
**Linking Local Community Plans to the Local Area Community Planning
Group**

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** This report provides the LACPG with an overview of a number of more localised Community Plans which are in existence, or being developed and makes recommendations as to how these link into the LACPG structures

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** That the LACPG note the existence, or development of, a number of more localised community plans
- 2.2** That the LACPG ensure all contacts for the Plans are included in the distribution list for any consultation events
- 2.3** That the LACPG programme annual or biannual (as appropriate) presentations on these plans to help raise awareness, share good practice and monitor progress of delivery of the plans
- 2.4** That the LACPG recognise the input to these plans which will be required, at appropriate times, from CPP partners to ensure that strategic priorities and funding constraints are shared
- 2.5** That a mapping exercise be undertaken to evaluate the number, scope and impact of these plans

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** The MAKI LACPG is tasked with developing an Area Community Plan for the MAKI area and ensuring its delivery. Community Consultation events, held this year in Tarbert and Lochgilphead, have provided communities with an opportunity to feed their priorities into this strategic area plan.
- 3.2** At a more local level there are in existence, or in development phase, a number of strategic local community or development plans, for example:

Craignish: Community Council and community development bodies working with local plan unit to develop a local development plan to focus

on housing need

Ardrishaig: Community Council and Development Trust working with Council to develop and deliver Ardrishaig Regeneration Plan

Tarbert: A steering group comprising Tarbert Community Council, Tarbert Enterprise Company, Tarbert Harbour Authority and Tarbert Development Trust have produced a comprehensive Community Plan

Gigha: Gigha Heritage Trust are leading on the development of a comprehensive 3 – 5 year Community Development Plan for the Island, building on a previous plan published in 2007. Aim to publish new plan early 2012.

Jura: Community Plan developed and delivered whilst under Initiative at the Edge status is currently being review with revised Plan anticipated to be published early 2011.

South Kintyre: South Kintyre Development Trust in early stages of preparing a Community Development Plan – scope of plan not yet clear.

- 3.3** More localised strategic community plans of these types are to be welcomed as they assist communities in defining their own priorities providing a focus for fundraising and dialogue with potential delivery partners. It is noted that the process by which these are prepared, and the consultation and engagement with community groups and partners which underpins these plans will determine the credibility which is given to them by external partners and funders.
- 3.4** Consideration requires to be given as to how the LACPG and Area Community Plan links to such plans, not least because an 'endorsement' of such could be useful to the plan 'owners' in attracting funding and support for the delivery of the plan; and the LACPG has a role to play in sharing good practise across the whole MAKI area.
- 3.5** There are 3 particular 'connections ' with the LACPG which need to be considered:
- 1) To ensure that members from the communities with such plans attend the community consultation events which will take place on an annual basis to ensure that their priorities emerging from the plan are fed into the MAKI community plan
 - 2) That the LACPG members are aware of the existence of such localised Community Plans and what progress is being made to deliver these. Clearly the LACPG group has no direct delivery role in the delivery of these individual plans, nor has any remit to approve the plan or otherwise (though it could helpfully 'endorse'), however the LACPG may have a role to play if there are particular strategic issues within the plans

which would benefit from LACPG facilitation.

- 3) That the Steering Groups / bodies overseeing the formulation and delivery of the localised Community Plans revisions understand the strategic priorities and funding constraints of key delivery partners, and in particular at drafting and review times partners are available to have a detailed dialogue with the emerging plans about their strategic priorities and funding constraints.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1** Localised strategic plans of this nature are to be welcomed and links between them and the LACPG, and Area Community Plan should be strengthened.

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