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A meeting of the **ARGYLL AND BUTE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD, PA31 8RT** on **WEDNESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 2012** at **10:00 AM**.

AGENDA

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- 3. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE - DEREK LESLIE, NHS HIGHLAND, CHAIR OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**
- 4. SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT REVIEW OF COMMUNITY PLANNING - JANE FOWLER(Pages 5 - 6)**
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- 6. COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2012/13 - TO FOLLOW**
- 7. CITIZEN'S PANEL - JANE FOWLER(Pages 7 - 8)**
- 8. POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES REVIEW - VERBAL**
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ARGYLL AND BUTE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP**MINUTES of FULL PARTNERSHIP MEETING held in the
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on WEDNESDAY 2nd November 2011****Present**

Cllr Dick Walsh (Chair)	Argyll and Bute Council
Sally Loudon	Argyll and Bute Council
Jane Fowler	Argyll and Bute Council
Eileen Wilson	Argyll and Bute Council
Lynda Thomson	Argyll and Bute Council
Cllr Bruce Marshall	Argyll and Bute Council
Cleland Sneddon	Argyll and Bute Council
Charles Reppke	Argyll and Bute Council
Derek Leslie	NHS Highland
Paul Connelly	Strathclyde Fire and Rescue
Danny Doherty	Strathclyde Fire and Rescue
Mark Wilson	Strathclyde Police
Russell Dunn	Strathclyde Police
Andrew Campbell	Scottish Natural Heritage
Michael Breslin	Argyll College
Glenn Heritage	Third Sector Partnership/Argyll Voluntary Action
Neil Francis	Scottish Enterprise
Bill Stewart	ABSEN
Jonathan Pryce	Scottish Government
Sue Gledhill	HIE

In attendance:

Jan Brown (minutes)	Argyll and Bute Council
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Apologies:

Jim Frame	SEPA
Bill Dundas	SGRPID
Bill Stewart	ABSEN
Eleanor MacKinnon	AVA
Elaine Garman	NHS
Shirley MacLeod	A&BC
Moiria Paton	NHS
Toria Fraser	Scottish Government

ITEM	DETAILS	ACTIONS
1.	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES Cllr Dick Walsh (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting in	

	<p>particular welcomed Jonathan Price, Scottish Government and Ch. Supt. Russell Dunn to their first Full Partnership meeting.</p> <p>The apologies were noted.</p>	
2.	<p>MINUTES OF THE FULL PARTNERSHIP MEETING HELD ON THE 9 MARCH 2010</p> <p>The minute of the Full Partnership meeting on the 9th March 2011 was accepted as a true reflection of the meeting with all matters arising having already been dealt with.</p>	
3.	<p>THE BUDGET CONSULTATION</p> <p>Cllr Walsh and Sally Loudon gave a detailed presentation on this years' Budget Consultation with contributions from NHS Highland and the Third Sector Partnership.</p> <p>The presentation will go out to CPP Thematic Groups, Local Area Community Planning Groups and other public consultation meetings.</p> <p>This method proved to be very successful during last year's consultation events by clearly showing the financial challenges we are all facing, what savings have to be made and how we intend to carry these out.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed how each of the member organisations were affected and how they are approaching the problem.</p> <p>The Partners agreed that as far as possible there would be representation at the public meetings form as many partners as possible.</p> <p>Cllr Walsh and Sally Loudon left the meeting to travel to Campbeltown to deliver Budget Presentation at MAKI Local Area Community Planning Meeting.</p>	
4.	<p>MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE</p> <p>Derek Leslie updated the partnership on the work carried out at the previous meetings in April and October.</p>	

5. CPP SELF ASSESSMENT – LYNDA THOMSON

Lynda Thomson gave a presentation on the recent CPP Self-assessment.

The self-assessment was conducted to provide an evidence base for the review of the Community Planning Partnership. It sought to find out what individuals and groups across the partnership felt was going well and what they felt needs to improve.

