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## **SOCIAL AFFAIRS THEMATIC CPP GROUP – 10 AUGUST 2009 AT 10.00 AM**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA PACK**

I enclose herewith amended item 3 (**ROLE OF THEMATIC GROUPS AND TERMS OF REFERENCE**) which replaces the report issued with the above agenda.

I also enclose herewith item 5 (**DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY PLAN THEMATIC PAPER**) and item 7 (**CPP CONFERENCE**) which were marked to follow on the above agenda.

Please note that there will no longer be a report for item 6 (**INTEGRATION OF EXISTING STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS**) as the Community Planning Manager will be providing a presentation at the meeting on this subject.

Nigel Stewart  
Director of Corporate Services

### **AMENDED ITEM**

- 3. ROLE OF THEMATIC GROUPS AND TERMS OF REFERENCE**  
Presentation by Community Planning Manager and Report by Area Corporate Services Managers (Pages 1 - 8)

### **TO FOLLOW ITEMS**

- 5. DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY PLAN THEMATIC PAPER**  
Report by Social Affairs Thematic Lead (Pages 9 - 18)
- 7. CPP CONFERENCE**  
Report by Community Planning Manager (Pages 19 - 22)

## **SOCIAL AFFAIRS THEMATIC CPP GROUP**

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## **Way forward for the future Development of the Thematic Community Planning Groups**

### **Terms Of Reference**

1. Monitor and review achievement of key outcomes in the Community Plan within the relevant thematic areas outlined below ensuring appropriate performance measures are in place.

#### **Social Affairs**

The relevant thematic provisions relate to health, housing and local area regeneration, poverty, voluntary sector issues, school and pre-school education, young people and lifelong learning, social work services and matters relating to culture and sport

#### **Economy**

The relevant thematic provisions relate to the economy, business and industry, vocational training, tourism and matters relating to the strategic regeneration of the Council

#### **Environment**

The relevant thematic provisions relate to the environment and sustainable development, natural heritage, the land use planning system and building standards, environment and protective services, energy agriculture, forestry and fisheries

1. Support and encourage effective collaboration and coordination between and within public, voluntary and community organisations operating in Argyll and Bute within the relevant thematic area.
2. To give effect to the Community Engagement Strategy at a thematic level.

### **Main Headlines for the New Community Plan**

#### **Social Affairs**

We want Argyll and Bute to be a place where people can be supported to lead healthy, safe, independent and fulfilling life

Supporting People

- Health Improvement (alcohol/drugs, community safety)
- Adult Care
- Children and Families

### Improving Opportunities

- Community learning
- Inclusive communities (developing 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector- increased activity, better links)

Linked to National Outcomes 1, 2 and 3.

## **Economy**

We want Argyll and Bute to be a place where people can enjoy and benefit from high quality rural and urban environments

### Biodiversity

- Controlling invasive species
- Rehabilitation of species (i.e. beaver)

### Global Impact

- Modernising waste management
- Climate Change

Linked to National Outcomes 10,12, 13 and 14

## **Environment**

We want Argyll and Bute to be a place where businesses thrive and local people have a broad range of skills

### Renewables

- Jobs and training
- Economic benefits

### Environmental linkages

- Exploiting the environment for economic growth ( eg SAMS Dunstaffnage)

### Competitive towns

- CHORD

Linked to National Outcomes 4,5,6,7,8,9 and 11

## **Membership and Support**

### **Identify Partners**

#### **Social Affairs Thematic Group**

CPP Lead :Douglas Hendry, Argyll and Bute Council  
Argyll and Bute Elected Members

