
Title: Update Report on Local Area Community Planning Groups

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** This report summarises progress which Local Area Community Planning Groups are making as they progress to 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** That the Management Committee note the progress which the Local Area Community Planning Groups are making.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** The Local Area Community Planning Groups have been developing well over the most recent meeting cycles. The March and June meetings have had a significant focus on agenda items which have been brought forward by both core partners, and more significantly, community groups and organisations, and which reflect communities concerns and priorities.
- 3.2** The June MAKI meeting had extensive and useful updates provided by a number of core partners and organisations, and also noted work being progressed in developing a proposed Islands Forum. Both meetings were conducted by Video Conference across 3 locations, which allowed community representatives from Islay, Campbeltown and Mid Argyll to participate in the debate, however technical difficulties with the equipment caused significant frustration for many attendees and a request has been made to consider alternative IT solutions, including the Council's Lync system.
- 3.3** Bute and Cowal's June meeting had a focus on Reshaping Older People's Services, and addressed a number of issues raised by the Caucus of Community Councils regarding public entertainment licences and roads issues. Useful updates were also provided by a good number of attending core partners.
- 3.5** The Oban, Lorn and the Isles meeting in June focussed on updates on service delivery and development issues from core partners and on the future focus for the group, resulting in a sub group being tasked with considering ways to improve community involvement and engagement with the group itself and with existing community planning structures across the OLI area. This sub group has had it's first meeting and will be bringing an initial report to the next

meeting of the LACPG.

- 3.6** The June meeting of the Helensburgh Lomond Group was a very well attended one with excellent information being discussed in regards the implications of Reshaping Older Peoples' Services in the area and a very informative update from the MOD on the Maritime Change Programme currently underway at the Faslane Naval Base.
- 3.7** Agendas are now being formulated for the next round of meetings, items which are common to each area will include consideration of population projection information and further work on Reshaping Older People's Services.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1** Recent local community planning meetings have had a strong focus on agenda items which more realistically reflect issues affecting local communities than was previously the case, and this has resulted in improved attendance and more positive feedback about the usefulness of the meetings. Groups will continue to focus on issues of local concern, and on developing Scorecards which reflect local priorities and provide them with the opportunity to oversee local service issues.

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