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**Title: Update Report on Oban, Lorn and the Isles Local Community  
Planning Group**

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**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1** This report summarises progress which the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Local Community Planning Group has made in getting the group established and beginning to develop an action plan.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1** That the Management Committee note the progress which the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Local Community Planning Group has made in getting the group established and beginning to develop an action plan.

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1** The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Local Community Planning Group held its first meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2009. Apologies were intimated from Strathclyde Fire and Rescue and from West Highland Housing Association. Community Councils in the area were represented on an interim basis by David Price of the Association of Argyll and Bute Community Councils, and the Third Sector was represented, also on an interim basis, by Eleanor MacKinnon of the Argyll and Bute Volunteer Centre.
- 3.2** The group noted all of the information presented in regard to community planning, partnership working and community engagement. They further considered statistical information provided in regard to identified needs of local communities and how this information can be used to develop Area Community Plans. The group also discussed the need to ensure appropriate and effective representation from community groups onto the local group.
- 3.3** A sub group has been formed to draft outcomes for a local community plan for Oban, Lorn and the Isles, for consideration at the next meeting of the Group on 13<sup>th</sup> January. Thereafter, the draft plan will be considered and debated at a Community Seminar to be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **4. CONCLUSION**

- 4.1** The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Group have taken an important first step in progressing the development of the group and the local Community Plan for the area.

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