

COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP: Sub-group update March 2007

STRATEGIC HOUSING & COMMUNITIES FORUM

- **Inaugural meeting** held 8th November 2006, Inveraray. Combined the Strategic Housing Forum and the former Community Planning Partnership 3rd Theme Group. A revised remit and core membership was approved.
- **Agenda** included following standing items:
 - Community Plan
 - Scottish Water Development Programme
 - Planning Issues (Local Plan, Affordable Housing Policy, Renewable Energy Policy)
 - Local Housing Strategy
 - Communities Scotland's Investment Programme
 - Homelessness Strategy
 - Community Regeneration
 - Supporting People Strategy
 - National & Local Research
- **Next meeting**, 16th March 2007, Council Chambers, Lochgilphead to include presentation by Strathclyde Fire & Rescue on home safety checks and a performance of the homelessness drama "H is 4" commissioned by the Council's Community Services.
- **Current / Future actions relevant to Community Planning Partnership**
 - Report on Citizen's Panel Consultation regarding Local Housing Strategy progress
 - Collective input to Community Plan review
 - Proposal to review the applicability of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation in the rural context of Argyll and Bute, and conduct research into improving rural deprivation indicators
 - Develop detailed proposals for use of additional Council Tax revenue on second homes, to improve the provision of affordable housing
 - Promote the Wider Action Role of Registered Social Landlords within the context of community regeneration
 - Support activities designed to raise awareness of homelessness and to promote a proactive "re-branding" of the services/issues
 - Support Equalities Impact Assessments of relevant strategies and plans
 - Report to partners on the Bramley "Local Housing Need and Affordability Model for Scotland"

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