The key findings at a local level were that-

- there is a desire from partners and communities to influence local community planning but the current model and style of delivery is not felt to be appropriate for all four areas.
- meeting times, some venues and the formality of the meetings are not encouraging community members to participate in local community planning.
- local community planning offers opportunities for consultation and involvement.
- there is a need for a clearer link between local discussions and strategic decision making.

The key findings at a strategic level were that-

- Community Planning is well embedded at a strategic level.
- there are considerable challenges in aligning timescales for performance planning, monitoring and reporting which are influenced by national and organisational boundaries and priorities.
- there is a good understanding of the partnership's purpose from those involved but it is felt that there is a need for a communication plan that will increase awareness, understanding and participation in community planning.
- partners are supportive of the process and committed to participate.

Partners were invited to comment on the findings and feedback by 23rd November.

6.	<p>DRAFT COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT</p> <p>Eileen Wilson presented the draft Community Plan/Single Outcome Agreement 2012/13. The CPP has agreed the outcomes but there is still some work to be done on success measures. This work will be ongoing with the final plan being agreed at Management Committee on the 1st of February 2012 and then signed off at the next Full Partnership meeting on the 15th of February.</p> <p>Partners agreed to feedback any comments to Eileen prior to the next Management Committee meeting scheduled for the 14th of December 2011.</p>	
7.	<p>MEETING DATES FOR 2012</p> <p>Partners were given copies of proposed meeting dates and asked to contact Jan Brown if any of the dates clashed with other strategic partnership meetings.</p>	
8.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>No other business</p>	
9.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting is on 15th February in the Council Chamber in Kilmory</p>	

**Argyll and Bute Community Planning
Partnership**

**Full Partnership
15 February 2012**



Scottish Government Review of Community Planning

1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report informs the partnership on the Scottish Government's proposed review of Community Planning. Further updates will be brought to the partnership as it progresses.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the partnership note the report.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The Scottish Government is currently proposing a 3 stage review of community planning. This is being carried out in partnership with COSLA, SOLCCE and the Improvement Service. Audit Scotland and the Accounts Commission have also been involved.

3.2 There are a number of stages to the review and different timescales attached to them. The principle is to establish whether community planning is as effective as it could be and whether there are changes that could be made from the centre that would allow for better decentralized and integrated decision making across the public sector.

3.3 The first stage is the production of a clear statement jointly developed by partners regarding what is expected of the Community Planning process in terms of partner involvement, identification of priorities, and the achievement of better outcomes for communities that are clear and measurable. This statement will take into account the four key elements of public service agreed through the spending review process e.g.:

- focus on place and integration of services
- preventative spend
- a transparent performance culture
- a focus on workforce issues.

This statement will also have to take into account how Community Planning should be developed to deal with changes in the public sector environment such as health and social care integration.

Appendix 1(h)

- 3.4** The second stage would be an assessment of what capacity and systems local Community Planning Partnerships would have to have at their disposal in order to effectively deliver the joint expectation of Community Planning. There is an understanding that while this may involve the development of practice issues locally it is equally likely to require changes in systems and legislation nationally.
- 3.5** The third stage of the process is to start the process of implementing the changes that will allow local partnerships to build the capacity to deliver on the shared statement of Community Planning purpose and expectation. This stage may involve the sharing of best practice, training and development for public sector staff, the creation of new systems at a national level and potentially new legislation if it is deemed to be required.
- 3.6** In terms of timescale the Government are committed to the statement of expectation of Community Planning to be developed, completed and available throughout the public sector by the end of February or early March. This will enable new Councils to have a clear view of their leadership responsibility after the elections in May.
- 3.7** The latter two stages of the review i.e. identifying the capacities required and beginning to develop them will necessarily follow after that first stage is concluded. Further information on this will be reported to the partnership as it is made available.
- 3.8** The process of agreeing the joint statement is taking place through the joint review group at national level. It is not clear what the role of Community Planning Partnerships will be in developing this, although the Council will have an opportunity to comment at COSLA Leadership meetings.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1** The review will assist in aligning Community Planning with the results of the Christie Commission report on public sector reform. At present there is

