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A meeting of the **BUTE AND COWAL COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP** will be held in **CASTLE HOUSE, CASTLE GARDENS, DUNOON** on **TUESDAY, 4 JUNE 2013** at **2:00 PM**.

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**MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held in the
CASTLE HOUSE, CASTLE GARDENS, DUNOON
on TUESDAY, 5 MARCH 2013**

Present: Councillor R Macintyre (Chair)

Councillor M Breslin
Councillor B Marshall
Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager
Eileen Wilson, IOD Project Officer
Liz Marion, Senior Community Learning & Development Manager
John Rae, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue
Chief Inspector Garry Stitt, Strathclyde Police
Alison McGrory, NHS Highland
Linda McMillan, NHS Highland
Alistair McLaren, AVA
Lorna Ahlquist, Third Sector Representative
Sue Minns, Caucus of Community Councils
Eleanor Stevenson, Caucus of Community Councils
Max Barr, Dunoon Community Council
Pauling Livingstone, Cowal Elderly Befrienders
Paul Farrell, Roads Engineer
Ann Gabriel, Dunoon and Cowal Development Group

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of the following:-

Viv Smith, NHS Highland
Jane McKenzie, Scottish Water

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. MINUTES

**(a) BUTE AND COWAL COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP - 4TH
DECEMBER 2012**

The Minutes of the Bute and Cowal Community Planning Group meeting of 4th December 2012 were approved as a correct record.

**(b) BUTE AND COWAL COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP - 8TH
JANUARY 2013**

The Minutes of the Bute and Cowal Community Planning Group meeting of 8th January 2013 were approved as a correct record.

4. SCREENING PROGRAMMES

The Group heard an informative presentation from Alison McGrory, NHS Highland on health screening programmes including Bowel, Breast, Cervical, Diabetic Retinopathy and the introduction of a new screening programme called Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm.

Sue Minns requested information on the AAA Screening to be given to her so she can advise the Community Council and Alison McGrory said she would get leaflets/information given to her.

Decision

The Group noted the information provided.

Councillor Breslin intimated his apologies and left the meeting at this stage.

5. CYCLE ROUTES (AGENDA ITEM 6)

This item was continued to the June meeting.

6. AREA FORUM EVENTS 2013 (AGENDA ITEM 7)

The IOD Project Officer spoke on the consideration of the Area Forum events and asked to finalise the group's intentions with regard to the event.

Decision

The Group agreed to hold an event one Saturday in September to be held in Dunoon Grammar School. The Group further agreed a small working group to be set up including Councillor Marshall, Liz Marion, Eileen Wilson, Max Barr, a representative from Strathclyde Fire and Rescue and a representative from AVA to take this event forward.

7. DRAFT SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT (AGENDA ITEM 8)

The Group heard from the IOD Project Officer on the current Community Plan /SOA. The IOA Project Officer advised the first draft of the document will be given to the Scottish Government in April and is due to be complete by June.

Councillor Marshall advised that Councillor Walsh had some concerns regarding the economic aspect for the SOA and the IOD Project Officer advised that Members will have an opportunity to comment at the Council meeting in March.

Decision

The Group noted the information provided.

8. ISSUES RAISED BY THIRD SECTOR PARTNERSHIP (AGENDA ITEM 10)

The Group heard an informative presentation from Pauline Livingstone on the Cowal Elderly Befriending Scheme. She spoke on the aims of the befriending scheme the context of their work, loneliness and wellbeing, project demographics, their information service, referrals, and funding.

Chief Inspector Stitt asked about the referrals and Pauline advised they received referrals from the Social Work Department and also refer people to Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, Telecare, Care and Repair, Pet Care, Church etc.

Decision

The Group noted the first class service being provided by the Cowal Elderly Befriending Scheme.

9. ISSUES RAISED BY COMMUNITY COUNCIL (AGENDA ITEM 9)

Unpaid Work

The Area Governance Manager spoke on the role of Unpaid Work and the work being undertaken by squads of offenders in the local community. Sue Minns advised that it is normally older people who require gardening to be done who contact the team but the HELP project also have a team that can help.

Public Entertainment Licences

The Area Governance Manager advised this had been discussed at the Public Protection, Service and Licensing Committee and a leaflet has been produced. She explained that the leaflet will not be distributed until the permanent scheme is approved later this Spring.

Sue Minns said there were a lot of people who didn't know about the Act and there were also a lot of Councils who are not going to charge the £40.

Councillor Marshall advised that Argyll and Bute Council's interim position is not to charge the £40 but this will change in June. It was agreed the Area Governance Manager would write to the Head of Governance and Law on behalf of the Group to ask for the continuation of non charging for this licence.

Parking in Dunoon

Sue Minns spoke on the parking clock where residents pay a nominated fee every year and then don't have to pay the car park fee. The Roads Engineer spoke on the provision of the discs and having disc zones. The Area Governance Manager asked for this idea to be fed into the parking review process and the Group asked for a report to be brought back to the June meeting.

Data Protection Act

Sue Minns advised that all Community Councils should be registering under the Data Protection Act and asked if the Council could fund the costs associated with this. The Area Governance Manager advised she would get the Council's Governance and Risk Manager to send out something to Community Councils explaining the need for them to register with the Act and that the administration grant paid to Community Councils should cover the costs.

10. DESTINATION DUNOON AND COWAL

The Group heard from the Area Governance Manager on the recommendation that the Destination Dunoon and Cowal Steering Group holds no further meetings and responsibility for monitoring the deliver of the reports passes to the Area Community Planning Group.

Decision

The Group agreed to the recommendations.

11. PARTNER UPDATES

Strathclyde Police

Chief Inspector Stitt spoke on the new national police force Police Scotland advising it would have 3 separate areas, North, East and West. He explained this area would be West and further explained the structure. Chief Inspector Stitt advised that it would be business as usual for the local communities and spoke on the local policing plan. Chief Inspector Stitt further advised that the Anti Social Behaviour Sub-group was doing well with a 50% drop in ASBO behaviour. There will be an open day at the Police Station on 26th March from 10am to 2pm and the mobile police office is being utilised daily.

Strathclyde Fire and Rescue

John Rae from Strathclyde Fire and Rescue spoke on the new national force and its structure advising it would be business as usual. He spoke on the fire and rescue service priorities for Argyll and Bute and the local fire and rescue plan.

Scottish Water

Having received apologies from Scottish Water this item was continued to the June meeting.

Councillor Macintyre intimated his apologies and left the meeting at this stage. Councillor Marshall took over the Chair.

AVA

Alistair McLaren advised that AVA are sill offering support to the

Community Councils for the community resilience plans and further advised the he was wanting nominations for the volunteer awards.

Lorna Ahlquist spoke on the Rock up in Red roadshow and asked if anybody wished a stall to contact her.

Community Safety Forums

The Area Governance Manager spoke on the report submitted by the Community Safety Forums. Councillor Marshall advised the Cowal Community Safety Forum was holding a small Safe and Sound event in Strachur.

Cowal Transport Forum

The Area Governance Manager spoke on the report submitted by the Cowal Transport Forum advising the group is trying to get ticket recognition for Argyll Ferry tickets on Western Ferries when the ferry is cancelled. The group is also trying to get the bus connections to Inverclyde Hospital sorted out.

Forward Dunoon and Cowal and the Cowal Marketing Group

The Area Governance Manger advised that these group were going to try having one meeting and amalgamating rather than having separate meetings.

Cowal Highland Gathering

Councillor Marshall updated the meeting regarding the problems associated with the RSPB Championship and the Cowal Highland Gathering. Councillor Marshall advised the Council were involved and were optimistic of a solution.

12. REVIEW OF THE SCHEME FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS

The Area Governance Manager spoke on the Review of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils advising there were meetings scheduled to discuss this. She further advised the Community Council Elections would take place in September/October this year.

Decision

The Group noted the information provided.

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL
IMPROVEMENT AND HR

BUTE AND COWAL AREA
COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
4 JUNE 2013

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL DRAFT GAELIC LANGUAGE PLAN

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The council approved a draft Gaelic Language Plan for consultation in March 2013.
- 1.2 The plan sets out the commitments by the council for developing and supporting the Gaelic Language in line with the National Plan for Gaelic 2012-2017.
- 1.3 The council is seeking views on the draft plan prior to submitting in final format to Bòrd na Gàidhlig in July 2013.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Area Community Planning Group consider the draft plan and give comments to council representatives.

3 DETAIL

- 3.1 The council has a duty Section 2 of the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 requires Bòrd na Gàidhlig to “prepare and submit to the Scottish Ministers a national Gaelic language plan”, and revised versions thereof “no later than 5 years after the date on which the most recent plan is published”.
- 3.2 Bòrd na Gàidhlig published the national Gaelic Language Plan, which sets out the priorities for local plans to cover.
- 3.3 The national plan has 3 overarching aims:
 - Arresting the decline in the overall number of Gaelic speakers in Scotland by increasing the number acquiring the language;
 - Expanding the range of situations in which Gaelic is used, in line with the Gaelic Language Act’s key principle of equal respect for Gaelic and English; and
 - Helping speakers of Gaelic, both learners and native speakers, to develop their competence and their confidence in using it, and ensuring that the language itself continues to be healthy and vibrant.
- 3.4 It seeks to do this by supporting Gaelic in the following areas:
 - Gaelic in the home
 - Gaelic in the community

- Gaelic in education
- Gaelic in the workplace
- Gaelic in the arts, heritage, media and tourism
- Gaelic in economic development

The council's draft plan identifies actions under each of these themes and seeks feedback from the Area Community Planning Group on the proposals.

