

MEETING WITH DR ANDREW GOUDIE FROM THE SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE

As you know, we received a letter from the Scottish Executive's Performance and Improvement Division stating that "the Executive is looking at how it can best support the Community Planning process, gain a closer understanding of issues facing delivery agencies and to look at how the Executive improves its own approach to joint and cross cutting working".

Dr Andrew Goudie, Acting Head of the Finance and Central Services Department has been designated as the Scottish Executive's contact for the Highland Cluster into which Argyll and Bute has been divided. Dr Goudie has expressed a keen interest to attend our next Management Committee meeting on 13 October 2004.

In order to enable us to utilise the time meaningfully, we need to look at the following:

- Structure/content of the agenda
- Any other issues that we wish to raise

Some of the issues that have been identified are:

- Argyll and Bute's "State of the Area" Report
- Map depicting boundaries of all partner agencies to reflect complexities within which we operate
- Recommendations from Community Planning Implementation Group that we wish to flag up
- Community Health Partnerships
- Transport Issues
- Efficiency Review

A suggested format for the day is as follows:

Morning: Management Committee meeting followed by a buffet lunch (we will need to change venue of meeting to accommodate lunch)

Afternoon: Meeting with Leader of Council, Council Directors and any other key people that we feel we may want him to meet

We will also be asking Dr Goudie if there are any places of interest that he may wish to visit which can possibly be arranged for the previous day and also whether there are any particular issues that he may wish to discuss.

In view of the above, the Management Committee is asked to consider the following:

- Content of the next Management Committee agenda
- Format for the day
- Suggested issues and additional issues that we wish to raise with Dr Goudie
- Key people we wish Dr Goudie to meet
- Any other aspects that haven't been covered

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