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**MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP AT 2.00P.M.
ON WEDNESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2013 IN THE TOWN HALL, CAMPBELTOWN**

I enclose herewith Item 4 (f) (**COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM UPDATE**) and Item 6 (**PROPOSED COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM EVENT**) which were marked to follow on the Agenda for the above meeting.

- 4 COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**
- (f) Update - Community Safety Forum (Pages 1 - 6)
- 6. PROPOSED COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM EVENT**
- Update by Community Development Officer. (Pages 7 - 10)

MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

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ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE
ISLANDS AREA COMMUNITY
PLANNING GROUP****CUSTOMER SERVICES****4 SEPTEMBER 2013**

**MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM
– HIGHLIGHT AND EXCEPTIONS REPORT**

1. SUMMARY

This report updates the Area Community Planning Group (ACPG) about the items discussed at the most recent meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Safety Forum (MAKICSF) held on 6 August 2013.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the ACPG note the work undertaken and consider whether there are any items of business which the Group may wish the MAKICSF might progress on their behalf.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The MAKICSF met on 6 August 2013 when representatives of Police Scotland, Scotland Fire and Rescue and Council Service Representatives were in attendance.
- 3.2 The highlight/exception report from this group together with detail of the work undertaken by Partners is attached at Appendix 1 although is not an exhaustive listing of the work of the Group. Agenda and Minutes can be located on the Council's website via this link <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=399&MId=5610&Ver=4>

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The attached Appendix details the issues which were considered and discussed at the meeting on 6 August 2013.

5. IMPLICATIONS

Policy - Accords with the SOA and Community Plan
Financial – None

Legal -	None
HR -	None
Equalities -	None
Risk -	None
Customer	None
Service -	

Executive Director of Customer Services
27 August 2013

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Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Community Safety Forum Exception Report

Theme	Community Safety Outcome'	Issue and Actions	Comment	Outcomes/ Indicators
<p>Personal and Home Safety <i>Considers the safety of the individual in areas such as accident prevention, online safety, fire safety, home security, bogus and scam callers</i></p>	<p>No Cold Calling</p> <p>Chimney Fires/Log Burners</p>	<p>Information had previously been circulated to Community Councils inviting them to progress this initiative (if so desired) within their communities. Funding avenues which could be explored by CCs were also supplied. Action – A further update of the CCs progressing this issue would be provided by the Area Governance Officer.</p> <p>43% of all chimney fires in Argyll and Bute occur in the MAKI area.</p>	<p>In effort to reduce instances of uninvited salespersons etc, individual properties or collectively agreed zones can be established to prohibit cold calling. There are also benefits in terms of deterring burglaries, bogus workers and scam callers.</p> <p>Scottish Fire and Rescue service have indicated that they would like to prepare and distribute leaflets (during Oct to Dec months) to raise awareness of the potential for chimney fires (principally in Islay where there are higher occurrences)</p>	<p>Reduces number of crimes which have been linked to cold calling</p> <p>Reduction in chimney fires in MAKI area – SFR stats.</p>
<p>Travel Safety <i>Includes issues that and individuals</i></p>				

<p>may encounter such as pedestrian safety, road traffic accidents, water safety, public transport safety</p>				
<p>Safety of Vulnerable Groups Deals with issues in relation to individuals or groups who may be vulnerable including elderly people, young children, victims of hate crime and sexual Violence</p>	<p>Domestic/ Race/ Homophobic Crime Smoke Detectors for the deaf</p>	<p>Police Scotland noted there were fewer instances this year than for the same period last year and that there was an 83% detection rate for cases of domestic abuse. SFR advised that they had been issuing free special smoke detectors with visual alarms and also fire retardant bedding for vulnerable adults and children (also free of charge)</p>	<p>Reduction in crime statistics are to be welcomed. The provision adapted smoke alarms and bedding for free will help lower instances whereby vulnerable groups are more at risk within their homes</p>	<p>Police Scotland Statistics SFR Statistics</p>
<p>Environment Safety Environment safety concerns the aesthetics of communities and neighbourhood and includes vandalism and criminal</p>	<p>Dog Fouling</p>	<p>Joint patrols being undertaken between Police Scotland and Environmental Health</p>	<p>No fixed penalties have been issued since May 2013 with 20 letters being issued reminding advising owners of their responsibilities in efforts to reduce instances.</p>	<p>Police and EH Stats</p>

<p><i>damage, graffiti, fly tipping, littering, dog fouling and secondary fires</i></p>	<p>Wild Camping</p>	<p>Issues have arisen from a growing popularity for 'wild camping' which have led to a Memorandum of Understanding being prepared by the Access Team. This Memorandum gives greater clarity as to what does and what does not define wild camping and what legislative powers the Police have in terms of enforcement.</p>		
<p>Public Space Safety <i>This deals with people's safety in their communities and public perception of safety including anti social behaviour, public disorder and violence.</i></p>	<p>Outdoor Fires/Grass Fires Open Fires/Gas Safety</p>	<p>33% of all grass fires in Argyll and Bute occur in the MAKI area.</p> <p>SFR had run a summer strategy targeting camping and caravan sites on the subject of open fires and gas safety.</p>	<p>SFR propose to distribute a leaflet to land owners on the Muirburn Code during Feb-April period.</p> <p>All campsites in MAKI area were targeted to receive safety leaflets</p>	<p>Reduced instances of grass fires – SFR stats</p>

