

**ACTION PLAN UPDATE May 2008**

Due to technical difficulties experienced by some partners this is not a complete update. Further information will be added and a fuller update will be forwarded to all partners by email. This update will also be included in the Annual Report, a draft of which will also be circulated via email.

From the information being returned it is clear that we need to find a way of categorising and reporting this information. We should consider identifying lead organisations to report back on specific actions and defining more clearly what is expected in terms of reporting

**Recommendation**

That the community planning manager will produce for the next meeting:-

- suggested leads for each action
- clearer guidance for reporting

Outstanding Environment	
Action	Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Promoting the Sustainable Marine Environment</li> <li>▪ Promoting investment to expand tourism</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ ABC - Development of ICZM plans for Loch Fyne and Loch Etive, SSMEI Sound of Mull project, working with key stakeholders and industry to identify future needs and opportunities, working with Scottish Power to undertake a resource assessment relative to marine renewable</li> <li>▶ Sail West Project, investigating the opportunities for marina development within Argyll (Campbeltown is identified in Stage 2 Interreg application), Ardrishaig Masterplan project seeks to maximise the opportunities linked to the Crinan Canal and its location on Loch Fyne, Oban Bay and Town Centre masterplan, Campbeltown and Rothesay AFA's, Dunoon pier, OBC's for all five towns, development of Core Path Plan</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Enhancement of grid capacity</li> <li>▪ Promoting investment that doesn't compromise natural environment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Responded to consultation on National Planning Framework 2 asking for the subsea cable link from Carradale to Hunterston to be reinstated.</li> <li>▶ Support Agricultural Forum and Agricultural Strategy Manager in promoting local food events</li> <li>▶ Securing a sustainable future use for Kilmory Home Farm, drawing up development brief for Clock Lodge, working with partners and Princess Regeneration Trust to secure refurbishment of Rothesay pavilion, possibility of CARS scheme for Inveraray, Kinloch Road redevelopment project , Ardrishaig Masterplan, investigate Rothesay THI</li> </ul>
Vibrant Communities	
Action	Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Encouraging and promoting activities and events</li> <li>▪ Developing opportunities to support and promote built environment and heritage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The Council Executive approved a report on the 17th April 2008 setting out the criteria for applying for funding for the key strategic priority of Homecoming 2009. The funding stream will be widely promoted and applicants will have till September this year to submit their forms. The PPG on 7th April approved</li> </ul>

	<p>the scope of a BV review of Culture and Arts which is to be reported back in November 2008 and one of the key issues to be addressed is how the Council should be involved on an ongoing basis in the promotion of events and festivals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Successful CARs (Conservation Area Regeneration) and THI (Townscape Heritage Initiative) bid for Campbeltown which has attracted £1.2 million in funding.</li> <li>▶ Potential bid to second round of CARS for Inveraray and Rothesay</li> <li>▶ Empowering local communities to undertake conservation area appraisals in Campbeltown, Helensburgh, Tarbert, Cove and Kilcreggan and the Slate Islands.</li> <li>▶ Strathclyde Police 'Well Being Fund' spent in excess of £38,000 on community based initiatives in 2007/08.</li> <li>▶ Other initiatives / activities include The Big World Event, Safe Kids Events, Young Drivers Initiative , Cowal 5 a sides, School Campus Officer promoting/organising various activities, Oban 5 a sides football for primary school children.</li> <li>▶ Strathclyde Police continue to provide funding and support to the Drivesafe Initiative.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Identifying and highlighting the need for national action to target multiple deprivation in remote, rural and island communities.</li> <li>▪ Working with communities, both urban and rural, to identify hidden deprivation</li> <li>▪ Targeting of resources by partners to areas of need</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Community Police officer working with Area Development Groups in Dunoon.</li> <li>▶ Continued Strathclyde Police involvement in Community Learning &amp; Regeneration Strategic Group. Several visits by Community Reps to the Strathclyde Police Call Centre have been made to provide an in depth overview of the facility.</li> <li>▶ Community Wardens joint tasking with police in Cowal, Police acting as first responders being trained in defib and carrying defibs in police vehicles in Cowal.</li> <li>▶ 3 School Campus Officers are now in place at High Schools in Argyll &amp; Bute.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Implementing a range of programmes to reduce the numbers of young people who are not in education, employment or training</li> <li>▪ Develop initiatives to attract and retain young people to live and work in the area</li> <li>▪ Developing and updating the skills of local communities</li> <li>▪ To harness inward migration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The Young Driver Project was re-introduced this year following concerns from local communities regarding the behaviour of young drivers who use their vehicles in an antisocial manner by excessively revving their engines, having loud exhausts and playing their car stereos at a high volume etc.</li> <li>▶ The course also addresses wider concerns regarding the number of young drivers involved in road crashes in the area and provides an opportunity to break down barriers between the young people and the emergency services.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Developing initiatives with Argyll College and other FE providers</li> <li>▪ Maximising links between FE and Universities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The Big World Event was held in Argyll &amp; Bute in November. This event was well attended by High School Pupils and gave an insight into further education and workplace activities highlighting possible associated dangers.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maximising the accessibility of strategic sites for business</li> <li>▪ Encourage relocation of public sector jobs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Production of relocation brochure, place information on web site, work with HIE and Scottish Govt to maximise opportunities</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increase awareness of housing options</li> <li>▪ Increase supply of housing options across all tenures and sectors of the housing market</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ £21.883m invested by Communities Scotland through RSL's. 212 new house completions including social rent, shared equity, low cost home ownership and special needs housing.</li> <li>▶ Council approved supplementary planning guidance on delivering affordable housing via the planning system.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Focus on prevention of homelessness by all partners</li> <li>▪ Delivery of high quality information and advice to those at risk of becoming homeless</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Establish Argyll and Bute ADAT</li> <li>▪ Continue to develop and implement strategies for tackling drug and alcohol problems.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The Argyll and Bute Addiction Team (ABAT) was launched on the 1st April and will result in specialist social work and nursing staff working together to provide a high quality service to people affected by</li> </ul>

