalised service (with an, as yet, unspecified number of regions to fit with wider public sector reforms). All of these options are discussed in more detail in the consultation documentation which can be accessed via the consultations section of the Scottish Government website.
- 3.2 The generic key principles for discussion for a proposed response are that:
 - Any new structure needs to take account of local accountability whether at Local Authority or Community Planning Partnership level

- Any new structure needs to ensure that local outcomes drive local fire and rescue services and national outcomes do not cause a tension
- The focus of the review should be on outcomes and fire and rescue roles
- Any new structure should protect and enhance local partnership arrangements

4.0 CONCLUSION

Whether individual or joint responses are provided, it would be appropriate to ensure that all options outlined through the consultation are considered in line with our wider discussions on shared services and in line with the wider work of the Christie Commission.

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08 March 2011

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Appendix One – See attached consultation questions / draft answers

A CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF THE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE IN SCOTLAND



RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

Please Note this form **must** be returned with your response to ensure that we handle your response appropriately

1. Name/Organisation

Organisation Name

Title Mr Ms Mrs Miss Dr *Please tick as appropriate*

Surname

Forename

2. Postal Address

Postcode

Phone

Email

3. Permissions - I am responding as...

Individual

/

Group/Organisation

Please tick as appropriate

- (a) Do you agree to your response being made available to the public (in Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site)?

Please tick as appropriate Yes No

- (b) Where confidentiality is not requested, we will make your responses available to the public on the following basis

Please tick ONE of the following boxes

Yes, make my response, name and address all available

or

Yes, make my response available, but not my name and address

or

Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address

- (c) The name and address of your organisation **will be** made available to the public (in the Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site).

Are you content for your **response** to be made available?

Please tick as appropriate Yes No

- (d) We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

Please tick as appropriate Yes No

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

Question 1: Is this the right vision for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service?

Yes No Don't know

Question 2: Do you agree that these should be the key principles for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service?

Yes No Don't know

Question 3: Do you agree that the option to de-centralise the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service should be considered?

Yes No Don't know

Question 4: How well is the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service performing against what you believe to be the key principles and what do you consider to be the priorities for improvement?

Question 5: Do you agree that these should be the desired benefits for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service?

Yes No Don't know

Are there others we should add?

Question 6: What are your views on an appropriate mechanism for Ministers and MSPs to hold the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to account?

Question 7: What are your views on an appropriate mechanism for local communities to hold the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to account?

Question 8: What is the right balance between the national and local mechanisms set out in questions 6 and 7?

Question 9: Do you think that the number of fire and rescue services needs to be reduced?

Yes No Don't know

Question 10: If so, which option do you think should be pursued and why?

Single service Regional Structure

Question 11: To assist with our Equality Impact Assessment process, please also describe any equality issues (in relation to race, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, transgender people and religion) relevant to your chosen option?

Question 12: To assist with our Regulatory Impact Assessment, please also describe any financial and other impacts for business, charities and the voluntary sector relevant to your chosen option?

Question 13: What aspects of collaboration and joint working between the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and other emergency services do you believe should be a key focus in future?

Question 14: Do you think local fire stations should be developed into community resilience hubs, and, if so, what new services would you see them deliver?

Yes No Don't know

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