## **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 May 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 point raised in 4.2 which is to:
- Ensure attendance at CPG meetings by an officer who is knowledgeable in the process of Health and Social Care Integration in order that the information provided in the submitted standing item report can be further explored and debated by the groups, and questions arising therefrom can be answered.

## 3.0 Background

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

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 May meetings focused on Outcome 3 and Outcome 4. 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:

#### **Bute and Cowal**

- The Group elected Willie Lynch from the Caucus of Community Councils as Chair of the group, and Alastair McLaren of Argyll Voluntary Action as Vice Chair.
- A number of agenda items under Outcome 3: Education, Skills and Training Maximises Opportunities for All were discussed and noted, with a number of recommendations being made to attending partner officers. The group asked that a further update in regards adult learning opportunities be brought to the August meeting.
- The group were generally happy with the new focus of meetings on specific Outcomes, and with the opportunity to feedback proactively to the Management Committee. In addition they were positive about the opportunity to consider agenda items for the next meeting, and felt that this process of cyclic consideration of Outcomes would enable meetings to have a more strategic focus and productive decisions made.

## Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands

- An informative update on the process for development of the Community Learning and Development Plan resulted in the group requesting that the Adult Learning Manager attend the CPG on an annual basis to provide update on activity.
- The group considered a report which outlined a project being run by the South Kintyre Development Trust which the Kintyre Initiative Partnership had agreed should be considered for inclusion within the SOA:Local. The CPG agreed that the project should seek support from the relevant Outcome lead and be supported by the CPG for inclusion within the Community Led Initiatives appendix to the SOA:Local.
- The group had a long discussion relating to attendance at the CPG, noting that no community representatives were at the meeting. Margaret Wallace of the third sector interface advised that she would look to re-establish the third sector forum meetings in advance of CPGs, and the Area Governance Manager outlined various options for increasing involvement by Community Councils. The group noted that the geography of MAKI was a significant factor in attracting people to attend meetings.

## Helensburgh and Lomond

 The group noted updates to membership, and agreed that the MOD should be partners, that Dunbritton Housing Association should be partners, and that a representative from the Chamber of Commerce had still to be agreed. Janice Kennedy of Scottish Enterprise attended for the first time in response to an invitation issued from the last meeting of the group.

- The group considered a report on Community Benefit Clauses which had been submitted by Argyll and Bute Council, this generated a round table discussion with a number of other partners providing update on CBCs which their organisations had in place in the local area.
- A number of items were intimated for inclusion on the agenda for the August meeting in regards matters contained within the SOA:Local.

#### Oban, Lorn and the Isles

- 27 people attended the meeting of the OLI CPG, 14 of whom represented the voluntary /community sector. This was the first meeting of the group lead by the recently elected Chair, who is a community councillor, and the dynamic of the meeting was extremely positive.
- A number of agenda items under Outcome 3: Education, Skills and Training Maximises Opportunities for All were discussed and noted, including updates in regards literacy and numeracy work with adults in the area and the work which the formal education service is carrying out in raising attainment and achievement.
- A significant number of items for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting were identified, with the group having a clear focus on the items which are in the SOA : Local and a firm grasp of where they would like additional information to be provided. In addition, the group agreed to explore the possibility of holding their November meeting in Oban High School and providing school pupils and the North Argyll Youth Forum the opportunity to attend and input to that meeting.

## 4.1 Key issues

- The groups were generally happy with the new focus of meetings on specific Outcomes, and with the opportunity to feedback proactively to the Management Committee. In addition they were positive about the opportunity to consider agenda items for the next meeting, and felt that this process of cyclic consideration of Outcomes would enable meetings to have a more strategic focus and productive decisions made. Each group identified a number of items for inclusion on forthcoming agendas.
- Each group appreciated the extent of the information provided in the standing item report on Health and Social Care Integration, however, attendance by an officer to outline the report contents and answer questions was only provided at the MAKI meeting. The Bute and Cowal Group expressed their disappointment at the lack of opportunity to discuss the report in detail, and the OLI group were particularly disappointed at the lack of attendance given that there had been no

one present at the March meeting and their disappointment at that time had been made clear.

#### 4.2 Further action

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

• Ensuring attendance by an officer who is knowledgeable in the process of Health and Social Care Integration in order that the information provided in the submitted standing item report can be further explored and debated, and questions arising therefrom can be answered.

#### 5.0 Implications

Strategic Implications	The May Area Community Planning Group meetings focussed on Outcome 3 and Outcome 4. 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	There is a request from all CPGs that officer attendance is provided at all meetings in regards the standing agenda item on Health and Social Care Integration. Resource will need to be considered for the request made at March meetings to support communication of ACPGs and SOA:Local, to local communities.
Prevention	None
Equalities	The request for attendance in regards the Health and Social Care item across all meetings will provide equality of input to all Area Community Planning Groups.

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