The consultation process will also include use of the council's website, social media where appropriate and the network of Gaelic interest organisations to ensure that there is wide coverage of the proposals and that feedback is gathered.

4 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The council's draft Gaelic Language Plan is presented to the Area Community Planning Group for comment and feedback as part of the consultation process.

5 IMPLICATIONS

Policy	The draft Plan contains a policy statement on the council's use of Gaelic
Financial	None
Personnel	Opportunities for expanding council employees' knowledge and use of Gaelic will be encouraged through training.
Legal	The draft plan complies with the Council's obligations under the 2005 Gaelic Language Act.
Equal Opportunities	The draft plan is compliant with the council's equalities policy

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APPENDIX 1

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GAELIC LANGUAGE POLICY AND PLAN

PLANA GÀIDHLIG

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**GAELIC LANGUAGE
PLAN PLANA GÀIDHLIG**

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Urdu

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Our Council is forward looking and ambitious, continuously improving our relationship with our partners, customers and employees to ensure that we deliver the right services, by the best people, in the best way.

1.2 Our vision is 'Realising our Potential Together' and this is underpinned by our values:

We involve and listen to our customers and communities
We take pride in delivering best value services
We are open, honest, fair and inclusive
We respect and value everyone

1.3 We recognise the role Gaelic has played in the history of Argyll and Bute and we continue to promote the language and its culture to our communities.

1.4 We are committed to giving the Gaelic and English languages equal respect.

1.5 We are proud to be one of the local authorities which regularly host The Royal National Mod. The very first Gaelic Mod was held in Oban in 1892 and has since grown to be a major annual festival attracting visitors from across Scotland and also abroad. The economic benefits realised from holding such a high profile event in Argyll and Bute are welcomed by our communities and continues to emphasis the strong relationship which Argyll and Bute has with the Gaelic language, culture and history.

1.6 We recognise the importance of Gaelic in our communities where Gaelic continues to be used.

1.7 This Gaelic Language Plan describes how the Council, together in partnership with other organisations, will address the needs of our individuals, groups and communities who continue to see Gaelic as a major element in their daily lives.

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GAELIC LANGUAGE PLAN PLANA GÀIDHLIG

2 SCOPE

- 2.1 This plan applies to all employees of Argyll and Bute Council. The overall intention is to create a working environment where the Gaelic language and culture is celebrated and promoted both inside the council and externally throughout our communities.

3 POLICY STATEMENT

- Argyll and Bute Council's policy is to expand and promote the range of Gaelic services and resources which are available to our service users.
- We will also give effect to the principle, introduced by the National Gaelic Language Plan that the Gaelic and English languages should be accorded equal respect.
- We are committed to the promotion and future growth of Gaelic education, language and cultural activities through continued awareness raising and language learning opportunities for employees and our communities.
- This Plan builds on the work that the Council has undertaken in the past in implementing our first language plan, promoting Gaelic Education and, specifically, on the benefits to be realised through bilingual learning.
- We aim to increase the number of Gaelic speakers in Argyll and Bute, increase the opportunities for using Gaelic in the community, home and workplace; promotion of bilingualism in the home and in our education establishments, maximise the economic benefits of

Gaelic related activities in the area and to promote the status and visibility of Gaelic in Argyll and Bute.

4 THE NATIONAL CONTEXT

- 4.1 Section 2 of the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 requires Bòrd na Gàidhlig to “prepare and submit to the Scottish Ministers a national Gaelic language plan”, and revised versions thereof “no later than 5 years after the date on which the most recent plan is published”.
- 4.2 The National Plan for Gaelic 2012 – 2017 sets out the main aims and actions under the key domains – Home; Education and Learning; Community; Workplace; Arts, Media, Heritage and Tourism. To successfully implement these actions, a national partnership between the Scottish Government, Bòrd na Gàidhlig and local authorities together with many other public, voluntary and private bodies will have to be created to ensure that a consistent approach is undertaken to guarantee a sustainable future for the language.
- 4.3 The headline target in the National Plan is that the 2021 National Census confirms that the growth in the number of young people learning Gaelic continues and that by 2031 it has reached replacement level.
- 4.4 The National Gaelic Language Plan 2012 - 2017 carries forward the first Plan’s vision of a sustainable future for Gaelic as a “healthy, vibrant language, increasingly used, valued and respected in a modern, multicultural and multilingual Scotland”. The strapline **‘Fas is feabhas/Growth and quality’** reflects the three overarching aims which inform the Plan:
- Arresting the decline in the overall number of Gaelic speakers in Scotland by increasing the number acquiring the language;
 - Expanding the range of situations in which Gaelic is used, in line with the Gaelic Language Act’s key principle of equal respect for Gaelic and English; and
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ensuring that the language itself continues to be healthy and vibrant.

4.5 The National Plan for Gaelic also contributes to the Scottish Government's National Outcomes as follows:

DEVELOPMENT AREA	NATIONAL OUTCOME NUMBER	NATIONAL OUTCOME STATEMENT
Home/Education and learning	5	Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed
	4	Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens
	3	We are better educated, more skilled and more successful, renowned for our research and innovation
Community/Workplace	11	We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others
	2	We realise our full economic potential; with more and better employment opportunities for our people
Arts, Media and heritage	13	We take pride in a strong, fair and inclusive national identity
The whole Plan	15	Our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people's needs

5 ARGYLL AND BUTE

- 5.1 Argyll and Bute Council was one of the first six public authorities across Scotland issued with a statutory notice by Bòrd na Gàidhlig to produce a Gaelic Language Plan. This Plan was approved in June 2008; and section 7 of the Act outlines the requirement to review the Gaelic Language Plan no later than 5 years after the date of approval of the previous Plan.
- 5.2 The Council's first generation language Plan consisted of an ambitious set of actions which resulted in a challenge to fully implement the actions. This second generational plan aims to build on the developments made by the Council in implementing the first Plan as well as learning invaluable lessons on the challenges that were faced together with identifying new priorities and areas for development.
- 5.3 The Council's second language plan is closely aligned to and assists in contributing to the targets contained in the National Plan for Gaelic 2012 – 2017.

6 THEMES

- 6.1 As our language plan is closely aligned with the national plan as prepared by Bòrd na Gàidhlig, we have identified the following themes to focus on.

6.1.1 GAELIC IN THE HOME

The Council will continue to promote the importance of Gaelic in the home and in family settings by encouraging young people and adults to improve their Gaelic language skills. Provision of language learning classes will be available to Council employees, adult learners and parents of Gaelic Medium pupils.

6.1.2 GAELIC IN THE COMMUNITY

The Council will increase the opportunities to use Gaelic in both formal and informal settings for native and fluent Gaelic speakers and learners of the language. Provision of language courses in partnership with Ionad Chaluim Chille Ìle will be planned across Argyll and Bute. The Council will also continue to work with local and national based organisations to promote Gaelic and increase the level of opportunities our communities have to use the language.

6.1.3 GAELIC IN EDUCATION

As providers of Gaelic Medium Education in 6 areas across Argyll and Bute, the Council acknowledges the duty it has to continue to offer a high quality level of education to pupils within these units, associated pre-school units and secondary schools. We will endeavour to offer Gaelic Learners in Primary Schools (GLPS) and Gaelic Learner Education (GLE) in all areas. We also recognise the important role the Council has in shaping national policy on education initiatives and policies.

6.1.4 GAELIC IN THE WORKPLACE

The Council will continue to assess opportunities to offer Gaelic across services with a view to it becoming mainstreamed across the organisation. The Council will also encourage partners to promote the use and increase the status of Gaelic in Argyll and Bute. We will increase resources available to staff to increase their language skills and understanding of the Gaelic language. We will carry out a staff audit of Gaelic skills to identify the language skills of staff in speaking, reading and writing the language. Elected members and employees will be able to access language learning opportunities.

6.1.5 GAELIC IN THE ARTS, HERITAGE, MEDIA and TOURISM

The Council will continue to support its links with Royal National Mod and local mods to maximise the number of participants using Gaelic at these events. The Council aims to increase the number of supported events where there is an opportunity to use Gaelic. Through these events, the Council will aim to gain a detailed

analysis of the economic benefits which are realised by holding Gaelic related events in Argyll and Bute.

6.1.6 GAELIC IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Council will continue to identify and assess opportunities for increased economic benefits for the area through the delivery of Gaelic associated events, e.g. The Royal National Mod is held in Argyll and Bute every 3/4 years, as well as scoping the opportunities for economic benefits to be realised through cultural tourism.