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Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

Full Partnership
Date: 15 February 2012



Title: Citizens' Panel: tender process

1. Summary

The current contract with Hexagon Research and Consulting to carry out two Citizens' Panel surveys a year and to manage the Citizens' Panel membership database has come to an end. The procurement process for the next contract to run the Citizens' Panel is now underway.

2. Recommendations

The following recommendations are made:

1. That the partnership notes that the procurement process for the contract to maintain the Citizens' Panel database and to run two surveys a year is underway.
2. That the partnership devolves the decision-making process for the award of the Citizens' Panel contract to the Management Committee and its chosen representatives.

3. Detail

The current contract to carry out the Citizens' Panel surveys was awarded to Hexagon Research and Consulting in 2008. The contract was to run for three years, with the possibility of an extension into a fourth.

At the Management Committee meeting on 13 April, it was agreed that:

- The contract with Hexagon Research and Consulting be extended into the fourth year.
- The future purpose and use of the Citizens' Panel be reviewed. This was referred to the Third Sector and Communities group for consideration.

At its meeting on 30 August 2008, the Third Sector and Communities group referred the issue back to the Management Committee on the grounds that there was insufficient partner representation at the meeting for the group to make any recommendations.

At the CPP Management Committee meeting of 19 October 2011, it was agreed that:

- The Citizens' Panel survey contract will continue to run on the basis of two surveys being carried out each year. The contract will continue to include the management and maintenance of the panel members' database.
- The spring survey will continue to be used by all CPP partners.
- The autumn survey will become a Council survey, thereby formalising a continuation of the use that has been made of the survey for the last three years.

In addition, given that the current contract was coming to an end, it was agreed that the tender would be prepared to go out early in 2012, with a view to the contract being confirmed and in place in time for the spring survey.

We have now begun the procurement process for the Citizens' Panel, and the tender document is currently being prepared. Given the value of the contract, the Citizens' Panel contract will be advertised as a 'closed tender', with selected organisations being invited to apply.

This paper recommends that the evaluation of the tender and the choice of organisation to which the new contract be awarded be devolved to the management committee and its chosen representatives.

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COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP**15 FEBRUARY 2012**

ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT PLEDGE

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report sets out the aim of the Community Covenant Pledge and recommends that the identified Argyll and Bute community planning partners sign the covenant at a ceremony with the joint armed forces aligned to a scheduled Argyll and Bute Council meeting.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Community Planning Partnership is asked to
- i) Note the contents of this report.
 - ii) Recognise the sacrifice made by members of the armed forces, particularly those who have given the most; and
 - iii) Commit to supporting current and former Armed Forces personnel and their families working and residing in Argyll and Bute by signing the Argyll and Bute Community Covenant.

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Armed Forces Community Covenant is a voluntary statement of mutual support between a civilian community and its local Armed Forces Community. The Community Covenant is signed by various members of the local community including representatives from the Armed Forces and community planning partners including the local authority, voluntary and local business sectors.
- 3.2 The Community Covenant is intended to complement, at local level, the Armed Forces Covenant, which outlines the moral obligation between the Nation, the Government and the Armed Forces.

4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 Signing of the Community Covenant would help build upon the existing relationship Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership has developed with the Armed Forces at Her Majesty's Naval Base (HMNB) Clyde. The HMNB

Clyde is the Royal Navy's main presence in Scotland and is home to the core of the Submarine Service.