***(possible members)***

*Strathclyde Police*

*Strathclyde Fire and Rescue*

*NHS Highland (AB CHP)*

*Third Sector (including Association Community Councils)*

*Housing Associations*

*Job Centre +*

**Economy Thematic Group**

CPP Lead: Highlands and Islands Enterprise

Argyll and Bute Elected Members

***(possible members)***

*Scottish Enterprise*

*Skills Development Scotland*

*Argyll and Bute Social Enterprise network*

*Initiative at the Edge*

*HITran*

*SPT*

*Cal Mac*

*Scottish Water*

*MOD*

**Environment**

CPP Lead: Andrew Campbell, Scottish Natural Heritage

Argyll and Bute Elected Members

***(possible members)***

*SEPA*

*SNH*

*Crofters Commission*

*Forestry Commission*

*Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park*

**Support**

The **CPP Lead** will:

- give guidance on the thematic work programme and content of the Thematic Scorecard.
- working with partners, identify appropriate policy development support
- along with the relevant CP partners, identify members for appointment by the CP partners, to the Thematic group
- encourage all identified partners to actively participate in the Thematic groups
- provide the strategic links between the Thematic groups and CPP structures e.g. Management Committee and Strategic Partnerships

The **Council's Chief Executive's Unit** will provide policy development and related support to the Thematic groups including:

- development of the Scorecard and links to Pyramid system
- assist CPP leads in production of work programme for the Thematic Group, inc frameworks for local outcomes
- production of draft 2009 Community Plan for consideration by Thematic Group
- publication of the scorecard
- annual reporting of progress against the Local and National outcomes contained within the Single Outcome Agreement
- future reviews of the Community Plan

The Council's **Corporate Services Department** will support the Thematic Groups and facilitate the good conduct of their operation.

## Operational Arrangements

Meet 4 times a year: August, November, February and May

### General Practical and Reporting Arrangements

- a. Dates for meetings will be agreed at the final meetings of each calendar year.
- b. The Chair can convene additional meetings at the request of four or more partners or if he/she considers there is good reason.
- c. At least seven clear days before CPP meetings public notice will be given on the Council's website
- d. Agendas and all related papers will be available on the Council website [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk) or through a link on the Community Planning website [www.argyllandbutecpp.net](http://www.argyllandbutecpp.net)
- e. Items not on the agenda will only be considered if they are urgent and with the agreement of the chair and members of the partnership/ committee present
- f. Meetings will be open to the public. The members of the partnership/ committee can resolve to exclude the public if an item is deemed sensitive.
- g. Quorum - One quarter of the partners represented must be present for any decision making. If after ten minutes no quorum is achieved the meeting will be deemed inquorate and not take place.
- h. Minutes of meetings will be taken by a member of Council and will be made available on the Council's website [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk) or [www.argyllandbutecpp.net](http://www.argyllandbutecpp.net)
- i. Members of the CPP must declare any interest, financial or non-financial, if any contract is to be discussed
- j. Members will have an 'equality' of membership i.e. they are collectively scrutinising the Community Plan and Strategic Partnerships, not each other?
- k. Thematic groups will be able, in addition to permanent members, to invite other relevant parties to attend and participate in their meetings to provide information and advice.
- J Initially the Chair of the Thematic Group would be the chair of the relevant PPG to ensure consistency of approach in terms of use of scorecards etc. In future a Partner representative might chair a thematic group.

## Work Plan - See Appendix

### Development Of Thematic Community Planning Scorecard

The development of the Thematic Community Planning Scorecard will be delivered in conjunction with the thematic areas, utilising the agreed CPP format outlined below:

<b>Stakeholders</b>	Identification of key stakeholders drawing from formal Community Planning partners; linked partnerships; service users; and communities (geographic and of interest)
<b>Structure</b>	Detail of how the partnership or group relates to the overall CPP structure ensuring links are clear for those who are expected to contribute to the partnership/group and the links where the partnership contributes – e.g. a thematic group will detail which strategic partnership contribute and indicate that it reports to the Management Committee
<b>Vision</b>	This is the main vision to which the partnership contributes – this will either be the overall leading rural area vision or elements of that vision relevant to the partnership
<b>Plan and priorities</b>	The key plans priorities and outcomes relevant to the partnership/group
<b>Translates downwards:</b>	Details which partnerships, partners and plans that are influenced by the key plans and priorities of the partnership/group
<b>Type of report</b>	Performance scorecard or other reporting arrangement
<b>Measurements</b>	The key success measures that will be monitored to ensure that the relevant outcomes are achieved
<b>Report to</b>	Detail of the partnership or group responsible for overseeing the performance of the group
<b>Scorecard themes</b>	These are the high level elements within the performance scorecard and are agreed by each group and the partnership to which it reports

