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COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2021 - 2024

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 The Requirements for Community Learning and Development (Scotland) Regulations were introduced in 2013. They place a duty on local authorities, in partnership with Community Planning Partnerships, other Community Learning and Development (CLD) providers and communities to secure the delivery of CLD through the production and implementation of a three year CLD plan.

1.2 The main purpose of this report is to update members on proposals to produce a new Argyll and Bute Community Learning and Development Plan for 2021-2024.

1.3 It is recommended that the Community Services Committee:

a) Note the legal requirement to produce an Argyll and Bute CLD Plan for 2021 - 2024.

b) Endorse the actions and timeline suggested for the production of the Argyll and Bute CLD Plan 2021 – 2024

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Local Authorities have a statutory requirement placed on them by the Community Learning & Development (Scotland) Regulations 2013 to publish a CLD plan every 3 years describing how they will co-ordinate and secure "adequate and efficient" Community Learning & Development (CLD) provision with other sector partners.

2.2 The first Argyll and Bute CLD Plan was published in September 2015. The second and current plan was published in September 2018 and is due to finish August 2021. An evaluation of the current plan is underway and the findings will be presented to a future meeting of the Community Service's Committee. In the meantime work has begun on producing the 2021-24 CLD Plan which has a publication deadline of September 2021.

2.3 Whilst Argyll and Bute Council are required by legislation to lead on meeting the requirements of the CLD Regulations, it is important to note that CLD partners and learners must also be meaningfully involved in producing and implementing the CLD Plan.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Community Services Committee:

3.1 Note the legal requirement to produce an Argyll and Bute CLD Plan for 2021 - 2024.

3.2 Endorse the actions and timeline suggested for the production of the Argyll and Bute CLD Plan 2021 – 2024

4.0 DETAIL

4.1 The development and progress of the 2021-2024 Argyll and Bute CLD Plan will be overseen by the Outcome 3 (Education, Skills and Training Maximises Opportunities for All) Group of the Community Planning Partnership. The

Outcome Lead will report on progress quarterly to the Community Planning Partnership.

4.2 To complete the work involved in producing the plan, the Outcome 3 Group agreed to establish a CLD Plan Working Group, which will meet as required and conduct all tasks necessary. The working group is made up of representatives from Community Learning, Community Development, Third Sector Interface, Live Argyll and Skills Development Scotland. Attempts are being made to recruit a youth representative and an adult learning representative to the working group.

4.3 The Council has a duty to ensure the CLD Plan is prepared. Progress reports will be presented to future Community Services Committee Meetings and Area Planning Groups.

4.4 Terms of Reference and a work plan have been produced by the working group with the new plan to be completed and published by September 2021.

4.5 The key stages within the plan and timeline are as follows:

Stage	**Tasks**	**Timescale**
Conclude CLD Strategic Plan 18-21	• CLD Plan Updates • CLD Plan Evaluation	Feb/Aug 21 Dec 20
Data Analysis	• Identification and analysis of existing CLD related data. • Are there gaps in the availability of data? • What does it tell us - how well do we plan for demographic or other changes? • How well do we work with partners to plan for the future and meet changing needs	Dec 20
Identification of Need	• What are the main learning needs in Argyll and Bute? • How has Covid19 impacted on our communities?	Dec 20
Stakeholder Consultation on CLD needs and priorities	• CLD Plan Promotion • Questionnaires • Focus Groups • CLD workforce needs assessment	March 21
Draft Plan	• Agree priorities and actions, governance/reporting arrangements and	June 21

	programme of self-evaluation • Further stakeholder Consultation on working draft	
Finalise Plan	• Printing and production of final plan	August 21
Publication and promotion of 2021-2024 plan		Sept 21

5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 This report presents an update on the production of the 2018 – 2021 Argyll and Bute CLD Plan.

5.2 Further reports will be presented to the Community Service Committee on the evaluation of the 2018 – 2021 Argyll and Bute CLD Plan (March 2021,) progress on the draft 2021-24 Argyll and Bute CLD Plan (June 2021) and the final 2021-24 Argyll and Bute CLD Plan (September 2021).

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Policy - The Community Learning Service and CLD provision make a significant contribution to Outcomes 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Argyll and Bute SOA:-

Outcome 3. Education, skills and training maximises opportunities for all.
Outcome 4. Children and young people have the best possible start.
Outcome 5. People live active, healthier and independent lives.
Outcome 6. People live in safer and stronger communities.

6.2 Financial – There may be resource implications resulting from the plan.

6.3 Legal – 2013 Community Learning and Development (Scotland) Regulations

6.4 HR – None

6.5 Fairer Scotland Duty:

6.5.1 Equalities - The 2021-24 Argyll and Bute CLD Plan will identify ways in which CLD provision can contribute to reducing inequalities.

6.5.2 Socio-economic Duty - The 2021-2024 CLD Plan will focus on supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in the community

6.5.3 Islands – Delivery of services in remote and rural communities will be explored as part of the development of the plan/

6.6. Risk – There are potential reputational risks for the Council should they fail to deliver the legislative requirements set out within the 2013 Community Learning and Development (Scotland) Regulations.

6.7 Customer Service – This report provides Elected Members with an overview of CLD service planning.

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