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A meeting of the **BUTE AND COWAL COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP** will be held in the **CASTLE HOUSE, CASTLE GARDENS, DUNOON** on **TUESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 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, 4 JUNE 2013**

**Present:** Councillor R Macintyre (Chair)

Councillor G Blair  
Councillor A McNaughton  
Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manger  
Jane Fowler, Head of Improvement and HR  
Eileen Wilson, IOD Project Officer  
Liz Marion, Senior Community Learning & Development Manager  
Eddie Renfrew, Fire Scotland  
Chief Inspector, Garry Stitt, Police Scotland  
Alison McGrory, NHS Highland  
Liz Higgins, NHS Highland  
Alistair McLaren, Argyll Voluntary Action  
Jane McKenzie, Scottish Water  
Lorna Ahlquist, Cowal Community Care Forum  
Alison McCrossan, Scottish Health Council  
Paul Farrell, Roads Engineer  
Jonathan Welch, Transport Planner  
Mathew Boyle, Quality Improvement Officer  
Allan Macdonald, Area Streetscene Manager  
Eleanor Stevenson, Caucus of Community Councils  
Sue Minns, Caucus of Community Councils

**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence intimated.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

**3. MINUTES**

The Minutes of Bute and Cowal Community Planning Group meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013 were approved as a correct record.

**4. NHS (AGENDA ITEM 11B)**

Alison McGrory spoke on the Joint Health Improvement Plan of 2013 – 2016 and spoke on the strategic priorities. She encouraged Partners to fill in the consultation feedback form and send or email it to her before the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

Eddie Renfrew and the Area Commander, Police Scotland, said the Fire and Police Services do have an input into Mental Health and Wellbeing and Teenage Transition and would get the consultation form completed and given to Alison.

Jane Fowler advised that Argyll and Bute have the highest de-population in Scotland with the highest dependency of older people.

### **Decision**

The Group noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by the Health Improvement Principal – submitted)

### **5. ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL GAELIC LANGUAGE PLAN CONSULTATION**

The Head of Improvement and HR spoke on the draft Gaelic Language Plan advising the plan is to support Gaelic in the home, community, education workplace, arts, heritage media and tourism and in economic development.

Councillor Blair advised that there was a very good Gaelic Unit in Sandbank Primary School.

### **Decision**

The Group agreed to provide the Head of Improvement and HR with any comments on the draft plan.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Improvement and HR – submitted)

### **6. NEW COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY**

Councillor G Blair took over the Chair for this item.

The IOD Project Office spoke on the New Community Engagement Strategy. Eileen advised the new strategy has more information on co-production and engaging with communities as per Aim 3 “Improve engagement activity that drives up the quality of services and makes better use of resources” Alison McCrossan advised that there was a lot of work being doing around public involvement and working together. Eileen Wilson also spoke on the Consultation Diary that sits on the Council’s website advising it could be a very useful tool but needs people to use it and download any consultations that they have carried out.

The Group discussed community involvement and the Area Streetscene Manager said that due to the financial constraints the Council is in at the moment he is having to think of new ways of working including community engagement regarding Community Councils opening and closing public toilets. The Group discussed the amount of work Community Council’s are asked to undertake and the help they receive. Councillor McNaughton said that it was a mind set and communities still feel that it’s the Council’s job to do things but in this climate that is not going to be the case.

**Decision**

The Group noted the information provided and agreed to feed any comments on the New Community Engagement Strategy to the IOD Project Officer.

(Reference: Report by the IOD Project Officer – submitted)

**7. PROPOSED AREA FORUMS**

Councillor R Macintyre took over the Chair at this point.

The IOD Project Officer spoke on the feedback from the discussions that took place in March on the proposed Area Community Planning Events. She spoke on resources to deliver the event advising the evaluation this year will decide on how to take the events forward in the future.

**Decision**

The Group noted the information provided and further noted that the structure of the event will be provided at the September meeting.

(Reference: Report by the IOD Project Officer – submitted)

**8. CYCLE ROUTES**

The Group heard from the Transport Planner on the funding awards for Cycle, Walking, Safer Streets projects for 2012-13 and the match funding that was successful. He advised that the projects in this area were Midge Lane and the bus stop at Glenbranter. He spoke on the funding for this year and the hope that the funding will be returning to previous levels in the future.

