

**REVIEW OF THE SCHEME FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY
COUNCILS**

1. SUMMARY

The current Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils (<http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/sites/default/files/council-and-government/2009-review-approved-scheme.pdf>) and Best Practice Agreement <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/sites/default/files/council-and-government/2009-review-approved-good-practise-agreement.pdf> are due to be reviewed this year. To ensure that these continue to be fit for purpose, a Short Life Working Group (SLWG) has been established by the Council. This Group will oversee the process of review which will involve a 2 phase consultation with stakeholders to ensure full engagement and consultation. Details of this are outlined in paragraphs 3.1-3.5 below.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the ACPG notes the proposals for engagement with the various stakeholders and opportunity is provided at this meeting to discuss and offer feedback on issues which they would like the SLWG to consider during the phase 1 consultation.
- 2.2 That the ACPG also notes the process for review outlined in paragraphs 3.3 and 3.4.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The current four year Scheme for Establishment of Community Councils and Best Practice Guide were approved by Council in August 2009. These documents both require to be reviewed this year.

- 3.2 The Council has formed a Short Life Working Group to take forward the review process and following their first meeting on 19 February 2013, a timeframe for the review has been agreed.
- 3.3 In terms of this timeframe, a phase one consultation, based on the existing Scheme, will commence on Monday 25 February 2013 and conclude on 28 April 2013. In addition, meetings for Community Councillors will take place in the main towns in Argyll and Bute as follows:-

Campbeltown Art Room, Community Centre

Wednesday 6 March at 7.00pm

Lochgilphead Committee Room 1, Kilmory Headquarters

Thursday 7 March at 7.00pm

Rothesay Eaglesham House

Wednesday 13 March at 3.00pm (Yet to be confirmed)

Dunoon Hill Street

Wednesday 13 March at 7.00pm

Oban Corran Halls

Thursday 14 March at 7.00pm

Helensburgh Marriage Room, West King Street

Monday 18 March at 7.00pm

Officers of the Council will be on hand at these meetings to facilitate discussion and respond to points of concern which may assist Community Councils in formulating their responses.

- 3.4 Following the first phase of consultation, a meeting of the SLWG will be held to consider the phase 1 responses and agree the basis of a second phase of consultation which will commence on 6 May and conclude on 26 May 2013. The SLWG will meet again to discuss the second stage responses and agree their recommendations to Council. It is anticipated that these recommendations will be considered at the full Council meeting scheduled to take place on 27 June 2013.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 In discussing this matter at the Area Community Planning meeting it offers an opportunity for Partners at the meeting to feed into the phase 1 consultation process and draws their attention to the timescales outlined for the remainder of the review process.

5. IMPLICATIONS

Policy -	None
Financial -	None
Legal -	None
HR -	None
Equalities -	None

Risk -	None
Customer Service -	There are benefits in terms of Partner agencies being able to feed into the process without necessity to formally respond.

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