

REGENERATION OUTCOME AGREEMENT

The Community Regeneration Fund (CRF) was launched in July 2004 to help individuals and families escape poverty. The Scottish Executive hope that by replacing the Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP) and Better Neighbourhood Services Fund (BSNF) a more focused and targeted approach can be developed.

In August 2004 guidance was issued on the Regeneration Outcome Agreements (ROA), which must be approved by Communities Scotland in order for the funding allocation to be confirmed. The timetable for preparation and submission of the ROA is extremely tight, as noted below:

- Guidance issued: 12th August 2004
- Draft ROA submission date: 31st October 2004 (completed on time)
- Final ROA to be submitted by 20th December 2004

In order to assist Community Planning Partnerships prepare the 3-year ROA, Communities Scotland were allocated additional funding from the Regeneration Programme. This funding enabled the CPP to engage consultants, MCM Associates, to facilitate the production of the ROA. As this firm had undertaken extensive work in the development of the SIP business plans and was familiar with all of the Area Development Groups, they were ideally placed to undertake this work with maximum efficiency and speed.

The short timescale has obviously curtailed the extent of community consultation possible. However, as both the SIP business plans and the ROA are based on the national priorities of Closing the Opportunity Gap and, as widespread consultation helped form the business plans, we are confident that the ROA reflects the aspirations and needs of these communities.

The draft ROA has been considered and approved by:

- Area Development Groups (during October & November)
- CPP Third Theme Group (21st October 2004)
- SIP Strategic Board (28th October and 25th November 2004)
- Full CPP Partnership (5 November 2004)

We have received no feedback from Communities Scotland in relation to the draft ROA but understand informally that it complies with the requirements of the Guidance.

It is recommended that the CPP Management Group endorse the process undertaken to produce the ROA within the required timescale and agree that work continues to complete and submit the final document to Communities Scotland by 20th December 2004.

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REGENERATION OUTCOME AGREEMENT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

1.1 The Regeneration Outcome Agreement (ROA) for Argyll and Bute provides an outline of the overall approach that has been developed in relation to the implementation of the new Community Regeneration Fund (CRF). The CRF replaces the existing Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP) and Better Neighbourhood Services Fund (BNSF), and has been designed to bring improvements to the most deprived areas and help individuals and families escape poverty.

1.2 The Regeneration Outcome Agreement builds on the progress that has been made within Argyll and Bute through the work of the SIP and the BNSF. The approach also draws on the lessons and experience gained through the operation of the previous programmes, and provides a strategic and operational framework for the implementation of the CRF over the three-year period 2005 – 2008.

1.3 The ROA has taken due cognisance of the guidance issued by Communities Scotland with regard to the requirement to ensure that the CRF is focussed on the most deprived 15% of areas within Argyll and Bute. A detailed analysis of local need has been undertaken and a framework developed for building on the regeneration activity that has been established within the area.

Summary of Approach

1.4 The ROA builds on the work that has been undertaken over the last year within existing SIP areas that has focussed on the preparation of local development plans. This process has sought to improve the strategic integration of local regeneration activity with the National Priorities for Community Regeneration, the Closing the Gap Objectives and the Community Planning Partnership Priorities.

1.5 The development plan process has also focussed on ensuring the local activity becomes more outcome driven and is linked to the work of partner agencies. The ROA has also built on the experience of BNSF and the development of targeted programmes to address specific community needs.

Analysis of Need and Targeting

1.6 A detailed analysis of local need has been undertaken and baseline information gathered in relation to local communities. Detailed consideration has been given to the analysis of deprivation through the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2004 (SIMD04). Based on this analysis and drawing on the guidance by Communities Scotland, it is proposed that the CRF should be focused on the worst 15% of areas as identified through the SIMD04 index. This would include:

- Campbeltown focussing on Dalintober/Milknowe
- Helensburgh focussing on Kirkmichael and Craigendoran
- Dunoon focussing on Ardenslate/West Milton and the Glebe
- Bute focussing on the area of Ballochgoy

1.7 These areas are broadly consistent with the previous SIP boundaries but have been extended in line with the post code areas covered by the SIMD areas. A detailed profile for each of the target areas has been prepared and is included as an appendix to the report. An outline of the areas to be covered and comparative population for Argyll and Bute is as follows:

Age Range	Argyll & Bute	Helensburgh		Campbeltown		Cowal		Bute	
		Pop.	% as whole of Argyll & Bute	Pop.	% as whole of Argyll & Bute	Pop.	% as whole of Argyll & Bute	Pop.	% as whole of Argyll & Bute
0 – 4	4,609	82	0.09	106	0.12	139	0.15	47	0.05
5 – 14	11,381	174	0.19	227	0.25	363	0.4	130	0.14
15 – 29	14,150	252	0.28	255	0.28	355	0.39	200	0.22
30 – 44	19,622	267	0.29	367	0.4	434	0.48	208	0.23
45 – 59	19,069	226	0.25	271	0.3	349	0.38	183	0.2
60 – 64	5,665	66	0.07	74	0.08	118	0.13	55	0.06
65 – 79	14,702	98	0.11	206	0.22	294	0.32	192	0.21
80+	2,108	21	0.02	83	0.09	112	0.12	68	0.07
TOTAL	91,306	1,191	1.30	1,589	1.74	2,164	2.37	1,083	1.18

