

**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 Area Community Planning Group:-

- 2.1 Note that the “Forward Dunoon and Cowal” group is a strategic partner of the Area Community Planning Group;
- 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 “Forward Dunoon and Cowal” group to undertake or review.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The “Forward Dunoon and Cowal” group is a partnership group focused on promoting tourism in 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 “Forward Dunoon and Cowal” group 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. The Group last met on Monday 11th August 2014.

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
4.2	Financial	None,
4.3	Legal	None
4.4	HR	None
4.5	Equalities	None.
4.5	Risk	None
4.6	Customer Service	None

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SOA Theme	Topic	Issue and Actions	Comment	Outcomes/ Indicators
The economy is diverse and thriving	PA23 BID Argyll and the Isles Tourism Partnership	The PA23 BID committee running a considerable number of events in 2014 to promote economic growth Has created a successful umbrella brand focussing on specific events.	Events thus far have largely been successful this quarter, there will be a "girls night Out" on 2nd Nov a "Dunoon Dazzles event" also in November There is also a new web site called "Dunoon Presents" which will work with existing infrastructure Strong web presence has been developed can provide the infrastructure to promote events.	
Education Skills and training Maximises opportunities for all.	"Come-and-try-athon"	This is a BIDS sponsored event encouraging people to take part in a number of activities it will occur in early November		
Children and young people have the best possible start.	Come-and-try-athlon	This idea is being promoted by PA23 BID as a taster for a number of sports		
We have infrastructure that supports sustainable growth.	Burgh Hall Ferry Hopscotch ticket	A detailed report was provided by the chair and the Hall now has commitments of almost 2M . There has been some movement on this and an announcement is expected this quarter	The supporters of the Hall have raised commitments of £1.834 million from a number of Bodies, which is only £50K short of the Target. A Fundraiser in the Queens Hall on the 25 th Oct. is being held with a "big Band" style night Following the meeting It has been reported that Calmac have awarded a contract for a new ticketing system	
People live in safer and stronger communities.	WW1 commemoration	The Commemoration this year is to be marked with special solemnity. There is an "untold stories" project for those involved in WW1 being done by libraries.	There is a steering group who are coordinating this event since it is the centenary, the British Legion are the lead agency. Communities are being asked to bring items for copying/scanning for preservation.	