Sue Minns said the Midge Lane project was very successful and thanked the Transport Planner.

**Decision**

The Group noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by the Sustainable Travel Co-ordinator – submitted)

**9. PRIMARY SCHOOL STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT**

The Group heard from the Quality Improvement Officer on the progress being made within Education in Argyll and Bute. He spoke on the changes to how the HMIE carry out their inspections advising that the standard has been put higher so people might find that awards are now good or better. He spoke on the Scottish Education Awards, the leadership programme, self-evaluation and skills for work and alternative qualifications on offer.

Councillor Blair said there was a lot of positive work going on in our schools but there was still work to be done.

### **Decision**

The Group noted the information provided.

## **10. ISSUES RAISED BY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### Police Mobile Office

Sue advised that this issue had been highlighted because Kilmun had been missed off the diary for the Police Mobile Office and the Area Commander advised that this has been rectified. He advised that he is working on getting the publicising of the mobile unit improved.

### Public Entertainment Licence

The Area Governance Manger advised that the PPSL had made the decision not to charge for the Public Entertainment Licence for community groups, this has still to be agreed by the full Council. Sue Minns asked if the advice leaflet was still going to be produced and the Area Governance Manger said she did not know but the information should be on the website.

### Update on Parking Clocks

The Roads Engineer spoke on the information he had received in regard to parking clocks including the costs associated with the clocks and different kinds that are available. He advised that any scheme would need to be implemented across Argyll and Bute and currently the Decriminalised Parking Enforcement documentation is being prepared for on-street parking and associated traffic offences and the use of parking clocks can be considered as part of that process.

### Dog Fouling

Sue Minns advised that the Community Councils had been informed that there was very little punishment for people who allow their dogs to foul because one man was let off because he could not afford the fine. She spoke on the banner that had appeared in Kirn and the Area Streetscene Manger advised that if the Community was to contact him he could help them get a banner in their area. Area Commander Stitt spoke on the police campaign and Councillor Blair advised that there had been 96 complaints registered last quarter.

### Data Protection

Sue Minns advised the Group that she had been in contact with the Register Commission Office and it is a requirement of law for Community Councils to register for Data Protection and they are not exempt.

School Catchment Areas

The Area Governance Manger advised that although the Rural Schools Report has been published the Council has still to meet and decide how to take this forward. Until that decision is made no changes to school catchment areas will be made.

Community Council representation on Cowal Community Safety Partnership

Sue Minns advised that the Community Councils had received information from the Cowal Community Safety Partnership about a Cold Calling Campaign and that Community Council s could apply for funding for this but the Community Council's didn't know anything about it. It was agreed the information about the Cold Calling Campaign would be forwarded to Sue.

**11. ISSUES RAISED BY THIRD SECTOR PARTNERSHIP**

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

Lorna Ahlquist spoke on the Rock Up in Red event that was held in the Argyll Gardens advising it was very well attended with 80 pupils from Toward, St Mun's and Dunoon Primaries.

Lorna further spoke on Happy Days which will be run by Paul Kerr and will consist of a tailor made day out for people living with palliative care. There is a fundraising event on 20<sup>th</sup> July where swimmers will be crossing from the Cloch Lighthouse to Port Riddle and she asked for information on whether they need licences for different items, the Area Governance Manger said she would get Environmental Health to contact Lorna.

**Decision**

The Group noted the information provided.

**12. PARTNER UPDATES**

**(a) ARGYLL VOLUNTARY ACTION**

There was no update from Argyll Voluntary Action.

**(b) SCOTTISH WATER**

Jane McKenzie advised Scottish Water were in the area surveying the waste water network to address surface water issues. She further advised there was an ongoing problem in Ardbeg in Rothesay and that additional work in Cairndow will be carried out in September. She spoke on the hydro and wind turbine schemes Scottish Water are looking at. Jane advised the Scottish Water depot at Broxwood is a redundant site and will be disposed of but probably not in the near future.

