
Title: Update Report on Local Area Community Planning Groups

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** This report provides an update of the progress made by the Local Area Community Planning Groups in becoming key partnership groups for local areas to plan and monitor aims and objectives and delivery of services within local communities.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** To note the progress which the Local Area Community Planning Groups are making.
- 2.2** To note the concerns expressed by the Oban, Lorn and the Isles LACPG following low attendance by partners at their most recent meeting.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** Progress continues to be made to develop structures, processes and levels of understanding around the LACPG's. The production of individual action plans for each LACPG (following on from the self assessment exercise) should assist with this understanding and it is anticipated that these plans will be presented at the March round of meetings.
- 3.2** Partnership linkages continue to be monitored by the LACPGs to ensure information sharing is both current and relevant. This process will also inform identification of localised key partnerships who will be asked to submit performance information to the Local Community Planning Groups by way of Exception and Highlight reporting.
- 3.3** Scorecards and the LACPG plans were discussed at each of the January meetings. Although it was anticipated that these would be signed off at this meeting, due to the November meetings primarily focussing on the budget consultation, completion of this piece of work has slipped.
- 3.4** The January LACPGs also had opportunity to consider the joint SOA and Corporate Plan in order that any comments they wished to raise could be considered by this Committee.

- 3.5** Specific items considered by the local meetings in January included information on the recently established Short Life Working Group for Community Councils (Bute and Cowal), partnership working in view of the recent power disruptions (Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands), details of the winter festival and winter maintenance arrangements (Oban, Lorn and the Isles), and presentations by Loch Lomond and the National Park and AVA (Helensburgh & Lomond).

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1** On the whole the Local Area Community Planning Groups continue to make good progress in developing their role in Community Engagement although there were concerns expressed by the OLI LACPG about the lack of partners at their January meeting which it was agreed would be drawn to the attention of the Management Committee. There have been similar concerns raised by other Local Area Community Planning Groups, in recent times and non attendance particularly by core partners may undermine the progress made recently in developing the agenda management for area meetings.

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