7 DELIVERY OF THE PLAN

- 7.1 As part of the Improvement and HR service, the Improvement and Organisational Development (IOD) team leads on the delivery of the Gaelic Language Plan supported by lead officers from across the Council and, where possible, by external partner organisations.
- 7.2 Lead officers provide regular update reports to the Improvement and Organisational Development team and the Lead Councillor for Community, Culture, Customer and Communication.
- 7.3 The Council will continue to invest resources in Gaelic education, language and culture and will realign priorities and resources for future development although we recognise that this is a difficult economic period for public services and with this in mind, we will make best use of resources.
- 7.4 The Council will also continue to consider any external and partnership funding opportunities that are appropriate. The Council accepts that a strong working relationship with other organisations operating in Argyll and Bute which deliver services and activities through Gaelic are pivotal to sustaining growth in Gaelic in Argyll and Bute and will lead to effective implementation of our language plan, thus creating more opportunities for Gaelic to be used.

8 REVIEW AND MONITORING OF THE PLAN

- 8.1 As a strategic corporate document, the Gaelic Language Plan will be monitored and scrutinised to the same level as the Council's Corporate Plan and service plans through a scorecard.
- 8.2 Performance reports are submitted to the designated Gaelic lead spokesperson by lead officers on a quarterly basis.
- 8.3 It is important to acknowledge that the language plan remains adaptable and flexible to the priorities set out by the Council, particularly when circumstances may change.

DRAFT

**Argyll and Bute Community Planning
Partnership**

CPP Management Committee
Date: 8th May 2013



Title: Autumn 2013 Area Community Planning Events

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** This report is to provide the Management Committee with feedback from the discussions that took place at the March round of Area Community Planning groups on the subject of the proposed autumn Area Community Planning events. This report also seeks support from partners to ensure the sustainability of these events as part of the community engagement commitments made in the new SOA.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** That the Management Committee agrees to the proposed structure/content for the events.
- 2.2** That partners agree to back these events by providing in kind support or through a financial contribution.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** During 2010 and 2011 Local Area Community Planning Groups (Now Area Community Planning groups) delivered area consultation events enabling communities to participate in the community planning process at an area level.
- 3.2** In June 2012 a proposal was made by the Council that the CPP should continue to deliver such events.
- 3.3** This proposal was put to the CPP Management Committee in August 2012. The Management Committee agreed that the events should take place but as there was insufficient time to plan the events for Autumn 2012 the first round of local area community planning events would take place in 2013. At the meeting in August there was discussion around the resource requirements to deliver such events and that in the current economic climate this would be a challenge. There was also agreement that these events were good practice in terms of community engagement and would give the CPP the opportunity to fulfil the engagement commitments required as part of the community planning process.
- 3.4** Scottish Government guidance on the requirements for Single Outcome Agreements published in December 2012 outlined a number of requirements for engaging and consulting communities

throughout the life of the SOA.

The guidance document states that each new SOA should demonstrate that:-

- *Activity on community engagement is properly planned, resourced and integrated across partners;*
- *The quality and impact of community engagement is measured and reported on;*
- *Building the capacity of communities to engage and deliver for themselves is properly planned, resourced and integrated across partners; and*
- *Workforce development within and across partners ensures that key staff have the skills and knowledge required to engage effectively with communities.*

3.5 At the March round of Area Community Planning Groups partners were asked to consider what the purpose and outcomes of these events should be. Each ACPG was asked the following questions:

1. *What would the format of the events be?*
2. *What would be the length of the event? i.e half day, whole day, two days*
3. *How would remote and/or island communities be involved? i.e. VC, teleconference., remote facilitators, overnight accommodation provided.*
4. *Would the events be an opportunity to highlight good practice or showcase community projects, and if so, from your area, or from other areas in order to share good practice?*
5. *Can you suggest appropriate topics for discussion?*
6. *Would Area Community Planning Groups like to use these events to consult on any issues/plans/etc?*

3.6 Feedback from that 4 ACPG was varied but there were also common themes. Summary of feedback:-

- The event should be a one day event either morning and afternoon or afternoon and evening. Most areas would prefer Saturday events.
- Power Point Voting should be used strategically to enable partners to ask the same questions at each event. Localised questions should also be included where required/appropriate. Results can be merged to provide area and A&B wide results.
- Young people should be encouraged to participate either through attending or adding to PPV results.
- Schools were good venues.
- VC should be available where possible.

- Topics for discussion should be a mix of strategic and local interest issues.
- Information on local groups/activities, funding opportunities and support available for communities should make up part of the events.

- 3.7** For each Area Community Planning Group a planning sub group has been nominated.
- 3.8** Each event requires a minimum of £2,000 to cover the basic costs. We therefore require an annual budget of £8,000 to deliver these events in all four areas.
- 3.9** An application for funding support has been submitted to Education Scotland and an approach has also been made to the Health and Wellbeing Partnership (formerly HIPAG) for support. Additional funding support will be required to achieve the £8,000 required. Partners are being asked to provide in-kind and financial support for this year and an on-going commitment to ensure the CPP fulfils its engagement commitments for the life of the 2013-23 SOA.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1** Good progress is being made to ensure that these events are delivered for 2013 but unless we can ensure partner contributions the situation is not sustainable and we will struggle to fulfil our engagement commitments in future years.

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ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**Community Planning Group -
Bute and Cowal****COMMUNITY SERVICES: EDUCATION****4TH JUNE 2013**

EDUCATION STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report is to update the Community Planning Group on the progress being made within Education in Argyll and Bute. Details are based on the Standards and Quality Report for 2011/12. Full report can be viewed on Argyll & Bute Council website <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/education-and-learning/education-performance-and-standards>

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Community Planning Group note the progress made in relation to Education within Argyll and Bute.

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 ***Summary excerpts from the Education Standards and Quality report.***

3.1.1 How do HMIE rate our schools?

In session 2011/12, HMIE conducted inspections in one secondary school, one joint campus and five primary schools. Out of a total of forty quality indicators, 92.5% were rated as good or better. Our target measure of 75% of all quality indicators being rated as good or better was exceeded.

3.1.2 Skills for Work and Alternative Qualifications on Offer 2011/2012

Over the last 5 years central education staff have worked in partnership with secondary schools and their local learning communities to support them to offer a greater range of alternative qualifications and wider opportunities to young people in order to help them move into a positive and sustained destination. In session 2011-2012 a total of 621 pupils took part in Skills for Work across our 10 secondary schools and 1386 young people opted to study alternative qualifications.

3.1.3 Leaver destinations

Out of 985 leavers 885 have progressed to “positive destinations”. This includes those who are in training, employment, further or higher education.

3.1.4 **Scottish Education Awards**

Argyll and Bute continues to perform well in the National Awards with an increased level of entries this year. This national recognition raises the profile of our schools, pupils and staff.

2012 Finalists from Argyll and Bute

- **Learning Through Technology Award: Winner**
Port Ellen Primary School
- **Learning Through Technology Award: Finalist**
Hermitage Primary School
- **Educational Supporter of the Year: Winner**
Alison Robertson, Furnace Primary School
- **Enterprise and Employability Across Learning Award (Primary and Early Years): Finalist**
Kilmodan Primary School
- **Head Teacher of the Year: Finalist**
Alison Palmer

3.1.5 **Learning and Teaching**

Across the authority there are many examples of developing practice in active learning at the early years. Kilninver Primary nursery and P1-3 staff jointly plan and present learning linked across pre-five to primary. Luing Primary organise learning within an Early Level Class, much of which is explorative and experiential in nature. Park Primary early level staff jointly plan to deliver active and challenging learning experiences through imaginative interdisciplinary themes.

The authority has engaged secondary schools in restructuring their S1-S2 and in some cases S3 curriculum to provide a broader general education.

Various Literacy initiatives continue to promote active learning. Almost all teachers across Argyll have been trained in “Big Writing”, an interactive approach to teaching writing that has shown an increase in extended writing, especially from boys.

Cluster planning involving primary and secondary staff is further developing the P7-S1 transition model. Pupils now engage in an extended transition programme with learning delivered by teachers from both sectors working together, eg. Hooked on Hermitage, PSEd residential in Cowal, P5-S1 Interdisciplinary planners in Lorn.

Teaching and Learning Communities (TLCs) are now well established in a large number of schools. These are structured teacher sharing and development workshops focusing on the development of classroom practice by the teachers themselves. TLCs are increasing staff confidence in Assessment is for Learning and other pedagogies.

17 projects were funded across the Authority designed to bring staff together to share practice and moderate standards. For example, Islay cluster of schools set up a local system to moderate standards of

learning, teaching and attainment in writing. Ardrishaig Primary early years staff set up dialogue groups with partner pre-five establishments to ensure continuity of progression into P1.

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CLD Youth Service team members are working closely with schools to provide a range of alternative curriculum activities, including Princes Trust XL, ASDAN courses, Pupil Support / Alternatives to Exclusion, Peer Education Projects, PSD and Youth Achievement Awards.

