



**Title: Update Report on Bute and Cowal Local Community Planning
Group**

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report summarises progress which the Bute and Cowal Local Community Planning Group has made in progressing to establish the group and developing an action plan.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Management Committee note the progress which the Bute and Cowal Local Community Planning Group has made in developing the group.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Previous reports to the Management Committee have noted that the Bute and Cowal LACPG has established a regular meeting cycle, and that meetings are being attended by most core partners, and by Community Councils and community groups. It remains difficult to ensure that core partners always attend, and that representation from core partners is appropriate.
- 3.2 Outcomes from the first Community Seminar held in March have been progressed, and incorporated where possible into the Area Community Plan. This work was taken forward by the Policy and Strategy Manager, and involved a significant amount of analysis of the data collected at the seminar, and an extensive cross checking process to ensure that issues indented were accurately built into the plan where possible. Where issues have not been able to be built into the plan these will remain on the agenda for the next seminar, in order that participants can be offered explanation for their omission .
- 3.3 As a result of the work carried forward at 3.2 above, the Bute and Cowal Local Area Community Planning Group were able at their meeting of 13th May to adopt an agreed Local Area Community Plan, which retains the 4 overarching aims identified at draft stage, and now includes a number of actions which have been amended to reflect local communities wishes as expressed at the seminar held in March. The plan will now be widely distributed to all partners and community groups, and a Performance Scorecard will

be developed to enable effective scrutiny of progress to be undertaken by the LACPG. Reporting on progress will take place at all future meetings of the LACPG, and will be made to future Community Seminars. The next Community Seminar will take place on Saturday 4th September in the Pavilion, Rothesay; planning for this is now underway.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1** The Bute and Cowal Local Community Planning Group have made good progress in establishing membership of the group, and now have an agreed Area Action Plan which incorporates and reflects issues and topics identified through the successful Community Engagement Seminar held earlier in the year. The next step for the group is for the success measures agreed in the Action Plan to be built into a Pyramid Scorecard for the group; this will enable effective monitoring of progress in delivering these measures through the adopted Performance Management system, and direct to the next and subsequent Community Seminars.

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