- 4.2 HMNB Clyde has over 6,500 civilians and service personnel employed on site and provides a base port to the ships and submarines of the Faslane Flotilla, also supplying many other visiting vessels each year.
- 4.3 Argyll and Bute Council also currently supports the implementation of the Ministry of Defence Firm Base initiative, which was established to help build strong partnerships between local government and the military. A nationwide armed services scheme, Argyll and Bute Council reports to the Strathclyde Firm Base Working Group covering matters from emergency response co-ordination and action to future planning of Council Services for current / former service personnel and their families.
- 4.4 The Community Covenant aims to bring together civilian, public / private sectors and military organisations to build an understanding of the needs of the armed forces and how best to serve them. The scheme is intended as a two way agreement where armed services personnel are encouraged to support the community where they live and promote activity that integrates them into civilian life.
- 4.5 The Community Covenant outlines the aspiration that the Armed Forces community should face no disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services and Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership will consider positive measures to enable equality of outcome with other citizens.
- 4.6 Community Covenants have already been established in a number of areas across the United Kingdom, including; Glasgow, Fife, Oxfordshire, Hampshire, Blackpool, Wakefield and Plymouth. In demonstrating support for the Armed Forces a number of local authorities have organised fundraising events, military celebrations, open days and offering commercial discounts, which have all had a positive effect and boosted the morale of the local Armed Forces communities.

5. CONCLUSION/SUMMARY

- 5.1 The Armed Services Community Covenant rewards and recognises what the Armed Forces do for our communities. This recognition extends not just to those in the Services, but also their families and veterans, especially the injured and bereaved.
- 5.2 In consideration of the sacrifices made by Armed Forces personnel, it is recommended that the Community Planning Partnership commit to support current and ex service personnel and their families within Argyll and Bute by signing the Argyll and Bute Community Covenant.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy: None

5.2 Equal Opportunities: The Covenant supports the equality of access to services for all current and former service personnel and their families.

5.3 Personnel: None

5.4 Financial: None

Cleland Sneddon
Executive Director

22 January 2012

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Community Covenant

AN ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT

BETWEEN

ARGYLL AND BUTE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP INCLUDING
COUNCIL, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHARITABLE AND VOLUNTARY
SECTORS,
THE CIVILIAN COMMUNITY OF ARGYLL AND BUTE

AND

THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY IN ARGYLL AND BUTE

**We, the undersigned, agree to work and act together to
honour the Armed Forces Community Covenant.**

Signatories

Signed:

Name: **Cllr Dick Walsh**

Position Held: **Council Leader**

Signed on behalf of A&B Council

Date:

Signed:

Name:

Position Held:

Signed on behalf of Armed Forces

Charities

Date:

Signed:

Name: **(Confirm HIE Rep)**

Position Held:

Signed on behalf of Highlands and Islands Enterprise

Date:

Other Signatories to be Confirmed

Signed:

Name: **Lt Col SG Higgens**

Position Held: **Commanding Officer**

Signed on behalf of the Armed Forces Community

Date:

Signed:

Name: **(Possibly Glenn Heritage)**

Position Held: **Manager**

Signed on behalf of Argyll Voluntary Action

Date:

Signed:

Name: **(Possibly Derek Leslie)**

Position Held: **General Manager**

Signed on behalf of NHS Highland

Date:

SECTION 1: PARTICIPANTS

1.1 This Armed Forces Community Covenant is made between:

The serving and former members of the Armed Forces and their families working and residing in Argyll and Bute

And

Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

And

The Charitable and Voluntary Sector

And

Other members of the civilian community

SECTION 2: PRINCIPLES OF THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT

2.1 The Armed Forces Community Covenant is a voluntary statement of mutual support between a civilian community and its local Armed Forces Community. It is intended to complement the Armed Forces Covenant, which outlines the moral obligation between the Nation, the Government and the Armed Forces, at the local level.

2.2 The purpose of this Community Covenant is to encourage support for the Armed Forces Community working and residing in Argyll and Bute and to recognise and remember the sacrifices made by members of this Armed Forces Community, particularly those who have given the most. This includes in-Service and ex-Service personnel their families and widow(er)s in Argyll and Bute.