Co-operative Learning Academies continue to be organised. Thirty teachers were trained last session. There is evidence through school reviews and quality improvement officer visits to classrooms of regular pupil engagement in co-operative learning.

Development of a Creative Learning Network. This allows partnerships to develop between teachers and artists based on mutual understanding of each other's needs. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is offered within this forum focusing on the skills development of teachers and artists.

Development of MuBu for learning of music in primary aged children. This after school central approach allows children often from small primary schools, to learn with peers, and to have a group learning session, deepening understanding of a real breadth of musical concepts.

E Portfolios have been piloted and trialed in selected schools for P7 profiles.

3.1.6 Curriculum developments

Schools are looking at timetabling S4-6 together where pupils are able to follow courses based on ability, not age (Islay High School).

Schools are timetabling to allow College links to be built in (provide full day or half day options).

National development officers and head teachers from other authorities have attended conferences in Argyll and Bute and provided the national perspective.

3.1.7 **Skills for learning, life and work**

Argyll and Bute Council put together a working group to look at how the authority would take forward Building the Curriculum 4 (Skills development within the curriculum). This group developed a framework document for teachers and partner agencies to use along with a pictorial visual – The ABC Skills Tree. All schools have been issued with the framework, poster copies of the Skills Tree and CPD sessions have been organised to build capacity of knowledge and understanding with regards to skills for learning, life and work.

An on-line version of the Skills Tree has been developed so that pupils can record electronically how they are developing skills for learning, life and work both in the classroom and through their after school participation. This on-line version is being piloted with pupils across Cowal schools during the current academic session. The on-line version covers achievement, pupil-profiling at the key stages highlighted under Curriculum for Excellence.

3.1.8 **Health and wellbeing**

Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood training for secondary teachers/

Substance misuse – “Natural High” programme delivered to S1 and S2 pupils and “Smoke Free Me” delivered to P7 and some P6 pupils.

Substance misuse training delivered jointly to staff in 3 secondary schools with Argyll and Bute’s Alcohol and Drugs Partnership.

Schools, in conjunction with educational psychology services, have implemented universal approaches to mental health and wellbeing including whole class approaches to anxiety and depression.

3.1.9 **Active Schools, Sports Development and Leisure Services**

Participation in sport and physical activity has continued to rise with 778 extra-curricular clubs being delivered across the academic year in primary and secondary schools supported by over 600 volunteers ranging from teachers to parents, students, community coaches and senior pupils.

3.1.10 **World of work, enterprising activities and culture**

Work Based Vocational Learning – In light of the changing world in which we live in and the fact that young people will change employment far more frequently in their lifetime Argyll and Bute Council re-examined how pupils were engaging in the world of work during their senior phase of education. A greater emphasis is now placed on individualised placements that reflect young people’s future career goals and aspirations. The range and diversity of work based placements available to school pupils across Argyll and Bute was used as a case study by Education Scotland.

3.1.11 Leadership

An authority developed leadership programme for aspiring leaders and those wishing to refresh their skills in team leadership has enrolled 42 teachers.

3.1.12 Self-evaluation

The authority has restructured its approach to School Review and aims to develop capacity in its schools for self-evaluation. This will be achieved through meaningful and regular partnership working between quality improvement officers and head teachers, with rigorous professional dialogue driving a school's ability to reflect on its practice and affect necessary improvement. Two pilots have taken place which are due to be evaluated.

3.1.13 Multi-agency working

The Education Service participated in phase 1 of Early and Effective Intervention (EEI), which was launched in November 2011. EEI is a multi-agency response to police generated concerns around children and young people. Phase 1 addressed the issue of youth offending. Getting It Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) was formally launched across the Argyll and Bute authority area in January 2012. GIRFEC aims to improve practice between services such as education, health, social work and police to ensure that all children and young people get the support they need when they need it. A new single agency plan was introduced which introduced the use of 'My World Triangle' to assess a child's needs.

4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 Quality and Standards across Education continues to be reported on an annual basis.

4.2 The next Standards & Quality Report will be due Autumn 2013 reporting on progress in session 2012/13.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Policy – N/A

5.2 Financial – N/A

5.3 Legal – N/A

5.4 HR – N/A

5.5 Equalities – N/A

5.6 Risk – N/A

5.7 Customer Service – N/A

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HEALTH IMPROVEMENT CONSULTATION

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The Area Community Planning Group is asked to:

- Note this paper
- Read the draft Joint Health Improvement Plan for Argyll and Bute
- Provide feedback on the template provided by Friday 14 June 2013
- Consider their role in relation to health improvement in Argyll and Bute

1 Background and Summary

The Health and Wellbeing Partnership has considered how health and wellbeing is delivered in Argyll and Bute and has decided to develop a Joint Health Improvement Plan (JHIP) for the period 2013 – 2016. This plan is open for consultation from 29 April till 14 June 2013. The JHIP will replace the Outcome Focussed Plan for health improvement which expired in 2011.

2 Joint Health Improvement Plan

A partnership approach is adopted for health and wellbeing in Argyll and Bute. The Health and Wellbeing Partnership meets 4 times per year and has renewed terms of reference and membership, implemented in January 2013.

The draft JHIP sets out arrangements for how health and wellbeing is delivered in partnership in Argyll and Bute and how this is reported to the Community Planning Partnership.

A number of strategic priorities have been identified, they are: alcohol and drugs, early years, health inequalities, healthy weight, mental health, older people, teenage transition and tobacco. Guidance is provided on these topics to enable the 7 local Health and Wellbeing Networks to develop local action plans for health and wellbeing.

3 Requirement for a preventative approach to service delivery

Due to the demographic changes occurring in Scotland, alongside ongoing economic challenges, it has been recognised that a preventative approach to how public services are delivered is essential to our economic prosperity.

The case for action:

“A cycle of deprivation and low aspiration has been allowed to persist because preventative measures have not been prioritised. It is estimated that as much as 40 per cent of all spending on public services is accounted for by interventions that could have been avoided by prioritising a preventative approach. Tackling these fundamental inequalities and focussing resources on preventative measures must be a key objective of public service reform.”

Report on the Future Delivery of Public Services, Christie, 2011

30 April 2013

Being the healthiest we can be in Argyll and Bute

Joint Health Improvement Plan 2013 – 2016.



Vision:

Everyone in Argyll and Bute has the right to lead the healthiest and safest life possible. Whether that means being empowered to make healthier lifestyle choices; being able to access opportunities and services for health and wellbeing locally; or having the skills and resources to manage your own health, health improvement is in everyone's best interest.

The Health and Wellbeing Partnership supports the planning of health improvement in Argyll and Bute.



7 local Health and Wellbeing Networks throughout the area in:

- Bute
- Cowal
- Helensburgh
- Islay
- Kintyre
- Mid Argyll
- Oban and the Isles

The Health and Wellbeing Networks are for people with an interest in building healthy communities. They provide an opportunity for people to come together to find out what issues matter to local communities; to plan activities and events together; and to distribute grant funding to local projects. **Each of these networks has allocated co-ordination time funded by the NHS.**

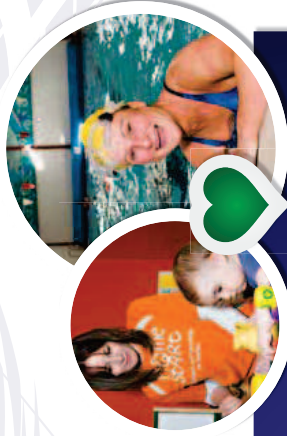
Partnership working structures:

In Argyll and Bute this includes: staff from the NHS, such as health improvement, public health, health visiting and community nursing, staff from the Council, such as social work, education and leisure services; staff from the Third Sector, such as voluntary organisations and housing associations; and equally as important, local people.

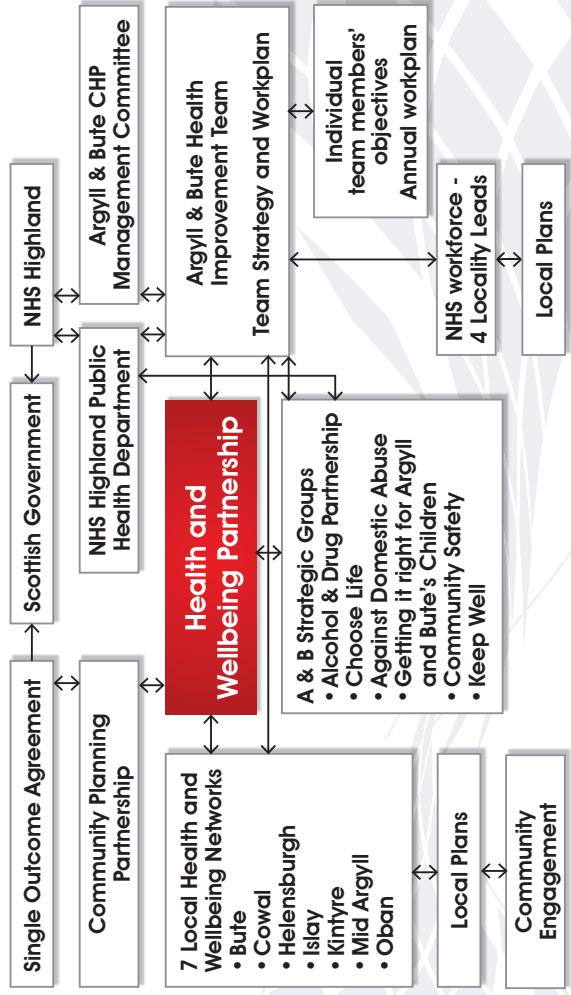
The Health and Wellbeing Partnership will also work with other groups such as the Alcohol and Drug Partnership, the Domestic Abuse Partnership, Getting it Right for Argyll & Bute's Children and the Community Safety Partnership.