## Community Engagement

Community engagement will be an integral element of the work of the specific Thematic Groups following the agreed process outlined below and undertaking the 10 National Guidelines for Community Engagement

<b>Thematic Level Engagement</b>	
<i>Internal Stakeholders:</i>	Policy and Performance Groups/CPP Partners/Services
<b>Community Stakeholders:</b>	Community Groups Service Users
<b>Areas for Engagement</b>	Thematic priorities Outcomes and customer feedback Improving for the future
<b>Engagement Informs:</b>	Corporate and Community Plans, SOA and in turn informs Area plans and service plans
<b>Engagement reporting:</b>	
<b>Reporting Themes:</b>	Development of policy themes Outcomes and customer feedback Improving for the future
<b>Report to:</b>	PPGs, Services and relevant CPP partners (including Strategic Partnerships)



## Appendix

Month & Date	Committee	Key Tasks
10 <sup>th</sup> August	Social Affairs Thematic Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lead Officer report on the process of developing content of Community Plan 2009 -2013 relating to specific thematic community planning grouping</li> <li>• The specific thematic community planning grouping agree on thematic priorities based local and national outcomes for their element of the Community Plan as outlined in terms of reference</li> </ul>
19 <sup>th</sup> August	Environment Thematic Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop work programme to review appropriate Strategic Partnerships and their linkages to relevant thematic groups, ensuring Partnership Agreements are in place for all appropriate strategic partnerships</li> </ul>
26 <sup>th</sup> August	Economy Thematic Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare revised work programme for reporting to CPP Management Committee</li> </ul>

9 <sup>th</sup> November	Social Affairs Thematic Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive baseline papers from relevant partners in respect of each priority identified</li> <li>• Begin the development of thematic PPG scorecard to reflect agreed priorities based on local and national outcomes of the specific thematic community planning grouping for their element of the Community Plan as outlined in terms of reference</li> <li>• Ensure Partnership Agreements are in place for all appropriate strategic partnerships agreement of local outcomes of the new Plan</li> </ul>
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Environment Thematic Group	
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Economy Thematic Group	
February 2010	Social Affairs Thematic Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertake monitoring of scorecards relevant to their own thematic area and relevant strategic partnerships</li> <li>• Prepare update monitoring report to CPP Management Committee</li> </ul>
February 2010	Environment Thematic Group	
February 2010	Economy Thematic Group	
May 2010	Social Affairs Thematic Group	
May 2010	Environment Thematic Group	
May 2010	Economy Thematic Group	

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**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL      COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP  
SOCIAL AFFAIRS THEMATIC GROUP**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2009**

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**DEVELOPMENT OF ISSUES FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS THEMATIC GROUP**

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**1.      SUMMARY**

- 1.1      This paper sets out for consideration some possible issues which the Thematic Group may wish to pick up as part of their overall work programme.

**2.      RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1      Consider the suggestions made in regard to possible subject matter for the thematic group; and
- 2.2      Identify any further areas for working up into more detailed proposals.

