
ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

**ARGYLL ISLANDS STRATEGIC
GROUP**

CUSTOMER SERVICES

18 AUGUST 2017

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide an outline of the Terms of Reference for the work of the group as detailed in the agreement made by Council on 29th June 2017 in order that the committee can consider how it wishes to develop its work programme and agree a meeting and reporting schedule.

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Following the Council decision on 29 June 2017 to establish the Argyll Islands Strategic Group this report outlines Terms of Reference which will enable the group to consider how it wishes to develop its work programme and agree a meeting and reporting schedule.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Group agree the Terms of Reference detailed in this report and agree a meeting schedule until the end of March 2018.

4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 At the meeting held on 29th June 2017 Council agreed to continue the focus of the work commenced by the Argyll Islands Task Force and establish the Argyll Islands Strategic Group to consider the strategic issues affecting the inhabited island communities of Argyll and Bute, and further agreed that the group would operate on the same constitutional basis as a Short Life Working Group and will report to the Policy and Resources Committee.

- 4.2 Council further agreed the wider remit of the group as follows:

- 1) To consider strategic issues affecting the inhabited island communities of Argyll and Bute.
- 2) To link into the work of the Scottish Government's Islands Strategic Group and Islands Transport Forum, contributing to the identification and design of solutions for the unique challenges our island communities face.
- 3) Promote the optimal development of our island communities.
- 4) Make recommendations to Policy and Resources /Council in regard to lobbying national government on key issues which impact on our islands' sustainable economic growth and

community development.

- 5) Consider strategic policy issues and challenges to ensure that proper, fit for purpose solutions are considered to stimulate greater economic growth and community development in our island communities.
- 6) Consider current and potential new powers to enable improved service delivery and outcomes.

4.3 The Committee is invited to consider the remit for the group and agree a programme of meetings which will enable it to progress its work in accordance with the Council decision.

4.4 In order to link in with agreed reporting to Policy and Resources it is suggested that the Argyll Islands Strategic Group agrees the following programme of meetings:

1. Week beginning Monday 11th September (suggest Friday 15th) enabling reporting to Policy and Resources on Thursday 19th October;
2. Week beginning Monday 30th October (suggest Tuesday 31st) enabling reporting to Policy and Resources on Thursday 8th December;
3. Week beginning Monday 8th January 2018 (suggest Tuesday 9th) enabling reporting to Policy and Resources on Thursday 15th February 2018;
4. Week beginning Monday 26th March 2018 (suggest Tuesday 27th) enabling reporting to Policy and Resources on Thursday 17th May 2018.

5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 This report outlines the remit for the Argyll Islands Strategic Group as agreed by Council on 29th June and invites the group to agree these Terms of Reference and the proposed schedule of meetings.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy – None
- 6.2 Financial – None
- 6.3 Legal – None
- 6.4 HR – None
- 6.5 Equalities – None, the proposal looks at ensure equality of access and opportunity for those who live in remote island communities
- 6.6 Risk – None
- 6.7 Customer Service – None

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