

Participation requests – annual report

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides details to DMT of the number and outcome of participation requests received in 2017/18.

The DMT is asked to note the terms of the report.

Participation requests – Annual report

2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 came into force on 1 April 2017 and part 3 of the Act provided a framework for the use of participation requests by community bodies, the intention being to enable communities to have more influence over services and decisions which affect them.
- 2.2 In line with the requirements of the Act, the Council has put in place a procedure which allows consideration of any requests made community bodies. The procedure and further information can be found on the Council's website at <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/find-out-more-about-participation-requests>

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The DMT note the terms of the report.

4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 The Act requires the Council to publish an annual report setting out
- The number of requests received
 - The number of requests agreed and refused
 - The number of requests which resulted in changes to a public service provided by, or on behalf of, the public service authority
 - Any action taken by the public service authority to promote and support the use of participation requests
- 4.2 During the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018, the Council received 4 participation requests, all were agreed and details can be found on our website at the link detailed at 2.2.

Received from	Request details	Outcome
Blairmore Village Trust	Introduction of process to improve	Discussion are ongoing to facilitate

	<p>access and service provision in Blairmore Village and requested that the Council facilitate a process where the Council, LLTNP and the community work together to agree outcomes.</p>	<p>further discussion on how the aims of the group might be achieved.</p>
<p>Helensburgh CC</p>	<p>The conjunction of the expectations of the Helensburgh community for well-maintained roads, pavements and road infrastructure with the reality of finite Council support resources.</p>	<p>Agreement between the Council and Helensburgh CC in place which ensures that better communication in relation to roads issues will be available via the Council's website and specific members of the CC will be added to the list of recipients for emails regarding Road closures and Press releases</p>
<p>Helensburgh CC</p>	<p>A consensual community view that the completion of the multi-million pound Helensburgh Waterfront Development Project will have met and exceeded the aspirations of the Helensburgh community.</p>	<p>The council has engaged Helensburgh Community Council, other community councils and local stakeholder/interest groups in a series of Focus Groups to inform the project and will continue to engage with them through the various stages outlines in the Stakeholder Engagement process.</p>
<p>Mull CC</p>	<p>To establish more coherent and co-ordinated traffic (including pedestrian traffic) management</p>	<p>The Council set up a short term working group who agreed an Outcome Improvement Plan including proposals, actions, timescales and priorities which will be taken forward.</p>

		The council continue to work with the community council on implementing improvements and reviewing the plan
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- 4.3 Promotion and Support - All information relating to participation requests is available on the Council's website <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/find-out-more-about-participation-requests> and internal guidance was prepared for services who might receive requests, this is available on the HUB <http://intranet.argyll-bute.gov.uk/participation-requests>

A news released was also issued in February 2017 inviting attendees to a community empowerment event on Saturday 11th March at the Three Villages Hall in Arrochar, hosted by Argyll and Bute's Community Planning Partnership. There was a presentation to the Council's Strategic Management Team and all 4 development officers sent information to organisations on their mailing list.

MAKI Health and Wellbeing Network newsletter, March 2017

CPP Bulletin, April 2017

Presentation on participation requests to Heads of Service in September 2017

Presentation to the IJB on 29/11/17

The Chief Executive and his team have promoted Participation Requests at the Big Listen summer roadshow

Information in the May Cascade

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The Council has met its obligations in relation to the implementation of part 3 of the Act.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Policy – Statutory requirement to publish annual report

6.2 Financial – None

6.3 Legal – Statutory requirement to publish an annual report

6.4 HR – None

6.5 Equalities – None

6.6 Risk – None

6.7 Customer Service – None

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