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**QUALITY OF LIFE FUNDING**

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**1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This outlines the proposed use of Quality of Life (QOL) funds for 2006-07 and 2007-08. The proposed use of QOL funds is consistent with shared central and local government priorities. The Scottish Executive has requested that councils discuss use of QOL funds with Community Planning Partnerships.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 To note the proposed use of QOL funds

**3. DETAIL**

- 3.1 The Council has received QOL funding for a number of years. In the current financial settlement announced in December 2004 the Council was allocated funding as follows:

2005-06	£1.342m
2006-07	£0.979m
2007-08	£0.973m

- 3.2 The Scottish Executive has asked that for 2006-07 and 2007-08 councils discuss the use of QOL funds within their Community Planning Partnerships. The Council has to advise the Scottish Executive of the allocation of QOL funds for 2006-07 and the indicative allocation for 2007-08 by 30 November 2005. The Scottish Executive have highlighted the following themes reflecting shared central and local government priorities for use of QOL funds:

Improving the local community  
Improving community well being

- 3.3 Within the 2 key themes outlined above the Scottish Executive have drawn attention to their cross cutting initiative of "Closing the Opportunity Gap". They have also suggested the use of QOL funds could be considered in association with;

- Regeneration Outcome Agreements
- Joint Health Improvement Plans
- Antisocial Behaviour Outcome Agreements
- Integrated children's service plans

- Service for older people
- Environmental improvements

3.4 The proposed allocation of QOL funds for 2006-07 and 2007-08 is attached as Appendix 1 and 2 respectively. The proposed allocation of funding fits the two key themes outlined above. In particular much of the proposed allocation of funding supports the priorities of Theme Group 1 – Promoting Health & Well Being of the Community Planning Partnership. These priorities are reflected in the Joint Health Improvement Plan. It also reflects the continuation of support for projects that the Council has financed since the inception of QOL funds.

#### **4 CONCLUSION**

4.1 The proposed allocation of QOL funds meets key Scottish Executive themes. This reports the proposed allocation of QOL funds to the Community Planning Partnership for discussion.

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## APPENDIX 1

## QUALITY OF LIFE 2006-08

LOCAL AUTHORITY: Argyll and Bute Council

CONTACT: Bruce West, Head of Strategic Finance

ALLOCATION FOR 2006/07: £0.979m

Local Environment				2006/07
Project/Initiative	Contributes/links to policies on:	Describe consultation with your Community Planning partners and how this project/initiative contributes to the Community Plan	Key Outcomes	Amount £m
Improvements to Local Roads and Footways A continuation and expansion of the 2004/2005 programme which involved surface dressing and drainage works to footways and carriageways.	Road Safety and improvements to transportation routes for the public and commerce.	Discussed at Community Planning Partnership meeting on 11 November 2005. Supports Theme Group 1 – Promoting Health & Well Being:- • Priority 5 action 5.1 by assisting to maintain road network	Improvements to the quality of the local road network.	£0.123
Provision of funds for essential property maintenance and improvement to leisure facilities, sports centres and halls. A continuation and expansion of 2004/2005 programme.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health promotion Initiatives.</li> <li>• Community Safety Initiatives.</li> <li>• Sport and Physical Activity Strategy</li> </ul>	Discussed at Community Planning Partnership meeting on 11 November 2005. Supports Theme Group 1 – Promoting Health & Well Being:- • Priority 3 action 3.2 by ensuring facilities available to increase physical and sports activities. • Priority 5 action 5.2 by providing facilities to base activities in which should lead to a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates an improved leisure and training environment for children and young people all of which contributes to community health promotion – to be provided in each of the four sub-divisions of</li> </ul>	£0.133

<b>Local Environment</b>				<b>2006/07</b>
<b>Project/Initiative</b>	<b>Contributes/links to policies on:</b>	<b>Describe consultation with your Community Planning partners and how this project/initiative contributes to the Community Plan</b>	<b>Key Outcomes</b>	<b>Amount £m</b>
		reduction in anti social behaviour.	<p>Argyll and Bute Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Such improvements will enhance opportunities for exercise, sport and healthy eating, improved conditions and access to swimming in addition to improving organised recreation and play opportunities.</li> <li>• This will also assist in increased opportunities for youth projects and voluntary youth work in leisure facilities and halls – encourage recreational activities and leisure accessibility and out of school activities for older children.</li> <li>• Such expenditure will be provided in partnership and in co-operation with other public and voluntary sector bodies wherever possible to ensure the key themes of community safety and health improvement are met.</li> </ul>	

