

### FULL PARTNERSHIP - POPULATION SUMMIT

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#### 1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership has identified population decline as its greatest challenge over the next 10 years and has built the Single Outcome Agreement on growing both population and economic activity.
- 1.2 It has been proposed that a population summit be held in Argyll and Bute to examine the population challenge in greater detail and identify appropriate actions to take this forward. Outcome leads for the six outcomes in the Single Outcome Agreement are preparing delivery plans at present. The population summit/full partnership will provide an opportunity to present the draft delivery plans before they are signed off.
- 1.3 The partnership holds an annual full partnership event, which is in the calendar for 27 November 2013. It is proposed that this event is combined with the population summit and held in early 2014.

#### 2 RECOMMENDATION

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  - 1 Agree to combine the population summit with the full partnership in early 2014.
  - 2 Agree to use the population summit to engage with stakeholders on the final draft of the SOA action plans.

#### 3 DETAIL

- 3.1 Argyll and Bute is facing significant challenges as the area with the highest level of population decline in Scotland. It has been proposed that a population summit is held, involving local and national stakeholders to discuss this challenge and agree on actions to tackle it.
- 3.2 The partnership has identified an overarching objective for the Argyll and Bute Single Outcome Agreement 2013-23:

***Argyll and Bute's economic success is built on a growing population***

This objective will be delivered through 6 outcomes:

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| 1. | diverse and thriving.                            | The economy is    |
| 2. | infrastructure that supports sustainable growth. | We have           |
| 3. | and training maximises opportunities for all.    | Education, skills |
| 4. | young people have the best possible start.       | Children and      |
| 5. | active, healthier and independent lives.         | People live       |
| 6. | safer and stronger communities.                  | People live in    |

Each of the outcomes has an identified outcome lead, who is currently developing a delivery plan for their specific outcome, engaging and consulting with stakeholders and local communities during its preparation.

- 3.3 The first draft of the delivery plans will be complete by December 2013, with the final versions due for completion by the end of February 2013. Local engagement and consultation is taking place through Economic Development Action Plan events and through a series of community events. Outcome leads are also holding engagement workshops with specific stakeholders during the preparation phase.
- 3.4 Once the draft delivery plans are complete, presenting them to a full partnership population summit will provide an opportunity for a wider group of stakeholders, local and national, to engage with the Single Outcome Agreement. It will also provide an opportunity for stakeholders to commit publicly to supporting the delivery of the SOA and tackling the real challenge of population decline in Argyll and Bute.
- 3.5 The Full partnership event had been planned for 27 November 2013. However, given the current stage in the SOA delivery plan preparation process, it would be more appropriate to hold this early in 2014 to allow for the preparation of the draft delivery plans to be complete and to combine it with the proposed population summit. This approach was endorsed by the CPP Chief Officers' Group at its meeting on xx September.

## **4 CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 The planned full partnership event can be combined with the proposed population summit to facilitate engagement amongst wider stakeholders on the Single Outcome Agreement objective and delivery plans. In order to align with the timetable that is currently underway, it should be held in early 2014 rather than November 2013.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

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