

Briefing Note: Themes for Citizen's Panel

FAO: CPP management committee

Key Points

- We are looking to develop themes for the 9th Citizen's Panel. Some themes have been suggested and it would be useful to see if there are any others that might be added.
- Past themes
- Current suggestions

Background Information

Previous themes

The previous themes explored via the Citizen's Panel were:

1. Satisfaction with public services in Argyll.
2. How do you get about?
3. Environmental issues
4. Education, Training and Skills Development, Library Services and Review of Council Services
5. Improved access to public services
6. General health and well-being, Health issues for Argyll and Bute Healthcare services in remote and rural areas Marine environment
7. Community planning, housing and community safety
8. Community safety, health and wellbeing, volunteering and equalities.

Suggested themes

These are some themes that have been suggested so far and some ideas of how we might explore them through the Citizen's Panel.

- Council tax value for money
- Testing the CPP conference outputs with the Citizen's Panel
- Transportation Strategy
- Acceptance of increased council tax for improved services
- The forthcoming Health Board consultation
- Consultation surrounding the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park
- Single public service authority
 - Explore public perception and understanding of having all public services provided by a single body within one clearly defined boundary
 - Explore public perception and understanding of coterminosity of existing separate public service authority boundaries
 - how best to describe coterminosity to the public
 - how people feel currently about the provision of public services through multiple bodies and across differing boundaries
 - are there any issues arising from multiple service providers
 - are public aware of who does what
 - public awareness of public authority boundaries
 - issues arising from lack of coterminosity
- Living Landmarks
 - Living Landmarks is a Big Lottery Fund programme with the following priorities;
 - Projects should be inspirational and innovative in design and have a regional impact, such as Millennium Coastal Park, 21st Century Halls, Falkirk Wheel.
 - They must involve the community and serve an identified need

- With this in mind we would include questions in the citizens panel that begin to address the requirement to include the community in the development of the living landmark.
- We would want to investigate people's views on what would be a good choice for a living land mark.
- How to make an inspirational gesture and where?
- What such a project would do for them?

Other themes that could be explored.

Are there any further themes that could be explored?

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