	<p>their own or another's use of alcohol and/or illegal drugs. Superintendent Raymond Park of Strathclyde Police is the chairperson of ABADAT and the chair of the Lead Officer's group for same. Work is ongoing to recruit a coordinator manager and clerical staff to bring together the 6 local fora and 3 Island fora.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Police Local Action Plans are submitted through the Tasking &amp; Co-ordinating Process and these address any drug, alcohol &amp; disorder issues.</li> <li>▶ Strathclyde Police Anti Violence Campaign and the Safer Scotland Initiative continue to address alcohol related disorder.</li> <li>▶ Helensburgh 21 was recently launched. This initiative assists the Councils objective of addressing under-age drinking and anti-social behaviour. H21 was formally launched on 18 April and is now up-and-running, including a live radio Link between our licensed premises and the police office, and partnership with 'Young Scot' identity cards.</li> <li>▶ The Strathclyde Police Public Reassurance Strategy was recently launched and this is based on strong partnership working between Strathclyde Police and the local communities. The main strands of this strategy are : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Public disorder</li> <li>▶ Youth issues</li> <li>▶ Restorative Justice</li> <li>▶ Violence Reduction</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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**Forward Looking**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Response</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Promoting public sector integration across service providers in Argyll and Bute – initially focusing on sharing information and developing opportunities for shared delivery of services</li> <li>▪ Establishing Public Sector property Group to rationalise and develop public sector assets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Focus is currently on shared service diagnostic aimed at simplifying, standardising for the Council and this may lead to opportunities to share across the local government sector but the degree of potential sharing is not clear.</li> <li>▶ The North of Scotland local authorities are progressing with a feasibility study into shared service for revenues and benefits. Consultants started in April 08.</li> <li>▶ Limited progress with Data Sharing Partnership.</li> <li>▶ Information Sharing Protocol regarding Antisocial Behaviour now officially signed up to by all relevant partners.</li> <li>▶ Highland Data Sharing Partnership continues to progress, addressing information sharing between NHS, Argyll &amp; Bute Council and Strathclyde Police.</li> <li>▶ Development of a Missing Person early warning alert protocol with other partners in Cowal &amp; Bute Section</li> <li>▶ Joint working on the development of a Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) which will link together national and local outcomes. Particular focus on Outcome No-9 "We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger" and Outcome No-11 "We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others"</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Developing infrastructures for new patterns of working – physical improvements, changes to public transport and new ways to access services</li> <li>▪ To increase broadband access and connection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Mobile and home working pilot in progress</li> <li>▶ Broadband Pathfinder roll out under way and will continue to end of 2008/9</li> <li>▶ Argyll &amp; Bute Council Website now has a direct link to Strathclyde Police Web Site to allow direct reporting of any instances of Hate Crime</li> </ul>

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