

BLF Local Partnership Hub Paper to CPP September 2006

Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to provide information on the establishment of Big Lottery Fund *local partnership hubs* in order that the CPP Management Committee can discuss this and feed back their views to Argyll & Bute Council's Corporate Funding Officer. You may wish to consider the following questions:

- What do we want from the Hub?**
- What other benefits can we achieve?**
- Who needs to be involved in the Hub?**
- Are there other options we should explore?**
- How should the Hub be implemented?**
- Any other comments/suggestions?**

Background

Through consultation the BLF are developing *local partnership hubs* instead of the former three-way-agreement which existed between the Council, the Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) and the then Community Fund. The *local partnership hubs* proposed, at their simplest, are a way of:

- ensuring that information about BLF funding initiatives and information about local beneficiaries, reaches a wide range of interests and more importantly;
- that BLF is better able to understand the funding needs of Argyll & Bute and its local funding priorities such as those of the Community Planning Partnership; and
- through the hub and member exchanges BLF would hope to encourage a more strategic approach in making funding requests to BLF. This would not be designed to limit or inhibit individual applications but be an attempt to deliver lottery funding where it can add most value.

Detail

The establishment of *local partnership hubs* has many benefits which include

- Ensure funding meets priorities of CPP
- Maximise funding into Argyll & Bute through intelligent investment (eg. appropriate match funding)
- Maximise resources through partnership working - savings
- Streamline funding deadlines and information required with external funders
- Partnership with BLF to ensure needs understood and funding is targeted
- Info on who receiving funding for forward planning

BLF has suggested the following partners which are mainly represented through the CPP. It would therefore make sense to have the local partnership hub within the CPP structure.

- CPP, Council External Funding Officer, CVS, Enterprise Agencies, Childcare Partnership, Health Board/CHP
- Those on the group should as far as possible be funding officers

Way Forward

The Corporate Funding Officer will progress the development of the Argyll & Bute Local Partnership Hub with the input of Eileen Wilson, the CPP Manager. A progress report will be submitted to the December 2006 CPP Management Committee meeting.

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