**(c) POLICE SCOTLAND**

Area Commander Stitt advised that the transition from Strathclyde Police to Police Scotland went well. Based on the same period last year he reported that crime figures in general were down with particular focus being on reports of Anti Social Behaviour which are down again by as much as 50% on last years figures. Area Commander Stitt believes this to be as a result of the Anti Social Behaviour groups that now sit on a regular basis, involving various partners working together to tackle the issue. These meetings are becoming more "Action" driven, where each group is accountable for the actions allocated. The Area Commander is looking to role out this Multi Agency Tasking approach into other areas of criminality and at the present time is looking to expand on the good multi agency work being carried out into Domestic Abuse and is also looking at retail crime. This will be an ongoing piece of work over the next year.

Area Commander Stitt also commented on recent crimes within the area and highlighted that there had been recent a spate of fire raisings, however some of these have now been detected and investigations continue into the outstanding crimes. He also highlighted a spate of sneak in thefts in the Dunoon town centre which he will highlight through local media providing crime prevention advice. He reported that the "Summer Season" is now well underway with police assisting in a number of ways including recently assisting with an Emergency scenario involving a number of agencies at Dunoon Grammar School which involved highlighting the consequences of using a mobile phone whilst driving. He said the Police attended the Safe and Sound Event in Strachur which was a good event however not well attended. Events coming up over the next few weeks include the Police 5 aside tournament in Dunoon, The Sandbank Gala day, The Harley Davidson Event, Blairmore in Bloom, and Bute and Cowal Games as well as the Bute Agricultural Show.

**Decision**

The Group noted the information provided.

**(d) SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE**

Eddie Renfrew gave an update on the Fire Reform from Strathclyde Fire and Rescue to Fire Scotland. He advised the structure has had the biggest impact but he is still committed to have Fire attendance at all meetings. He advised there has been a lot of displaced officers and it has not yet been sorted where they will be working. They have not had any agreement of the Chief Fund which was £16,000 for each area for people to apply for. He spoke on the Spring Strategy which will be dealing with secondary fires with 15 in the area with one in Colintraive which had a big impact on the local community. He said he would be looking at how to tackle scrub fires next year after the events this year and Garry Stitt said he would also



be interested in that. Eddie Renfrew said that they have had two referrals from NHS Highland regarding deaf alerts which is a different set up than a normal smoke alarm.

### **Decision**

The Group noted the information provided.

#### **(e) COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUMS**

The Group noted the highlight/exception report for Bute and Cowal Community Safety Partnerships.

#### **(f) TRANSPORT FORUM**

The Group noted the highlight/exception report for Cowal Transport Forum.

#### **(g) FORWARD DUNOON AND COWAL**

The Group noted the highlight/exception report for the Forward Dunoon and Cowal Partnership.

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## HEALTH IMPROVEMENT CONSULTATION

**Laura Stephenson, Senior Health Promotion Specialist (Sexual Health), Argyll and Bute CHP**

**The Area Community Planning Group is asked to:**

- **Note this paper**
- **Consider the groups role in addressing the issues raised in this paper at a local level.**

### 1 Background and Summary

- The Scottish Government's Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus (BBV) Framework 2011 – 2015 identifies the need to promote sexual health and wellbeing at local, regional and national levels. The Framework identifies that Sexual Health Strategy Groups should have strong links with BBV Managed Clinical Networks, Alcohol and Drug Partnerships and Community Health Partnerships which will, in turn, feed into the Community Planning process.
- Outcome 5 of the Sexual Health and BBV Framework 2011 – 2015 states there should be:

*A society whereby the attitudes of individuals, the public, professionals and the media in Scotland towards sexual health and blood borne viruses are positive, non-stigmatising and supportive.*

NHS Boards, the Third Sector, Local Authorities and Scottish Government are accountable for this outcome.

Sexual health includes much more than reducing or preventing sexually transmitted infections, unwanted pregnancies and improving contraception. Whilst these are all very important factors other significant issues included in sexual health wellbeing are being free from coercion and harm, quality sexual health and relationships education, inclusiveness, focus on inequalities and challenging negative media influences.

