

Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

Self assessment 2011



Purpose

The self-assessment was conducted to provide an evidence base for the review of the Community Planning Partnership. It sought to find out what individuals and groups across the partnership felt was going well and what they felt needs to improve.

Process

- The consultation began in March at the full partnership meeting and was open until the end of May.
- Local area community planning structures were utilised to stimulate discussion.
- All partners promoted the opportunity to get involved via their networks.

Participation

- 18 partner organisations participated at a strategic level.
- 27 responses were collected at the facilitated full partnership event in March.
- 32 responses were received by post and email in the following weeks including individual responses and feedback from groups.

Key messages - local

- At a local level there is a strong desire from partners and communities to participate in local decision making but the current model and style of delivery is not felt to be appropriate for all four areas.
- Meeting times, some venues and the formality of the meetings are not encouraging community members to participate in local community planning.
- It is recognised that local community planning offers opportunities for consultation and involvement.
- There is a need for a clearer link between local discussions and strategic decision making.

Key message - strategic

- Community Planning is well embedded at a strategic level.
- There are considerable challenges in aligning timescales for performance planning, monitoring and reporting which are influenced by national and organisational boundaries and priorities.
- There is a good understanding of the partnership's purpose from those involved but it is felt that there is a need for a communication plan that will increase awareness, understanding and participation in community planning.
- Partners are supportive of the process and committed to participate.

Next steps

- Each CPP group considers the findings in total
- Each group proposes key recommendations
- The recommendations are collated and considered by the Management Committee
- The recommendations are presented to the Full Partnership in November