
Social Affairs Thematic Group Update Report

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** This report summarises the continued progress made by the Social Affairs Thematic Group.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** That the Management Committee note the progress made by the Social Affairs Thematic Group.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** Over the past year the group has made progress in a number of areas including the development of performance scorecards, Community Plan priorities for 2009-13 and engaged with a number of external groups to raise and scrutinise social affairs within Argyll and Bute. The initial priority focussed in on finalising administrative arrangements culminating in the finalisation of the Partnership Agreement and mapping of partnership groups linking to the Thematic Group.
- 3.2** The Social Affairs Thematic scorecard was further developed by the group to focus on outcomes, developing more relevant measure of performance, targets founded on solid baseline and benchmarking data to meet the group's aim – 'Argyll and Bute to be a place where people can be supported to lead healthy, safe, independent and fulfilling lives'.
- 3.3** Performance measures agreed for the revised scorecard include; attainment – SQA examinations, % of older people receiving Care in the Community, % of children affected by disability receiving Community Based Support, anti social offences recorded, number of extracurricular sport opportunities for schools and more homes, less homelessness.
- 3.4** Consideration was given to joint performance within Argyll and Bute, looking on an area by area basis at joint performance in relation to Delayed Discharges, Balance of Care for Older People,

Integrated Occupational Therapy Services, Integrated Learning Disability Service and Integrated Substance Misuse Services.

- 3.5** Simon Steer, Head of Community Care Integration – NHS Highland gave the group a very informative presentation on the Integrated Resource Framework (IRF) pilot for health and social care in November of last year. The IRF project is part of the Shifting the Balance of Care agenda and supports the Community Plan 2009-13 priority to plan our services based on local need.
- 3.6** Scrutiny of both the Renewable Energy Action Plan (REAP) and The Health Improvement Planning and Performance Action Group (HIPAG) highlight and exception reports contributed to the awareness and knowledge of social affair issues within Argyll & Bute and provided forums for discussion on such issues.
- 3.7** The priorities for the group going forward into 2011 will be:
- Improving the reporting and dissemination of progress from the linked partnership groups
 - Integration/ rationalisation of partnership groups
 - Improved scrutiny of partner performance
 - The promotion of joint working initiatives in pursuit of thematic group objectives

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1** Further work is required to support the priorities as set out in the Community Plan 2009-13, however considerable progress has been made by the group with regard to setting out its key performance measures and addressing and scrutinising social affairs within Argyll and Bute.

The Social Affairs Group met on Monday 14th Feb and heard presentations in relation to Criminal Justice legislative changes; the Strategic Housing Investment Plan and Out of Hours and Nighttime Social Work Services

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