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## SUPPLEMENTARY PACK

A meeting of the **OBAN LORN & THE ISLES COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP** will be held in the **CORRAN HALLS, OBAN** on **WEDNESDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2013** at **6:30 PM**.

I enclose here with agenda items 5 (Community Safety/Highlight Exceptions Report), 6 (Effective Integration of Local Transport Networks), 7 (Train Arrangements for Young People from Next Autumn), 9 (SOA Progress Report) and 11 (Community Planning Consultation Events) which were marked on the agenda as "to follow".

### TO FOLLOW ITEMS

- 5. COMMUNITY SAFETY/HIGHLIGHT EXCEPTIONS REPORT**  
Report by Area Governance Officer (Pages 1 - 6)
- 6. EFFECTIVE INTEGRATION OF LOCAL TRANSPORT NETWORKS**  
Report by Public Transport Officer (Pages 7 - 10)
- 7. TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FROM NEXT AUTUMN**  
Verbal update and presentation by the Head of Facility Services and Frank Roach, HITRANS
- 9. SOA PROGRESS REPORT**  
Verbal update by Head of Improvement and HR
- 11. COMMUNITY PLANNING CONSULTATION EVENTS**  
Verbal update by the Head of Improvement and HR

Councillor Mary-Jean Devon

Councillor Fred Hall

Councillor Alistair MacDougall (Chair)

Councillor Roderick McCuish

Councillor Louise Glen-Lee

Councillor Iain MacDonald

Councillor Duncan MacIntyre

Councillor Elaine Robertson (Vice-Chair)

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**ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL**
**Oban Lorn and the Isles ACPG****CUSTOMER SERVICES****Nov 2013**


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**Community Safety Forum Exception reporting to Area Community Planning Group**


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**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The purpose of this Paper is to update the Area Community Planning group regarding the main pieces of work undertaken by the Area Community Safety Partnership

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the ACPG :

- 2.1 Note the exception report provided below (If further detail is desired the full minutes are published on the Council website)
- 2.2 Consider whether there are any specific tasks or issues which it wishes the CSP to undertake or review

**3. DETAIL**

- 3.1 The Area CSP is a partnership focusing on community safety issues in a broad sense and to undertake various pieces of work in this arena.
- 3.2 MAKI CSP met on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2013 and is due to meet again on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November

**4. IMPLICATIONS**

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| 5.1 | <b>Policy</b>                       | Adoption of the proposal will assist in delivery and reporting of aspects of the SOA and the Community Plan |
| 5.2 | <b>Financial</b>                    | None,   |
| 5.3 | <b>Personnel</b>                    | None  |
| 5.4 | <b>Equalities Impact Assessment</b> | None.   |

5.5 **Legal** None

For further information, please contact Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager  
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<b>OLI Community Safety Forum Exception Report Nov 2013</b>				
<b>Theme</b>	<b>Community Safety Outcome'</b>	<b>Issue and Actions</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Outcomes/ Indicators</b>
<p><b>Personal and Home Safety</b></p> <p><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 initiative</p> <p>CS Leaflets</p> <p>Inspection</p>	<p>Despite a lack of central funding availability, forum members have highlighted to community groups the funding avenues</p> <p>Safety Leaflets for both the police and the fire service are being rebadged, and these are now coming on stream</p> <p>The head of the inspectorate made a personal visit to Oban fire station and was sufficiently impressed that it isto be used as an example of good practice</p>	<p>Some OLI CCs have indicated that cold calling is not an issue in their area however the information and signage is available on the council website if individuals wish to utilise it.</p>	<p>That communities via their community groups consider the initiative</p>
<p><b>Travel Safety</b></p> <p><i>Includes issues that and individuals may encounter such as pedestrian safety, road traffic accidents, water safety, public transport safety</i></p>	<p>Lochwatch</p> <p>Accident Map</p> <p>Wild camping</p>	<p>Lochwatch Loch Awe have taken delivery of their new safety boat which is a resource to ensure public safety and assist emergency services. A further donation from the queens charitable trust has allowed Radar to be installed</p> <p>It is hoped that A Map of the accidents across Argyll will be produced and it is intended to make this into a calendar for transport related businesses across Argyll to promote the road safety</p> <p>A report informing the Group on issues arising from Wild Camping was considered. (Health, ASB etc)</p>	<p>This is a major achievement for the lochwatch group</p> <p>New robust signage has also been put in place on the loch</p>	

