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**Title: Community Resilience Project Update Report**

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 At the last meeting of the CPP management Committee we gave an update on the progress of the Council's Community resilience Project.
- 1.2 The project has been an exemplary piece of partnership working with public, voluntary and private sectors coming together to prepare a handbook which will enable the communities of Argyll and Bute to increase their own resilience by preparing emergency plans.
- 1.3 The handbook we have prepared contains not only the Scottish Government's toolkit and templates, which will allow communities to prepare emergency plans. It has been enhanced to address some of the lessons we learnt from previous severe winters; sections on roles and responsibilities, key risks to consider, health and safety guidance and where to get further information have all been added. We have also included example real life scenarios which communities can relate to and hard hitting images to identify with. The Scottish Government are promoting this approach as best practice.
- 1.4 The handbook has now been issued to all of the 54 Community Councils within Argyll and Bute and will be deconstructed on the Council's and Argyll Voluntary Action's websites. Allowing the templates to be downloaded individually and tailored to each communities needs. We are hoping that many of our partners will link to these pages from their own sites

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the CPP management committee notes the progress of the Community Resilience project to date.
- 2.2 The CPP Management committee continue to promotes the project within the wider CPP to encourage communities to complete their resilience plans and to highlight and promote the importance of self-resilience.

### **3. DETAIL**

- 3.1 The handbooks have been issued by Argyll Voluntary Action and AVA will take the lead role in coordinating any queries arising and requests for further information from the community councils. Community police officers have also been sent copies of the handbook and will be encouraging communities to complete their plan. Strathclyde Fire and Rescue will also be asking their voluntary and retained crews across Argyll to endorse the approach.
- 3.2 We are planning to hold two events in Dunoon and Oban for communities to access information on what the voluntary sector can do to both help communities prepare an emergency plan and to help communities in an emergency situation. We will be inviting the category 1 and 2 responders and our handbook partners to these events. The events will be drop in and the audience will be members of the community councillor and voluntary sector organisations.
- 3.3 Community emergency plans are in no way prescriptive and can be completed by any community group, where gaps arise in community council provision we are identifying alternative groups.
- 3.4 Completed emergency plans will be returned to AVA who will distribute copies to the partner agencies who have requested copies. Strathclyde Police and Argyll and Bute Council will hold copies of all plans.
- 3.5 We are intending to organise exercises for communities who have completed their plans. Working through a number of different scenarios will allow fine adjustments to be made and operational issues to be ironed out.

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