

Management Committee

Date: 28th June 2017

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 April 2017. The Management Committee should note that due to the February round of CPGs concentrating on Community profiling there was no focus at those meetings on specific outcomes within the SOA, resulting in the CPGs concentrating on Outcomes 1 and 5 at their April meetings. These Outcomes were considered by the Management Committee at their March meeting, so for this round of meetings only the CPGs have looked at Outcomes after the Management Committee. As a result of this some of the points raised at CPGs have in fact been discussed by the Management Committee at their previous meeting, and some answers already provided to local groups.

2.0 Recommendations

The Management Committee is asked to:

- Note the Highlights and Key Issues under 4.0 and 4.1.
- Action an appropriate response to the points raised in 4.2 which are to:
 1. Consider the request from the OLI CPG to allow them to take forward the work on community transport in Argyll.
 2. In considering the concerns of the Helensburgh Lomond CPG regarding the best approach to encourage statutory and voluntary bodies to respond jointly to emergency calls, particularly in the case of elderly persons who have had a fall, to provide reassurance on the progression of the partnership working on this matter which was agreed at the March meeting of the Management Committee.
 3. Ensure that the previously agreed response to the MAKI CPG about how the lack of NHS dental provision in Mid Argyll can be addressed is circulated widely to that group.
 4. Consider the issues raised in the focus paper submitted by the Bute and Cowal CPG.

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 April meetings focussed on:

Outcome 1 – The Economy is Diverse and Thriving

Outcome 5 – People Live Active, Healthier and Independent Lives

4.0 Highlights

The following points were consistent to more than one meeting:

- Participatory Budgeting was discussed and the ongoing Gaelic funding project was highlighted, there was a general consensus that the portal worked well and was easy to use, and it was an exciting prospect going forward.
- The presentation on falls prevention was very well received, with particular interest being shown in how simple exercise can provide great benefit in terms of preventing falls.
- The consultation currently being undertaken by Scottish Fire and Rescue on the Local Area Plan for Argyll and Bute – information available via the Scottish Fire and Rescue website.

Highlights from specific meetings were as follows:

Bute & Cowal

- The Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair was considered with Willie Lynch being elected as Chair for a second term and Alistair McLaren being elected as Vice-Chair also for a second term.
- Information was provided on the two Charrettes which are currently ongoing in Dunoon and on Bute. The Bute Island Alliance is now at the stage of looking at mutual opportunities for progress and more strategic planning, and will be using the Place Standard toolkit to get an updated engagement profile of the

area. The Dunoon project is at an earlier stage but the need to ensure wide cross sector involvement, and the need to link in with the Smarter Place initiative was highlighted.

- Alison McKerracher was introduced as the new Locality Manager for Bute and Cowal.
- Susan Brooks gave an update to the Group on the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Partnership Plan, noting that the consultation period on this takes place from 10th April until 3rd July, and urged all partners to take part.
- It was noted that the Bute and Cowal Area would be the focus for the next Management Committee meeting being held on 29th June. Discussion took place on matters relating to staff recruitment and retention, problems with second homes and the impact that has on housing accommodation for incoming workers, and the work that the Charrettes are undertaking in regards infrastructure and development. The Chair would pull together a briefing note on these matters for submission to the CPP Management Committee meeting.

Helensburgh & Lomond

- The Election of Vice-Chair of the Group was considered with Morevain Martin being elected as Vice-Chair for a second term.
- The Group heard a presentation from Helensburgh and Lomond Chamber of Commerce which highlighted the diverse economy in the area and highlighted that the Chamber of Commerce felt excluded from partnership working and found it difficult to engage with the Council. Information was provided by the Chief Executive of Argyll and Bute Council in relation to the Economic Development Action Plan for the area and it was agreed that officers would liaise with the Chamber to ensure that they were invited to future CPG meetings and that their concerns were looked into.
- The Group heard a presentation from the Living Well Physical Activity Co-ordinator who highlighted some of the work which is ongoing in the local area. Discussion took place in respect of the lack of resources and funding with the group providing information on options and resources within the outlying villages.
- Information was provided on the work of the Welcome In Recovery Café in Helensburgh. Members of the Board were in attendance and the Group heard from the Chairperson who advised that through his work with the project he had now secured permanent employment.
- Discussion took place on the need for consideration to be given on the best approach to encouraging statutory and voluntary bodies to respond jointly to emergency calls, particularly in the case of elderly persons who have had a

fall. Consideration should be given to how best to deal with this issue, with early intervention being key to prevent admission to hospital where possible.

Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay

- There was concern over the lack of NHS Dentists in the MAKI Area, particularly so in Mid Argyll. This matter was raised by the Chair of the MAKI CPG at the March Management Committee and commitment given that the Locality Manager attending the next meeting of the CPG would be in a position answer this question, unfortunately the Locality Manager did not attend the April meeting, but a detailed response was provided to the Chair thereafter.
- The work being undertaken in relation to the Islay Campervan project. Petra Pearce from Argyll TSI agreed to liaise with Islay Community Council and the Council's Community Council Liaison Officer to distribute the leaflet which has been produced on this matter to all MAKI area Community Councils.
- Development of the Clock Lodge in Lochgilphead. Discussion took place around the need to establish feedback from any potential users of a new facility which would enable a funding case to be made for full refurbishment.
- Presentation from Shopper-Aide, Campbeltown. Discussion took place about the possibility of this initiative being rolled out across the MAKI area, but concerns were raised about funding constraints. It was noted that the Mid Argyll Health and Wellbeing Network would be hosting a scoping meeting on Thursday, 27th April 2017 with a view to rolling out the project throughout the wider MAKI area

Oban, Lorn and the Isles

- The election of Chair of the Group was considered with Margaret Adams being elected as Chair for a second term.
- A discussion took place on the proposal from the CPP Management Committee to set up a short-life working group to consider the recommendations from a recent report on Community Transport in Argyll. The OLI CPG asked if they could be considered to pilot or progress this issue given the high levels of loneliness and isolation being experienced by residents in their local area.
- The Group heard a presentation from Lorn and Oban Healthy Options on extending care into the community and what services they provide. They spoke about new evolving relationships, healthy villages and the barriers to these and Oban healthy town becoming a reality.

4.1 Key Issues

The following key points were highlighted:

- OLI CPG - could be the CPG be considered to pilot or progress the recommendations from a recent report on Community Transport in Argyll given the high levels of loneliness and isolation being experienced by residents in their local area.
- H&L CPG - the need for consideration to be given on the best approach to encouraging statutory and voluntary bodies to respond jointly to emergency calls, particularly in the case of elderly persons who have had a fall.
- MAKI CPG – lack of agreed response over concerns about lack of NHS Dentists in the MAKI Area, particularly so in Mid Argyll.
- B and C CPG- the need for an integrated approach to be developed in respect of housing and infrastructure needs and the best way to meet demand. This is included in the report submitted to the Management Committee by the group for consideration in focusing on the Bute and Cowal area.

4.2 Further Actions

It is requested that the Management Committee:

- Consider the request from the OLI CPG to allow them to take forward the work on community transport in Argyll.
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5.0 Implications

Strategic Implications	The April 2017 Area Community Planning Group meetings focussed on Outcomes 1 and 5.
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	contributes to the prevention agenda
Equalities	contributes toward reducing inequalities

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References: n/a

Appendices: n/a