
ARGYLL AND BUTE CPP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Argyll and Bute Council

15 June 2011

FUTURE OF POLICING AND FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES IN SCOTLAND

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 Following the report to the CPP Management Committee on 13 April in relation to providing a joint response to the consultations on the future of fire and the future of policing in Scotland, this report updates the Management Committee on the action taken since that meeting.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the CPP Management Committee notes the final joint responses that were submitted to Scottish Government on 05 May 2011. These can be found at the appendices.

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 In line with the agreement by the CPP Management Committee to provide a joint response to the future of fire and the future of policing consultations, the council circulated a draft response to partners. Feedback and views received from partners were incorporated into the responses which were then submitted to Scottish Government on 05 May 2011. The reference number for the Argyll and CPP response to the police consultation is 188, whilst the reference number for the response to the fire and rescue services consultation is 152.
- 3.2 Responses to both consultations were provided with a caveat that any change in structure of policing or fire and rescue services should result in improved outcomes for customers and communities. The responses therefore did not 'opt' for a national or a regional model for either service, although some of the potential advantages and disadvantages of both models were discussed.

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The CPP Management Committee response to these two consultations will form part of the consultation reports to be produced by Scottish Government. Publication of the consultation reports should take place before the end of June and these will be published on the Scottish Government website: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/consultations>

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy – no immediate policy implications
- 5.2 Financial – no immediate financial implications
- 5.3 Legal – no immediate legal implications
- 5.4 HR – no immediate HR implications
- 5.5 Equalities – no immediate equalities implications
- 5.6 Risk – no immediate risks

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