

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 November 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) Co-ordinate consultation processes to include local community planning groups without overloading their ability to respond effectively.
 - b) Ensure consistency of approach in how items are included within SOA:Locals and the Community Led Initiatives Appendices.
 - c) Consider the possibility of the OLI commitment to routine inclusion of young people and agenda items relating to issues for them at all meetings, being extended to all community planning groups.
 - d) Consider how the SOA Delivery Plans can be “island proofed” to ensure parity of service by all partners to island and mainland communities.
 - e) Consider how the criteria of Integrated Care Funding can be reviewed to allow successful third sector projects which work and meet the care needs of older people to continue to be funded without having to demonstrate the “need to be new”.
 - f) Progress the involvement of Scottish Water in community planning processes in recognition of their key role in providing/developing/improving local infrastructure.

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 November meetings focussed on Outcome 2 and Outcome 6. Under Outcome 5 groups also considered the standing item of Health and Social Care Integration and an Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Activities Update Report.

4.0 Highlights

The following points were consistent to each meeting:

- Each of the groups benefited from presentation of information in regards the Council's current "Planning our Future" consultation, and all partners agreed to raise awareness and encourage participation in this process through their own distribution systems. Following suggestion by a MAKI community councillor a number of community councils have arranged to distribute the consultation document to key community locations as a means of encouraging participation.
- All groups received updated information on the work currently being carried out in reviewing the SOA Delivery Plans, and the subsequent work which will be required on SOA:Locals, and were pleased to note that a further update will be tabled at the February round of meetings.
- All groups were pleased to note the progress which is being made in developing the updated Community Safety Strategy and the new way of working which the Community Safety Partnership is taking forward.
- All groups noted disappointment that despite the agenda focussing on infrastructure and repeated requests for local update information, no report or attendance was provided to any group by Scottish Water.

Highlights from specific meetings were:

Bute and Cowal

- The Group benefited from very informative input regarding the Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme and the extensive work being undertaken by partners to ensure a smooth welcome for the families due to arrive in Bute before Christmas.
- Partners received information of the progression of the Local Development Plan and the implications this has for future growth and development in local areas.

- The group heard a very interesting presentation from the Cowal Fixed Link Working Group and the potential this project could have in regards infrastructure and connectivity of the Dunoon and Cowal areas, and noted the clear links from the project to the LDP and the SOA:Local.
- The group heard from Third Sector representatives that the Integrated Care Fund's criteria is not equal to that of other more progressive funders who are starting to omit the criteria for projects to be 'new' to receive funding. The Third Sector Representatives felt particularly aggrieved that effective, preventative services provided by them which work and meet the needs of vulnerable people could not receive funding as they are existing services, despite the fact that they are innovative and are continually developing. Sustainable funding sources for existing services are no longer secure and new funding needs to recognise this. The CPG agreed to ask the Management Committee to take steps for recognition of this to be made within future funding criteria of the Integrated Care Fund , to be in line with other progressive funders who are removing the 'need to be new' banner."

Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands

- The group were provided with information about the Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme and the plans for families to locate to Campbeltown early in the new year.
- The group agreed that a project at Dalintober pier should be supported for inclusion within the Community Led Initiatives Appendix to the SOA:Local, procedure on how this will be taken forward should be finalised shortly.
- In discussing the review of SOA Delivery Plans the group noted concerns that island communities be provided with the same level of service as the mainland. The CPG further asked that the Management Committee ensure, as part of the ongoing review work, that the SOA Delivery plans are " island proofed" to ensure such parity of service by all partners.
- A number of issues were raised by the group in regards items relating to infrastructure and transportation matters, these have been raised directly with the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure for feedback to the next meeting of the group.
- The group elected Andy Buntin of Lochgilphead Community Council as their new chair, with Cllr Rory Colville moving to the position of Vice Chair of the group. This means that 3 out of the 4 Area Community Planning Groups are now chaired by a community councillor.

Helensburgh and Lomond

- In considering a report relating to the rollout of superfast broadband the group noted concerns in relation to the timetable of anticipated first connections,

variation of connections between exchanges and matters relating to planning consents for box cabinets. These items are being progressed for update to the next meeting.

- The group had a positive discussion about joint working opportunities in Kirkmichael, noting the cross partner commitment to this and hoping that this work could be sustained for the future.