**3.      DETAIL**

- 3.1      The Single Outcome Agreement between the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership (CPP) and the Scottish Government comprises local outcomes from the agreed vision of “leading rural area”. There are associated success measures, drawn from the key objectives/outcomes contained in partners’ strategy documents, including Argyll and Bute Council’s corporate plan.
- 3.2      Given that there are important links between the Council’s corporate plan, the Argyll and Bute community plan, and the Single Outcome Agreement for Argyll and Bute, it is important that the various strategy documents and outcomes/other success measures are complementary of each other, and that tensions potentially caused by partners working in different ways, to achieve conflicting objectives, are identified at the earliest opportunity and eliminated.
- 3.3      In community planning terms, it has been agreed to proceed on the basis of 3 thematic groups – covering (1) Social Affairs (2) Environment and (3) Economy. These are wide remits and there will, undoubtedly, be areas of overlap. As matters progress, it will be necessary to identify areas of overlap/common interest, and

agree a lead thematic group for each such area. In general, however, matters are not yet at this stage.

- 3.4 From a Council perspective, Policy and Performance Groups (PPGs) have been set up, with remits which mirror those of the thematic groups. The PPGs are currently re-examining critical areas of the Council's corporate plan which they will keep under scrutiny and review.
- 3.5 Both CPP thematic groups and PPGs should, therefore, be concentrating on the same basic areas of activity, and be interested in the same general outcomes. There will, of course, be differences – given that the CPP thematic groups will be looking at wider issues/outcomes, across the whole partnership, while the PPGs will focus more on issues contained in the Council's corporate plan.
- 3.6 If the basic premise of securing a common approach in terms of identifying major issues is accepted, then it is possible to identify specific "big ideas" and measures which can be used to assess progress against these. Attached hereto, as appendices 1 and 2, are two initial suggestions. The headlines for these are -

- Supporting communities where local needs are met; and
- Improving opportunities for people in Argyll and Bute.

The views on the suitability of these topics/issues, and on the measures which have been identified as providing outcome indicators in terms of performance are invited.

- 3.7 As is noted above, the suggestions made are not meant to be exhaustive. There are many other issues which could, reasonably, be regarded as falling within the remit of the Social Affairs thematic group. For example, no specific reference has been made of housing or associated issues such as homelessness. As a further example it would be possible to focus in more detail on particular groups such as children, or older people, at different ends of the age spectrum. Again, views are sought on what is missing/what further themes should be explored for possible inclusion within the remit of the thematic group. These can then be worked up in more detail.

#### **4. CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 This is a starter paper, there is a long way to go in terms of developing community planning/thematic groups.

## 5. IMPLICATIONS

*Policy:* None at this stage

*Finance:* None

*Personnel:* None

*Legal:* None

*Equal Opportunities:* None

Director of Community Services  
6<sup>th</sup> August 2009

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## Supporting Communities Where Local Needs Are Met

### 1. Overview

Our vision for healthy, caring and diverse communities in Argyll and Bute is to work in partnership across a range of services and organisations, including education, health, social work, voluntary organisations and the police to achieve seamless service delivery, specifically targeting actions that reduce health inequalities and meet care needs across the community, and improve overall health, well being, independence and social inclusion.

#### - **Health Improvement**

As part of the community planning process, the Joint Health Improvement Plan provides a framework to address specific life circumstances, lifestyles and health topics. An emphasis on these areas across a range of local work plans and programmes from all Community Planning Partners will ensure that action is targeted on the major determinants of health inequalities.

As a Partnership addressing health improvement and the reduction of health inequalities it is crucial to address the life circumstances in which people live, alongside providing services aimed at improving health outcomes for individuals. We aim to work together to create employment opportunities, better education, housing, leisure facilities and health services for everyone. To ensure the accessibility that is required, action is also targeted to particular groups and individuals.

#### - **Adult Care**

The Partnership embraces the agenda set by “Community Care: A Joint Future”, which seeks to fully integrate health and care services to improve the quality of life of patients, service users and carers.

Our focus is on joint planning, commissioning and integration of health and community care services. Within the Partnership of NHS Highland, Argyll and Bute Council, the voluntary sector, service users and carers are key strategic groups who are responsible for driving review, redesign and improvements transforming the way services are delivered locally.

