

## Management Committee

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## Area Community Planning Groups

### 1.0 Purpose

This paper presents key matters arising at the Area Community Planning Group meetings in March 2015 for consideration by the CPP Management Committee.

### 2.0 Recommendations

- The Management Committee is asked to note the Highlights and Key Issues under 4.0 and 4.1.
- The Management Committee should action an appropriate response to the points raised in 4.2 which are to:
  - Distribute Scottish Fire and Rescue contact to appropriate persons.
  - Advise and support ACPGs to communicate the SOA:Local to local communities.
  - Recommend an approach to involve ACPGs in consultations.
  - Outline what the CPP can do to support more broadband and mobile connectivity.

### 3.0 Background

There are four Area Community Planning Groups, one in each of the council's administrative areas (Oban Lorn & the Isles, Mid Argyll, Kintyre & Islay, Helensburgh & Lomond and Bute & Cowal.)

Area Community Planning Groups meet quarterly to discuss issues of importance at a local level relevant to the delivery of the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA). The March meetings focussed on Outcome 2 and Outcome 6. There were also cross linkages with all other SOA outcomes especially Outcome 5 concerned with healthier and active lives.

### 4.0 Highlights

The following were noted highlights from each of the meetings:

## **OLI**

- Group members provided details of walking and cycling opportunities in the Oban area which may be beneficial to health and wellbeing.
- Police Scotland provided information on drug detections and house searches and confirmed that the 'Shop a Dealer' scheme has benefitted Police intelligence.
- Scottish Fire and Rescue updated the Group on the Spring Season Action Plan aimed at tackling grass and woodland fires.

## **MAKI**

- Community Transport presentation highlighted the benefits of community transport, the current situation with community transport and issues in MAKI which include costs of MIDAS training, requirement to pay up front and claim in arrears.
- Fire and Rescue highlighted that the recruitment portal has opened looking for retained officers and that there were hopes of extending the cadet programme across MAKI to include Lochgilphead and Islay.

## **H&L**

- It was noted that in terms of the SOA:Local, Scottish Enterprise would be a key partner taking on the areas which are allocated to HIE in the other areas. The group were advised that they were now a member of the Partnership and it was noted at the meeting that contribution from SE to the Area CPG meetings would be beneficial.
- Scottish Fire and Rescue asked that they be informed of any upgrades to water infrastructure and of any mains fractures and that this is done via their control centre.
- Police Scotland highlighted the success of an application for funding from the Safer Communities Fund to help create a playpark in Cove. Information was also provided on the midnight soccer league which recently restarted in the Helensburgh area with upwards of 50 youths taking part. It was noted that this was a joint initiative with a number of partners including health who utilise the Police mobile unit as a drop in facility.

## **B&C**

- The election of chair will be decided at the next meeting due to weather conditions limiting attendance on 3/3/15.
- Scottish Fire and Rescue advised of an intention to create further interagency working by asking health visitors to raise fire safety concerns on a patient's behalf.

#### **4.1 Key issues**

The following key issues were raised:

##### **OLI**

- The group were of the view that it would be appropriate for the Chairs of ACPGs to sit on the CPP Management Committee.
- Members of the group raised mobile and broadband connectivity issues in particularly within the Kilmnelford area and more information was sought.

##### **MAKI**

- Would like to be able to better communicate the SOA Local and the work of the Group at a local level to communities.
- It would be good for the CPP to input to Scottish Water's future programme of planned projects in A&B, and for ACPG's to be involved in consideration of consultation responses to all relevant consultations.

##### **H&L**

- Members of the group asked that consideration be given to including more representation from the local business community with a suggestion that the local Chamber of Commerce be asked to participate.
- Scottish Fire and Rescue asked that they be informed of any upgrades to water infrastructure and of any mains fractures and that this is done via their control centre.

##### **B&C**

- Chair and vice-chair to be elected at later meeting.

##### **Relevant to all were:**

- Scottish Fire and Rescue are keen to promote that if any partner in health, social care housing or other identifies a vulnerable person to alert the appropriate Fire and Rescue contact for their area so that they can undertake a fire and safety visit to prevent the risk of death from fire.
- Health and Wellbeing grant promoted to support issues that ACPG group members were highlighting such as small rural communities difficulty to access health services and affordability of health services.
- Scottish Water advised of their new Freephone number 0800 0778 778 and that they had been working to reduce the time it takes for developers to get permits for water connections, this would hopefully speed up the planning process.

#### **4.2 Further action**

Further action is required from the Management Committee in relation to:

- Advising Area Community Planning Groups on communications and supporting communications on SOA to local communities.
- Distributing Scottish Fire and Rescue contacts to all relevant persons in order that vulnerable persons in Argyll and Bute are identified to the Fire and Rescue Service for a fire safety home visit.
- Recommending an approach to involve ACPGs in consultations.
- Advising what it can do to support better broadband and mobile connectivity.

## 5.0 Implications

Strategic Implications	The March Area Community Planning Group meetings focussed on Outcome 2 and Outcome 6. There are also cross linkages with all other SOA outcomes especially Outcome 5, Health and Wellbeing.
Consultations, Previous considerations	No prior circulation of this report. ACPGs were advised during meeting of key points which would be raised in this highlight report with CPP.
Resources	<p>Helensburgh and Lomond – there is an ask for a resource from SE to join ACPG meetings.</p> <p>Scottish Fire and Rescue ask for partners to contact them when dealing with any vulnerable persons in need of home fire safety visit.</p> <p>Resource will need to be considered for the ask to support communication of ACPGs and SOA:Local, to local communities.</p>
Prevention	Scottish Fire and Rescue raise prevention within their ask of partners in this report.
Equalities	The ask for SE to attend Helensburgh and Lomond ACPGs provides an equality of input on economic matters for Helensburgh and Lomond.

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## References

### **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service referral contact for vulnerable people**

Should you wish to highlight any vulnerable people you identify in Argyle and Bute area for a home fire safety visit, please pass the details to:

Watch Manager Alex Purdie,  
Local Authority Liaison Officer  
Argyle and Bute.  
Based in Helensburgh Community Fire Station  
01436 655 924  
[alex.purdie@firescotland.org](mailto:alex.purdie@firescotland.org)