



Economy Thematic Group Update

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** This report summarises the continued progress made by the Economy Thematic Group in implementing actions in the Community Plan and in developing a scorecard and work programme

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** That the Management Committee notes the progress made to date

3. BACKGROUND meeting held 23 November 2010

- 3.1** A paper from Fergus Younger was tabled on the activities of the Argyll Food Producers Group including an update on the Argyll and the Isles website which will be launched over the winter.
- 3.2** David Adams-McGill Regional Director of Visit Scotland gave a presentation on Destination Organisations across Argyll and advised that there will now be an opportunity for them to feed in to the Argyll and the Isles Strategic Tourism Partnership.
- 3.3** Following a presentation by Sharita Padaruth of the Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust it was agreed that the Thematic Group would be provided with a report on the number of businesses supported which are still trading after 3 years
- 3.4** It was agreed that the Community Planning Manager will incorporate suggestions made by the Thematic Group relating to the Renewable Energy Consultation Event to be held on 9 March 2011
- 3.5** It was noted that a Service Delivery Agreement is now in place between Argyll and Bute Council and Skills Development Scotland. An update on progress to be made to Thematic Group in May 2011
- 3.6** The Thematic Group Partnership agreement was finalised.
- 3.7** The future work programme for the Group including items for the agenda at the next meeting on 23 February was agreed.

3.8 It was agreed that a review of the Scorecard was needed and a revised version would be brought to the next meeting in February.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 The Economy Thematic Group continues to make progress in developing and implementing the actions in the Community Plan. Concern about membership of the group and representation at meetings remains an outstanding issue.

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