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COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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PILOT SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOP

1. SUMMARY

Following agreement at the CPP full partnership meeting on 6 July 2007 to take forward plans for a pilot sustainability workshop, this report provides an update on progress to the CPP Management Committee.

2. REPORT OF PROGRESS AND PLANS

The full CPP partnership discussed the possibility of linking the seminar to regeneration plans to tackle poverty and there were suggestions of possible case studies, key individuals to involve, and communities to work with. There has been some contact from CPP partners, in particular Fyne Homes has provided suggestions regarding their feasibility work on Isle of Bute to consider using Biogas as a renewable energy source to support community based projects. Fyne Homes is also developing community garden projects to provide local produce and support social enterprise. The Agricultural Forum is looking at the potential for delivering locally grown produce to supply local schools.

The proposed choice of dates for the seminar is Thursday 25 or Friday 26 October 2007. These dates are mid-way between CPP meetings (3 October and 9 November 2007). The location and venue will be selected based on the case studies selected for input on the day.

Colleagues in UHI (University of the Highlands and Islands) and HIE had proposed to invite Sarah Parkin, Forum for the Future, to facilitate the event and her availability will be identified.

A list of contacts will be drawn up to identify who deals with sustainable development in CPP partner organisations and who will be the most appropriate person to invite. In addition, non-CPP contacts with an interest in sustainable development will be identified and invited.

3. CONCLUSION

Plans are still at an early stage and input from CPP partners is being sought to support the event and to develop the programme for the day.

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