2.3 For the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership, the Community Covenant presents an opportunity to bring their knowledge, experience and expertise to bear on the provision of help and advice to members of the Armed Forces Community. It also presents an opportunity to build upon existing good work on other initiatives such as the Welfare Pathway.

2.4 For the Armed Forces community, the Community Covenant encourages the integration of Service life into civilian life and encourages members of the Armed Forces community to help their local community.

SECTION 3: OBJECTIVES AND GENERAL INTENTIONS

Aims of the Community Covenant

3.1 The Armed Forces Community Covenant complements the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant which defines the enduring, general principles that should govern the relationship between the Nation, the Government and the Armed Forces community

3.2 It aims to encourage all parties within a community to offer support to the local Armed Forces community and make it easier for Service personnel, families and veterans to access the help and support available from the MOD, from statutory providers and from the Charitable and Voluntary Sector. These organisations already work together in partnership at local level.

3.3 The scheme is intended to be a two-way arrangement and the Armed Forces community are encouraged to do as much as they can to support their community and promote activity which integrates the Service community into civilian life.

SECTION 4: Measures

4.1 The Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership recognises the sacrifice made by current and ex service personnel, in particular those who have suffered physical injuries as a result. Argyll and Bute Council supports the implementation of the Ministry of Defence Firm Base initiative and will maintain its membership of the Strathclyde Firm Base Working Group. As a member of the working group, Argyll and Bute Council will consider and deal with matters from emergency response co-ordination and action, to future planning of Council Services for current / former service personnel and their families. It will liaise with other community planning partners in this planning activity.

4.2 The Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership welcomes the increase in size and population of Her Majesty's Naval Base (HMNB) Clyde which is expected over the coming years. We are committed to ensuring the health, education, housing, transport and social needs of current and ex personnel and their families are met. With focus on improving links between civilian and armed forces communities we aim to successfully integrate current and ex service personnel and their families within Argyll and Bute.

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THE ARMED FORCES COVENANT

An Enduring Covenant Between

The People of the United Kingdom
Her Majesty's Government

– and –

All those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces of
the Crown

And their Families

The first duty of Government is the defence of the realm. Our Armed Forces fulfil that responsibility on behalf of the Government, sacrificing some civilian freedoms, facing danger and, sometimes, suffering serious injury or death as a result of their duty. Families also play a vital role in supporting the operational effectiveness of our Armed Forces. In return, the whole nation has a moral obligation to the members of the Naval Service, the Army and the Royal Air Force, together with their families. They deserve our respect and support, and fair treatment.

Those who serve in the Armed Forces, whether Regular or Reserve, those who have served in the past, and their families, should face no disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services. Special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given most such as the injured and the bereaved.

This obligation involves the whole of society: it includes voluntary and charitable bodies, private organisations, and the actions of individuals in supporting the Armed Forces. Recognising those who have performed military duty unites the country and demonstrates the value of their contribution. This has no greater expression than in upholding this Covenant.

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COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

15 FEBRUARY 2012

CAMPAIGN PLEDGE “SEE ME” (MENTAL HEALTH)

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 “See Me” is Scotland’s national campaign to end the stigma and discrimination of mental ill-health across all parts of society. The campaign has a high profile across Scotland which involves national TV adverts and high profile sports profile which includes support from a number of Football Clubs and other professional teams.
- 1.2 Materials produced by the health promotion campaign are available from the internet and in Council and partners buildings which aims to address issues of stigma associated with mental ill-health. The campaign has been very successful to date and the Scottish Government promote the “See Me” campaign across public services and society.
- 1.3 Many organisations across Scotland have pledged to work with “See Me” in order to eliminate the stigma and discrimination of mental ill-health. Signing such a pledge, and the action plan that accompanies it, means that the organisation makes a public commitment to tackling the stigma experienced by people with mental health problems. Such a commitment will be seen by employees, by customers or users of services and by the wider public.
- 1.4 To date, 20 Councils in Scotland have signed the “See Me” public health campaign pledge and have agreed an action plan to join the community and public services to end the stigma of mental ill –health. There is a performance target in the draft SOA for 2012/13 for community planning partners to sign up to the pledge.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Community Planning Partnership is asked to endorse the “See Me” campaign pledge and sign up to a local action plan. This would include the commitment to raise the profile of the work to tackle the stigma of mental illness by the ‘see me’ campaign.
- 2.2 The Community Planning Partnership is asked to instruct the Thematic Lead Officer for Social Affairs to contact the campaign team and complete the action plan to ensure Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership becomes members of the current public health campaign.

