
Citizens' Panel

1. SUMMARY

1.1 This paper reminds the Management Committee that the Citizens' Panel is available to the CPP as a resource for gathering information from residents of Argyll and Bute.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Management Committee should note that the Citizens' Panel is available to the partnership and to partnership organisations as a resource and that the panel provides an excellent resource for gathering views from a representative sample of Argyll and Bute residents.

2.2 The members of the Management Committee should remind their organisations of the existence of the Citizens' Panel as a resource.

3. DETAIL

3.1 We are currently in the second year of a three year contract with Hexagon Research and Consulting, who maintain the Citizens' Panel database and carry out two surveys a year. The Citizens' Panel contract costs £9,400 a year.

3.2 As agreed at the Management Committee meeting of 19 October 2011, the current contract is running on the basis of two surveys being carried out each year, with the spring survey to be used by all CPP partners who wish to submit questions. The autumn survey is now a council-only survey.

3.3 Calls were made for themes to include in the spring survey through the CPP Full Partnership (27 March 2013) and the Management Committee (6 March 2013 and 27 May 2013). The topic of health and wellbeing was subsequently proposed for inclusion in the survey, with questions being based on those used in the Scottish Health Survey.

3.4 Generally, however, very few questions are submitted by partners. The purpose of this paper is to remind partners that the Citizens' Panel is available to the partnership and provides an excellent resource for getting views from a representative sample of Argyll and Bute residents; information gathered can be helpful in the delivery of outcomes.

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