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SUPPLEMENTARY PACK

ARGYLL ISLANDS STRATEGIC GROUP – TUESDAY, 25 MAY 2018 AT 2.00PM
WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD

Please find attached herewith agenda item 10 (**NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS**) which was marked to follow on the agenda for the above meeting.

Douglas Hendry
Executive Director of Customer Services

BUSINESS

10. NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS (Pages 3 - 6)

Report by Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services

The next meeting of the Argyll Islands Strategic Group will take place on Tuesday, 28th August 2018 within Gigha Village Hall, Isle of Gigha.

Argyll Islands Strategic Group

Councillor Robin Currie (Chair)	Councillor Mary-Jean Devon
Councillor Anne Horn	Councillor Sir Jamie McGrigor
Councillor Yvonne McNeilly	Councillor Jean Moffat
Councillor Aileen Morton	Councillor Elaine Robertson
Councillor Len Scoullar (Vice-Chair)	Councillor Jim Lynch

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NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The June 2017 Council agreed to continue the focus of the work commenced by the Argyll Islands Task Force by establishing the Argyll Islands Strategic Group to deal with strategic level issues affecting the inhabited island communities of Argyll and Bute. This report looks at the current work plan of the committee, in light of the progress with the Islands Bill that is currently making its way through the Scottish Parliament, and the need to focus on key strategic priorities to better ensure the deliverability of positive outcomes for our island communities.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that members consider the contents of the report and determine the current work plan of the committee with a view to focus on a limited number of clearly identified key strategic issues.

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3.0 INTRODUCTION

3.1 The June 2017 Council agreed to continue the focus of the work commenced by the Argyll Islands Task Force by establishing the Argyll Islands Strategic Group to deal with strategic level issues affecting the inhabited island communities of Argyll and Bute. This report looks at the current work plan of the committee, in light of the progress with the Islands Bill that is currently making its way through the Scottish Parliament, and the need to focus on key strategic priorities to better ensure the deliverability of positive outcomes for our island communities.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

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5.0 DETAIL

5.1 The needs of our island communities are complex and a significant change in legislation is anticipated with the passing of the Islands Bill later this year. Appendix 1 of this report outlines the main areas of work of the committee as agreed in its August meeting 2017. It was anticipated that the work of the committee would also be determined in part by the ongoing work of the National Islands Group but meetings of this group has been infrequent with little progress made. Consequently, there is a need for the committee to determine its key strategic priorities to focus on until greater certainty is delivered through further work at a national level including the passing of the Islands Bill in the summer. A list of potential topics has been identified in the Appendix 1 and members are asked to prioritise these in order to help deliver clear outcomes for our island communities.

6.0 CONCLUSION

- 6.1 There is a need to prioritise the work of the Argyll Strategic islands Group through the identification of key strategic priorities that impact on our island communities. Appendix 1 identifies potential topics to focus on and the report asks members of the committee to prioritise these to inform the future work of the committee.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

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| 7.1 | POLICY | None |
| 7.2 | FINANCIAL | None arising from this report. |
| 7.3 | LEGAL | None |
| 7.4 | PERSONNEL | Met through existing resources. |
| 7.5 | EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES | None the work of this committee is to ensure the needs of our island communities are fully taken into account. |
| 7.6 | RISK | None |
| 7.7 | CUSTOMER SERVICE | None |

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Appendix 1: List of topics

APPENDIX 1: LIST OF TOPICS

Proposed Strands of work of the group going forward (as agreed at first meeting on 18th August 2017):-

- Energy – Renewables/Fuel Poverty/De-carbonisation
- Crown Estate
- Environment (Waste; Designations; Crofting; Agriculture & Fisheries)
- Tourism (including Culture)
- Regional Skills (Construction)/FE & HE Provision/Apprenticeships
- Depopulation/Migration
- Education/Health
- Education/Health (Recruitment)
- EU/BREXIT
- Digital (Mobile/Broadband)
- Housing/Empty Homes Initiatives
- Economy
- Planning
- Transport
- Social Security Reforms