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- 2.3 The Community Planning Partnership notes that the action plan will involve the Partnership's continued best practice in mental health work within teams to tackle the stigma of mental illness in our communities.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 The Community Planning Partnership is asked to endorse the current campaign by "See Me" and sign the pledge and action plan required to be partners in this health promotion work.
- 3.2 There are no additional costs associated with the signing of this health promotion pledge.

4. IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None

Financial: None

Legal: None

Personnel: None

Equal Opportunities: Signing the "See Me" pledge will further support the Community Planning Partnership's commitment to equal opportunities.

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Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**Full Partnership
Date: February 2012**

Environment Thematic Group Update Report

1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report summarises the continued progress made by the Environment Thematic Group.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Full Partnership note the progress made by the Environment Thematic Group.

3. DETAIL

3.1 The autumn meeting of the Group viewed an excellent video presentation entitled “**Argyll Voices on Climate Change**”, prepared by members of Lochgilphead Joint Campus. This inspiring short film was part of a Scottish Government sponsored public engagement strategy project, promoted through Young Scot, to investigate Scotland’s development as a low carbon economy and the implications for individuals, communities and business. Despite technical difficulties with the presentation equipment, both representatives of the project, gave an enthusiastic and well received presentation that generated a large number of questions. The Group commends the video to the Management Committee and recommends viewing via their ‘YouTube’ link at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIToMCt2I9U>. A copy of their report was also made available.

3.2 Proposed thematic content for new Community Plan/Single Outcome Agreement – outcomes and success measures – these remain under review by partners with a view to identifying further measurable outcomes.

3.3 The Group received update reports on the Zero Waste Plan, Community Recycling Groups and the Japanese Knotweed Demonstration Programme. Further partnership engagement with SEPA is expected on each of these.

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Social Affairs Thematic Group Update Report

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report summarises the continued progress made by the Social Affairs Thematic Group.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Management Committee note the progress made by the Social Affairs Thematic Group.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 At the group's most recent meeting on the 7th November 2011 a number of key issues were discussed and scrutinised including; Community Learning and Development Youth Work, Social Affairs Scorecard and Consultation feedback from the Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan.

In addition, a number of presentations were made, including; Curriculum for Excellence – Lochgilphead Joint Campus, and Provisions of the new Alcohol (Scotland) Act 2010,

- 3.2 A presentation was given which highlighted the budget challenges being faced in the public sector and how these pressures impact on the Third Sector. The presentation highlighted the need for effective partnership working to ensure knowledge and resources are shared effectively to better meet the needs of our communities.
- 3.3 The group were given a presentation on progress made in relation to the implementation of 'Getting It Right For Every Child' (GIRFEC), a key government policy initiative which promotes emphasis on early intervention and improved outcomes for children.
- 3.4 After consideration of the Choose Life strategy which updated the group on Health Improvement across Argyll and Bute, the CPP agreed to give support, in principle, to the forthcoming draft strategies for Health Improvement and Mental Health Improvement. The group also gave a commitment to the 'See Me'

Pledge which aims at eliminating the stigma and discrimination of mental ill-health.

