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**This Place Matters**

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**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The University of Glasgow School of Social and Political Sciences has been carrying out research to explore the importance of local leadership in achieving the sustainable development of localities within Scotland.
- 1.2 There is an opportunity for the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership to take part in a half day facilitated workshop in March or April, offered by the University, to explore the role of local leadership in shaping places.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The Management Committee agrees to participate in the 'This Place Matters' workshop
- 2.2 Partners each nominate a participant

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Council Leader met with Professor David Adams in December 2012 and discussed the research and development work that the University has been carrying out.
- 3.2 The focus of the workshop, highlighting the need to examine critically the issues facing the public sector with reduced resource, but increasing demand for services; the focus on a prevention agenda and the context of public sector reform is highly relevant to the Council and to the partnership. The focus on place is one of the key pillars of reform as highlighted by the Christie Commission.
- 3.4 Professor Adams has offered the Council and partners a complimentary workshop on the basis of the programme that has been developed. Details of this are attached to this paper.
- 3.5 This presents a positive opportunity for the partnership to benefit from current research and to explore the role of leadership in service delivery at this time of change and ongoing challenge.

**4. CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 Participation in this event will provide an opportunity for partners to consider their role in community leadership in relation to place.

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