Chart 1

Target Area Population as % of Argyll & Bute as a Whole

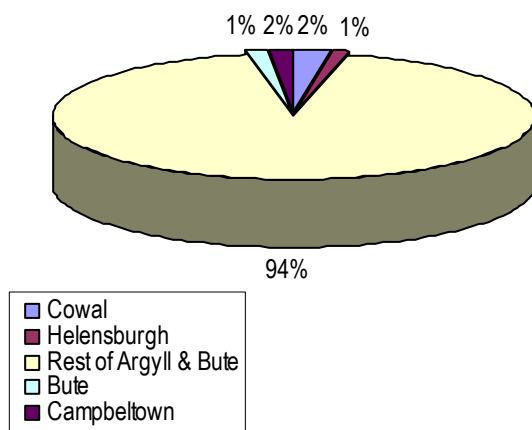
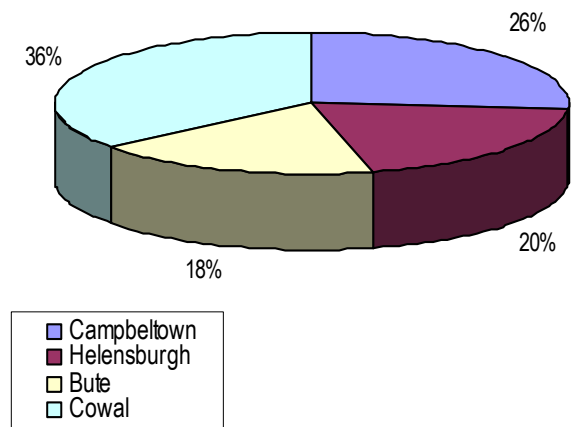


Chart 2

Target Areas - Population Breakdown



Area Regeneration and Thematic Approach

1.8 The focus within the draft ROA is based on the following:

- ***Spatially Targeted Area Regeneration*** – Attention will continue to be focussed on those areas with the highest concentration of economic and social exclusion as outlined above. The approach will be based on supporting a comprehensive programme of community regeneration. This will include undertaking activity to address both the economic and social needs of the community and ensuring that opportunities are created for the most disadvantaged.
- ***Thematic Approach - Individuals and Families*** – It is also recognised that the problem of economic and social exclusion impacts on individuals and families who do not live in the designated areas. Activity over the next three years will also focus therefore, on the needs of excluded individuals and families that require support but who live out-with the designated area. Up to 20% of the CRF will be utilised to support this programme of activity.

Target Groups

1.9 The analysis of local needs has also enabled the identification of key target groups that will be assisted through the local regeneration activity. These include:

- Economically inactive and people on low incomes
- Vulnerable families and children
- Young people
- Older people
- People with a drug and alcohol dependency

Transitional Arrangements

1.10 The ROA sets out the proposed transitional arrangements including:

- Completion of BNSF – The ROA provides for the completion of the existing BNSF programme by March 2006. The BNSF programme during this period will be based on the priorities and outcomes identified within the agreed Local Outcome Agreement. The BNSF programme will be fully integrated as part of the ROA during the period 2006 to 2008.
- Area Based Regeneration – The targeting of future regeneration activity results in Soroba (an existing SIP area) being excluded from the CRF funding. It is proposed therefore that transitional funding arrangements will be established for 2005/2006 to provide an opportunity to consolidate and protect the investment through the previous programme. It is anticipated that this arrangement will also provide an opportunity for partner agencies to consider how to sustain future activity within this area as appropriate.

Resource Allocation

1.11 A initial resource plan has been prepared that is outlined in section 6 of the draft ROA. This includes arrangements to carry forward and phase CRF expenditure over the three years. Detailed programmes of activity and resource requirements, including contributions from partner agencies, will be prepared as part of the final ROA.

Budget Allocation

	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Income (SIP & BNSF)	£3,474,899	£ 986,000	£740,000	£650,000
+ C/Fwd from previous year		£1,734,675	£540,000	£315,000
- Expenditure	£1,739,224	£2,180,675	£965,000	£965,000
C/Fwd to following year	£1,734,675	£ 540,00	£315,000	£0

CRF Expenditure

Summary of planned CRF expenditure 2005/06 to 2007/08			
National Priority	Planned CRF spend 2005/06	Planned CRF spend 2006/07	Planned CRF spend 2007/08
Building strong, safe and attractive communities	£ 19,620	£ 19,620	£ 19,620
Getting people back into work	£ 94,680	£ 94,680	£ 94,680
Improving Health	£ 88,320	£488,720	£488,720
Raising educational attainment	£0	£0	£0
Engaging young people	£0	£0	£0
Sub-total	£260,320	£603,200	£603,200
Supporting community engagement	£ 97,380	£ 97,380	£ 97,380
Transitional Support	£ 52,300	£0	£0
Core support and monitoring and evaluation	£93,7000	£244,600	£244,600
TOTAL	£446,000	£965,000	£965,000

Community Engagement

1.12 Provision is made within the ROA to build on the progress that has been made to involve local people in the regeneration process. Future activity will also be based on the guidance for community engagement, and will be designed to ensure that the community is able to play a full and active part in the planning and delivery of local services.

1.13 In terms of structures, it proposed that community involvement will continue to be through the Area Development Groups that have been established within each area. The Strategic Management Group will also continue to operate with representation drawn from the local ADG's. Provision is made within the ROA for support to continue to be provided to community representatives. It is also proposed that investment is made in relation to activities designed to widen the existing levels of participation and encourage a greater level community engagement.