

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1. The Council as the lead agency for Community Planning has a duty to coordinate and report on the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA). Based on the experience of previous years, the Scottish Government will issue guidance informing the Community Planning Partnership that all Annual Reports for 2010/11 should be submitted by 30th September 2011.
- 1.2. This report presents the progress being made by partners on delivery of the SOA and developments being made in partnership working to facilitate a more partner based approach to service delivery.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. It is recommended that the Management Committee:
 - Agree the proposed format for highlighting performance against each national outcome
 - Agree to the Draft SOA Annual Report 2010/11 which omits all success measures that were included in the 2009/10 Annual Report that have been completed or are no longer measured
 - Note that additional narrative information will be added to the document once the guidance is issued from the Scottish Government.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The Argyll and Bute Single Outcome Agreement was approved in 2009. It identifies a series of local outcomes that contribute to the 15 national outcomes set out by the Scottish Government.
- 3.2 The Single Outcome Agreement binds partners in a joint agreement to deliver services collectively in the best interests of the communities and individuals in Argyll and Bute.
- 3.3 Scrutiny of SOA performance is undertaken quarterly at the Community Planning Management Committee. Data collected, however, often demonstrates a time lag where, for example, national statistics are collected on a 3 yearly basis. This presents a challenge when planning action to take in managing the issue and the impact of

those actions.

- 3.4 The Partnership has adopted a revised vision '*Realising our Potential, Together*' which articulates our joint responsibility to deliver services in partnership with our communities.
- 3.5 This revised vision is accompanied by a set of shared values for partners stating our commitment to the way that we go about service delivery in our communities.
- 3.6 This vision will be reflected in the next SOA which will be developed by the CPP over the course of the rest of the financial year.
- 3.7 There will be the amalgamation of the Community Plan and the SOA into a single document. This will result in a simplified approach to identifying local outcomes and measuring success and ensure that all success measures incorporated into the SOA are current and pertinent.

4. CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 The Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership has progressed well in its implementation of the Single Outcome Agreement 2009 - 2012, with areas of success in some service commitments.
- 4.2 The continued improvement, review and engagement will enable the Partnership to continue developing a joint approach to achieving local outcomes, an approach which is vitally important as the public sector financial challenge takes effect.

5 IMPLICATIONS

POLICY	None
FINANCIAL	The Single Outcome Agreement sets the framework for services delivered in Argyll and Bute in accordance with budget allocations.
EQUALITY	None
LEGAL	None

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