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**Title: Update Report on Local Area Community Planning Groups**

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**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1** This report summarises progress which Local Area Community Planning Groups are making in developing action plans and Scorecards, and in fulfilling their Community Engagement role.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1** That the Management Committee note the progress which the Local Area Community Planning Groups are making in taking forward their Community Engagement role, and in delivering local outcomes contained within the Community Plan.

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1** Previous reports from the individual Local Area Community Planning Groups to the Management Committee have noted the establishment of regular meeting cycles, attendance by core partners, and effective representation at meetings by the Third Sector.
- 3.2** All groups held their first round of community seminars in the spring of this year, as a result of which the development of local action plans which reflect communities' aspirations are at various stages of agreement. In Bute and Cowal it is expected that a draft Scorecard for the agreed local Community Plan will be presented for consideration at the November meeting; this will contain both success measures related to prioritised outcomes contained within the Plan, and a range of key performance indicators which will demonstrate progress on delivery of these priorities. Other areas, whose first seminars were held later in the year than Bute and Cowal, are in the process of finalising their action plans, following which Scorecards will be developed. This will give each of the groups a mechanism to enable effective scrutiny in delivery of agreed outcomes.
- 3.3** All of the area groups are about to take forward their second Community Seminars, entitled "Forward Together 2". These will take place in Rothesay on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, in Lochgilphead on 30<sup>th</sup> October, in Helensburgh on 13<sup>th</sup> November, and in Oban on 20<sup>th</sup> November. The programme for the day will focus significantly on the budget challenges facing public sector Community Planning Partnership organisations, and will be aiming to communicate and

consult on this situation with community representatives. In addition, the seminars will be considering the local Action plans, in light of the public sector budget situation, and identifying where amendments may need to be made, and will be showcasing local good practise in the areas which contributes to outcomes in the local action plan. It is anticipated that an update report will be made to the Management Committee on the Bute and Cowal seminar in advance of the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> November, and that a verbal update on the MAKI one will be made at the meeting.

#### **4. CONCLUSION**

**4.1** Local Area Community Planning Groups have made good progress in taking forward their Community Engagement role, and in developing action plans and scorecards to monitor progress in delivery of local service priorities. The forthcoming Forward Together 2 seminars will provide an opportunity for some of this work to be further refined, and will, in addition, provide an excellent opportunity for communication and consultation on the public sector budget situation.

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