- 3.5 The group were given an update of examination results for 2011 by Chris Shirley, Quality Standards Manager. Comparative data was presented for both national and local comparisons which highlighted that Argyll and Bute is performing relatively well in a national context.
- 3.6 Discussion took place around the new combined Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) 2012-13. The new plan will bridge the year from the end of the current SOA to the end of the current community plan. Although new outcomes have been agreed the CPP Themes will remain the same and many of the success measures already being used for the current thematic scorecards will still be relevant to the new outcomes.
- 3.7 The next meeting of the Social Affairs Thematic CPP group will take place on 13th February 2012 and will feature presentations from Catriona McEntagart from Happy To Translate, on promoting equal opportunities through overcoming language barriers; and Raymond Flanagan (Youth Worker) on the Learning and Development Youth Work service.

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Significant progress has been made over the year in achieving the group's objectives and this progress will continue throughout the following year through the development of strong partnership links and increased scrutiny and development of the Social Affairs Thematic Group scorecard.

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**Argyll and Bute Community Planning
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**Economy Thematic Group Report
Full Partnership – 15th February 2012**



1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** The last meeting of the Economy Thematic Group took place on 29 November and this report provides a summary of the key issues covered. The group remains focussed on identifying and recording measures which will enable changes in the local economy to be identified and tracked or treated as appropriate.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 Budget.** A presentation on the current budget situation was made by partners, which highlighted the budget challenges being faced by the public sector and how these pressures impact on the third sector. This led to a discussion on the wider economic impacts of the public sector cuts which will be pursued outwith the thematic group meeting.
- 2.2 Scorecard.** The Economy Thematic CPP Group scorecard has undergone significant change over the past two years due in part to the agreement to have one scorecard to serve both the CPP Economy Thematic CPP Group and the Council's Economy Policy and Performance Group (PPG). Discussion progressed to the recent Audit Scotland Report into the role of Community Planning Partnerships in Economic Development and the recommendations on having a systematic, evidence based approach and regarding the use of economic indicators in SOA's and economic development strategies.
- 2.3 Bute.** Under Partner Updates, the economic situation on Bute was discussed.

The Dunoon & Bute travel to work area has the highest unemployment in the Highlands and islands at 5% (Nov 2011) and the rate for Bute is estimated at 6.1%. Yet, employers report that they have difficulty in filling vacancies. There is a complex range of economic and social issues for which a wider partnership approach is required.

One in four of the working age population was claiming some form

of state benefit in Oct 2011, 465 individuals were receiving incapacity benefit or employment support allowance. School leaver destination figure suggest that higher than average leavers are leaving the island, and there appears to be a belief that there are few opportunities for young people on the island.

It is difficult to promote inward investment or business expansion when there are recognised difficulties in recruitment.

There is clearly a lot of activity taking place and an alignment amongst the main economic / regeneration partners (public sector, business and community), with a focus on physical regeneration and business growth/social enterprise activity. However, this traditional approach does not seem to be addressing some of the core issues identified on Bute.

The Thematic Group agreed that this matter be raised with the Management Committee to seek agreement and endorsement of a wider partnership approach to address the economic and social challenges on Bute.

Next Economy Thematic Group meeting is due to be held on 29 February 2012

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Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**Full Partnership 15th February 2012**

Third Sector and Communities CPP Sub-group

1. SUMMARY

1.1 The Third Sector and Communities CPP Sub-group continues to develop its Plan as part of the SOA/Community Plan. Partners are contributing to the Plan with success measures to meet the agreed outcomes.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 To note the contents of the report and the progress of the Third Sector and Communities CPP sub-group.

3. DETAIL

3.1 The Third Sector and Communities CPP Sub-group met on 11 August, and again on 11 November 2011.

3.2 Membership of the Group has regularly been reviewed and comprises Third Sector Partnership, ABSEN, Argyll and Bute Council, NHS Highland, Strathclyde Police, HIE, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, and, more recently, Argyll College.

