



1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** This report provides the group with updated information on the status of local partnerships within Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** The Community Planning Group is asked to agree that the Kintyre Initiative Working Group and the Mid Argyll Partnership are recognised as existing effective community planning groups within their local areas, are invited to become key strategic partnerships of the MAKI CPG, and as such are requested to provide highlight/exception reports to meetings of the CPG outlining the work which they are progressing on a partnership basis on behalf of their local communities..

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** During recent discussion of partnership working by the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee elected Members noted the ongoing good and effective work which both MAP and KIWG continue to undertake in their own areas and agreed to recommend to the MAKI Community Planning Group that the Mid Argyll Partnership and the Kintyre Initiative Working Group are recognised by the Community Planning Partnership as key strategic partners and are fully integrated into the local Community planning Group.
- 3.2** Local community planning groups have a remit to support and encourage effective collaboration and coordination between community based organisations operating in the local area, and to give effect to the Community Engagement Strategy at a local level
- 3.3** Local partnership groups, including the Kintyre Initiative Working Group and the Mid Argyll Partnership are the existing arrangements in MAKI which have facilitated much of the work of the Community Planning Group, particularly in regards to providing effective collaboration and coordination across community based

groups and organisations operating in their local areas. They are effective and efficient partnership groups with broad ranging membership and attendance which identify solutions to local issues on a partnership basis. They also provide an effective community engagement forum in their local area.

- 3.4** In April 2012 the Mid Argyll Partnership and the Kintyre Initiative Working Group were provided with a report which updated them on the outcomes of the CPP self assessment process and invited them to become key strategic partnerships in the MAKI area, bringing issues and making comment to the local Community Planning Group where appropriate.
- 3.5** At the time of considering these reports, KIWG agreed the recommendation, the Mid Argyll Partnership agreed to continue to contribute to and participate in the community planning process as appropriate, but did not agree to become a strategic partnership of the CPG.
- 3.6** In progressing to continue to support and encourage effective collaboration and coordination between community based organisations operating in the local area, it would be helpful to formalise the existing arrangements with both KIWG and MAP and formally ask them at this time to agree to become strategic partnerships of the MAKI Community Planning Group.
- 3.7** In terms of the local community planning group maintaining a broad overall understanding of the issues which local communities are identifying and progressing through their local groups, it would be helpful if a short update was provided by each of the KIWG and MAP to meetings of the Community Planning Group. Although this happens informally by way of input from partners and Members who attend both meetings, it would be helpful to formalise this by way of the type of exception and highlight report to CPG which is tabled by the Community Safety Forum, who are also a key strategic partnership of the CPG.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1** Local Community Planning Groups have a remit to support and encourage effective collaboration and coordination between community based organisations operating in the local area, and to give effect to the Community Engagement Strategy at a local level. The existing arrangements in MAKI, comprising the key partnerships of the Kintyre Initiative Working Group and the Mid Argyll Partnership, facilitate much of this work and ensure the robustness of the process of community engagement in local areas, and therefore have a full and active role to play in ensuring the continuation of effective community planning in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands. To ensure that this work is supported and recognised by the MAKI Community Planning Group, members are

asked to agree to invite both KIWG and the MAP to formally become strategic partnerships of the CPG, and to invite them in that capacity to submit highlight/exception updates to the CPG in the same way as other strategic partnerships currently do.

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