



1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** This report asks Bute and Cowal Community Planning Group to consider the decision made in September 2012 to hold an Area Forum event, and to finalise the group's intentions with regard to the event.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** That the B & C Community Planning Group:
- consider what the purpose and outcomes of this event should be
 - feed back to the Management Committee potential planning and resource requirements based on the questions in 3.3.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** In August 2012 the CPP Management Committee agreed to hold an annual area forum in each area which would be similar to the Forward Together events and held in November, and further agreed to support the planning and delivery of annual area forum events commencing in November 2013.
- 3.2** The Bute and Cowal Community Planning Group discussed this matter in September 2012, and agreed to the principle of holding an area forum, but were unclear what the purpose and outcomes of the event should be. Members of the group at that time agreed to feed back ideas and proposals on the event to the Area Governance Manager for coordination and progression, but to date no feedback has been received.
- 3.3** For such events are to go ahead successfully planning and resource allocation will require to be undertaken very soon, and for that reason Area Community Planning groups are asked to

consider the following questions.

1. What would the format of the events be?
2. What would be the length of the event? i.e half day, whole day, two days
3. How would remote and/or island communities be involved? i.e. VC, teleconference., remote facilitators, overnight accommodation provided.
4. Would the events be an opportunity to highlight good practice or showcase community projects, and if so, from your area, or from other areas in order to share good practice?
5. Can you suggest appropriate topics for discussion?
6. Would Area Community Planning Groups like to use these events to consult on any issues/plans/etc?

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1** If area events are to take place consideration of the purpose and possible outcomes must begin well in advance and it is therefore imperative that Area Community Planning Groups identify now what the aims and expectations of their local events will be. A paper outlining the planning and resource requirement will be submitted to the April Management Committee where partners will be asked to commit resources and approve the formation of a short life working group to begin to plan the events.

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