
Update on Fairer Argyll and Bute (FAB) Partnership

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The FAB Partnership has been established to improve joint working to address poverty, deprivation and health inequalities in Argyll and Bute.
- 1.2 This report provides an update to the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee on the progress of the FAB Partnership.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Management Committee is asked to:
 - Note the progress made by the FAB Partnership.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The FAB Partnership has been established following the work of the FAB Planning Group to oversee the longer term development and implementation of the FAB Plan as part of the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA).
- 3.2 So far the FAB Plan has been focused around the Fairer Scotland Fund (FSF) and the FAB Partnership will continue to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of this Fund.
- 3.3 The FAB Partnership is chaired by Argyll and Bute's Spokesperson for Housing and Communities. Membership of the Partnership includes representation from Argyll and Bute Council, NHS Highland, Community Safety Partnership, Registered Social Landlords (RSLs), Careers Service, Third sector, Young Scot/Dialogue Youth, and community representatives.

4. PROGRESS

- 4.1 The FAB Partnership met on 19th December 2008 and 6th February 2009. Meetings are scheduled at two monthly intervals throughout 2009.
- 4.2 The FAB Partnership has made recommendations for FSF allocations for 2009/10 and 2010/11. The Council Executive has approved the recommendations for FSF allocations made by the FAB Partnership. Proposals from the Third Sector Steering Group

have been agreed and a Service Level Agreement for delivery of these proposals is being drafted.

- 4.3 In addition, the Executive has agreed that a seminar be arranged for Elected Members in autumn 2009 to raise awareness of the change in funding circumstances, and how FSF allocations are made on the basis of identified need.
- 4.4 The FAB Partnership has begun to consider other funding streams (e.g. Health Improvement Fund via NHS, Wider Role Fund via RSLs) alongside the FSF to ensure coordination and sharing of resources to meet the common outcomes in addressing poverty, deprivation and health inequalities.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 The FAB Partnership is working towards a holistic approach to tackling poverty, deprivation and health inequalities. The wide membership of the FAB Partnership has created an opportunity to improve the planning of activity and the efficient use of resources to meet common outcomes.

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