	Oban Connel back road	Some reseach is being undertaken to assess the severity of the issues on this road this will be considered at the next meeting		
<b>Safety of Vulnerable Groups</b> <i>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</i>	TESCO  Social work	The fire service report that their fire safety leaflets have been included with "home delivery" paperwork for Tesco's orders,  The social work service have been reconfigured in the area so that standby now operated from Oban.	This is an effective way of blanketing communities, particularly if more supermarkets offer this service. This has been a successful pilot which other areas are now looking to adopt.	
<b>Environment Safety</b> <i>Environment safety concerns the aesthetics of communities and neighbourhoods and includes vandalism and criminal damage, graffiti, fly tipping, littering, dog fouling and secondary fires</i>	Minimise criminal damage/crime against persons/property  Gas safety  Bonfire night	A leaflet campaign was discussed and further detail will be brought to the next meeting  This was a very successful campaing following national gas safety week  The Fire service Bonfire night strategy in place to minimise dangers and this was completely successful this year	Resulted in a large number of home safety visits , and appliances being checked  NO call outs for bonfire related activity reported	
<b>Public Space Safety</b> <i>This deals with people's safety in their communities and public perception of safety including anti social behaviour, public disorder and violence.</i>	Intelligence led poicing  Event planning	the hotspot intelligence led searches in the Oban area are peaking significantly at weekends and that detection was up for serious violence.  There has been an increase in regulatory services work for event planning e.g festivals on tiree and in Oban		





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COMMUNITY PLANNING  
GROUP****CUSTOMER SERVICES****11 December 2013**

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**Integration of Local Transport with Popular Footpaths**

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**1. SUMMARY**

This report details the level of integration between the public transport network and popular footpaths.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

That the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community Planning Group note the contents of this report.

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 A request was made for a report detailing the public transport network integration with popular walks.

3.2 Community Council representatives and other groups attending the Community Planning Group on 13 March 2013 were asked to submit details of routes where they felt such integration was lacking. On 11 June 2013 the Community Planning group was reminded to submit their information to the Public Transport Officer, and then again on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2013.

3.3 One response was received from Glenorchy and Inishail Community Council detailing two suggestions.

- Public transport on the B840 between Cladich and Ford
- Restoration of a ferry service between Portsonochan (South Port) and Taychreggan Hotel (North Port) on Loch Awe.

3.4 The Community Council's first suggestion is for a service along the south side of Loch Awe using the B840 between Cladich and Ford in order to make this area accessible to walkers. Unfortunately, there is at present no public transport along this road and little likelihood of any being provided due to low population along the route. In recent years the road has only been served as far as Eredine from the Ford end and then only on request on Wednesdays and Saturdays. That service was withdrawn when the last regular user ceased to travel. The council is not in a position to fund such a service even on an experimental seasonal basis. This area would be best served by some sort of commercial service possibly operating on certain dates to suit organised walking events.

- 3.5 The second suggestion was for a revival of ferry or other waterborne services on Loch Awe. In particular between Portsonochan (South Port) and Taychreggan Hotel (North Port). Provision of such a service, were it to be publicly funded, would be the responsibility of the council's Development and Infrastructure Services (Strategic Transportation). However, as with the suggested bus service there is no funding available for such a service and it is anticipated that demand would be low. The most practical proposition would be an "on demand" seasonal service provided by a private operator.
- 3.6 Further information on popular walks or footpaths was obtained from the council's Access Officer and is detailed in the attached appendix.
- 3.7 The council's Access Officer suggests that the routes in the attached appendix are the most popular, and in each case where there are public transport connections these are described. The description is based on the level of service during the day Mondays to Saturdays, and Sundays are only included where there is a service.

