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**Update report on MAKI Forward Together 2**

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**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1** This report provides early feedback from the MAKI forward together event

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1** The Forward Together 2 event took place on 30 October 2010 in the Council Chamber, Kilmory, with VC links to Jura and Islay
- 3.2** The event was well attended with over 60 people (inc scribes and facilitators) across the 3 locations
- 3.3** The workshops on the Budget position all brought forward suggestions across the four categories, and what things could be done differently, which allowed voting to take place. The workshops on the area plan brought forward fewer suggestions for reduce and do less, but voting still took place across all categories. A summary of the voting will be available for the LAPCG meeting on 3 November and will be included in a fuller report from the event which will be drafted in due course and circulated to relevant groups and services. Key themes emerging were very positive support for principles of shared services and working more closely with social enterprise and communities to deliver services more cost effectively.
- 3.4** The event had 6 excellent presentations from community based groups who showed ambition and good practise across a range of areas.
- 3.5** Feedback from the event is still to be collated, though on the day discussion indicated that most participants had found the day informative and constructive – though they would have liked more time within this budget workshop.
- 3.6** The VC connections were maintained throughout the day, and whilst it meant the voting session was slightly longer due to delay in getting the island votes it did allow a full participation of all delegates in this important session.

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