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This document has been developed by the Health and Wellbeing Partnership in consultation with our members and the Health Wellbeing Networks. It has been designed to be used by people who are involved in health improving activities, for example it may help to inform what can be done to improve health by giving examples of what has worked elsewhere or it can be used to show how health improvement fits within the bigger picture in Argyll and Bute. For up to date details of who to contact for information or advice please visit our website at www.healthargyllandbute.org.uk



The following values and principles underpin how health improvement is delivered:

- Empowering
- Sustaining
- Participative
- Equitable
- Evidence based
- Well planned
- Effective

Where health improvement happens:

Health improvement can happen anywhere and at any stage of life, for example, early years, young people, adults and older people, and can take place in a variety of settings and communities, such as:

- NHS premises
- Schools
- The workplace
- Geographical communities
- Communities of interest, such as social clubs, churches etc.

What we will do:

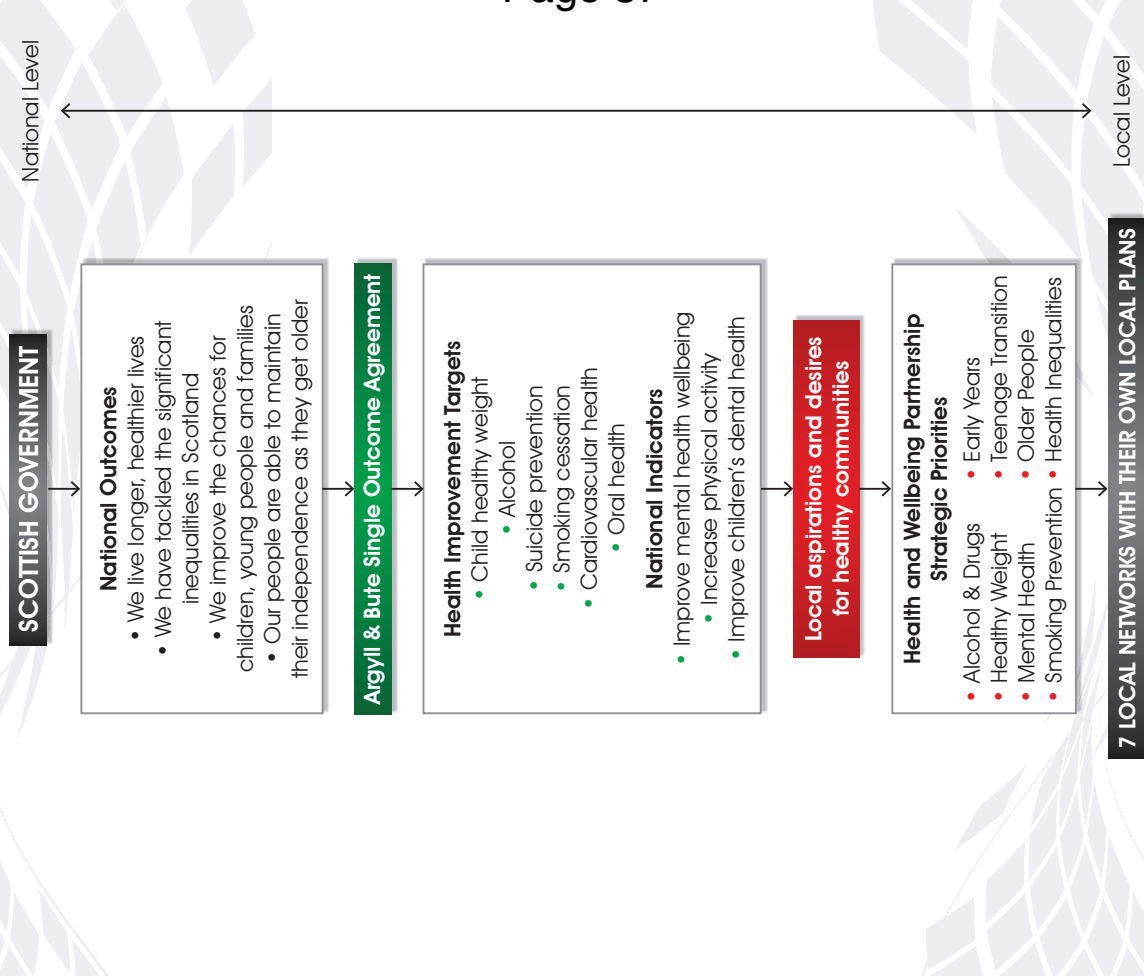
Current thinking around health improvement suggests that healthy people arise from healthy communities. Interventions work best if they are done with local communities and they build on assets and resources already present in these communities. This is known as "salutogenesis" or an "assets based approach" and the Health and Wellbeing Partnership favours this model. It involves engaging local communities in finding out what health issues matter to them and responding to what they want.

It also involves breaking down boundaries and not looking at topics such as smoking or harmful drinking in isolation from other factors in health, such as poverty, employment status, educational attainment etc.

For more information on health improvement in Argyll and Bute, visit www.healthymarilandbute.org.uk



This Joint Health Improvement Plan sets out what we want to achieve for a healthier Argyll and Bute. The intended outcomes are informed by national outcomes and locally agreed measures in the Single Outcome Agreement. The following diagram illustrates how the national outcomes inform local activity.



• Bute • Cowal • Helensburgh & Lomond • Islay • Kintyre • Mid Argyll • Oban Lorn & The Isles

Strategic Priorities for Health Improvement in Argyll and Bute:

The following strategic priorities were agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Partnership during 2012. The detail provided for each topic is to give guidance, direction and help to inform local action plans. It is not designed to be a menu of options.

Health Inequalities

Health inequalities is relevant to all of the strategic priorities and we should all be asking how "inequalities sensitive" our health improvement practice is, for example, are those most in need benefiting from the activity. Equality and diversity impact assessments can help with targeting interventions to those most in need.

Areas to consider:

- An "assets" based approach to investing in healthy communities
- Social determinants of health eg housing, access to employment, access to services, income etc.
- Gender, age, race etc.
- Physical health eg long term health conditions, disability, mental wellbeing etc.
- Areas of deprivation
- Keep Well cardio-vascular health checks
- Health literacy
- Identify gaps in service provision

Why we should do this:

- Equally Well, Scottish Government 2009
- Argyll and Bute SOA

Alcohol and Drugs

Why we should do this:

- Changing Scotland's Relationship with Alcohol, 2009
- The Road to Recovery: A New Approach to Tackling Scotland's Drug Problem, 2008
- Locally – Argyll and Bute Alcohol and Drug Strategy 2013 – 2016
- HEAT target

Examples of activity:

- Diversionary activities for young people who might otherwise consume alcohol
- Alcohol and drug training eg brief intervention training and awareness raising workshops on Legal Highs
- Support for people with alcohol and drug problems eg NHS ABAT; third sector organisations such as Encompass; and voluntary groups such as AA
- Community support eg opportunities for people recovering from alcohol or drug dependency to participate in activities that help them re-engage with their community
- Promotion of alcohol free products eg Octoberfest
- Keep Well health checks

How we measure our achievements:

- Case studies local activities and qualitative feedback – specifically link to monitoring of grant recipients
- Local intelligence eg numbers attending training/events and evaluation of these events
- Argyll and Bute CHP Health Profile:
 - Patients hospitalised with alcohol related conditions
- Patients hospitalised with drug related conditions
- Deaths from alcohol
- Numbers of establishments achieving the *healthy/living* and Healthy Working Lives Awards
- Numbers of people treated in support services
- Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) and Pyramid system

Early Years

Why we should do this:

- Scottish Government National Outcome – We improve life chances for children, young people and families
- The Early Years Framework – Scottish Government 2009

Examples of activity in Argyll and Bute:

- Parenting programmes using a co-production model
- Breastfeeding promotion eg peer support volunteers
- Active play

How we will measure our achievements:

- Case studies of local activities and qualitative feedback - specifically link to monitoring of grant recipients
- Local intelligence eg numbers attending training/events and evaluation of these events
- Argyll and Bute CHP Health Profile:
 - Mothers smoking during pregnancy

- Getting it Right for Every Child in Argyll and Bute
- Infant and maternal nutrition – Dee to check

- Read at home
- Support services eg Homestart; family mediation
- Parent and toddler groups and play park