<b>Local Environment</b>				<b>2006/07</b>
<b>Project/Initiative</b>	<b>Contributes/links to policies on:</b>	<b>Describe consultation with your Community Planning partners and how this project/initiative contributes to the Community Plan</b>	<b>Key Outcomes</b>	<b>Amount £m</b>
Improving the Local Environment	Local Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and School anti-vandalism measures.	Discussed at Community Planning Partnership meeting on 11 November 2005. Supports Theme Group 1 – Promoting Health & Well Being;- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority 5 action 5.2 by seeking to reduce crime levels.</li> </ul>	Providing more secure access to schools and other anti-vandalism measures in order to, for example, reduce numbers of broken windows and remove spray painting.	£0.106
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>£0.362</b>

<b>Community Wellbeing</b>				<b>2006/07</b>
<b>Project/Initiative</b>	<b>Contributes/links to policies on:</b>	<b>Describe consultation with your Community Planning partners and how this project/initiative contributes to the Community Plan</b>	<b>Key Outcomes</b>	<b>Amount £m</b>
Community Support Projects. 4 Social Workers, working within existing Council (principally HSW & Education) and wider networks as part of Community Support Teams established in each of the Council's 4 geographical areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternatives to Exclusion.</li> <li>• Integrated Community Schools</li> <li>• Youth Crime</li> </ul>	Discussed at Community Planning Partnership meeting on 11 November 2005. Supports Theme group 1 – Promoting Health& Well being. The wide ranging nature of these projects allows it to support a range of priorities for the Theme Group 1 – these include:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority 2 – to reduce the negative impact of alcohol abuse</li> <li>• Priority 3 – to reduce the incidence of coronary heart disease, stroke and cancer</li> <li>• Priority 4 – to improve Mental Health &amp; Well Being.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction in Youth Crime.</li> <li>• Reduction in number of Children coming into Local Authority Care.</li> <li>• Reduction in referrals to the Children's Panel leading to a subsequent reduction in residential placements made by the Panel.</li> <li>• Provision of support to Youth Projects and Local</li> </ul>	£0.128

Community Wellbeing				2006/07
Project/Initiative	Contributes/links to policies on:	Describe consultation with your Community Planning partners and how this project/initiative contributes to the Community Plan	Key Outcomes	Amount £m
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority 5 – to help communities feel safer.</li> </ul> <p>The support from this project cannot be identified to specific actions but it provides a support network for people to play an active role in the priorities identified.</p>	<p>voluntary youth work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for provision to out of school activities for troubled older children.</li> </ul>	
<p>Support for Youth Projects:</p> <p>Extending and Supporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educational activities for young people aged 12-24</li> <li>• Developing Youth Information Projects</li> <li>• Continuation and expansion of 2003/2004 programme.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Inclusion Children's Service Plan.</li> <li>• Community Learning Strategy and Plans.</li> <li>• Community Safety Dialogue Youth Initiative.</li> </ul>	<p>Discussed at Community Planning Partnership meeting on 11 November 2005. Supports Theme group 1 – Promoting Health &amp; Well being. The wide ranging nature of these projects allows it to support a range of priorities for the Theme Group 1 – these include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority 2 – to reduce the negative impact of alcohol abuse</li> <li>• Priority 3 – to reduce the incidence of coronary heart disease, stroke and cancer</li> <li>• Priority 4 – to improve Mental Health &amp; Well Being.</li> <li>• Priority 5 – to help communities feel safer.</li> </ul> <p>The support from this project could be identified to specific actions but it provides a support network for people to play an active role in the priorities identified.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approximately 600 young people per week accessing structured educational activities.</li> <li>• The establishment of Youth Information Projects in each of the Council's four areas.</li> </ul>	£0.083
Swimming Lessons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NOF bid for increased community use of swimming</li> </ul>	<p>Discussed at Community Planning Partnership meeting on 11 November 2005. Supports Theme Group 1 – Promoting Health</p>	All P6 and P7 pupils in Argyll and Bute will have a minimum of 10 hours	£0.128

