

PROGRESS REPORT ON SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2013-23

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This paper updates the PRS Committee on progress that has been made on developing the Argyll and Bute 2013-23 Single Outcome Agreement.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the PRS Committee:
- (i) Note the progress that has been made in developing the Argyll and Bute Single Outcome Agreement 2013-23
 - (ii) Note that the Quality Assurance process is nearing completion.

3 DETAIL

- 3.1 The Single Outcome Agreement 2013-23 for Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership was considered by the Council on 27 June 2013. It was also submitted to the Scottish Government for Quality Assurance.
- 3.2 Feedback from the council meeting and from partners was incorporated in an amended version of the Single Outcome Agreement, which is attached to this report.
- 3.3 This version of the Single Outcome Agreement was the subject of a meeting between partners and the Scottish Government Quality Assurance Team in early July. The feedback was positive and agreement was reached that a process of agreeing a timetable of development actions would be put in place to achieve a finalised Single Outcome Agreement.
- 3.4 The Scottish Government have recognised the size of the challenge facing Argyll and Bute, as highlighted in the SOA in terms of significant demographic change. The SOA will therefore take a period of time to be developed fully in terms of detail as it is important that the actions are for the Community Planning Partnership and the people of Argyll and Bute.
- 3.5 A final letter from the Scottish Government agreeing the SOA has now been signed off by the Minister. The timetabled improvement action plan will now be put in place and a process for monitoring and managing performance on its delivery will be developed and reported to the PRS Committee. This will include the development of specific success

measures.

4 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The Argyll and Bute Single Outcome Agreement 2013-23 has been developed and considered by Council. The Quality Assurance process with Scottish Government is almost complete and a development action plan is being agreed. Once agreed, a process for monitoring and managing its deliver will be developed and reported to the PRS Committee.

5 IMPLICATIONS

Policy	The SOA will set the strategic context for the council and partner policy for the next 10 years.
Financial	The outcomes in the SOA will shape the spend of the council and partner organisations.
HR	None
Legal	The council is required under the Local Government Scotland Act 2003 to initiate and facilitate community planning.
Equal Opportunities	The SOA is compliant with and promotes equal opportunities as set out in the Equalities Act 2010
Customer Services	A clear and strategic SOA supports the further development of quality customer service across Argyll and Bute.
Risk	Failure to develop an appropriate SOA will put service delivery that improves outcomes for people in Argyll and Bute at risk.

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