

Management Committee

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Area Community Planning Groups

1.0 Purpose

This paper presents key matters arising at the Area Community Planning Group meetings in August 2015 for consideration by the CPP Management Committee.

2.0 Recommendations

- The Management Committee is asked to note the Highlights and Key Issues under 4.0 and 4.1.
- The Management Committee should action an appropriate response to the points raised in 4.2 which are to:
 - a) Provide improved communication of meeting dates and times etc through both hard advertising (which will have budget implications) and also social media.
 - b) Highlight at strategic level the importance of partners and community representatives remaining at meetings for their duration in order to maximise the opportunity for cross sectoral work.
 - c) Consider how CPGs and local communities can become involved in influencing the Strategic Housing Investment Plan.
 - d) Consider the problem of the access road on Colonsay as an urgent partnership action.

3.0 Background

There are four Area Community Planning Groups, one in each of the Council's administrative areas (Bute and Cowal, Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay, Helensburgh and Lomond and Oban Lorn and the Isles.)

Area Community Planning Groups meet quarterly to discuss issues of importance at a local level relevant to the delivery of the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA). The August meetings focussed on Outcome 1 and Outcome 5. In addition, items relating to Outcomes 3 and 4 which were not able to be tabled at the May meetings were discussed.

4.0 Highlights

The following points were consistent to each meeting:

- Each of the groups appreciated not just the submission of a report relating to Health and Social Care Integration but also the attendance by an officer who in all instances was able to provide additional information and answer questions. The support of the Management Committee in ensuring this attendance was commented on positively by all groups.
- All groups received annual update information specific to their area on Health Improvement activity from NHS Highland on and annual service provision by ACHA.
- Given the focus on Outcome 1, groups received annual update information from HIE, and attending officers were able to provide significant additional information. An update report was provided by Scottish Enterprise to the Helensburgh and Lomond meeting, and the Babcock International Group attended and provided update on their involvement and employment opportunities in the area.
- All groups received information on the Education Quality and Standards Report for session 13/14, and the progress being made on Outcome 4 through the Integrated Children's Services Plan. It was noted that these items had been carried forward from the May meetings, resulting, in relation to the education report, in the information being significantly out of date, and groups asked that the report for session 14/15 be tabled much sooner at CPG meetings.

Highlights from specific meetings were:

Bute and Cowal

- The Group benefited from very informative input from BT and HIE on the progression of the roll out of fibre broadband in both Bute and Cowal.
- Fyne Homes updated on a joint programme they have running whereby an NHS nurse works directly with their housing tenants providing healthy living support and advice, this is working well and is a model which could be replicated through local community planning structures.

- The Community Development team are taking forward an initiative bringing partners on Bute together to work on various joint pieces of work, this model has the potential to develop effective locality plans.
- Concerns were raised that a number of partners attended the meeting only for input on their specific item, the group felt that all attendees should be encouraged to attend the entire meeting to ensure more effective cross linking between partners and better understanding of all initiatives in the SOA:Local.

Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands

- The meeting took place in Islay, with a VC link to Lochgilphead, the technology worked well and all participants were able to contribute effectively.
- Concern was raised about the level of awareness of CPG meetings, and the opportunity for community representatives to attend, this matter was requested to be raised with the Management Committee for consideration.
- Discussion took place on how to ensure effective and consistent opportunity for Community Councils and community groups to link to the CPG, this work is to be progressed and reported to the November meeting.
- The Islay Energy Trust gave detail on various projects they have taken forward to address the renewables agenda and to deliver initiatives to challenge fuel poverty, the partnership approach adopted could be replicated through local community planning processes.
- Concern was expressed that many of the health improvement initiatives being taken forward are concentrated on population centres and a plea was made that remote and rural communities be provided with the same support and attention.
- In consideration of information from the Housing Services Manager and input from both ACHA and Fyne Homes on initiatives being taken forward, the group asked that the Management Committee consider how CPGs and local communities can become involved in influencing the Strategic Housing Investment Plan as it was felt that community input would be very valuable in identifying local housing need.
- A specific issue which was asked to be raised with the Management Committee was concern about the access road in Colonsay which serves ACHA housing and also the local fire station; this road is in extremely poor condition and has been in need of development for more than 20 years, the MAKI CPG asked that the Management Committee consider this as an urgent partnership action and find a resolution to the long standing issue.