<b>Community Wellbeing</b>				<b>2006/07</b>
<b>Project/Initiative</b>	<b>Contributes/links to policies on:</b>	<b>Describe consultation with your Community Planning partners and how this project/initiative contributes to the Community Plan</b>	<b>Key Outcomes</b>	<b>Amount £m</b>
	use of swimming pools in Argyll and Bute. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sport and Physical Activity Strategy</li> </ul>	& well Being:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority 3 action 3.2 by directly increasing physical activities for primary school children.</li> </ul>	swimming tuition each year. All S1 pupils will have 10 hours pool time as part of PE curriculum.	
Exercise, Sport and Healthy Eating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Match funding with Sport Scotland re Sports Coordinator posts</li> <li>• Sports and Physical Activity Strategy</li> <li>• Active Schools Programme</li> </ul>	Discussed at Community Planning Partnership meeting on 11 November 2005. Theme Group 1 – Promoting Health & Well Being:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority 3 action 3.2 by ensuring facilities available to increase physical and sports activities.</li> <li>• Priority 5 action 5.2 by providing facilities to base activities in which should lead to a reduction in anti social behaviour.</li> </ul>	Ongoing funding of Sports Coordinator posts in secondary schools.	£0.067
Exercise, Sport and Healthy Eating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linked to NOF initiative regarding healthy living and to Local Health Improvement Plan of NHS.</li> <li>• Sports and Physical Activity Strategy</li> <li>• Active Schools Programme</li> </ul>	Discussed at Community Planning Partnership meeting on 11 November 2005. Theme Group 1 – Promoting Health & Well Being:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority 3 action 3.2 by ensuring facilities available to increase physical and sports activities.</li> <li>• Priority 5 action 5.2 by providing facilities to base activities in which should lead to a reduction in anti social behaviour.</li> </ul>	Ongoing funding of Specialist PE teachers in primary schools to improve exercise and fitness of school pupils	£0.168
Youth Project/Voluntary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dialogue Youth</li> </ul>	Discussed at Community Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further increase to youth</li> </ul>	£0.043

<b>Community Wellbeing</b>				<b>2006/07</b>
<b>Project/Initiative</b>	<b>Contributes/links to policies on:</b>	<b>Describe consultation with your Community Planning partners and how this project/initiative contributes to the Community Plan</b>	<b>Key Outcomes</b>	<b>Amount £m</b>
Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of Sessional Staffing/Speciality Activity Leaders/New Deal Places.</li> <li>• Promotion of Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.</li> </ul>	Initiative New Start <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NOF Outdoor Activities</li> <li>• Community Learning and Development Partnership</li> </ul>	Partnership meeting on 11 November 2005. Theme Group 1 – Promoting Health & Well Being:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority 3 action 3.2 by ensuring facilities available to increase physical and sports activities.</li> <li>• Priority 5 action 5.2 by providing facilities to base activities in which should lead to a reduction in anti social behaviour.</li> </ul> Also acts as an overall support similar to Community Support Project above by supporting more generally other priorities	work provision and collaboration with voluntary sector. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approximately 200 young people involved in Award scheme.</li> </ul>	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>£0.617</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL 2006/07</b>				<b>£0.979</b>



## APPENDIX 2

## QUALITY OF LIFE 2006-08

LOCAL AUTHORITY: Argyll and Bute Council

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ALLOCATION FOR 2007/08: £0.973m

Local Environment				2007/08
Project/Initiative	Contributes/links to policies on:	Describe consultation with your Community Planning partners and how this project/initiative contributes to the Community Plan	Key Outcomes	Amount £m
Improvements to Local Roads and Footways A continuation and expansion of the 2004/2005 programme which involved surface dressing and drainage works to footways and carriageways.	Road Safety and improvements to transportation routes for the public and commerce.	Discussed at Community Planning Partnership meeting on 11 November 2005. Supports Theme Group 1 – Promoting Health & Well Being:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority 5 action 5.1 by assisting to maintain road network</li> </ul>	Improvements to the quality of the local road network.	£0.123
Provision of funds for essential property maintenance and improvement to leisure facilities, sports centres and halls. A continuation and expansion of 2004/2005 programme.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health promotion Initiatives.</li> <li>• Community Safety Initiatives.</li> <li>• Sport and Physical Activity Strategy</li> </ul>	Discussed at Community Planning Partnership meeting on 11 November 2005. Supports Theme Group 1 – Promoting Health & Well Being. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority 3 action 3.2 by ensuring facilities available to increase physical and sports activities.</li> <li>• Priority 5 action 5.2 by providing facilities to base activities in which should lead to a reduction in anti social behaviour.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates an improved leisure and training environment for children and young people all of which contributes to community health promotion – to be provided in each of the four sub-divisions of Argyll and Bute Council.</li> <li>• Such improvements will enhance opportunities for</li> </ul>	£0.131

