
ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

**Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community
Planning Group**

**Procurement and Commissioning
Team**

21 May 2015

Update on Community Benefits Clauses – Oban, Lorn and the Isles

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community Planning Group of the progress made to date with Community Benefits Clauses (CBCs) within contracts relevant to the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area.

Two contracts currently have ongoing CBCs relevant to Oban, Lorn and the Isles; and five contracts currently have CBCs that are still to be progressed, that are relevant to Oban, Lorn and the Isles.

Due to the longer term nature of some contracts which include CBCs, which is expected due to their higher values, a number of the community benefits expected to materialise may not occur until the later stages of the contracts. Ongoing contract management will enable this to be monitored and reported on.

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 The use of Community Benefit Clauses (CBCs) in appropriate tenders provides a method of including social, environmental and economic matters in contracts for the supply of goods, services or works that do not conventionally have these requirements as defined or measured outcomes.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 That the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community Planning Group note the contents of this report.

4.0 DETAIL**4.1 The use of Community Benefits Clauses within Council Contracts**

CBCs are included within Council contracts with estimated values over £350,000.00. Records are now kept on all tenders over £350,000.00 in value, and if CBCs are not to be included then a justification must be provided.

4.2 Ongoing Community Benefits Clauses

There are currently two contracts in place which have ongoing CBCs relevant to Oban, Lorn and the Isles:

| Contract | Outcome of CBC | Area |
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| PV Panel Installation Education Properties (Non-NPDO) | To date one school has had a contractor-led presentation to raise awareness of the benefits of solar panels, the others should be completed soon | OLI; MAKI; H&L |

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| Provision of Addiction Recovery Services | <p>Addaction have commenced a men's group in Dunoon that their staff will facilitate in the short term. Within the next few months it is their intention to train any members of the group who would like to become peer facilitators with the view that this group will become a fully peer led recovery group. They are in the process of identifying some women who may also be interested in establishing a group. Addaction's intention is to provide people in recovery with the skills and tools to kick start peer led recovery movements throughout Argyll and Bute.</p> <p>Addaction are in the process of recruiting for Senior Practitioners and Project workers throughout Argyll and Bute. All of their jobs have been advertised utilising the local press so as to attract experiences and skilled individuals who live in Argyll and Bute to be part of their new team.</p> <p>Addaction have made a commitment to utilise the supplies and services of as many local agencies as possible and where practical. They utilise local trades people and purchase goods from local suppliers.</p> | ALL |
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4.2 Planned Community Benefits Clauses

There are currently five contracts in place which include CBCs which are still to be progressed relevant to Oban, Lorn and the Isles:

| Contract | Update on CBC | Area |
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| General Maintenance Term Contract - Oban and Lorn | Purchasing Officer to discuss the outcomes at next Contract Management Meeting. None known at present (April 2015) | OLI |
| General Maintenance Term Contract - Mull | Purchasing Officer to discuss the outcomes at next Contract Management Meeting. None known at present (April 2015) | OLI |
| General Maintenance Term Contract - Tiree & Coll | Purchasing Officer to discuss the outcomes at next Contract Management Meeting. None known at present (April 2015) | OLI |

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| CHORD - Oban Bay Regeneration Project - Stafford Street Public Realm | Response from successful contractor stated that “in the past we have very successfully completed workshops with local schools, even conducting site visits with pupils to introduce the construction industry and the basic health and safety hazards. We would be keen to research the opportunity of carrying out something similar – potentially in partnership with Argyll and Bute Council. Our Community Engagement Manager Nicola Gooch and Project Manager John McCormack took part in a Career’s Fair at Linwood High School earlier this year which proved very successful and we would propose completing something similar during the Oban Bay Regeneration Project.” | OLI |
| Iona Slipway Repair | Purchasing Officer is currently checking on progress with the outcomes of the CBC in this contract (April 2015) | OLI |

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The Procurement Team together with the Employability Team will continue to offer support and guidance by providing direction and assistance in the identification, evaluation, capture, monitoring and reporting of Community Benefit Clauses throughout the life of a contract. This will require minimum effort from the procurement areas while offering a maximum impact from the contract.
- 5.2 It should be noted that due to the longer term nature of some contracts which contain CBCs, which is expected due to their higher values, some community benefits expected to materialise may not occur until the later stages of the contracts. Purchasing Officers will ensure that appropriate monitoring arrangements are in place to monitor the Community Benefits element of contracts.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy – None at present
- 6.2 Financial – None at present
- 6.3 Legal – None at present
- 6.4 HR – None at present
- 6.5 Equalities – None at present
- 6.6 Risk – None at present
- 6.7 Customer Service – None at present

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