### 2 Challenging culture and commercial messages

The Sexual Health and BBV Framework 2011- 2015 provides examples of the culture and commercial images that need to be challenged;

*Challenging cultural and commercial messages which reinforce negative stereotypes of gender identity and sexual orientation is essential to promoting positive sexual health and wellbeing. Gender stereotypes of both men and women perpetuate assumptions of male power and control over a sexual partner, are often founded on misinformation and can inhibit and limit both men and women in developing meaningful relationships and emotional maturity. These stereotypes can be reinforced by both written and electronic media and through, for example, advertising. These rapidly developing influences should be counteracted with positive local and national action.*

- *Work to promote the positive and life enhancing aspects of sexual wellbeing and sexual relationships should continue locally, regionally and nationally.*
- *Efforts to promote a positive approach to sexual health and relationships in the media should continue, nationally and locally.*

Some examples of existing work in Argyll and Bute

In Argyll and Bute the Local Authority and NHS Highland encourages secondary schools to use Sexual Health and Relationships programmes that aims to be inclusive, challenge stereotypes and negative impacts media and culture can have. NHS Highland also support Rapecrisis Argyll and Bute to deliver TESSA in secondary schools, the TESSA programme includes sessions on the impact of media and using social media safely.

The Local Authority and NHS Highland encourage primary schools to use Channel 4 Living and Growing Programme. Some of the sessions in the programme address issues such as stereotyping, cultural expectations, respect and being yourself.

NHS Highland have produced a sexual health website for people living in Argyll and Bute. The website aims to be inclusive, informative, educational and helpful for people living in Argyll and Bute.

NHS Highland support national campaigns such as Health Scotland's "Its good to talk about it" and World Aids Day.

NHS Highland work closely with HIV charity, Waverley Care to address a number of sexual health messages including; stereotypes, the importance of inclusiveness and awareness raising about the impact of homophobic behaviour.

### **3 Evidence to challenge culture and commercial messages**

Early evidence indicates the strong impact of the media on young people's approaches to sex and sexual relationships.

Data suggests that healthy sexual attitudes are understood by a significant majority, but significantly fewer act on these healthy attitudes. (Progressive Partnership Ltd. 2008)

Media plays a significant role in Scotland. Some studies estimate that young people (6-17 year olds) spend around five hours per day with one form of media or another. However, with media playing such a significant role in our culture it has a dominating effect across many ages, not just the young.

*Sexual imagery pervades many aspects of modern society.*

*In the absence of other reliable sources of information and advice unbalanced or inaccurate media messages can therefore lead to pressures and confusion over the realities of sex and sexuality particularly for young people. Feedback from the NATSAL survey shows that young females, in particular, view the media as one of their main sources of information. It is therefore important to provide some balance to these messages, including provision of accurate, positive information about sex and sexual health.*

*Enhancing Sexual Wellbeing In Scotland: A Sexual Health and Relationships Strategy, The Scottish Government 2003*

4. Some considerations for the Community Planning Group in supporting the issues raised in this paper.

- Support or deliver local awareness raising.
- Support schools and youth clubs address the issues raised in this paper.
- Provide local policy on appropriate messages across a range of topics.
- Consider how the points in this paper might be incorporated into the proposed locality community engagement events.

30th July 2013

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**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL****BUTE AND COWAL AREA  
COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP****CUSTOMER SERVICES****3 SEPTEMBER 2013**

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**BUTE & COWAL COMMUNITY SAFETY FORA – HIGHLIGHT AND  
EXCEPTIONS REPORT**

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**1. SUMMARY**

This report updates the Area Community Planning Group (ACPG) about the items discussed at the most recent meetings of the Bute and Cowal Community Safety Forum (BCSF and CCSF)) which were held on 25 June 2013 and 28 June respectively.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 That the ACPG note the work undertaken and consider whether there are any items of business which the Group may wish the BCSF or CCSF to progress on their behalf.

**3. DETAIL**

3.1 The BCSF met on 25 June 2013 when representatives of Police Scotland, Fire Scotland, TESSA, ACHA, Bute Community Council and the Elderly Forum were in attendance.

