

## Management Committee

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016



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## Area Community Planning Groups

### 1.0 Purpose

This paper presents key matters arising during the Area Community Planning Group round of meetings in November 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 current OLI Chair is coming to the end of her two year tenure in the chair and members have requested that clarification on whether the existing chair could stand for re-election be sought from the Management Committee
  - With regards to locality planning, members would like to raise the potential for duplication with existing plans, have concerns regarding resourcing activity and considered whether it was necessary to have a locality plan if existing plans adequately covered the area
  - The impact of the increase in the number of camper vans/mobile homes visiting the area and issues relating to the level of facilities provided for the vehicles such as the lack of grey water/chemical waste facilities; litter bins; car parking areas and the need to increase the information provided to camper van/mobile homes
  - Funding challenges faced by third sector organisations, changes in the 'Big Lottery' funding strategy and the need to highlight specific challenges faced by communities across Argyll and Bute area as this is not always recognised by urban based organisations
- Action an appropriate response to the points raised in 4.2 which are to:
  - Advise whether a current Chair can stand for re-election at the end of their two year tenure in the position of chair
  - Provide further advice and guidance on what is required under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act with regards to locality planning before the February round of meetings
  - Consider the impact of the increase in the number of camper vans/mobile homes visiting the area and issues relating to the level of

facilities provided for the vehicles on both island and remote mainland communities.

- Consider how best to ensure that funders are aware of the particular challenges faced by third sector organisations and community groups running services, projects and initiatives within the Argyll & Bute CPP area.

### **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 November meetings focused on Outcome 3 and Outcome 4.

### **4.0 Highlights**

The following points were consistent to more than one meeting:

- It was noted that an invite had been extended to the Chairs of the Area Community Planning Group to attend Community Planning Management Committee meetings on a regular basis
- Agreement that the February 2017 Area Community Planning Group meetings will focus solely on Locality Planning
- Considered a progress update report on the work carried out by the Argyll and Bute Strategic CLD Partnership and agreed to include consideration of learning and development opportunities when discussing Locality Planning at the February meeting
- Considered updates on community safety matters including the Strategic Community Safety Coordinating and Tasking Partnership, Police Scotland's - Your View Counts Survey, the UK Government CONTEST Strategy how this has been implemented in Scotland to safeguard vulnerable people and communities from the threat of radicalisation and the introduction of newly appointed Youth Engagements officers in Oban and Helensburgh.
- Received input from Health & Social Care Locality Planning Groups regarding the development of locality plans in the respective areas.

Highlights from specific meetings were as follows:

## **Bute & Cowal**

- Issues raised at the August CPG meeting relating to the Superfast Broadband Rollout were considered in more depth at a workshop facilitated by the CPG held on the 27th October 2016. A briefing note of the findings was presented to the November meeting and it was agreed that it had been very useful way to discuss issues in more depth. The potential lack of provision of Smart Metering in the Argyll and Bute Area was also raised at the November meeting.
- The group benefitted from a presentation of highlighting the youth art projects, exhibitions and events currently being undertaken by the Dunoon Burgh Hall Trust and also received an update on the progress of the programme of building works that the Burgh Hall is currently undergoing. Members were interested to receive an overview of work carried out by the HELP project in Bute and Cowal and also highlighted their main goals and achievements to date, with particular emphasis on the work currently being undertaken by the Community Task Force.
- The group also benefitted from presentations which highlighted the key aims and achievements of Dunoon Grammar School to date and future plans and the Cowal Family Pathway, an Early Years Collaborative project designed to assess a child's needs from prebirth to age five by focusing on joint working between the agencies involved, due to be implemented in December 2016.

## **Helensburgh & Lomond**

- The group benefitted from a presentation on the GIVE Summer youth volunteering programme and agreed, where possible, to help promote the GIVE Programme and offer youth volunteering opportunities.
- The group welcomed an update and presentation from Stephanie Thomas, President, Youth Parliament and representatives from the Helensburgh and Lomond Youth Forum agreed to invite Stephanie Thomas, President Youth Parliament to join the CPG and to also consider how best to facilitate input the Helensburgh and Lomond Youth Forum form into future meetings.
- An update from the Third Sector advised on a forthcoming meeting with 'Big Lottery' in regards their changing funding strategy and the need to highlight challenges faced by communities across Argyll and Bute area as this is not always recognised by urban based organisations while the issue of marine litter, particularly at the head of long lochs within the area was highlighted by the Community Development Officer.

## **Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay**

- The group considered the findings of two workshops instigated by the MAKI CPG following discussion on the anticipated population increase on the island

of Jura, at its meeting on 10 August 2016 and held in September and November respectively. It was noted that the workshops had successfully achieved their objective of raising potential impact on the island's public infrastructure of the anticipated increase in Jura's population and that this activity was now concluded.

- The group gave consideration to a briefing note outlining a number of issues raised by Islay Community Council in relation to the increase in the number of camper vans/mobile homes visiting the island and issues relating to the level of facilities provided for the vehicles such as the lack of grey water/chemical waste facilities; litter bins; car parking areas and the need to increase the information provided to camper van/mobile homes.. Partners noted that similar issues affect other islands also mainland communities, particularly those served by single track roads.
- Argyll Third Sector Interface highlighted the plight of the Kintyre Youth Café which had recently been served a notice to quit their premises by the end of December and that although they had sourced new premises these would not be ready until April 2017. Group Manager McClure advised the meeting that the community fire station may be able to assist with temporary accommodation for the group and it was agreed that this option would be explored after the meeting.

### **Oban, Lorn and the Isles**

- The current Chair is coming to the end of her two year tenure in the chair and members have requested that clarification on whether the existing chair could stand for re-election be sought from the Management Committee
- With regards to locality planning, members would like to raise the potential for duplication with existing plans, have concerns regarding resourcing activity and considered whether it was necessary to have a locality plan if existing plans adequately covered the area
- North Argyll Youth Forum gave a presentation to the group on their German Exchange trip. They spoke about the places they visited each day and explained a statistics test they done on lifestyle which highlighted cultural differences between in Scotland and in Germany
- The Group considered a presentation from North Argyll Carers Centre which covered the definition of a young carer, what they do and the support service focussing on the benefit of the services provided and the challenges faced by young carers. The funding challenges relating to delivering the service and the implications of recent legislation were also noted.
- Members were interested to receive information about Growing the Gaelic Language in Oban, Lorn and the Isles ,the benefits and the career paths which can be taken by Gaelic speakers and the benefits of having separate Gaelic speaking schools rather than using Gaelic Medium units attached to an English speaking school

## 4.1 Key Issues

The following key points were highlighted:

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## 4.2 Further Actions

It is requested that members

- Advise whether a current Chair can stand for re-election at the end of their two year tenure in the position of chair
- Provide further advice and guidance on what is required under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act with regards to locality planning before the February round of meetings
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## 5.0 Implications

Strategic Implications	The November 2016 Area Community Planning Group meetings focussed on Outcome 3 and Outcome 6 with
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	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 staff resource
Prevention	Several of the initiatives and projects highlighted at the Area CPGS contribute to the prevention agenda
Equalities	The work of groups such as the North Argyll Carers Centre and HELP contribute toward reducing inequalities in the various communities served by the projects being taken forward.

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**References:** n/a

**Appendices:** n/a