

Strategic Partnership	ARGYLL & BUTE STRATEGIC HOUSING & COMMUNITIES FORUM
CPP Thematic Group	SOCIAL AFFAIRS
CPP Outcome	<p><input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP01 – competitive and successful businesses</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP02 – sustainable economic assets</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP03 – vibrant towns that are centres of economic growth</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP04 – promoting our cultural, social and natural heritage</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP05 – Utilising our environment to create employment and prosperity</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP06 – Protecting our unique area</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP07 – services are planned and delivered based on local need</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP08 – overall health, wellbeing, independence and social inclusion are improved</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP09 – people feel safe and secure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP10 – our diverse culture is celebrated</p>

<p>Activity Summary in Period</p>	<p>August 2011 – October 2011 The Forum met on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2011 &amp; considered following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback on the consultative draft Local Housing Strategy and its annexes was assessed as mainly positive and minor amendments were approved. A further review of housing supply targets will be undertaken prior to submission of the final LHS to Council’s Executive and Scottish Government by end of year.</li> <li>• It was agreed not to participate in the Scottish Government’s National Housing Trust initiative at the current time but the Forum recommended further consideration of the Local Authority Mortgage Scheme to assist first time buyers into permanent home ownership.</li> <li>• It was noted that the Scottish Government is due to issue revised SHIP guidance and that the timetable for submission of next SHIP will be February 2012.</li> <li>• Argyll &amp; Bute achieved significant success in the first round of the IIF with a total of 7 projects being approved over 2 tranches. 137 new or refurbished homes will be delivered by RSLs and local community partnerships in Dunbeg, Helensburgh, Lochgilphead, Dalmally, Ormsary, Gigha and Ulva on Mull. Argyll &amp; Bute has secured <b>£2,951,648 to deliver 77</b> units via the RSL Investment fund &amp; <b>£2,172,586 to enable 60</b> units via the Innovation Fund.</li> <li>• Forum members also attended a workshop on the Future of Older People’s Services and the implications for Housing, with a particular focus on models of extra care accommodation.</li> <li>• 18 new RSL completions were scheduled in this quarter with developments in Lochgilphead and Kilmelford coming on stream in October 2011.</li> <li>• Repeat homelessness within 12 months of case being completed has actually risen this quarter to around 5% (this is a proportionate increase rather than an actual numerical increase, due to overall reduction in homeless applications while repeat cases remained static).</li> </ul>
<p>Key Challenges &amp; Actions to Address</p>	<p>Uncertainty over future funding and the strategic investment framework for housing development remains a key challenge although it is likely that the competitive bidding process introduced via the Investment &amp; Innovation Fund will continue in future years.</p> <p>The impact of current economic trends and national policy drivers such as welfare reform, the 2012 homeless target, the 2015 SHQS target, and the 2016 Fuel Poverty target all present major challenges.</p>
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