3.2 The CCSF met on 28 June 2013 when representatives of Police Scotland, Scotland Fire and Rescue, Rape Crisis and Council Service Representatives were in attendance.

3.3 The highlight/exception report from these group together with detail of the work undertaken by Partners is attached at Appendix 1 although is not an exhaustive listing of the work of the Group. Agenda and Minutes can be located on the Council's website via this link <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=390&Year=0> for the CCSF or <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=391&Year=0> for the BCSF.

**4. CONCLUSION**

4.1 The attached Appendix details the issues which were considered and discussed at the meetings on 25 and 28 June 2013.

**5. IMPLICATIONS**

Policy -	Accords with the SOA and Community Plan
Financial –	None
Legal -	None
HR -	None
Equalities -	None
Risk -	None
Customer	None
Service -	

**Executive Director of Customer Services  
2 August 2013**

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## Bute and Cowal Community Safety Fora Exception Report

Theme	Community Safety Outcome'	Issue and Actions	Comment	Outcomes/ Indicators
<p><b>Personal and Home Safety</b>  <i>Considers the safety of the individual in areas such as accident prevention, online safety, fire safety, home security, bogus and scam callers</i></p>	<p>No Cold Calling</p> <p>False Alarms</p>	<p>Possible introduction of “No Cold Calling” zones within communities. <b>Action</b> – CCSF noted information had been passed to community groups to pursue in terms of their ability to access funding and agreed Police Scotland would keep up awareness of the campaign. BCSF noted that their status as an Island meant that there were not many cold callers but that the community council would discuss this with Trading Standards.</p> <p>The CCSF was advised of an initiative by Fire Scotland to reduce false alarms. Cook Safe advice was given to a sheltered home complex to help prevent false alarms.</p>	<p>In effort to reduce instances of uninvited salespersons etc, individual properties or collectively agreed zones can be established to prohibit cold calling. There are also benefits in terms of deterring burglaries, bogus workers and scam callers.</p> <p>BCSF were also advised of this problem with 27 incidents in the last quarter. It was hoped the Dunoon initiative could be rolled out.</p>	<p>Reduces number of crimes which have been linked to cold calling</p> <p>Reduction of false alarm call outs to Fire Scotland</p>
<p><b>Travel Safety</b>  <i>Includes issues that and individuals may encounter such as pedestrian safety, road traffic</i></p>		<p>No issues were raised under this heading</p>		

<p>accidents, water safety, public transport safety</p>				
<p><b>Safety of Vulnerable Groups</b>  <i>Deals with issues in relation to individuals or groups who may be vulnerable including elderly people, young children, victims of hate crime and sexual Violence</i></p>	<p>Safe and Sound Event</p> <p>Rape Crisis</p> <p>TESSA</p>	<p>Cowal event was held in Strachur, despite being well organised the turnout was disappointing. <b>Action</b> The Area Governance section will contact larger groups to establish whether they would be interested in attending meetings where partners could give a presentation.</p> <p>There was an informative presentation at the CCSF on the work of Rape Crisis detailing the support to victims and their families. It was advised that Rape Crisis had supported 455 cases over the phone and 592 face to face.</p> <p>Funding has been secured from Comic Relief to provide age appropriate information for S1-S7 pupils across all 10 secondary schools. Concerns were raised that Oban and Hermitage had indicated that they did not wish to participate. <b>Action</b> The BCSF agreed to express their concerns to the Head of Education and the Chair also agreed to progress this.</p>	<p>Due to poor uptake of event, BCSF discussed a leaflet campaign and agreed to investigate costs.</p> <p>Presentation to be made to the next BCSF</p>	