Oban, Lorn and the Isles

- The OLI meeting was held in Oban High School and was an evening meeting, these arrangements resulted in about 20 community members attending.
- The meeting had a every informative input from the Oban Communities Trust on the work they are taking forward in developing the former Rockfield Primary School as a centre for the arts, culture and community.
- The Oban Skate Park Group presented their aspirations to develop a skate park in Lorn, they are continuing in dialogue with local Councillors and with the Head Teacher of Oban High School, all partners attending felt this project could be of real importance to young people in the Oban and Lorn area.
- The group also had an update on progression of the new Oban High School and discussed opportunities for community/partner links to the intended facility, including the possibility of co locating the skate park at the site.
- The Chair of the CPG had particularly asked that agenda items for the meeting focus on work and initiatives for and by young people in the area, and this included an input by the North Argyll Youth Forum who outlined the types of work they are dealing with and how these linked to the SOA:Local. There was extensive discussion on this matter, and enthusiasm for the youth forum to attend and contribute to the CPG regularly, this will be taken forward as a pilot to more effective involvement of young people in the work of the CPGs.
- The group agreed that the Lorn and Oban Healthy Options project should be supported for inclusion within the Community Led Initiatives Appendix to the SOA:Local, procedure on how this will be taken forward should be finalised shortly.

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 welcome the positive responses from the Management Committee to issues raised by them, and the fact that these are routinely fed back.
- The opportunity to be involved in the “ Planning our Future “ consultation was welcomed, and it was generally agreed that CPGs are effective groups for strategic consultation activities to be fed through, though it was felt that these

processes should be carefully monitored to ensure that consultation overload does not occur.

- The process of taking items forward for inclusion in the Community Led Initiatives Appendices of SOA:Locals by agreement with Outcome Leads needs further refinement to ensure consistency of approach. This work should be developed as part of the ongoing review of SOA Delivery Plans.
- The commitment of the OLI group to routine inclusion of young people at their meetings, and regular focus on agenda items relating to young people, is a model which may be worth replicating in other areas.
- The MAKI CPG asked that the Management Committee consider how the SOA Delivery Plans can be “ island proofed” to ensure parity of service by all partners to island and mainland communities.
- Bute and Cowal CPG asked that the Management Committee take steps to recognise that the Integrated Care Fund’s criteria, whereby effective, preventative services provided by the third sector which work and meet the needs of vulnerable people cannot receive funding as they are existing services, despite the fact that they are innovative and are continually developing, is not equal to that of other more progressive funders who are starting to omit the criteria for projects to be ‘new’ to receive funding. Sustainable funding sources for existing services are no longer secure and new funding needs to recognise this. The Management Committee is asked to ensure that recognition of this issue is included within future funding criteria for the Integrated Care fund.
- All groups noted with concern the lack of involvement of Scottish Water in community planning processes despite their key partnership role in providing/developing/improving infrastructure in local communities.

4.2 Further action

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

- Co-ordination of consultation processes to include local community planning groups without overloading their ability to respond effectively.
- Ensuring consistency of approach in how items are included within SOA:Locals and the Community Led Initiatives Appendices.

- Consideration of the possibility of the OLI commitment to routine inclusion of young people and agenda items relating to issues for them at all meetings, being extended to all community planning groups.
- Consideration of how the SOA Delivery Plans can be “island proofed” to ensure parity of service by all partners to island and mainland communities.
- Consideration of how the criteria of Integrated Care Funding can be reviewed to allow successful third sector projects which work and meet the care needs of older people to continue to be funded without having to demonstrate the “ need to be new”.
- Progression of the involvement of Scottish Water in community planning processes in recognition of their key role in providing/developing/improving local infrastructure.

5.0 Implications

Strategic Implications	The November Area Community Planning Group meetings focussed on Outcome 2 and Outcome 6. There were also cross linkages with all other SOA outcomes.
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	Community Planning and Area Governance team resource will be required to progress the action points raised at 4.2.
Prevention	None
Equalities	Co-ordination and consistency of approach relating to consultations and to inclusion of items in SOA:Locals, and to effective inclusion of young people in all CPG meetings will provide equality of access for all CPG partners. The request for “island proofing” of the SOA Delivery Plans will ensure parity of service by all partners to island and mainland communities.

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