Integrated joint projects have the potential to deliver significant benefits for people living in Argyll and Bute, including those who require support or protection due to age, special needs, health or life circumstances.

We will seek to improve the quality of care services and users' satisfaction by increasing the quality of assessment and reducing waiting times. We are working to shift the balance of care from "institutional" care to "home based" care which will lead to better and more equitable access to care services and will help to improve the health, independence and wellbeing of service users and carers.

As a Partnership, we are committed to implementation of the national outcome measures for community care:

- Improved health
- Improved wellbeing
- Improved social inclusion
- Improved independence and responsibility

### - **Children and Families**

Joint working across agencies for children's services will enable us to improve the quality and efficiency of service for children both universal and targeted. We aim to support the implementation of a range of services for children and families provided by partnership groups. This includes SureStart Scotland, health promoting schools, early education, pupil support for those out of school, and other social work services for children, including adoption, fostering, residential care, and throughcare and aftercare for those making the transition to adulthood.

All agencies working in Argyll and Bute are committed to working together in partnership to achieve the Vision for Scotland's Children as set out by the Scottish Government. In order to become successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens all children and young people who live in Argyll and Bute need to be safe, nurtured, healthy, achieving, active, included, respected and responsible. We are also committed to developing a community in which every child matters and where every young person is given the best preparation to participate in the opportunities available on the pathway to adulthood.

We also provide services focused on "children in need" whose welfare local authorities have a responsibility to promote and safeguard. As a partnership, we aim to work with the most vulnerable and excluded children and adults to ensure the safety of those at risk from harm either from themselves or from others.

There is a particular focus on the development of effective, clear multi-agency assessment and care planning.

## 2. Outcome Indicators

Our focus for 2009 – 2012 will be to contribute to the following outcomes:

### **IMPROVED HEALTH – Reduced health inequalities by increasing the rate of improvement for the most deprived communities.**

1.	Reduce the proportion of people aged 65 and over admitted as an emergency inpatient two or more times in a single year per 100,000 population.
2.	Maintain the national targets for delayed discharges from hospital.
3.	Reduce the number of people who smoke
4.	Reduce suicide rates
5.	Reduce alcohol related hospital admissions
6.	Increase healthy life expectancy
7.	Reduce the use of anti-depressants
8.	Reduction in deaths from Coronary Heart Disease
9.	Reduce readmissions among those who have had a psychiatric hospital admission
10.	Reduce health inequalities by increasing the rate of improvement for the most deprived communities: (a) Cancer (b) Adult Smoking (c) Respiratory Diseases (d) Smoking during pregnancy (e) Teenage Pregnancy (f) Suicides in young people
11.	Reduce alcohol misuse among young people
12.	Increase healthy eating
13.	Reduce the number of emergency bed days in acute specialties for older patients
14.	Reduce the rate of increase in the proportion of children with a Body Mass Index out with a healthy weight range

### **IMPROVED WELL-BEING – Improved quality of life for people who misuse drugs and alcohol, their families and communities.**

15.	Increase the percentage of older people with care needs receiving services at home
16.	Shifting the balance of care from Fostering or Residential Care to Kinship Care
17.	Increasing the number of families participating in parenting programmes
18.	Increase the percentage of older people receiving personal care at home
19.	Increase the percentage of users and carers satisfied with care packages and multi-agency plans
20.	Increase the percentage of user assessments completed to national



	standard
21.	Increase the percentage of carers' assessments completed to national standard
22.	Increase the percentage of carers who feel able to continue their role
23.	Increase the percentage of care plans and multi-agency plans reviewed within agreed timescale
24.	Decrease the number of people waiting longer than target time for assessment
25.	Decrease the number of people waiting longer than target time for service
26.	Increase the number of children and young people who have a single multi-agency plan

**IMPROVED SOCIAL INCLUSION – Increased proportion of people needing care or support who are able to sustain an independent quality of life as part of the community, through joint working.**

27.	Increase the percentage of users satisfied with opportunities for social interaction
28.	Shift in balance of care from institutional to 'home based' care
29.	Decrease the number of children and young people who are educated out with Argyll and Bute.