3.3 The Group has a draft Plan which is now being incorporated into the new draft SOA/Community Plan. The outcomes for the plan were agreed by the group in November. Partners are still inputting success measures, and it is hoped it can be approved at the next meeting in February 2012.

3.4 The Group is monitoring the Argyll and Bute Local Services Initiative (ABLSI) project which is providing support and encouragement to the third sector in developing services through co-production. The group has agreed the workplan for the next three months.

3.5 The newly approved Third Sector Asset Transfer Pack has been considered by the Group as part of the consultation on the process, application form and guidance.

3.6 Future work within the plan includes:

- Development of a Compact
- Creation of a shared Third Sector database
- Monitoring of the new online Better Community Engagement resource pack
- Monitoring of equality and diversity processes

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1** The Third Sector and Communities Sub-group continues to evolve and develop. Future work will ensure that third sector and community councils have increased access to information and support and are engaged in the community planning process.

5. IMPLICATIONS

Policy: In line with Community Plan/SOA developments

Finance: None

Personnel: None

Legal: None

Equal Opportunities: None

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Title: Update Report on Local Area Community Planning Groups

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** This report provides an update of the progress made by the Local Area Community Planning Groups in becoming key partnership groups for local areas to plan and monitor aims and objectives and delivery of services within local communities.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** To note the progress which the Local Area Community Planning Groups are making.
- 2.2** To note the concerns expressed by the Oban, Lorn and the Isles LACPG following low attendance by partners at their most recent meeting.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** Progress continues to be made to develop structures, processes and levels of understanding around the LACPG's. The production of individual action plans for each LACPG (following on from the self assessment exercise) should assist with this understanding and it is anticipated that these plans will be presented at the March round of meetings.
- 3.2** Partnership linkages continue to be monitored by the LACPGs to ensure information sharing is both current and relevant. This process will also inform identification of localised key partnerships who will be asked to submit performance information to the Local Community Planning Groups by way of Exception and Highlight reporting.
- 3.3** Scorecards and the LACPG plans were discussed at each of the January meetings. Although it was anticipated that these would be signed off at this meeting, due to the November meetings primarily focussing on the budget consultation, completion of this piece of work has slipped.
- 3.4** The January LACPGs also had opportunity to consider the joint SOA and Corporate Plan in order that any comments they wished to raise could be considered by this Committee.

- 3.5** Specific items considered by the local meetings in January included information on the recently established Short Life Working Group for Community Councils (Bute and Cowal), partnership working in view of the recent power disruptions (Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands), details of the winter festival and winter maintenance arrangements (Oban, Lorn and the Isles), and presentations by Loch Lomond and the National Park and AVA (Helensburgh & Lomond).

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1** On the whole the Local Area Community Planning Groups continue to make good progress in developing their role in Community Engagement although there were concerns expressed by the OLI LACPG about the lack of partners at their January meeting which it was agreed would be drawn to the attention of the Management Committee. There have been similar concerns raised by other Local Area Community Planning Groups, in recent times and non attendance particularly by core partners may undermine the progress made recently in developing the agenda management for area meetings.

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ARGYLL AND BUTE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2012												
COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Management Committee		1	21		16			22		10		12
Full Partnership		15				20					28	
Executive Sub-Group												
LOCAL AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUPS												
Mid-Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands	11	1 (S)			2 (TBC)				5		7	
Bute and Cowal	10		6			5			4		6	
Helensburgh and Lomond	17		20		15(TBC)				18		20	
Oban, Lorn and the Isles	11		14		9 (TBC)				12 (P)		14 (P)	
THEMATIC GROUPS												
Environment		23										
Economy		29										
Social Affairs		13										
Third Sector and Communities Sub-Group		21			1 (P)			16 (P)			15 (P)	
CHP			7	25				29		31		19

Thematic Group meetings for the remainder of the year have yet to be set due to elections in May

- P Proposed Date
- S Special Meet
- TBC To Be Confirmed

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