



Title : CPP Economy Thematic Group

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** The new CPP Thematic Group on the Economy has been established and held its first meeting. This paper briefly outlines the background of and progress made by the group.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** That the Management Committee note the progress made.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** The first meeting of the CPP Economic Thematic Group took place on the 26th of August in the Members Room, Council offices, Kilmory.
- 3.2** The meeting was attended by Elected members, Council officers and Douglas Cowan, Lead officer for the thematic group.
- 3.3** Discussions took place around the establishment of the group, terms of reference, membership, roles and responsibilities. It was clear that some members had only limited prior exposure to Community Planning and additional briefing / information would be beneficial.
- 3.4** A draft Community Plan Thematic Content paper was presented for consideration, and was the subject of some discussion. It was agreed that a statement on transport would be included. Further guidance required on how transport fits within community planning structures.
- 3.5** To ensure maximum benefit to the community planning process, the group must retain a strategic overview, in addition to monitoring specific actions. It is also important that the group is able to add value both to Community Planning but also for individual members both Council and partners.
- 3.6** Agreement reached on other partners to be invited to future meetings, to include third sector and business representatives, Skills Development Scotland,
- 3.7** More detail on the three economy topics including proposed actions to be developed prior to next meeting.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1** Group members agreed to comment on the proposed Community Plan Thematic content and feed back to Theme Lead and Community Planning Manager to enable progress to be made on the Community Plan.

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