**IMPROVED INDEPENDENCE & RESPONSIBILITY – Increased proportion of children and young people maintained in their family and community networks through integrated services.**

30.	Increase the number of people/families in receipt of direct payments
31.	Increase the number of people accessing the Independent Living Fund.

## Improving Opportunities for People in Argyll & Bute

### 1. Overview

As a Partnership, we aim to develop a community that creates opportunities for all through lifelong learning, social, economic and community development. We want to ensure that all individuals are supported to access a range of learning and development opportunities to improve their quality of life and give them access to better paid employment. We recognise that we need to focus on promoting inclusion and ensuring that those individuals or groups who, for a range of reasons, are unable to fully participate in the life of their community are effectively supported.

We want an Argyll and Bute where lifelong learning is valued as a means of change and growth for individuals and communities, and where all individuals, whatever their age, have access to the learning opportunities, skills, knowledge and information that they need to play a full part in society.

#### - **Community Learning**

Learning in local communities can be accessed through a network of community-based guidance to ensure that learning opportunities are widely available to all children, young people, adults and community groups. Community-based learning programmes provide opportunities for everyone to learn in a familiar and supportive community context.

#### - **Inclusive Communities**

The Partnership also believes that it needs to focus on ensuring that the long term unemployed and other excluded groups have access to training and employment opportunities that will enable them to fulfil their potential. A particular area of focus is to raise achievement among those in the NEET (not in education, employment or training) Group.

### 2. Outcome Indicators

Our focus for 2009-2012 will be to contribute to the following outcomes:

1.	Increase the proportion of 16-19 year olds progressing to vocational, further or higher education.
2.	Increase vocational qualification levels in the working age population at SVQ levels 1, 2 and 3.
3.	Increase the percentage of S4 year group achieving English and Mathematics at level 3 (equivalent to Standard Grade foundation

	level).
4.	Increase the percentage of S4 group achieving 5+ awards at SCQF level 5 (standard grade credit or better in S5).
5.	Increase the percentage of S4 group achieving 5+ awards at SCQF level 3 (standard grade credit or better in S5)
6.	Increase the number of young people accessing a jointly planned and delivered employability support service that is appropriate to their needs.
7.	Support and assist social enterprises each year
8.	Increase the uptake of adult learning opportunities in the community.
9.	Increase the number of adults seeking and receiving career and educational information and guidance.
10.	Increase provision of accessible, well resourced literacy services, with evidence of increased uptake.
11.	Increase the number of visits to leisure centres.
12.	Increase the number of visits to libraries.
13.	Increase the number of people accessing financial education, quality advice and financial services appropriate to their needs.
14.	Maintain the level of trainees completing courses through training and employability sources.
15.	Increase the level of adult learning opportunities in the community.
16.	Increase the percentage of participants engaged in employability services going on to permanent employment.

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**COMMUNITY PLANNING CONFERENCE - AUTUMN 2009**

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**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1. It was agreed at the CPP Full Partnership meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June that a small working group should start to put together the proposals and recommendations for the next CPP Conference.
- 1.2. It has been recommended that the next Community Planning Conference should include participants who would normally attend the Councils' Community Learning and Regeneration Conference.
- 1.3. This would reflect current developments within Community Planning.
- 1.4. The Conference would focus on current developments such as the CPP Community Engagement Strategy and the Councils' Harnessing the Potential of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector to Help Achieve Council Objectives, Demonstration Project.
- 1.5. These will be set within the difficult economic context which exists nationally and locally and which will create a demand to change the way in which services are delivered.
- 1.6. A draft set of objectives are outlined and an initial timetable.
- 1.7. Information is provided on some aspects of the organisation of the conference.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1. Note and comment on the initial proposals for objectives and programme.
- 2.2. That the Partnership put forward suggestions for who should compare/chair the event.

