



REAP – Terms of Reference for the Argyll and Bute Renewable Alliance

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** The Renewable Energy Action Plan (REAP), which was approved by the CPP on the 16 June, was developed from a key action in the Argyll and Bute Community Plan 2009-2013 in order to facilitate a co-ordinated partnership approach to renewable development in Argyll and Bute. One of the key actions identified within the REAP to facilitate this co-ordinated approach was the setting up of the Argyll and Bute Renewable Alliance (ABRA).
- 1.2** In order to take this action forward it is firstly necessary to define clear terms of reference for ABRA. The attached paper details these and defines the purpose, objectives, membership and governance of the Alliance. The terms of reference have been drawn up in consultation with Highlands and Islands Enterprise as one of the key partners in the development of the REAP.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** That the Management Committee note the proposed terms of reference for the Argyll and Bute Renewable Alliance as detailed in the attached paper.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** As partners will be aware the renewables sector is increasingly being regarded as a key sector within Scotland and with the significant natural renewable resource offered within Argyll and Bute and the large scale off shore wind and marine renewable development proposals coming forward in our area, it has the potential to be a source of significant future sustainable economic growth for our businesses and communities. However, in order to achieve this outcome, there is a need for co-ordinated partner action at the local and national levels.
- 3.2** The REAP was developed to facilitate this co-ordinated partnership approach to secure the best outcomes for our area and our communities. The setting up of the Argyll and Bute Renewable

Alliance (ABRA) was identified as a key action to be taken forward upon approval of the REAP.

- 3.3** ABRA will bring together key partners to assist in the implementation of the REAP. The attached terms of reference define the purpose, objectives, membership and governance arrangements. The purpose and objectives of ABRA are not to duplicate work that is already going forward but to take a strategic approach to how we can best work together with key partners to achieve the best outcome for our area and communities. It is proposed that the first meeting of ABRA will take place early in the new year.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1** The Renewable Energy sector has the potential to fundamentally and positively transform the economy and communities of Argyll and Bute. However, in order to achieve this outcome, there is a need for co-ordinated partner action at the local and national levels. Key actions have been identified within the REAP which will facilitate this process. The setting up of the Argyll and Bute renewable Alliance is one of these key actions.

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