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Briefing Note: Local Partnership Plans: 'Locality Planning'

This briefing relates to the full Single Outcome Agreement.

Summary

There are 3 things happening around community planning and future partnership plans and actions. These are important for Area Community Planning Groups because they impact what future meetings will talk about.

1. Partners of the Management Committee have agreed on new actions that will address important issues under the Single Outcome Agreement. These focus mainly on issues relevant to the whole council area – such as broadband coverage. It's important that we have a local dimension to tackling these.
2. The Scottish Government has brought out a new policy (Community Empowerment Act) that means community planning partnerships need to work locally on actions that make the most difference to people most in need. They called this Locality Planning. Calling it this is not helpful as it doesn't say what it does and clashes with Health and Social Care Locality Plans. There is some annoyance felt around the number of plans and we need to think carefully about how we meet Government policy and importantly do great work locally without getting caught up in jargon. We need to take a step back, look at everything going on, then work out how we go forward together, joining up. The Government have provided near final guidance, which is assisting with this process. The SOA:Local will be reviewed within this.
3. Argyll and Bute Council will soon be engaging with communities to help prepare the Local Development Plan – main issues report – and this is an opportunity to work together.

Further information on new Government policy (Community Empowerment Act) for locality plans is on the website:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2015/6/section/10/enacted>, Also Area Community Planning Group at last meeting talked about this and gave thoughts which were sent to Government.

Key Points for Consideration

There are examples across Scotland where some community planning partnerships have started looking at 'locality planning'. We are looking at this and how it might work in Argyll and Bute and further information will be available at the February meeting.

It's important to note that we are not starting again and we will be building on the good work of area community planning groups.

The Government's new policy means that there is support for us. 'New tools'- a Place Standard Tool and a Community Planning Outcome Profile tool are available to help us engage with people and create actions. Further information on these will be considered at the February area community planning group meeting.

The engagement that will be happening for the Councils Local Development Plan is an opportunity to 'team up' with the council's planning department to help them with the engagement and to use the information from this to contribute to creating local action plans.

Recommendations

- For area community planning groups to provide their thoughts as per questions for discussion below.
- For area community planning groups February meetings to use the new tools to look at information from the community.

Key Points for Discussion

1. **Does anyone know of any good examples of local plans that are making a difference to people most in need?**

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