

**Forward Dunoon and Cowal Group Highlight/Exception report to Area
Community Planning Group**

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this Paper is to update the Area Community Planning Group (ACPG) regarding the main pieces of work undertaken by the Forward Dunoon and Cowal Group (FDC).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the ACPG:

- 2.1 Note that FDC is a strategic Partner of the ACPG;
- 2.2 Note the report provided below (If further detail is desired the full minutes are published on the Council website) and;
- 2.3 Consider whether there are any specific tasks or issues which it wishes the FDC to undertake or review.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The FDC is a partnership group focused on promoting Tourism in Bute and Cowal and bringing business and people into the area. It achieves this by working in partnership with the local business community, through the promotion of local initiatives and events, and through the participation of some of its members at national and international tourism events.
- 3.2 The FDC has historically been a representative voice for the community with organisations such as Visit Scotland and similar, but has had to be more independent recently due to the lessening input from these national bodies.

4. IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 **Policy** The reporting allows monitoring of the performance of the partnership thereby demonstrating the achievement of the key aspects of the SOA

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| 4.2 | Financial | None, |
| 4.3 | Personnel | None |
| 4.4 | Equalities Impact Assessment | None. |
| 4.5 | Legal | None |

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SOA Theme	Topic	Issue and Actions	Comment	Outcomes/ Indicators
The economy is diverse and thriving	PA23 BID	The PA23 BID committee are hoping to run a number of events in 2014 to promote economic growth	The events suggested include a triathlon, a foot-golf game, as well as a Sunday Market in the town	
Education Skills and training Maximises opportunities for all.	Commonwealth Baton	The baton will be brought through Dunoon on 13 th July,	A "Commonwealth games" event has been arranged in Sandbank, it is hoped that this will complement a number of other events arranged over the summer	
Children and young people have the best possible start.				
We have infrastructure that supports sustainable growth.	Burgh Hall Queens Hall Hopscotch ticket	The Hall is closing for approx. 18 months, funds have been confirmed for almost all the refurbishment Currently open but scheduled to close for refurbishment at the end of the year It is hoped to arrange an all-day bus pass for the Area	Both Halls are being well used and work is being undertaken to minimise as much as possible the disruption to regular patrons, There will be some disruption. Governance asked to provide a list of possible alternative locations at next meeting Work is ongoing in this area by both members and transport staff	
People live active healthier and independent lives	Off road cycling	The Group seeking to promote an off road cycling path	This route is a circuit between Kilmun and Rubha Garb, is approximately 25 miles long and all landowners have agreed to its promotion, it is hoped that it will bring family cyclists to the area thereby improving the economy as well as local people health	
People live in safer and stronger communities.	WW1 commemoration	The Commemoration this year is to be marked with special solemnity	There is a steering group who are coordinating this event since it is the centenary, the British Legion are the lead agency	

