
SOA Local Development Action Plan Phase 2 Update

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of the report is to update Area Community Planning Group members on progress relating to the development of the SOA Local: Helensburgh & Lomond

2. Recommendations

The Area Community Planning Group is requested to:

2.1 note the findings of the focus group

2.2 consider nominating members to participate in the working group which will take forward the development of the SOA Local: Helensburgh & Lomond

3. Background

3.1 Community Planning in Argyll and Bute needed to have a local focus. The Action Plan considered at the September Area CPG meeting set out the approach that is being taken to developing the SOA Local: Helensburgh & Lomond

3.2 The Action Plan is split into phases

- Phase 1 – preparation
- Phase 2 – mapping existing activity
- Phase 3 – development

4. Detail

4.1 A focus group was held at the Pillar Hall, Victoria Halls, Helensburgh 14:00-16:30 on Thursday 6 November and was attended by CPP partners and representatives from business and community organisations,

including Helensburgh Chamber of Commerce and Argyll Voluntary Action.

4.2 The purpose of the focus group was to:

- Review the priorities and overall conclusions in the local *Argyll & Bute: A Good Place to Live, Work and Play?* Report.
- Review the mapping of actions in the SOA Delivery Plan against the topics highlighted and discussed during the Community consultation events carried out in January/February 2014
- Consider ways to ensure that local community initiatives can link into the SOA Local

4.3 A summary of findings relating to each of the highlighted topics can be found in the attached supplementary information, which formed the basis of the discussions at the focus group.

4.4 This information will be used to inform the development of the SOA Local: Helensburgh & Lomond.

4.5 The group also considered a way of including wider community initiatives into the SOA Local: Helensburgh & Lomond. The draft process will be refined during Phase Three of the Action Plan

4.6 Phase 2 of the action plan is now complete.

4.7 Phase 3 will take place during January and February 2015. It will include a working group which will meet on the 15th of January 2015 to review the draft SOA Local: Helensburgh & Lomond document and to further consider ways of including wider community initiatives into the SOA Local: Helensburgh & Lomond.

5. Conclusions

5.1 The work of the focus group provided valuable information which will be incorporated into the development of the SOA Local: Helensburgh & Lomond.

5.2 Phase 3 will take forward the development of the SOA Local: Helensburgh & Lomond.

6.0 SOA Outcomes

The report relates to all 6 SOA Outcomes

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Supplementary Information

- Summary of Focus Group Findings

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