

MINUTES of MEETING of SOCIAL AFFAIRS THEMATIC CPP GROUP held in the MEMBERS ROOM, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD on MONDAY, 22 AUGUST 2011

Present: Councillor Vivien Dance (Chair)
Councillor Anne Horn
Councillor Roderick McCuish
Councillor Elaine Robertson
Cleland Sneddon, Executive Director – Community Services,
Argyll and Bute Council (Thematic Lead)
Glenn Heritage, Third Sector Partnership
Sgt Mark Wilson, Strathclyde Police

Attending: Melissa Stewart, Area Governance Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
Helen Kidd, Planning and Information Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Aileen Goodall, Lead Officer, 16+ Learning Choices, Argyll and Bute Council
Anne Paterson, Quality Improvement Manager – Early Years, Argyll and Bute Council
Eileen Wilson, Argyll and Bute Community Planning Manager

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated from Councillor Mary Jean Devon, Councillor David Kinniburgh, Marlene Baillie (Strathclyde Police) and Derek Leslie (NHS Highland).

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Social Affairs Thematic CPP Group meeting held on 9 May 2011 were approved as a correct record.

3. VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND DOMESTIC ABUSE

A report indicating the levels of domestic abuse in Argyll and Bute compared to the national picture, and highlighting the activities of the Argyll and Bute Against Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women (ADA and VAW) Partnership was considered.

Decision

1. Agreed to support the ongoing work of the ADA and VAW Partnership to address the issues of domestic abuse and violence against women in Argyll and Bute;
2. Agreed to raise awareness of the issues among CPP Partners;
3. Noted that Cleland Sneddon would investigate the best way of raising awareness of the issues with the Council's workforce;

4. Requested that the new Strategy and Implementation Plan for 2012-2015 be brought to a future meeting of the Group; and
5. With reference to Domestic Abuse incidents recorded by Police, requested from Mark Wilson a breakdown of those incidents which are alcohol and/or drug related.

(Reference: Report by Planning and Information Manager, Argyll and Bute Council submitted)

4. PERFORMANCE AND PROGRESS REPORT ON COMMUNITY SAFETY

Mark Wilson presented a report which provided a summary of crimes committed across Argyll and Bute during the period April – June 2011 compared to the five year average for April – June. He advised that apart from Drug Crimes, figures for the last three months showed a downwards trend. He explained the reason for the rise in Drug Crimes was due to a successful intelligence led operation carried out in Oban which targeted a number of properties and that it was hoped to repeat this in other areas in the future and that he was in the process of pulling together a briefing note on intelligence.

Decision

1. Commended the downward trend in crime figures across Argyll and Bute;
2. Noted the successful outcome of the recent intelligence led operation carried out in Oban; and
3. Noted that Eileen Wilson would raise with the Community Safety Partnership and Drivesafe Partners the possible dangers caused by slow drivers and whether or not they would be able to raise awareness of the need for slow drivers to be considerate of other road users and to pull into passing places when available to allow for overtaking.

(Reference: Argyll and Bute Sub Division – Summary of Multi-Member Ward Performance for the Period April – June 2011 compared to the five year average for April – June, submitted)

5. 16+ LEARNING CHOICES - SCHOOL LEAVER DESTINATIONS REPORT

Aileen Goodall gave a presentation on the 16+ Learning Choices Policy and Practice Framework which aims to help prevent and reduce youth unemployment and support economic growth in Scotland. The presentation also included statistical information on the School Leaver Destination Return 2009/10 and follow up results for March 2011 for Argyll and Bute.

Aileen also responded to a number of questions arising from her

presentation.

Decision

1. Noted the contents of the presentation and report; and
2. Noted that Glenn Heritage would provide to Aileen an information pack on training courses provided by Argyll Voluntary Action for volunteers.

(Reference: Report by Skills Development Scotland dated June 2011, submitted)

Aileen Goodall and Mark Wilson left the meeting.

6. FINANCIAL IMPACT OF EARLY YEARS INTERVENTIONS

Anne Paterson gave a presentation which highlighted the financial and collateral impact of Early Years Early Interventions showing that there was strong evidence for investment in early years/early intervention from Neuroscience; Longitudinal research (social benefits); and Economic modelling.

Decision

Noted the contents of the presentation.

Councillor Anne Horn left the meeting during discussion of the foregoing item.

7. SOCIAL AFFAIRS THEMATIC GROUP SCORECARD

Cleland Sneddon highlighted the contents of the Social Affairs Thematic CPP Group Scorecard in respect of key measures identified by the Council in respect of Older People's Services, Learning Disability Services, Mental Health and Children and Families and advised that a copy of this would be circulated with the Minutes of this meeting.

Decision

Noted that further indicators had yet to be identified by Partners and that Cleland would follow this up in advance of the next meeting.

8. WEB DEVELOPMENT

Eileen Wilson confirmed that the Thematic Pages of the Community Planning Partnership website were now linked to the Council website and that more information on the activities being looked at by the Thematic Groups needed to be included and that it would be useful to look at the best way of populating the Thematic pages with this information.

Decision

Noted that Governance Officers, in liaison with the Community Planning

Manager, would investigate the best way of publishing information on the Thematic pages of the website.

9. ALCOHOL AND DRUG PARTNERSHIP PERFORMANCE TIMELINE

Cleland Sneddon advised that he had taken on the role of Chair of the Argyll and Bute Alcohol and Drug Partnership and presented a performance timeline covering the period July 2011 to January 2012 for the Partnership for information.