- Teenage pregnancies
- Low weight live births
- Babies exclusively breastfed at 6 - 8 weeks
- Child dental health in primary 1
- Child obesity in primary 1
- Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) and Pyramid system

Healthy Weight

Why we should do this:

- Preventing Overweight and Obesity in Scotland, Scottish Government, 2010
- Commonwealth Games legacy
- Recipe for Success: Scotland's National Food and Drink Policy, Scottish Government, 2009
- Let's Make Scotland More Active, Scottish Government, 2003

Examples of activity:

- Promotion of opportunities for physical activity eg health walks, Argyll Active exercise referral, active schools, sports and leisure services
- Open space which supports physical activity eg community woodlands, community gardens and playparks
- Development and promotion of pathway for weight management in Argyll and Bute
- Cookery classes for in need groups eg parents, men, young people
- *healthy/living* award for catering establishments, including workplaces
- Healthy Working Lives Programme for workplaces
- X programme for children and families
- Build front line capacity through training programmes such as motivational interviewing and brief interventions

How we measure our achievements:

- Case studies local activities and qualitative feedback – specifically link to monitoring of grant recipients
- Local intelligence eg numbers attending training/events and evaluation of these events
- Argyll and Bute CHP Health Profile:
 - Patients hospitalised with coronary heart disease
- Numbers of establishments achieving the *healthy/living* and Healthy Working Lives Awards
- Numbers of people participating in activities eg weight management
- Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) and Pyramid system

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Why we should do this:

- Mental Health Strategy for Scotland 2012 – 2015
- Locally – Strategic Framework Mental Wellbeing 2012 – 2014
- National Strategy and Action Plan to Prevent Suicide in Scotland: Report of the National Suicide Prevention Working Group (Refresh, 2010)
- Responding to Self Harm in Scotland: Final Report
- National indicator – improve mental health and wellbeing
- Mental health literacy - "No health without mental health." (WHO)

Examples of activity:

- Social prescribing for mental health problems eg peer to peer support or exercise referral
- Awareness raising activities eg how to look after your mental health or suicide and self harm awareness in communities
- Scottish Mental Health Arts and Film Festival
- Training eg Mental Health Awareness, Living Life to the Full and Suicide Prevention
- Physical activity eg walking groups
- Healthy Working Lives Programme
- Community based activity eg link clubs, Alzheimer's football interest groups etc
- Promotion of information resources eg service directories or self management websites

How we measure our achievements:

- Case studies of local activities and qualitative feedback – specifically link to monitoring of grant recipients
- Local intelligence eg numbers attending training/events and evaluation of these events
- Argyll and Bute CHP Health Profile:
 - Patients prescribed drugs for anxiety/depression/psychosis
 - Patients with a psychiatric hospitalisation
 - Deaths from suicide
- Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) and Pyramid system

Older People

Why we should do this:

- Reshaping Care for Older People, Scottish Government 2011
- National outcome – people maintain their independence as they get older

Examples of activity:

- Lunch clubs
- Community support such as befriending services or shopping help
- Intergenerational activities eg community choir in Helensburgh
- Timebanking/volunteering
- Falls prevention work eg strength and balance training and active ageing
- Support self management of long term conditions eg support groups

How we measure our achievements:

- Case studies local activities and qualitative feedback – specifically link to monitoring of grant recipients
- Cross reference to outcomes for workstream7 for Reshaping Care for Older people in Pyramid
- Local intelligence eg numbers attending training/events and evaluation of these events
- Argyll and Bute CHP Health Profile:
 - People (65+) with intensive care needs met at home
 - People (65+) receiving free personal care at home
 - Patients (65+) with multiple hospitalisations
 - Patients (65+) hospitalised after a fall in the home

Smoking Prevention

Why we should do this:

- Scotland's Future is Smoke free: A tobacco prevention action plan (Scottish Government 2008)
- Previous HEAT Target to be maintained
- National indicator – improve mental health and wellbeing

Examples of activity:

- Promotion of Smoking Cessation Campaigns
- National No Smoking Day
- Smoke Free Homes and Cars
- Smoke Free Campaign (Schools)
- Healthy Working Lives
- Healthy Living Group/Health Passport (A&B Hospital)
- Training eg Raising the Issue of Smoking and Brief Interventions
- Fire safety

How we measure our achievements:

- Case studies local activities and qualitative feedback – specifically link to monitoring of grant recipients
- Local intelligence eg numbers attending training/events and evaluation of these events
- Argyll and Bute CHP Health Profile:
 - Smoking prevalence
 - Smoking attributable deaths
- Smoking cessation rates from the NHS Scotland Smoking Cessation Database (SD)
- Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) and Pyramid system

Teenage Transition

Why we should do this:

- Respect and Responsibility (Scottish Government 2008)
- Youth Employment Strategy (Scottish Government 2012, draft)
- Changing Scotland's Relationship with Alcohol, 2009

Examples of activity:

- 16+ learning choices
- Diversionary activities for young people who may experiment with alcohol and drugs
- Access to free condoms
- Sexual health and relationships education
- Support groups for young parents
- Community sports groups and access schemes eg Midnight Football League
- Looked after and accommodated children
- Young Scot
- Saltire Awards

How we measure our achievements:

- Case studies local activities and qualitative feedback – specifically link to monitoring of grant recipients
- Local intelligence eg numbers attending training/events and evaluation of these events
- Argyll and Bute CHP Health Profile:
 - Teenage pregnancies
 - Working age adults with low or no educational attainment
- Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) and Pyramid system

Health and Wellbeing Fund

Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership allocates approximately £70,000 from its Public Health budget each year to support community led health improvement activities. This budget is devolved to local networks to distribute as they see fit using agreed selection criteria. The following strategic priorities are eligible for grant funding:

- Alcohol and drugs
- Early years
- Health inequalities
- Healthy weight
- Mental wellbeing
- Older people
- Smoking prevention
- Teenage transition

Hundreds of initiatives have received funding over the years in Argyll and Bute. Recipients range from one off events such as a cookery class or an information resource for carers to supporting ongoing activities such as a befrienders group for older people or swimming lessons for disabled adults. Potential applicants can find out more about how to access the grant fund by joining their local network. For details see www.healthargyllandbute.org.uk

In order to be effective, health improvement activities must balance the needs and aspirations of communities with what the evidence and experience shows can make a difference. The geography of Argyll and Bute means that local communities can have distinct needs and this has resulted in a very diverse range of services across the area. Just because something has been shown to work in one area does not mean it will work in another area. However, strategically those responsible for planning and commissioning services have a duty to ensure equity of services and funding allocations across Argyll and Bute.

The Health and Wellbeing Partnership favours the use of a co-production model to develop services. Co-production means service providers working in equal partnership with local communities to develop services. Local communities know best what their needs are.



Case study 1

The Health and Wellbeing Partnership has compiled a number of case studies of successful health improvement initiatives in Argyll and Bute. These can be viewed on our website. A small number are provided as examples on the next pages.



Helensburgh Challenger Sailing for Disabled People

Helensburgh Challenge Group supports disabled adults to take up or continue sailing. The group uses specially designed boats which will not sink or turn over.

Those new to sailing just love the “buzz” and feeling of wellbeing out at sea. This is particularly exhilarating when they are perhaps adjusting to lack of mobility. One member described the experience of sailing as providing a sense of freedom - that you just can't get with a wheelchair. Sailors who took part in competitive sailing in the past but who have suffered spinal injury find that the Challenger boats provide that same outlet for their competitive spirit. Older sailors too, can continue to enjoy the challenge of sailing into later life allowing them the health benefits of an active life.

A recent purchase of a launching trolley through the support of the Health and Wellbeing Network has made a huge difference to the club. The club has a network of volunteer helpers, including some students undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh Community Award. The helpers, with the aid of a hoist can assist those with a disability into the boats.

What people said about this:

“Helensburgh Challenger Group was the first to be founded in Scotland in 1983. We also claim to have the oldest Challenger sailor in the UK, Mr Alex Richardson from Rhu who is aged 91. He was featured in the Helensburgh Advertiser, with a picture taken out on the water.”
Club secretary

“It's tremendous - I've been sailing for 12 years now. I never would have thought I'd be out on a boat! When I first had MS I saw the advert for the club and thought that looks good. Went along to the meeting and spoke to a 72 year old who had been up the Rhu Narrows and thought if they can do it so can I.. So I joined up. I would it recommend to everyone - the thrill is just fantastic!”
Club member

Contact details:

www.helensburghsailingclub.co.uk

Case study 2

Scottish Mental Health Arts & Film Festival

Being creative and joining in with groups and activities has a positive influence on mental health & wellbeing. It was with this in mind that the Health and Wellbeing Network on Bute supported the Scottish Mental Health Arts and Film Festival.

The festival kicked off with an animated film, Mary & Max which was a film that highlighted a range of emotions, behaviours and mental health issues in a moving, sometimes funny and sometimes sad way as it described the unlikely friendship between two people who live continents apart.

The MAD about Arts Day was organised to coincide with the national Make a Difference Day (MAD Day). All local arts & crafts groups and some other local activity groups were invited to come along and many took the opportunity to organise activities and tasters for participants to get involved.