Helensburgh and Lomond

- The Scottish Enterprise economy update report was very well augmented by input from the Babcock International Group on their presence in the area and the

long term employment opportunities which this brings. The group also gave information on the work they are doing in local schools and communities.

- The Helensburgh Carers Group, the Adult Learning Team and the Helensburgh Foodbank all provided input to the meeting and commented on the effectiveness of the forum in helping make links to partners who could support and communicate their work, particularly registered social landlords.
- Concern was raised about the level of awareness of CPG meetings, and the opportunity for community representatives to attend, this matter was requested to be raised with the Management Committee for consideration of advertising including via social media.

Oban, Lorn and the Isles

- The OLI meeting was held at SAMS in Dunbeg giving a different focus and dynamic to the meetings which are usually held in the Corran Halls.
- The meeting benefitted from the attendance of 2 members of the Oban Youth Forum who were able to give input to a number of agenda items, resulting in the group agreeing that the November meeting will be held in Oban High School, and, whilst focussing on SOA Outcomes 2 and 6, will, in addition, give an opportunity to include items of specific relevance to young people. The Community Development Officer will work with youth groups in the area to support their participation in the meeting, with a view to building a model for effective participation by young people in all future CPG meetings.
- The group received a very informative presentation from the Lorn and Oban Healthy Options group on the work being undertaken to promote health improvement and healthy living. Partners were particularly impressed by this project and asked that work be undertaken to consider the inclusion of the project in the SOA:Local for Oban, Lorn and the Isles, this will be progressed and a report presented to the November CPG meeting.

4.1 Key issues

- The groups remain generally happy with the new focus of meetings on specific Outcomes, and with the opportunity to feedback proactively to the Management Committee. They particularly welcomed the action taken by the Chief Officer for Health and Social Care, supported by the Management Committee, for an officer to attend for the standing item on this topic on all agendas.
- Access to CPG meetings, and knowledge and understanding of the opportunity which local community planning brings for partners and community groups, was highlighted as an issue. Management Committee is asked to consider provision

of improved communication of meeting dates and times etc through both hard advertising (which will have budget implications) and also social media. Mechanisms for community groups to improve understanding of community planning, and for them to make effective links to CPGs, will be considered and progressed by the area governance team, supported by our community development colleagues.

- The importance of partners and community representatives remaining at meetings for their duration in order to maximise the opportunity for cross sectoral work will continue to be highlighted at area level by the governance team, Management Committee is requested to progress this action at strategic level.
- The MAKI CPG asked that the Management Committee consider how CPGs and local communities can become involved in influencing the Strategic Housing Investment Plan as it was felt that community input would be very valuable in identifying local housing need.
- The MAKI group also asked that the Management Committee consider the problem of the access road on Colonsay as an urgent partnership action and find a resolution to the long standing issue.

4.2 Further action

Further action is required from the Management Committee in relation to:

- Provision of improved communication of meeting dates and times etc through both hard advertising (which will have budget implications) and also social media.
- Highlighting at strategic level the importance of partners and community representatives remaining at CPG meetings for their duration in order to maximise the opportunity for cross sectoral work.
- Consideration of how CPGs and local communities can become involved in influencing the Strategic Housing Investment Plan.
- Consideration of the problem of the access road on Colonsay as an urgent partnership action.

5.0 Implications

Strategic Implications	The August Area Community Planning Group meetings focussed on Outcome 1 and Outcome 5. There were also cross linkages with all other SOA outcomes especially Outcome 3, Education, Skills and Training, and Outcome 4, Children and Young People
Consultations, Previous considerations	No prior circulation of this report. ACPGs were advised during meeting of key points which would be raised in this highlight report with CPP.
Resources	Resource will need to be considered for the request from CPGs for improved communication of meeting purpose, dates and times. Resolution of the Colonsay access road issue will involve resource investment.
Prevention	None
Equalities	The request for improved communication of meeting details will provide equality of access to all Area Community Planning Groups. Resolution of the access road issue on Colonsay will provide equality of access for all residents and partners on the island.

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