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**Kirkmichael Commonwealth Family Fun & Sports Day**

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**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1** Fifteen postcode areas in East Helensburgh were identified in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) 2012 report as being in the top 5% of most overall deprived areas in Scotland, and the most overall deprived in Argyll & Bute.

After a gap several years, Helensburgh Baptist Church set up a working group to revive the Kirkmichael Gala Day in East Helensburgh and worked with a number of partners to deliver a Commonwealth Games themed event in the area on Saturday 19 July. Argyll and Bute Council's Community Development Officer supported the Church to deliver the event and undertook a survey of attendees at the Gala Day.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1** The area Community Planning Group considers ways of supporting the East Helensburgh community to host further events and spin-off initiatives to help tackle issues relating to deprivation.
- 2.2** The area Community Planning Group considers a partnership approach to supporting other areas in Helensburgh and Lomond identified in SIMD 2012 as areas of high deprivation.

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1** Kirkmichael Tenants and Residents Association dissolved earlier this year and the community may now lack a focus for events and development initiatives.
- 3.2** The Baptist Church was successfully supported to gain grant funding from the Helensburgh & Lomond Health & Wellbeing Network and Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) and to work with a number of partner organisations, including the Red Cross, Scottish Fire & Rescue, Police Scotland, Argyll Voluntary Action, Helensburgh & Lomond Carers SCIO and others. Helensburgh Round Table, Bank of Scotland and Waitrose also provided support and resources.

**3.3** The seven factors affecting SIMD classification are income, employment, health, education, housing, access to services and crime. Helensburgh East ranks at number 170 in Scotland and is the most overall deprived area in Argyll & Bute.

#### **4. DETAIL**

**4.1** In spite of poor weather on the day, 175-200 people attended the event. 51 people completed, or partially completed, the survey. The participant breakdown is representative of the area and a breakdown of the responses is provided in the attached report.

**4.2** The community development officer attending a debriefing meeting after the Gala Day with representatives from Helensburgh Baptist Church to discuss planning for another event in 2015 and possible spin-off initiatives.

**4.3** The community development officer is organising a meeting of East Helensburgh residents who expressed an interest at the Fun Day in helping to organise another gala in 2015 and/or assist with developing other initiatives that would be of benefit to the community.

#### **5. CONCLUSION**

**5.1** The Helensburgh & Lomond Community Planning Group recognises the Kirkmichael Fun Day 2014 was an important event for the community and thanks Helensburgh Baptist Church and other partners involved.

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