

# Future of Public Services – Your Voice

You are invited to provide your voice to a discussion on the future of public services in your area.

## What is it?

On the 07 December 2017, the Scottish Government announced its intention to conduct a Local Governance Review (LGR) which aims to make sure local communities have more say about how public services in their area are run.

The review will involve hearing from communities all across the country to get a clear understanding of the type of changes that they wish to see, and how these can be made to happen.

The Scottish Government will undertake their consultation in two stages with the first aimed primarily at communities to better understand how decisions and their impacts are taken at community level. This consultation has yet to commence and is anticipated to run over the spring and into the summer of this year.

The second stage of the consultation will be aimed primarily at Community Planning Partnerships and public sector organisations and will commence later and anticipated to finish around October 2018.

## Argyll and Bute

Our area is vast and diverse and whilst there are many similarities across our communities, each place is unique. Effective local democracy is important and can have a real impact on people's lives. The Scottish Government's consultation will undoubtedly be far reaching in its geography and it is yet to be known how many events will be held in Argyll and Bute.

Council officers are keen that as many people as possible voices their views on the future of public services for their communities.





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Over the spring and early summer this year, a community engagement team led by Cleland Sneddon CEO will be visiting many of our islands and mainland communities to hear directly from communities their thoughts on the future of public services. This will be an ambitious and extensive engagement programme and is designed to recognise the unique challenges for democracy in our communities and more importantly, ensure we recognise, develop and embrace the opportunities to make a difference.



## Where, When and How

Listed below are the locations and timings for each event with details on venues. As some venues are smaller than others, numbers at some events will naturally be limited to the capacity of venue.

Cleland and his team will provide background information and the majority of the event is designed to ensure your views are shared through facilitated workshops and

feedback. Please note, to allow a wide a range of people as possible, we are asking all groups to limit their organisations representation to 2.

If nearer the time there is still free space, this will be reviewed.



## To Register

Registration is online, please go to [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/future-public-services-your-voice](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/future-public-services-your-voice) to register for one of the following events.

- 19 April Isle of Coll**
- 24 April Campbeltown**
- 26 April Lochgilphead**
- 01 May Helensburgh**
- 10 May Isle of Mull**
- 06 June Isle of Islay**
- 12 June Isle of Bute**
- 13 June Dunoon**
- 21 June Oban**



Each event starts at 6.30pm and finishing around 8.30pm. There will also be an opportunity to meet some of the engagement team and view our exhibition which will be open one hour earlier at 5.30pm.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to email the team at [localgovreview@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:localgovreview@argyll-bute.gov.uk) with your query.



I look forward to seeing you there.

Cleland Sneddon  
Chief Executive  
Argyll and Bute Council



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