Decision

1. Noted the contents of the report; and
2. Agreed that a progress report be brought to the Thematic Group in March 2012.

(Reference: Argyll and Bute Alcohol and Drug Partnership Performance Timeline, submitted)

10. HIGHLIGHT AND EXCEPTION REPORTS

(a) ARGYLL AND BUTE ADULT PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Consideration was given to a highlight and exception report provided by the Argyll and Bute Adult Protection Committee.

Decision

1. Noted the activity undertaken by the Argyll and Bute Adult Protection Committee during the period April – June 2011 and the key challenges and actions to be addressed in the future; and
2. Agreed that the information provided was too general in nature and requested a more detailed report be prepared for the next meeting.

(Reference: Report by Argyll and Bute Adult Protection Committee dated August 2011, submitted)

(b) ARGYLL AND BUTE HEALTH AND CARE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Consideration was given to a highlight and exception report provided by the Argyll and Bute Health and Care Strategic Partnership

Decision

Noted the activity undertaken by the Argyll and Bute Health and Care Strategic Partnership during the period April – June 2011 and the key challenges and actions to be addressed in the future.

(Reference: Report by Argyll and Bute Health and Care Strategic Partnership dated 21 July 2011, submitted)

(c) ARGYLL AND BUTE STRATEGIC COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Consideration was given to a highlight and exception report provided by the Argyll and Bute Strategic Community Safety Partnership

Decision

1. Noted the activity currently being undertaken by the Argyll and Bute Strategic Community Safety Partnership and the key challenges and actions to be addressed in the future; and
2. Agreed to request the Clerk to the Licensing Board to provide a report detailing the provisions of the new Alcohol etc. (Scotland) Act 2010 and that this be brought to the next meeting of the Thematic Group on 7 November 2011

(Reference: Report by Argyll and Bute Strategic Community Safety Partnership dated 15 August 2011, submitted)

(d) ARGYLL AND BUTE'S CHILDREN

Consideration was given to a highlight and exception report provided by the Argyll and Bute's Children Partnership.

Decision

Noted the activity undertaken by the Argyll and Bute's Children Partnership during the period April – June 2011 and the key challenges and actions to be addressed in the future.

(Reference: Report by Argyll and Bute Children's Partnership dated 26 July 2011, submitted)

(e) ARGYLL AND BUTE CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Consideration was given to a highlight and exception report provided by the Argyll and Bute Child Protection Committee.

Decision

Noted the activity undertaken by the Argyll and Bute Child Protection Committee during the period April – June 2011 and the key challenges and actions to be addressed in the future.

(Reference: Report by Argyll and Bute Child Protection Committee dated 26 July 2011, submitted)

(f) **EARLY YEARS PARTNERSHIP**

Consideration was given to a highlight and exception report provided by the Early Years Partnership.

Decision

Noted the activity currently being undertaken by the Early Years Partnership and the key challenges and actions to be addressed in the future.

(Reference: Report by Early Years Partnership dated 16 August 2011, submitted)

(g) **ARGYLL AND BUTE STRATEGIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES FORUM**

Consideration was given to a highlight and exception report provided by the Argyll and Bute Strategic Housing and Communities Forum.

Decision

1. Noted the activity undertaken by the Argyll and Bute Strategic Housing and Communities Forum during the period April – June 2011 and the key challenges and actions to be addressed in the future; and
2. Agreed to request the Head of Planning and Regulatory Services to provide a report advising on feedback received so far on the consultation on the Main Issues Report and that this be brought to the next meeting of the Thematic Group on 7 November 2011.

(Reference: Report by Argyll and Bute Strategic Housing and Communities Forum dated 28 July 2011, submitted)

(h) **THIRD SECTOR PARTNERSHIP**

Consideration was given to a highlight and exception report provided by the Third Sector Partnership.

Decision

1. Noted the activity undertaken by the Third Sector Partnership during the period April – mid July 2011 and the key challenges and actions to be addressed in the future; and
2. Noted an update provided by Glenn Heritage regarding a position statement being presented to the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Management Committee regarding the expulsion of Bute Community Links from the Third Sector Partnership and the consequences of this action.

(Reference: Report by the Third Sector Partnership dated 3 August 2011, submitted)

(i) **YOUTH FOCUS/ARGYLL AND BUTE YOUTH FORUM AND DIALOGUE YOUTH**

Consideration was given to a highlight and exception report provided by the Youth Focus/Argyll and Bute Youth Forum and Dialogue Youth.

Decision

Noted the activity undertaken by the Youth Focus/Argyll and Bute Youth Forum and Dialogue Youth during the period April – June 2011 and the key challenges and actions to be addressed in the future.

(Reference: Report by Youth Focus/Argyll and Bute Youth Forum and Dialogue Youth dated 10 August 2011, submitted)

(j) **HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE ACTION GROUP**

Consideration was given to a highlight and exception report provided by the Health Improvement Planning and Performance Action Group (HIPPAAG).

Decision

Noted the activity undertaken by the HIPPAAG during the period April – June 2011 and the key challenges and actions to be addressed in the future.

(Reference: Report by the HIPPAAG dated 18 August 2011, submitted)

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 7 November 2011 in the Members Room, Kilmory, Lochgilphead.