19 groups with 38 volunteers took part in the day, resulting in an energetic day as young and old tried out a whole range of activities, such as jewellery making, painting, felt making, knitting, badge making, bird feeders, card making and mask making.

A directory was produced for the day, listing all the arts, crafts and music groups on the island with details and contact numbers. Also listed were the numbers of the national helplines, Samaritans, Breathing Space, Childline, NHS 24 and Emergency Services.

What people said about this:

"MAD about Arts provided an excellent opportunity to raise awareness of the creative activities that were available on the island and to highlight the benefits of involvement and participation in relation to mental health and wellbeing"

"It was great to see so many people involved and making links and relationships and commitments to go along to groups and activities in the future!"

"It was good to have such an event to encourage people along to. When individuals are feeling isolated it can be hard to make that step to join a group – here the groups really came to the people"

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Case study 3

Crèche Places at the Home-Start Soft Play facility

Home-Start and KADAS, partners involved in the Kintyre Health and Wellbeing Network got together to improve the lives of children affected by parental substance misuse.

Funds secured through the Argyll & Bute Alcohol and Drugs Partnership enabled both agencies to offer parents free crèche places. All the parents targeted required support to access services and would benefit from time away from the demands of their children. They were already using recovery services, or experiencing difficulties associated with substance misuse and some were users of Home-Start's home visiting service.

In a 12 month period 441 individual sessions were booked by parents. The crèche is located in the Home-Start soft play area in the local leisure centre.

Parents were able to attend appointments with support services eg counselling, complementary therapies, social work and health visitor appointments, including meetings arising out of concerns that the parent could not fully provide for their child's needs.

This has proved a really positive experience. For some parents, beginning to create a network of support in the community is often the beginning of breaking down the isolation they have experienced.

What people said about this:

"It was very helpful being able to use the crèche. It helped me through a difficult time" **Parent**

"Parents in recovery or at risk of developing problematic use can be encouraged to take up an activity as part of a lifestyle change. With the crèche situated in the leisure centre and the support provided by Home-Start volunteers it has been an easier "step to change and recovery" for some of our parents." **KADAS Manager**

"Parents affected by substance misuse sometimes find it hard to cope with full time care of their children. Having child free time to participate in positive structured activities, often allows them to cope with family stress better and feel more ready to cope with the demands of parenthood."

Home-Start co-ordinator

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Case study 4

Cowal Forestry for Health project

Green Gym programmes aim to provide people with a way to enhance their fitness and health while taking action to improve the outdoor environment. It can be seen as enabling people to get fit who would not normally attend a conventional gym or sports centre.

HELP staff got their young people involved in a local Forestry for Health programme. The young people joined the existing forestry project. Transport was provided to the site and the group was a mix from various local projects including the mental health support group, the Link Club. Some people attended occasionally, others more regularly. Out of an average group of 12 travelling together 4-6 were young people.

The group worked with local trainers from a recent Green Gym initiative and:

- undertook a variety of outdoor jobs which improved the biodiversity, accessibility and appearance of our site
- learned how to improve strength and stamina, including the benefits of warm-up and cool-down exercises
- found out more about local opportunities for physical activity (such as other local environmental volunteering, sports and walking)

Funding from Cowal Health and Wellbeing Network was matched to extend the post of the forest ranger to give her the time to work with this group. Agencies whose clients were attending the project were able to supply mentor support where needed. The aim is to continue the work and extend the Forestry for Health Initiative and providing further opportunity for volunteers to undertake qualifications.

What people said about this:

"The experience, the social interaction and the benefits of just being outdoors have led to an improved lifestyle, confidence and sense of wellbeing in some of our most vulnerable clients"

"You don't need designer sportswear or an indoor gym – you can exercise outdoors anytime with the same results. Treadmill or Promenade! No need to worry about whether you have enough money to go and you can go whatever the weather."

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Case study 5

Craignish Community First Responder Scheme

What do you do if there's an emergency and you live more than 20 minutes drive away from the nearest ambulance station? Well, the residents of Ardfirn and the Craignish peninsula in Argyll raised the funds to start a Scottish Ambulance Service sponsored Community First Responder scheme. Volunteers run the service, providing a "bridge" between an emergency and the arrival of an ambulance. All volunteers receive specialist training and equipment so they can help during those first crucial minutes.

The volunteers provide a basic service that saves lives. Following a 999 call the ambulance is called out and, when appropriate, an additional call is made to the First Responder volunteer on duty. The scheme has a volunteer co-ordinator who manages the call rota, providing cover round the clock as much as possible.

Self-funded Community First Responder schemes, like Craignish, must purchase their own equipment and, with help from the Mid Argyll Health and Wellbeing Network they have been able to install a defibrillator at the village shop. They've also been working with the British Heart Foundation's Heart Start programme to raise awareness of the benefits of early recognition of heart problems and to raise awareness that lifestyle change is a preventative factor.

What people said about this:

"When our local GP suggested that due to the distance from the nearest emergency services, the Craignish peninsula would be an ideal candidate for Scottish Ambulance Service's First Responder Scheme, this seemed a very logical path to follow, particularly in our area where there is already a strong community ethos." **Volunteer**

"In a medical emergency it is often the simple first aid skills, like making sure an airway is clear, that save a life. In recent years, advances in technology have been made, and many interventions, which were previously performed only by highly trained individuals, are now available to people with much less training." **Spokesperson, Scottish Ambulance Service**

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Argyll and Bute Health and Wellbeing Partnership

Joint Health improvement Plan 2013 – 2016

Consultation Feedback – 29.4 13 to 14.6.13

The Joint Health Improvement Plan for Argyll and Bute has been developed by the Health and Wellbeing Partnership. Your views are sought on pages 2 – 9 of the document. It is expected that the plan will launch in July 2013.

Page 4: Health Improvement Outcomes

Do you agree with these outcomes and how they are represented? Please give any comments here:

Pages 5 – 8: Strategic Priorities

Do you agree with the 8 strategic priorities and how they are represented? Please give any comments here:

Further comments: Please give any further comments about the Health Improvement Plan here:

Name:
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Community Safety Partnership Exception reporting to Area Community Planning group

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this Paper is to advise the Area Community Planning group of the main activities of the Community Safety Partnership working which has taken place in the last few months

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Area Community Planning Group Members:

- 2.1 Note the highlight/ exception reports from the two Partnership meetings
- 2.2 Note that Both the Police and the Fire Service have now become national rather than regional services
- 2.3 Acknowledge the work of the partnership groups.
- 2.4 Consider whether there are any specific areas of work which the ACPG wishes the Community Safety Partnerships to consider developing further

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 As has been highlighted previously, there are two Community Safety Partnership groups operational in the Bute and Cowal Area. Both Groups work to deliver the goals of the Community Safety Partnership Strategy and while a substantial proportion of the work undertaken is similar in each area, there are noticeable variations in the work streams, due to the priorities and circumstances of the local area.

The tables below at appendix 1 are the exception reports produced from the work of the partner groups and provide an indication of the types of work undertaken recently by the groups. The exception report is not however an exhaustive listing of the community safety works being undertaken by each group or partner and further detail re most topics can be made available if requested

4. IMPLICATIONS

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| 4.1 | Policy | Adoption of the proposal will assist in delivery and reporting of aspects of the SOA and the Community Plan |
| 4.2 | Financial | None, |
| 4.3 | Personnel | None |
| 4.4 | Equalities Impact Assessment | None. |
| 4.5 | Legal | None |

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Bute Community Safety Forum Exception Report

Theme	Community Safety Outcome'	Issue and Actions	Comment	Outcomes/ Indicators
<p>Personal and Home Safety</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>The Fire Service Spring/ Summer campaign has commences</p>	<p>The campaign is a means of promoting home safety visits both in permanent and temporary housing such as caravans/ a particular concern is carbon monoxide poisoning Caravan camping sites will be contacted again this year</p>		
<p>Travel Safety</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>Car crime Water safety</p>	<p>Car crime is reported as being down As part of the summer campaign above for campsites, water safety is also being highlighted by sending posters and partners distributing various promotional materials</p>		
<p>Safety of Vulnerable Groups</p> <p><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></p>	<p>No Cold Calling Safe and sound</p>	<p>Trading standards and the Police wish to Promote a "no cold calling" initiative. This is being supported by the forum , but in Bute and in Cowal is was highlighted that CCs can access funding that the Forum cannot to purchase the necessary signage. CCs will be approached with information on how to do this It is hoped to run a safe and sound event on Bute in the Autumn</p>		SFR Stats
<p>Environment Safety</p> <p><i>Environment safety concerns the aesthetics of communities and neighbourhoods and includes vandalism and criminal damage,</i></p>	<p>Noise Complaints Clean up Scotland</p>	<p>The number of complaints is down Streetscene are the lead in this national campaign and with the CSFs support will be working with schools and other community groups to arrange various activities such as beach and street cleans</p>		

