

Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Local Area Community Planning Group.

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 The Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership has been undergoing a process of self assessment, as a result of which Local Area Community Planning Groups are looking to take forward key outcomes to improve the effectiveness of local partnership working. In MAKI, this will involve more effective integration of existing groups which are effective partnership working groups in specific parts of the area.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 Members of the Mid Argyll Partnership are asked to note the CPP self assessment outcomes for MAKI and agree to become a key strategic partnership for the Mid Argyll area. The MAP will be able to take issues to the LACPG where they feel it is appropriate, and will be asked to input to the LACPG agenda and give comment formally on items due to be discussed at the LACPG meeting. The MAP group is further asked to identify a member of the group who will formally represent MAP at LACPG meetings.

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 The Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership has recently undergone a process of self assessment. The key recommendations for local community planning were that local structures should be reviewed and alternative models for achieving partner and community involvement in community planning be explored. The roles and responsibilities of those participating across the Community Planning framework were also identified as needing to be clarified.
- 3.2 In Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands there was very clear feedback from local groups and community representatives that the forums operating in Mid Argyll (The Mid Argyll Partnership) and Kintyre (Kintyre Initiative Working Group) were effective local community planning groups operating in distinct parts of the area and fulfilling very successfully local

people's expectations of partnership working and community engagement. There was very clear feedback that the Local Area Community Planning Group was seen as replicating the work of these local partnerships, and that, particularly for community representatives, the LACPG as overly procedural and focussed on issues seen as not always relevant to more local communities.

- 3.3 The Community Planning Partnership Management Committee has recognised this feedback and has agreed that in MAKI more local community planning structures should be encouraged to continue with their proven effectiveness, but remain of the view that the LACPG forum should continue to operate as the strategic group for the MAKI area.
- 3.4 In addition, it should be noted that public sector agencies have stated very clearly that the Local Area Community Planning Group will be their sole focus for local engagement, as they are unable to resource attendance at other meetings.
- 3.5 In recognition of the clearly valued work which both MAP and KIWG carry out in delivering local community planning in distinct parts of the MAKI area it is therefore suggested that these groups continue to operate as they always have, and continue to deliver key partnership outcomes for their individual areas. In addition, the strong community representation which exists on both groups should be encouraged and developed in recognition of their key role in carrying out effective community engagement. It is expected that a similar type of partnership group will be developed to carry out this role across the island communities of MAKI.
- 3.6 To ensure that these key local partnerships are effectively linked into the LACPG and continue delivering key outcomes for the wider MAKI community, both MAP and KIWG will be asked to become core partners of the LACPG, and to enter a process of reporting Highlights and Exceptions as they continue in delivering local partnership work in their own localities.
- 3.7 To ensure that the views of MAP and KIWG are adequately represented into the LACPG both groups are asked to identify and agree one representative from their group to be a core member of the LACPG, attending LACPG meetings and providing an effective conduit between the local and strategic groups. It is suggested that this person be identified and agreed to carry out this role for a period of a year at a time, and that, wherever possible, rotation of membership will involve different partners and community organisations carrying out this role.

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

4.1 In recognition of the outcomes of the CPP Self assessment process, members of the MAP and KIWG groups are asked to identify one of their group to become a core member of the LACPG, in order that the effective local partnership working which has been identified in local communities continues but is more effectively linked into the overall strategic direction of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Local Area Community Planning Group.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Policy: In accordance with the overall development of effective
Community Planning in Argyll and Byre.
Financial: None
Personnel: None
Equal Opportunities: None

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