
Community Planning Group Area Forum Events

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** This report is to update the Chief Officers' Group (COG) on the progress to date on Community Planning Group Area Forum events.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** COG notes the format and content for the area community planning events.
- 2.2** COG agrees to utilise the information received from these events to ensure the quality and impact of community engagement is measured and reported on, in accordance with the action on engagement in the SOA 2013/2023 Quality Assurance action plan.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** The Management Committee agreed at its meeting in August 2012 to hold annual area forum events to enable consultation on the SOA. Subsequently in May 2013, the Management Committee considered a report on the proposed events and partners agreed to provide in-kind support. The CPP has been awarded funding of £2,000 towards the events from Education Scotland, as part of the implementation of the Scottish Government's guidance for Community Learning and Development. Additional funds have been identified from within the Council.
- 3.2** There was also agreement that these events were good practice in terms of community engagement and would give the CPP the opportunity to fulfil the engagement commitments required as part of the community planning and SOA development process.
- 3.3** The focus of the events is the overarching outcome for the SOA: 'Argyll and Bute's economic success is built on a growing population'. Events are entitled:
“(Area) - A Good Place to Live, Work, and Play?”

The events will be informed by the Area Economic Development Action Plan events which took place in October. Results from the events will feed into the development of the SOA Action Plans, the proposed Full Partnership/Population Summit .

3.4 Each area Community Planning Group (CPG) appointed a steering group to plan the events. Dates and venues are:

| AREA | DATE | VENUE | TIME |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Bute & Cowal | 2nd November (workshop) | Rothesay Joint Campus | 9.30am – 1.00pm |
| | 7th November (workshop) | Dunoon Burgh Hall | 12.30pm – 4.00pm |
| | 7th November (debate) | Dunoon Grammar School | 7.00pm – 9.00pm |
| Mid-Argyll, Kintyre and Islands | 12th November | Tarbert High School | 2.00pm - 5.30pm, 7.00pm – 9.00pm |
| Oban, Lorn and Isles | 18th November | Corran Halls | 2.00pm – 5.00pm, 6.30pm - 8.30pm |
| Helensburgh & Lomond | 21 st November | Victoria Halls | 2.00pm - 5.30pm, 7.30pm - 9.45pm |

3.5 The events are to be held over an afternoon and evening, as follows:

- a. Discussion workshops, in ‘world café’ format, with 6 tables/groups considering each of the 10-year outcomes facilitated by partner representatives; and
- b. A ‘Question Time’/public debate session with a panel responding to questions submitted by participants prior to the session.

Additional discussion workshop sessions are proposed to be held on some island communities.

See programme in Appendix 1

3.6 Questions will be posed at each event using powerpoint voting (PPV) which will enable comparisons to be made across areas, and within areas. The same questions will be on an online survey [\(insert link\)](#)

3.7 Community planning partners are supporting events by acting as Chair, panellists, and facilitators, and will also contribute to the activities within the ‘marketplace’.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 Good progress is being made to ensure that these events attract and engage with communities, and provide valuable input into the development of the SOA Action Plans and the population summit.

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**(Insert AREA)
Area Community Planning Group**

**“(Insert AREA) – A good place to live,
work and play?”**

Date

Venue

Afternoon Programme

Event Aim

To gather views on the big issue of depopulation in Argyll and Bute, and consider how this can be addressed in (insert Area).

Workshops

2pm Registration and Tea/Coffee and an opportunity to browse the Marketplace*

2.30pm Welcome and introduction

2.45pm Your chance to influence change – discussion groups

- 1. Children have the best possible start**
- 2. Active, healthier lives**
- 3. Safer and stronger communities**
- 4. Education, skills and training**
- 5. Infrastructure supports growth**
- 6. Diverse and thriving economy**

4.15pm Tea/Coffee and an opportunity to browse the Marketplace*

4.30pm Voting to determine local views on local issues
(This will be done using electronic voting pads, and means you will be able to find out immediately what other people think)

5.15pm Closing Remarks

*The Marketplace will have stalls from community planning partners which will allow you to get information and give your views on specific areas of interest.



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Area Community Planning Group**

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work and play?”**

Date

Venue

Evening Programme

Event Aim

To gather views on the big issue of depopulation in Argyll and Bute, and consider how this can be addressed in (insert Area).

Question Time

7.00pm Doors open/Registration

An opportunity to browse the Marketplace and meet community planning partners

7.30pm Welcome and introduction by Chair

7.40pm Scene setting and summary of the changing demographics in (insert Area).

7.45pm QUESTIONS

8.45pm Conclusion and next steps

8.55pm Evaluation

9.05pm Close