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***VOLUNTEER AWARDS- ENGAGING THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR***

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**1. Intention to utilise part of the Award day to facilitate exploration of mechanisms for appropriate representation for and on behalf of voluntary sector.**

**1.1** To establish representational route by voluntary sector through which they participate and are represented effectively at community planning level.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**2.1** That this CPP agrees that Awards day and the facilitation of session to identify representational route for voluntary sector is an effective use of sessional time and an enabling factor in the partnerships between public and voluntary sectors.

**3. BACKGROUND**

**3.1** Lack of distinction requires action by voluntary sector to ascertain how representation is required and by whom.

**3.2** Facilitation, by staff from public sectors, including health, and voluntary sectors to act as facilitators ensuring an agreed outcome can be reached.

**3.3** Voluntary sector organisations will be required to make commitment to partnership working and to an action plan agreeing how a partnership can be effective and serve communities of Argyll and Bute.

**3.4** Engagement with voluntary sector is an essential factor in Argyll and Bute council's commitment to engaging with the communities it serves.

**3.5** With agreed participation and commitment from representatives a partnership protocol for Argyll and Bute and good practices between all sectors will underpin how we work together in future to mutual and community benefit.

**CONCLUSION**

**4.1** This represents an excellent opportunity to take forward issues of participation and representation and strengthen engagement practice with voluntary sector.

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