Local Environment				2007/08
Project/Initiative	Contributes/links to policies on:	Describe consultation with your Community Planning partners and how this project/initiative contributes to the Community Plan	Key Outcomes	Amount £m
			<p>exercise, sport and healthy eating, improved conditions and access to swimming in addition to improving organised recreation and play opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This will also assist in increased opportunities for youth projects and voluntary youth work in leisure facilities and halls – encourage recreational activities and leisure accessibility and out of school activities for older children.</li> <li>• Such expenditure will be provided in partnership and in co-operation with other public and voluntary sector bodies wherever possible to ensure the key themes of community safety and health improvement are met.</li> </ul>	
Improving the Local Environment	Local Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and	Discussed at Community Planning Partnership meeting on 11 November 2005.	Providing more secure access to schools and	£0.105

<b>Local Environment</b>				<b>2007/08</b>
<b>Project/Initiative</b>	<b>Contributes/links to policies on:</b>	<b>Describe consultation with your Community Planning partners and how this project/initiative contributes to the Community Plan</b>	<b>Key Outcomes</b>	<b>Amount £m</b>
	School anti-vandalism measures.	Supports Theme Group 1 – Promoting Health & Well Being:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority 5 action 5.2 by seeking to reduce crime levels.</li> </ul>	other anti-vandalism measures in order to, for example, reduce numbers of broken windows and remove spray painting.	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>£0.359</b>

<b>Community Wellbeing</b>				<b>2007/08</b>
<b>Project/Initiative</b>	<b>Contributes/links to policies on:</b>	<b>Describe consultation with your Community Planning partners and how this project/initiative contributes to the Community Plan</b>	<b>Key Outcomes</b>	<b>Amount £m</b>
Community Support Projects. 4 Social Workers, working within existing Council (principally HSW & Education) and wider networks as part of Community Support Teams established in each of the Council's 4 geographical areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternatives to Exclusion.</li> <li>• Integrated Community Schools</li> <li>• Youth Crime</li> </ul>	<p>Discussed at Community Planning Partnership meeting on 11 November 2005. Supports Theme group 1 – Promoting Health&amp; Well being. The wide ranging nature of these projects allows it to support a range of priorities for the Theme Group 1 – these include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority 2 – to reduce the negative impact of alcohol abuse</li> <li>• Priority 3 – to reduce the incidence of coronary heart disease, stroke and cancer</li> <li>• Priority 4 – to improve Mental Health &amp; well Being.</li> <li>• Priority 5 – to help communities feel safer.</li> </ul> <p>The support from this project cannot be</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction in Youth Crime.</li> <li>• Reduction in number of Children coming into Local Authority Care.</li> <li>• Reduction in referrals to the Children's Panel leading to a subsequent reduction in residential placements made by the Panel.</li> <li>• Provision of support to Youth Projects and Local voluntary youth work.</li> <li>• Support for provision to out of school activities for</li> </ul>	£0.127