<p>graffiti, fly tipping, littering, dog fouling and secondary fires</p>	<p>Dog Fouling</p>	<p>This continues as an issue and is still the biggest complaint; however, police/council working together is proving effective and has resulted in a further number of fines being levied. The green dog walking initiative was considered but, the cost was considered overly high</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>ASB</p>	<p>Group continues to Meet. main participants are police, RSLs and Council, the number of cases under consideration has reduced, and this is considered a real reduction, not simply moved on-</p>		

COWAL 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>Safe and Sound event to be held in Strachur</p>	<p>Event will take place at 1.30 on Wed 22nd May and will involve all partners as well as various relevant groups stalls will include fire and police services, ambulance, alienergy, red cross, rape crisis, telecare and others</p>	<p>Will hopefully also result in additional home fire safety visits and increase perceptionm of safety I the community</p>	
<p>Travel Safety <i>Includes issues that and individuals may encounter such as pedestrian safety, road traffic accidents, water safety, public transport</i></p>	<p>Deployment of variable speed sign</p>	<p>Deployment of the signage has been requested again, and is backed by Cowal Transport Forum</p>		

<p><i>safety</i></p> <p>Safety of Vulnerable Groups</p> <p><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></p>	<p>Safe and Sound</p> <p>Nursery Crhymes/In her shoes</p> <p>No Cold Calling</p> <p>Rape crisis</p>	<p>See above</p> <p>The DVDs Are being offered to the other Secondary Schools in Argyll</p> <p>Trading standards and the Police wish to Promote a “no cold calling” initiative. This is being supported by the forum , but in Bute and in Cowal is was highlighted that CCs can access funding that the Forum cannot to purchase the necessary signage. CCs and RSLs will be approached with information on how to do this and will be encouraged to work with the council who will provide assistance</p> <p>There have been a number of referrals via ADF</p>		
<p>Environment Safety</p> <p><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></p>	<p>Dealing with Dog Fouling</p> <p>Camera</p>	<p>This has been raised with the Local paper and the fines levied are being reported but t4h situation has not yet measurably improved</p> <p>One of the mobile camera is being deployed to a number of hot spots to tackle the specific issue of dog fouling as well as ASB it is hope that this will be recognised and will result in improved behaviours</p>		
<p>Public Space Safety</p> <p><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>ASB Group</p> <p>Crime stats</p> <p>Noise</p>	<p>Has a low number of referrals currently there has also been a number of recent successful prosecutions , It is expected that there may be a small increase in the figures as the summer progresses, but not significantly</p> <p>The crime figures for the area are down</p> <p>27 noise complaints this quarter 21 of these are ASB complaints and relate to a small number of addresses</p>	<p>This is considered a real decrease since there is no evidence of displacement</p>	

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Cowal Transport Forum Exception reporting to Area Community Planning group

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this Paper is to advise the Area Community Planning group of the main activities of the Transport Forum over the last few months

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Area Community Planning Group Members:

- 2.1 Note the highlight/ exception reports from the Partnership meeting
- 2.2 Acknowledge the work of the group.
- 2.3 Consider whether there are any specific areas of work which the ACPG wishes the Transport Forum to consider developing further

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The Cowal transport Forum is a strategic partnership group chaired by Cllr McNaughton with a brief to look at all aspects of transportation in the Cowal Area, this includes both ferry operations and leisure as well as roads issues such as the problems experienced at the "Rest And Be Thankful"

4. IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 **Policy** Adoption of the proposal will assist in delivery and reporting of aspects of the SOA and the Community Plan
- 4.2 **Financial** None,

- 4.3 **Personnel** None
- 4.4 **Equalities Impact Assessment** None.
- 4.5 **Legal** None

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Cowal Transport Forum Exception Report

Theme	Task/Project	Issue and Actions	Comment	Outcomes/ Indicators
Roads Infrastructure <i>Includes trunk and private roads</i>	A83 – the rest	<p>The transport forum remain very concerned about the Future plans for the Rest The forum is specifically concerned that the proposed convoy system will not work in the event of the main road being closed</p> <p>Cllr Semple attended the April Meeting as lead councillor for transportation by video conference and indicated a desire to remain involved with the Forum</p>	Cllr Semple shares the forums Desire that Bute and Cowal be well connected by roads and ferry infrastructure and continues to raise this and related issues at HITRANS and in correspondence with the Scottish ministers	
Travel Safety <i>Includes issues that and individuals may encounter such as pedestrian safety, road traffic accidents, water safety, public transport safety</i>	Signage request Bus stop at Argarden	<p>The forum has asked agin that a number of signs be considered by the various responsible agencies (Transerv, Council and transport Scotland) to both notify road users when there is an issue on the road (or ferries)</p> <p>The forum are working with the Forestry commission to promote the use of the path between the Ardgarten caravan site and the bus stop at the visitor centre in order to minimise the number of people putting themselves at risk by walking on the carriageway</p> <p>A concern was raised about ambulance access at the WDC end of the A83 at Milton should the A83 be blocked for any reason This issue is being highlighted to WDC</p>	<p>Cllr Semple has lent his weight to this task and the forum is now in correspondence with the various agencies and hopes to have some success in the near future. Signage is seen as key to a successful tourism industry and so remains high on the agenda</p> <p>There is no update on this since the centre has not been re-let as yet. Once this is done then the forestry commission can have the necessary discussion with the new tenant.</p>	
Ferries	Ticket recognition Timetables/info	<p>Argyll Ferries have announced a point ot point bus service which kicks in whenever the ferries are unable to sail,</p> <p>The Forum is working with the Bus providers, the council and the ferry operators to ensure that adequate timetable information is available in the waiting rooms at either side of the Dunoon Gourock crossing</p>	<p>Both operators are being encouraged by the forum to continue to develop the “island hopping” type ticket recognition which si seen as a enabler both for local people but also for tourists</p> <p>There appears to be a difficulty in getting McGills to provide a regular supply of timetables to the terminal buildings,this continues to be pursued</p>	SFR Stats
Environmental issues	A83 land at top being purchased	The Purchase of the Land is now virtually complete, and discussions are on-going re the precise size of the turning circle	The Timber transport group are being invited to the next meeting to discuss future plans and road safety	

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Forward Dunoon and Cowal exception report to Area Community Planning group

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this Paper is to advise the Area Community Planning group of the main activities of the Forward Dunoon and Cowal Partnership which has taken place in the last few months

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Area Community Planning Group Members:

- 2.1 Note the report from the FDC Partnership meeting
- 2.2 Acknowledge the work of the group.
- 2.3 Consider whether there are any specific areas of work which the ACPG wishes the FDC Partnership to consider developing further

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The Forward Dunoon and Cowal Group is a partnership which the Cowal members attend with relevant officers. The purpose of the group is to promote Dunoon and Cowal as an attractive place to live and work and as a holiday destination in all ways possible. The focus of the group is primarily business oriented. The group considers a broad range of issues from the perspective of promoting the areas in terms of economic development, tourism and economic renewal. The partnership includes representatives from the council, but also from businesses and service providers.

A recent proposal saw the meeting in April bringing together the council meeting with the Forward Dunoon and Cowal group and the Cowal marketing group to identify overlaps and to facilitate the two groups working more closely together in order to achieve their common goals

The themes contained in the report below are drawn from the Land Use Consultant's report which resulted in the formation of the group.

4. IMPLICATIONS

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| 4.1 | Policy | Adoption of the proposal will assist in delivery and reporting of aspects of the SOA and the Community Plan |
| 4.2 | Financial | None, |
| 4.3 | Personnel | The joining of meeting mentioned above enhances the efficient use of officer and partner time |
| 4.4 | Equalities Impact Assessment | None. |
| 4.5 | Legal | None |

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Forward Dunoon And Cowal Report

Theme (Drawn from LUC Plan)		Issue and Actions	Comment	Outcomes/ Indicators
Seek to change the perception of the area	Marketing BIDS Velo taxi Iniaitce	The Cowal Marketing Group were part of the Recent Visit Scotland EXPO event and Bute and Cowal were well rwepresented The BIDS project is well advanced and is now chaired by Ewan MacDonald There will be a pilot of Velo taxis along the esplanade which should be in place before the Cowla games		
Enhance Dunoon Town Centre	Town centre regeneration CHORD	Consideration given to redeveloping scrubland of Hanover street with low maintenance plants however the agreement of the landowner would be required The group had initial discussion more the toilets at the Rose gardens and the problem of vandalism which has currently led to their closure- possibility of a community group taking this forward Now Chaired by Councillor Walsh. The refurbishment of the Queen's Hall, the realignment of the road and the redevelopment on the pier has now moved onto implementation stage. Work is due to start in April 2014.		
Make more of the area's natural environment capitalising on its special qualities	Woodland in and about town project	This project is now finished, but had a number of events for children n through the Forestry for people initiative HELP have now obtained funding for a number of training places for young people who have been formed into a small taskforce and are able to undertake community based task		
Develop a high quality well positioned accommodation sector				
Enjoy a high quality vibrant events and cultural heritage programme	Burgh Hall	The Burgh hall has a film festival planned for June		

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