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MINUTES of MEETING of HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held in the PILLAR HALL, VICTORIA HALLS, HELENSBURGH on TUESDAY, 15 JANUARY 2013

Present: Councillor James Robb (Chair)
Councillor Maurice Corry Councillor Robert G MacIntyre
Councillor George Freeman Councillor Richard Trail (Vice Chair)
Councillor Aileen Morton

Attending: Shirley MacLeod – Area Governance Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Jane Fowler – Head of Improvement and HR
Dr Chris Carr – Improvement and Organisational Development Project Officer
Eileen Wilson – Community Planning Manager
John Tacchi – Helensburgh Community Council
Group Commander Eddie Renfrew – Strathclyde Fire & Rescue
Neil Sturrock - SPT
Nick Davies – Cove and Kilcreggan Community Council
Gillian Barclay – Argyll Voluntary Action
Constable Gus Daniel - Strathclyde Police

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and general introductions were made. He informed the Group that owing to a previous commitment, he would have to intimate his apologies and Councillor Trail took the Chair in his absence.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were intimated from :-

Councillor James Robb
Councillor Gary Mulvaney
Councillor Ellen Morton
Councillor David Kinniburgh
Councillor Vivien Dance
Viv Smith – NHS
Neil Black – Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park
Linda Skrastin – NHS
Morevain Martin – Community Development Officer
Commander RN Phil Ireland – MOD
Margaret Haggarty – Arrochar Community Council

2. **ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL BUDGET CONSULTATION 2013 -2014**

Prior to leaving the meeting Councillor Robb made some introductory comments on the process which had been adopted in relation to the Council's budget, and the Group was then briefed in a Powerpoint presentation by the Head of Improvement and HR on the Argyll and Bute Budget Consultation. Jane Fowler highlighted there would be a long term approach and

declining levels of funding were recognised. She informed of the increasing costs and service demands and of the £40m funding gap over 7 years. The Group was invited to feedback with their views and suggestions on how to prioritise expenditure and identify where potential savings could be made.

Various suggestions were forthcoming and the Group was advised that any further suggestions should be notified to the Council before 14th February in order that they may be considered.

Noted

3. COMMUNITY PLAN CONSULTATION - STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Group was briefed by the IOD Project Office on the responses received to the Strategic Needs Assessment following the request to partners for feedback. Dr Carr highlighted the Scottish Government's 16 National Outcomes and six key priorities and explained how the information was fed into the database. She requested feedback with suggestions on how the themes not included within the six priorities might be accounted for in the Single Outcome Agreement. Dr Carr advised that the draft outcomes would be considered by the Full Partnership in March and then submitted to the Scottish Government.

The Group was requested to email any suggestions to the Community Planning Manager prior to 23rd January.

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