

BUTE AND COWAL AREA PLAN

1. SUMMARY

Members agreed the draft Bute and Cowal Area Plan at the business meeting held in January 2010, subject to final detailing by identified Lead Officers. This finalisation has now been completed

2. RECOMMENDATION

1. That Members approve the Bute and Cowal Area Plan as outlined in Appendix 1 and agree that this plan be recommended for approval by Council in February 2010 as part of the Council's budget setting process.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Bute and Cowal Area Plan is an integral part of the Council's Planning and Performance Management Framework and was agreed in detail in 2009 as part of the review of the Corporate Plan. Review of the plan over recent months has resulted in stream lining of some outcomes and action, and a clearer identification of success measures within the plan.
- 3.2 In adopting the Planning and Performance Management Framework there has been a fundamental shift in how the Area Plans are to be viewed – rather than an aspirational document it is intended that, for the area delivery priorities, the content should be restricted only to those items which are fully developed, costed and focused. All actions must have clear success measures associated with them, allowing ongoing monitoring of the plan to be undertaken via the Council's Pyramid performance management system.
- 3.3 Where the priority requires a revenue spend to be made services are being asked to confirm whether they will be making an allocation of this spend within their service budgets. Where they are not then the area committee needs to consider making an "Area Development Bid" for the sum required. Where a bid is to be made the Area Committee are asked to identify where they would propose reducing

spend in another area to meet the funding required.

- 3.4 Where the priority requires a capital spend then items can only be included where an Outline or Initial Business case has been undertaken.

4. IMPLICATIONS

Policy Sets Area priorities for future years. Subject to yearly review.

Financial Considered as part of the Council's budget process in February 2010

Personnel

Equal Opportunities

Legal

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