#### **4. CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 On the basis of the information in the attached appendix it can be seen that many of the routes are loops or 'out and back' to the starting point. As such many are easily accessed by public transport. The more remote starting or ending points are, by their nature, some distance from public transport and are in places where it would not be cost effective to provide it.
- 4.2 It has been demonstrated, therefore, that there is a high level of integration between pathways and public transport throughout the area.

#### **5.1 IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Policy – None

5.2 Financial – None

5.3 Personnel – None

5.4 Equal Opportunities - None

5.5 Legal .None

5.6 Risk - None

5.7 Customer Service - Evidence of some good integration between pathways and public transport.

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Head of Facility Service

<b>Pathway description</b>	<b>Public transport links</b>
Benderloch – Ben Lora.	Benderloch is served from Oban by an hourly frequency seven days a week. Service 918 between Oban and Fort William operates three times daily during the summer and twice during the Winter.
Benderloch – Port Selma – Tralee Bay loop	Benderloch is served from Oban by an hourly frequency seven days a week. Service 918 between Oban and Fort William operates three times daily during the summer and twice during the Winter.
Sutherlands Grove.	Barcaldine is served from Oban by an hourly frequency six days a week and three times on Sundays. Service 918 between Oban and Fort William operates three times daily during the summer and twice during the winter.
Glasdrum Wood, National Nature Reserve.	The nearest services are the bus stops on the north side of Creran Bridge. Service 918 between Oban and Fort William operates three times daily during the summer and twice during the winter. Other services are to and from Oban on schooldays at school times.
Pine Marten Trail, Elleric	This walk is further up Glen Creran and so less accessible by public transport than Glasdrum Wood. It is five miles from the nearest bus stop at the Creagan Bridge.
Port Appin Loop	This is in the main a cycle route. The nearest public transport to Port Appin is at Appin on the A828, 2.7 miles distant. Bus services are the same as those for Glasdrum Wood, above.
Jubilee Bridge Walk, Appin	The nearest public transport to the start of this walk is at Appin on the A828, 1.1 miles distant. Bus services are the same as those for Glasdrum Wood above as is the return from Portnacroish.
The new section of the National Cycle Network between Benderloch and the car park north of Portnacroish.	If this walk was undertaken from a start at Portnacroish using the services mentioned at Glasdrum Wood above then the return, presumed to Oban, from Benderloch on completion would be using the services described in Benderloch – Ben Lora above.
Taynuilt to Inverawe.	Public transport access is available by bus and train during the summer, and will be

	more so with the forthcoming enhanced train service to and from Oban which will start in May 2014. Inverawe would be bus and coach only whereas Taynuilt would also include the rail option.
Glen Nant National Nature Reserve	The reserve is situated three miles south of Taynuilt on the B845 which has a bus service between Oban, Taynuilt and Dalavich. Two buses a day each way with an additional journey on Thursdays. Access by public transport is therefore possible.
Path to Kilchurn Castle	This path is accessed off the A85 between Loch Awe and Dalmally. Public transport access is available by bus and train during the summer, and will be more so with the forthcoming enhanced train service to and from Oban which will start in May 2014. Bus and coaches on the A85 can set down and uplift at the start of the path but using the train would involve a walk of an additional 1.5 miles from Loch Awe station or 1.3 miles from Dalmally.
Waterfall Woods, Dalmally	This location is three miles east of Dalmally on the A85 and public transport access is similar to Kilchurn Castle above.
The section of the West Highland Way at Bridge of Orchy	Accessible by both coach and train if starting and returning to Bridge of Orchy.
Proposed pathway from Tyndrum to Oban	This route is well served by both bus and train during the summer and will be more so with the forthcoming enhanced train service to and from Oban which will start in May 2014.