

Management Committee

Date: 9th June 2016

Agenda Item:



Area Community Planning Groups

1.0 Purpose

This paper presents key matters arising during the Area Community Planning Group round of meetings in May 2016 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) Consider all aspects relating to the difficulty of attracting key workers to the area and in particular the perceived related trend of key workers families remaining based outwith the area
 - b) Consider the impact of road closures on Home Care Workers and the need for robust protocols to be in place between partners to help mitigate the impact on service delivery
 - c) Consider the need to have good communication links between the Area CPGs and the Health and Social Care Locality Groups
 - d) Consider ways to facilitate the dissemination of robust and substantive partnership data to support consideration of issues and long term planning

3.0 Background

There are four Area Community Planning Groups, one in each of the Council's administrative areas (Bute & Cowal; Mid Argyll, Kintyre & Islay; Helensburgh

& Lomond; and, Oban Lorn and the Isles)

Area Community Planning Groups meet quarterly to discuss issues of importance relevant to the delivery of the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) at a local level.

The May meetings focussed on Outcome 1 and Outcome 5.

4.0 Highlights

The following points were consistent to more than one meeting:

- Members received information regarding the current Scottish Government consultation on the Community Planning section of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 from the Community Planning Officer. The presentation generated discussion and comments are being fed back to the Management Committee in a separate report.
- Members received feedback on the results of the Area Community Planning Satisfaction Survey and noted the areas for improvement that had been identified namely;
 - a) Communication links with the wider community and other Area CPGs could be improved
 - b) Consideration should be given to the format of reports and the volume of information provided to the meetings
 - c) Consideration should be given to the current format of meetings and the follow up of actions identified at meetings
 - d) The use of venues with reliable VC facilities should be encouraged
 - e) Potential clashes with other scheduled meetings held by partnership organisations should be considered when setting the annual meeting cycle

There was further constructive discussion on the results at the meetings. MAKI CPG members have arranged to meet before the next meeting to discuss ways to improve communication and the management of complex information and OLI CPG members have arranged to meet to discuss ways of improving the format of meetings.

- Members received an update on the activities of the Economic Forum, Visit Scotland, The Health Improvement Team and The Health and Well Being Network Co-coordinators. Members found the presentations and reports to be informative.
- It was noted that the groups had received the last progress update relating to the Integration of Health and Social Care as the Integration Joint Board is now up and running. It was also noted that

communication links between the new body and the Area CPGS are currently being established.

- Members Helensburgh & Lomond, MAKI and Bute & Cowal received an update a on the CLD Partnership Plan The report highlighted that Area Community Planning Groups have a key role to play in the development of the CLD plan, and regular reporting is important to maximise communication between communities and learning providers

Highlights from specific meetings were as follows:

Bute & Cowal

- An update from the Strategic Urban Regeneration Forum highlighted the work currently being undertaken in Bute as well as the feasibility work that is currently being undertaken in Dunoon.
- An update from ACHA covered the previous year's activities and provided a statistical breakdown of housing stock, along with a list of service provision, ongoing initiatives for 2015/2016, ACHA's key priorities and examples of community work that ACHA have undertaken.
- It was noted that there was a need for robust and substantive partnership data to support consideration of issues and long term planning

Helensburgh & Lomond

- Members received an update in the impact of the naval base on the local economy and gave information on the maritime change programme. It was highlighted that housing; spousal employment and education were key factors in determining where service personnel chose to base their families.
- Members also received information on Scottish Enterprise activities within the area the Helensburgh Community Council Women Entrepreneurs and Business initiative, the positive impact the Kilmahew/St Peter's project in Cardross makes to the local economy and the joint working which had taken place between the Argyll and Bute Coast and Countryside Trust and Dunbriton Housing Association
- Members received information form the local Community Physiotherapist and the Occupational Therapist relating to the Falls Prevention and Re-enablement Strategy which is being taken forward in the area.

Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay

- Members benefitted from a presentation by the Chair, joint Secretary and Treasurer of Mid Argyll Youth Forum. Members were advised that the forum aims to give young people a greater and stronger political voice on issues and

services that affect their lives. Discussion took place in respect of empty shop premises in Lochgilphead; street furniture and the engagement of young people with the Community Planning Group going forward.

- The group received information regarding the master plan proposals of the Bowmore Shoreline project, which included affordable housing and the development of business and workshop units providing space for local businesses. They advised that developments were in keeping with the style of the local area, and that with the expansion of Bowmore to the South West, both Main Street and the local school become more centrally focused.

Oban, Lorn and the Isles

- Cllr McCuish stood down as Vice Chair and Cllr Robertson was elected into the vacant position.
- There was discussion around the impact of road closures in the area. It was noted that the ability of Home Care Workers to provide services to vulnerable people was adversely affected as well as the ongoing difficulties relating to school transport which had previously been raised.
- There was also discussion around the difficulty of attracting key workers to the area. It was also noted that it was not uncommon for the families of key workers coming to the area to remain based out with the local area.
- Members benefitted from an update on the economy by HIE, the development of Oban as a university town by the Chair of Argyll College and progress on developing cultural and heritage partnership structures in the area.
- Members also received information relating to the work of the Health & Wellbeing network locally along with an update on Lorn Healthy Options activities and an interesting presentation on Health and Wellbeing activities at Oban High School

4.1 Key Issues

The following key points were highlighted:

- The difficulty of attracting key workers to the area and the perceived related trend of key workers families remaining based outwith the area.
- Housing; spousal employment and education are key factors in determining where key workers chose to base their families
- The impact of road closures on Home Care Workers and the need to have protocols in place to ensure that information regarding closures is provided as soon as possible.
- The need to have good communication links with the Health and Social Care Locality Groups

- The need for robust and substantive partnership data to support consideration of issues and long term planning

4.2 Further Actions

It is requested that members

- Consider all aspects relating to the difficulty of attracting key workers to the area and in particular the perceived related trend of key workers families remaining based outwith the area
- Consider the impact of road closures on Home Care Workers and the need for robust protocols to be in place between partners to help mitigate the impact on service delivery
- Consider the need to have good communication links between the Area CPGs and the Health and Social Care Locality Groups
- The need for robust and substantive partnership data to support consideration of issues and long term planning
- Consider ways to facilitate the dissemination of robust and substantive partnership data to support consideration of issues and long term planning

5.0 Implications

Strategic Implications	The May 2016 Area Community Planning Group meetings focussed on Outcome 3 and Outcome 4 with cross linkages to all other outcomes
Consultations	No prior circulation of this report.
Resources	No direct resource implications however consideration of the issues raised and following courses of action may have a knock on effect on finance and/or people
Prevention	The report highlights the impact of road closures on home care services and school transport
Equalities	The report highlights issues relating to equality of access to services in rural areas.

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References: n/a

Appendices: n/a