<p><b>Environment Safety</b></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>Dog Fouling</p> <p>Wild Camping</p> <p>Clean up Scotland Campaign</p> <p>Fly Tipping</p> <p>Vandalism</p>	<p>Mobile CCTV camera has been successfully used in Cowal with a fixed penalty notice being issued to a dog owner.</p> <p>Memorandum of Understanding circulated and advice given by the Environmental Health Manager and Access Officer.</p> <p>The Council has successfully engaged with schools in effort to tidy up local beaches</p> <p>Complaints received about rubbish being dumped at Ardenslate Shop <b>Action</b> - to be discussed at the next CCSF meeting.</p> <p>BCSF - Police Scotland were requested to monitor the new gardens at Montague and High Street which were just about complete</p>	<p>Area Governance Manager to identify whether the Council could insure CCTV cameras were community councils to purchase these.</p> <p>Wild camping in Cowal may be as a result of a by-law being introduced by the National Park to prohibit this. Hot spot areas to be identified by Environmental Health and lists prepared which would be circulated by the Access Officer</p>	
<p><b>Public Space Safety</b></p>	<p>Anti-Social</p>	<p>ASBO sub-group continues to work well in</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>	Behaviour	Cowal and the Bute Group have noticed a reduction in cases.		
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**Argyll and Bute Community Planning  
Partnership**

**Bute and Cowal  
Community Planning Group**



**3 September 2013**

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**Area Forum Events 2013**

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**1.0 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report considers the decision by the Community Planning Partnership on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2012 to hold four Area Forum events to enable consultation and feedback on the SOA 2013-23.
- 1.2 A steering group of Bute and Cowal CPG has met and drawn up initial proposals, to ensure feedback from the area on depopulation and regeneration issues.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**3.0 DETAIL**

- 3.1 The Third Sector and Communities CPP Strategic Group has made recommendations on the format of these events, which have been considered by steering groups in the CPG areas.
- 3.2 The theme and format agreed for the events is:
  - a) Title: “**Bute and Cowal - A Good Place to Live, Work, and Play?**”
  - b) Overarching question to be addressed: What needs to change to attract more people (especially young people and families) to live in Bute and Cowal?

This fits with the overarching outcome of the new SOA 2013-23, 'Argyll and Bute's economic success is built on a growing population'. Population levels in Argyll and Bute decreased by 3.4% and in Bute and Cowal the population decreased by 3.8% in the 10 years between 2001 and 2011.

It also ties in with the results of the survey undertaken across all four areas to identify priority topics, as 'community development and regeneration' was selected as a top priority in each area.

- c) Format of event: One day (morning and afternoon or afternoon and evening) consisting of a half-day with workshops/discussion groups, followed by voting on a short series of strategic and local questions using powerpoint voting. This would be followed by a public debate to consider the key questions (identified from the earlier session) followed by powerpoint voting.
- d) Questions to be asked: Some of the questions asked would be asked in all four areas to allow comparisons to be made across Argyll and Bute.- Other questions will relate specifically to the local areas and will be agreed by the CPG steering groups/CPGs as appropriate. The responses should be able to feed into the SOA's key outcome of addressing the problem of de-population in Argyll and Bute.

3.3 In addition to the one Area Forum event, it is proposed that:

- a. The powerpoint voting is used at other events in the area, particularly those areas which may be unable to be represented at the main event eg islanders. Results can be merged to make comparisons across Argyll and Bute, as well as be broken down within areas.
- b. An electronic survey is carried out to enable those who do not attend an event to respond to the same questions.

3.4 For Bute and Cowal, the CPG is asked to consider the above alongside proposals from the steering group:

- a. Three events are held: two workshop events (one in Rothesay, and one in Dunoon), and one main Area Forum event with a public debate in Dunoon, with video-conferencing from Bute.
- b. Dates proposed are Saturdays as follows to attract maximum numbers:
  - a. Saturday 26th  
October, Dunoon Grammar School
  - b. Saturday 2nd  
November, Rothesay Academy, and
  - c. Saturday 9th  
November, Dunoon (Debate)

3.5 Questions to be posed relevant to Bute and Cowal area will be drafted by the steering group. Any proposals for topics or questions from CPG members would be very welcome for consideration.

#### **4.0 CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 The Area Forums will seek views on the new SOA 2013/23, in particular in relation to the overarching issue of de-population and regeneration.

#### **5.0 IMPLICATIONS**

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

#### **6.0 APPENDICES**

- 6.1 Draft programme

**Margaret Fyfe**  
**Community Development Manager**  
**6 August 2013**

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Appendix 1

**Area Consultations  
Draft programme**

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

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