
**Argyll and Bute Community Planning
Partnership**

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

21st May 2015

Agenda Item [for office use]



CPP Management Committee – update from meeting 27 March 2015

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to inform members of the Area Community Planning Group of the discussion at the CPP's Management Committee on 27th March on matters raised at Area Committee Planning Group meetings in March 2015.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Area Community Planning Group members are recommended to note the response set out in section 4 and request that the Area Governance Manager, Shirley MacLeod, take any further comment to the CPP's Management Committee meeting on 17 June 2015.

3. Background

3.1 There are four Area Community Planning Groups (ACPGs), one in each of the council's four administrative areas. Following a recent review of governance arrangements there was agreement at their March meetings that the meeting dates for 2015/16 would correspond with the meetings of the CPP Management Committee to allow a better flow of communication. It was also agreed that the agendas would be focussed on the same Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) Outcomes of the previous and upcoming CPP Management Committee. Thus each Area Community Planning Groups agendas will consider four of the six SOA outcomes at each of its meetings.

3.2 At the March meetings of the Area Community Planning Groups there were a number of issues highlighted which were then considered by the Management Committee at its meeting on 27 March 2015. The paper containing matters raised by ACPGs is attached.

4. Detail

4.1 In relation to the main points raised by ACPGs the Management Committee agreed to:

- 1) Distribute the Scottish Fire and Rescue referral contact details to appropriate persons in partner organisations.
- 2) Advise and support ACPGs to communicate the SOA:Local to local communities.
- 3) Recommend an approach to involve ACPGs in consultations.
- 4) Outline what the CPP can do to support more broadband and mobile connectivity.

4.2 Relevant officers have been assigned to these actions and more information will come to the August meetings in relation to 2) - 3).

4.3 In relation to the discussion on point 4), Highlands and Islands Enterprise and the Council agreed to look into how the CPP could support broadband and mobile connectivity issues further taking consideration of matters such as use of purchasing power and the role of the Economic Forum. It was also suggested that there may be a role for Area Community Planning Groups to help promote the uptake of broadband and mobile infrastructure in local areas.

4.4 At the ACPG meeting of Oban, Lorn and the Isles there was a suggestion that Chairs from the ACPGs be on the CPP Management Committee. The Management Committee agreed that there needs to be continuity of the existing governance to allow the CPP's new membership to bed down with a review in 12 months, as set out in the recently agreed governance arrangements.

5. Conclusions

5.1 This paper provides a response by the CPP Management Committee to key matters highlighted by Area Community Planning Groups at their meetings in March 2015. Members of the ACPG are asked to note the main issues raised and that these have been responded to with further information on how ACPGs can be involved in consultations and how they can be supported to communicate the SOA:Local coming to meetings in August.

6. SOA Outcomes

6.1 This paper is related to Outcome 2 and Outcome 6

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Management Committee

Date: 27 March 2015

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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 detailed at 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 details to prevent vulnerable people becoming victims of house fires.
 - 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 particular within the Kilmelford 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 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 home fire safety 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	Helensburgh and Lomond – there is a request for a resource from SE to join ACPG meetings. Scottish Fire and Rescue ask for partners to contact them when dealing with any vulnerable persons in need of home fire safety visit. Resource will need to be considered for the request to support communication of ACPGs and SOA:Local, to local communities.
Prevention	Scottish Fire and Rescue raise prevention within their request of partners in this report.
Equalities	The request 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 Argyll and Bute area for a home fire safety visit, please pass the details to:

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