**3. OBJECTIVES**

- 3.1. The following initial objectives have been proposed for the conference
- 3.2. Participant have the opportunity to contribute to work that is being undertaken by the Council and the Community Planning Partnership
  - a) Thematic and Local Area Community Planning Group development
  - b) Community Engagement Strategy
  - c) Demonstration Project
    - i) Funding
    - ii) Procurement
    - iii) Asset Transfer
    - iv) Skills Development

- 3.3. Explain the serious economic challenges we are facing.
  - 3.3..1. Ensure that participants understand that this is a national and international challenge we are facing.
  - 3.3..2. Participants understand that this will require change in the way services are delivered.
- 3.4 Partners have the opportunity to take part in detailed discussions on the way these initiatives can contribute to delivering change.
- 3.7 Partners contribute to an agreed agenda for taking these changes forward locally and strategically.

**4. PROGRAMME**

- 4.1 This represents a proposed draft for discussion and a detailed programme for a two day conference.
- 4.2 The proposal is that the Conference takes place in Dunoon during the second week of the October school holiday and the venue be Dunoon Grammar School. Support to meet the costs of accommodation would be given to participants who required this assistance. The suggestions about venue and accommodation are made to keep costs to a minimum.

**4.3 Day 1**

10.00	Registration/Coffee
10.30	Welcome/Introduction – Chief Executive
10.40	Keynote address on the current economic climate. a speaker with a national profile e.g. Colin Mair
11.10	Local Dimension – The Argyll and Bute perspective e.g. Bruce West
11.40	Tipperary Project – One of the partners in the Rural Action Research Project sponsored by Carnegie UK to give a local but international dimension
12.15	Lunch
1.15	Electronic voting on a series of key questions to gauge the views of participants
1.30	What the Community Planning Partnership has been doing. New CPP Structures, Community Engagement Strategy, Demonstration Project.
1.45	Workshop 1

	<p>Four Themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Funding</li> <li>▪ Procurement</li> <li>▪ Asset Transfer</li> <li>▪ Skills Development</li> </ul>
2.45	Coffee
3.00	<p>Workshop 2</p> <p>Workshops will be repeated and participants will be able to attend two out of the four workshops</p>
4.00	Closing debate on challenges ahead
4.45	Close of afternoon session
	The evening options could be a buffet meal and/or some training options if there was the demand. Alternatively a social evening could be arranged.

## Day 2

9.30	Introduction/Reflection
9.45	Changes to CPP Structure Community Engagement Strategy
10.30	LEADER bids to provide partner support to the implementation of the Community Engagement Strategy – various partners
11.15	Coffee
11.30	Workshops Local Area Community Planning Groups x4 Thematic Groups x3
12.30	Lunch
1.30	Planning session to identify the key messages and required future action
3.15	Coffee/Depart

## 5. ORGANISATIONAL ASPECT

- 5.1 The above is an initial outline of a programme. The final programme is likely to incorporate other strands which have been successful in the past, for example slots for local good practice and also an opportunity to hear from colleagues in other parts of the Highlands and Islands. This

could possibly tie in with the Convention of the Highlands and Islands which is taking place in Dunoon the following week.

- 5.2 Further discussion would be required on the roles the Leader, the Chief Executive and the new 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector Spokesperson, Councillor John Semple would wish to play in the Conference.

### **6. CONCLUSIONS**

- 6.1 The proposed conference has the potential to enable the Council to take forward, with key partners, including the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector, a number of significant developments
- 6.2 The conference will present an opportunity to engage with partners on the new approach to Community Planning which will enable greater involvements at all levels.

Jim McCrossan  
Community Learning and Regeneration Manager

2 July 2009