<b>Community Wellbeing</b>				<b>2007/08</b>
<b>Project/Initiative</b>	<b>Contributes/links to policies on:</b>	<b>Describe consultation with your Community Planning partners and how this project/initiative contributes to the Community Plan</b>	<b>Key Outcomes</b>	<b>Amount £m</b>
		identified to specific actions but it provides a support network for people to play an active role in the priorities identified.	troubled older children.	
<p>Support for Youth Projects:</p> <p>Extending and Supporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educational activities for young people aged 12-24</li> <li>• Developing Youth Information Projects</li> <li>• Continuation and expansion of 2003/2004 programme.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Inclusion Childrens Service Plan.</li> <li>• Community Learning Strategy and Plans.</li> <li>• Community Safety Dialogue Youth Initiative.</li> </ul>	<p>Discussed at Community Planning Partnership meeting on 11 November 2005. Supports Theme group 1 – Promoting Health&amp; Well being. The wide ranging nature of these projects allows it to support a range of priorities for the Theme Group 1 – these include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority 2 – to reduce the negative impact of alcohol abuse</li> <li>• Priority 3 – to reduce the incidence of coronary heart disease, stroke and cancer</li> <li>• Priority 4 – to improve Mental Health &amp; well Being.</li> <li>• Priority 5 – to help communities feel safer.</li> </ul> <p>The support from this project cannot be identified to specific actions but it provides a support network for people to play an active role in the priorities identified.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approximately 600 young people per week accessing structured educational activities.</li> <li>• The establishment of Youth Information Projects in each of the Council's four areas.</li> </ul>	£0.083
Swimming Lessons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NOF bid for increased community use of swimming pools in Argyll and Bute.</li> <li>• Sport and Physical Activity Strategy</li> </ul>	<p>Discussed at Community Planning Partnership meeting on 11 November 2005. Supports Theme Group 1 – Promoting Health &amp; well Being:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority 3 action 3.2 by directly increasing physical activities for primary school</li> </ul>	All P6 and P7 pupils in Argyll and Bute will have a minimum of 10 hours swimming tuition each year. All S1 pupils will have 10 hours pool time as	£0.127

<b>Community Wellbeing</b>				<b>2007/08</b>
<b>Project/Initiative</b>	<b>Contributes/links to policies on:</b>	<b>Describe consultation with your Community Planning partners and how this project/initiative contributes to the Community Plan</b>	<b>Key Outcomes</b>	<b>Amount £m</b>
	Activity Strategy	physical activities for primary school children.	part of PE curriculum.	
Exercise, Sport and Healthy Eating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Match funding with Sport Scotland re Sports Coordinator posts.</li> <li>• Sports and Physical Activity Strategy</li> <li>• Active Schools Programme</li> </ul>	<p>Discussed at Community Planning Partnership meeting on 11 November 2005. Theme Group 1 – Promoting Health &amp; Well Being:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority 3 action 3.2 by ensuring facilities available to increase physical and sports activities.</li> <li>• Priority 5 action 5.2 by providing facilities to base activities in which should lead to a reduction in anti social behaviour.</li> </ul>	Ongoing funding of Sports Coordinator posts in secondary schools.	£0.067
Exercise, Sport and Healthy Eating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linked to NOF initiative regarding healthy living and to Local Health Improvement Plan of NHS.</li> <li>• Sports and Physical Activity Strategy</li> <li>• Active Schools Programme</li> </ul>	<p>Discussed at Community Planning Partnership meeting on 11 November 2005. Theme Group 1 – Promoting Health &amp; Well Being:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority 3 action 3.2 by ensuring facilities available to increase physical and sports activities.</li> <li>• Priority 5 action 5.2 by providing facilities to base activities in which should lead to a reduction in anti social behaviour.</li> </ul>	Ongoing funding of Specialist PE teachers in primary schools to improve exercise and fitness of school pupils	£0.167
Youth Project/Voluntary Work:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of Sessional Staffing/Speciality</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dialogue Youth Initiative New Start NOF Outdoor Activities</li> <li>• Community Learning and Development</li> </ul>	<p>Discussed at Community Planning Partnership meeting on 11 November 2005. Theme Group 1 – Promoting Health &amp; Well Being:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority 3 action 3.2 by ensuring facilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further increase to youth work provision and collaboration with voluntary sector.</li> <li>• Approximately 200 young</li> </ul>	£0.043

<b>Community Wellbeing</b>				<b>2007/08</b>
<b>Project/Initiative</b>	<b>Contributes/links to policies on:</b>	<b>Describe consultation with your Community Planning partners and how this project/initiative contributes to the Community Plan</b>	<b>Key Outcomes</b>	<b>Amount £m</b>
Activity Leaders/New Deal Places. • Promotion of Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.	Partnership	available to increase physical and sports activities. • Priority 5 action 5.2 by providing facilities to base activities in which should lead to a reduction in anti social behaviour. Also acts as an overall support similar to Community Support Project above by supporting more generally other priorities	people involved in Award scheme.	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>£0.614</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL 2007/08</b>				<b>£0.973</b>