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**Argyll and Bute Community Planning
Partnership**

**Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands
Community Planning Group**



4 September 2013

Area Forum Events 2013

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report considers the decision by the Community Planning Partnership on 22nd August 2012 to hold four Area Forum events to enable consultation and feedback on the SOA 2013-23.
- 1.2 To ensure comparative feedback from MAKI on depopulation and regeneration issues, it is proposed to hold an event/events in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Area CPG agrees to encourage participation in this consultation process as per 3.5 below.
- 2.2 The Area CPG re-establishes the steering group, potentially with additional members, to consider the format of the event(s) and appropriate questions for the area.
- 2.3 The Area CPG identifies partners to facilitate and record at workshop/discussion groups, and agrees dates.
- 2.4 The Area CPG agrees to consider ways of progressing ideas that come forward from the event to ensure people feel they have been able to actively contribute to community planning.

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 At the last MAKI CPG meeting on June 5 2013, the decision by the CPP Management Committee to hold a consultation event in each of the CPG areas was discussed. It was agreed at that meeting that it was not appropriate to run one event for an area the size of MAKI and the steering group considering this approach was asked to reconsider and present new ideas at the next CPG meeting.

- 3.2 Since that meeting, the Third Sector and Communities CPP Strategic Group has made recommendations on the format of these events, which have been considered by steering groups in the other 3 CPG areas.
- 3.3 The theme and format agreed for the events in the other three CPG areas is:
- a) **Title: “Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands - A Good Place to Live, Work, and Play?”**
 - b) **Overarching question to be addressed:** What needs to change to attract more people (especially young people and families) to live in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands?
This fits with the overarching outcome of the new SOA 2013-23, ‘Argyll and Bute’s economic success is built on a growing population’. Population levels in Argyll and Bute decreased by 3.4% and in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands the population decreased by 1.3% in the 10 years between 2001-11 and forecasters predict this reduction will continue.
 - c) **Format of event:** One day (morning and afternoon or afternoon and evening) consisting of a half day with workshops/discussion groups, followed by voting on a short series of strategic and local questions using powerpoint voting. This would be followed by a public debate to consider the key questions (identified from the earlier session), followed by powerpoint voting.
 - d) **Questions to be asked:** Some of the questions asked would be asked in all four areas to allow comparisons to be made across Argyll and Bute. Other questions will relate specifically to the local areas and will be agreed by the CPG steering groups/CPGs as appropriate. The responses should be able to feed into the SOA’s key outcome of addressing the problem of de-population in Argyll and Bute.
- 3.4 In addition to the one Area Forum event, it is proposed that:
- a. The powerpoint voting is used at other events in the area, particularly those areas which may be unable to be represented at the events eg islanders. Results can be merged to make comparisons across Argyll and Bute, as well as be broken down within areas.
 - b. An electronic survey is carried out to enable those who do not attend an event to respond to the same questions.
- 3.5 For MAKI, the CPG is asked to consider gathering feedback, between October and December 2013, by enabling participation in this process as follows:
- a. Ask Mid Argyll Partnership (next meeting 11 September) and Kintyre Initiative Working Group (next meeting 25 October) to pose the powerpoint questions at their meetings in the autumn; and
 - b. Seek agreement from partners to set up a half day event, or ‘piggy-back’ onto an existing event, on Islay at which the same questions may be posed; and/or

- c. Reconsider the possibility of hosting one Area Forum event in MAKI along the lines of the debate style event, with video conferencing, described above. This might be held in Tarbert, as previously considered, or in Kilmory, with video-conferencing.

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The Area Forums will seek views on the new SOA 2012-23, in particular in relation to the overarching issue of de-population and regeneration.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy: None
- 5.2 Financial: Within grant allocation from Education Scotland allocation.
- 5.3 Legal: None
- 5.4 HR: None
- 5.5 Equalities: None
- 5.6 Risk: Poor attendance or uptake of online survey
- 5.7 Customer Service: None

6.0 APPENDICES

- 6.1 Draft programme

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Appendix 1

**Area Consultations
Draft programme**

“(Area Name) – A good place to live, work and play?”

1. Introductions
(approx. 15 minutes)
2. Workshops on local area topics
(e.g 3 x 20 minutes = 60 minutes)
3. Power Point Voting – *questions set beforehand on core topics by Third Sector and Communities CPP Group; and area topics chosen by steering group of CPG and approved by CPG*
(approx. 30 minutes)
- BREAK** with opportunity to view “Marketplace” – *Additional people can join for debate only*
(approx. 60 minutes)
4. Introduction to debate and introduction of panel
(approx. 20 minutes)
5. Debate in style of “Question Time” - *with panel of CPP partners chaired by a strategic CPP partner*
(60 minutes)
6. Power Point Voting – a selection of questions, including some focussing on the debate issues
(30 minutes)
7. Evaluation