

# **Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership Management Committee**

**Management Committee  
22 August 2012**

## **Future Governance Arrangements for the CPP**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report outlines a proposal to consider future governance of the CPP as the CPP goes through the process of developing a new community plan. It also sets out proposals on ongoing monitoring of the theme scorecards/SOA for the remainder of the current financial year.

### **2 RECOMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The Management Committee agree that a paper on options for revised governance arrangements be brought to the October meeting of the Management Committee.
- 2.2 The Management Committee agree that theme leads monitor performance against thematic scorecards/SOA for the remainder of the year and report directly to the Management Committee with no further meeting of the Thematic Groups taking place this financial year.

### **3 DETAIL**

- 3.1 The current governance arrangements for the community planning partnership are as follows:
- Full partnership
  - Management Committee
  - Thematic Groups
  - Local Area Community Planning Groups
- In addition there is an informal Executive Sub Group comprising the chief officers in Police, Fire, NHS and Council which meets to discuss common areas of interest and joint working across these 4 public sector partners.
- 3.2 The Council has recently considered its own political management arrangements and the recommendations arising from that which are relevant to the CPP have been covered in other reports to this meeting of the Management Committee. Nationally there is the review of community planning and Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill. Locally the community plan requires to review and updating. Taking all of these factors into account it the CPP should consider the future governance arrangements that will best support the CPP going forward.
- 3.3 The Full Partnership will remain as the overall governing body for the CPP.

The review of governance may wish to consider the business carried out at the Full Partnership and the terms of reference, remit and business conducted at other subsidiary bodies eg management committee and area community planning groups etc.

- 3.4 It is also envisaged there will be an ongoing role for the Management Committee or a body to fulfil a similar function. The key issue perhaps being the terms of reference and remit and relationship with the Full Partnership and informal Executive Sub Group.
- 3.5 The Thematic Groups are largely influenced by the current community plan. Giving the review of the community plan it would be worthwhile considering the role of any theme based groups along with the development of the community plan.
- 3.6 Currently the Thematic Groups monitor progress and performance against the SOA. There will be a requirement to ensure this function continues throughout the remainder of the current financial year however this need not be carried out by the Thematic Groups. Pending the review of governance and development of the new community plan it is proposed that monitoring performance of themes and SOA is carried out by the theme leads who will report performance to the Management Committee until March 2013.
- 3.7 Given the geography of Argyll and Bute it is considered that the CPP will continue to wish to engage with local communities on an area basis. On that basis it is envisaged that the Area Community Planning Groups will be retained although the review of governance may consider the terms of reference and remit for these groups.

#### **4 CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 The paragraphs above set out a number of issues for the Management Committee to consider as part of any review of governance. No specific proposals on future governance are made at this stage. The main proposal is for the Management Committee to give authority for a more detailed paper on future governance options and arrangements to be prepared taking account of the issues raised in this report. This options paper would be brought to the October meeting of the Management Committee for consideration before submission to the Full Partnership in November.
- 4.2 It is also proposed that theme leads monitoring performance against theme scorecards and SOA and report directly to the Management Committee rather than Thematic Group for the remainder of this financial year. There would be no need for further meetings of thematic groups this financial year.

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