



1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** This report summarises progress which has been made by partners in delivering the agreed Oban, Lorn and the Isles Local Area Community Plan.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** That the Local Area Community Planning Group note the progress which has been made by partners in financial year 2010/11 in delivering the agreed Local Community Plan for Oban, Lorn and the Isles, and consider whether any amendments to the plan may be required. A revised scorecard which reflects the plan, as amended if necessary, will be submitted for consideration at the May LACPG meeting.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** Group members and partners on the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Local Area Community Planning Group agreed an action plan for delivery, which highlights agreed aims and objectives for the area, as developed in line with the CPP's Single Outcome Agreement, and following community consultation at the first Forward Together Event held in June 2010. Since the agreement of the plan, in summer 2010, partners and lead organisations have been expected to deliver the actions assigned to them through that agreement process.
- 3.2** Appendix 1 contains the most recent updates for the action plan, which have been gathered from partners during February 2011. It shows progress to date, and also highlights current risks to completion of key aims and actions.
- 3.3** Group members will recall that as part of the Forward Together 2 Event held in October 2010, attendees were asked to identify local priorities which they felt should be increased or built upon, priorities which should be maintained, those which could be reduced, and those which could be stopped all together. This work was carried out in light of the financial situation which public sector

organisations expected to take effect from April 2011.

To summarise the outcomes of that event, the following points should be noted.

No comments explicitly referred to the outcomes of the plan, rather comments were focused on actions, either those that were included in the plan or could have been included, and on ways of working.

There were far fewer suggestions for things we could do less of or stop doing altogether than there were suggestions for things we should do more of or carry on doing.

Where suggestions were made under the 'do less of' / 'stop' headings, they related poorly to the plan, making general rather than plan-specific points.

There were lots of suggestions for how things should be done differently. Again, many of these suggestions related only poorly to the plan.

Gaps in discussion:

There were a number of actions in the plan which elicited no comments at all:

- Provision of a range of community learning opportunities to improve the employability of local people
- Working with partners to promote safety and educate the community in safe practices
- Multi-agency adult protection training and joint working with effective referrals to support agencies
- Development of an arrest referral scheme to signpost prisoners to substance misuse agencies
- Further development of the dementia project with partner agency
- Increase the amount of dementia support to clients within their own home
- Improve access to Children and Families services by island communities through consultation with community representatives and partners to be concluded by 31st March 2011
- Strengthen the role and reach of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles 'Getting It Right' (GIRFEC) Locality Group
- Increase the profile of the 'Getting It Right' initiative on the islands
- Production of the integrated Children's Service Locality Plan (ICSP)

The lack of comments could be interpreted as a relative lack of

interest in these actions, and therefore areas to which event participants attach lower priorities.

There were a number of comments made which did not relate directly to the contents of the plan. Themes which recurred related to:

- Integrated transport, including air services and park and ride facilities.
- Engagement: how different groups engage with each other; the need to engage with the private sector; how partnerships work to deliver services; the need to bring businesses into the community; the need to get young people involved.
- The need for high quality broadband.
- Affordable housing.

In light of these comments, and the comments made across Argyll and Bute in response to the Council's budget consultation exercise, group Members may wish to consider whether any amendments to the currently agreed plan are required.

Following discussion and any amendment of this plan, it is intended that a revised Scorecard, which reflects the agreed Local Community Plan, and will enable the group to carry out ongoing effective scrutiny of local performance against agreed outcomes, will be discussed at the May LACPG meeting.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1** There has been some progress by partners in delivering the agreed actions and outcomes of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Local Community Plan, and this information is for noting. Following comments made at more recent consultation events partners may deem it necessary to amend the current plan to allow for effective delivery of local priorities in light of the current financial climate. A revised Scorecard will enable the group to carry out regular scrutiny of local performance against agreed outcomes.

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