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## COMMUNITY PLANNING CONFERENCE - AUTUMN 2009

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### 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1. It was agreed at the CPP Full Partnership meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June that a small working group should start to put together the proposals and recommendations for the next CPP Conference.
- 1.2. It has been recommended that the next Community Planning Conference should include participants who would normally attend the Councils' Community Learning and Regeneration Conference.
- 1.3. This would reflect current developments within Community Planning.
- 1.4. The Conference would focus on current developments such as the CPP Community Engagement Strategy and the Councils' Harnessing the Potential of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector to Help Achieve Council Objectives, Demonstration Project.
- 1.5. These will be set within the difficult economic context which exists nationally and locally and which will create a demand to change the way in which services are delivered.
- 1.6. A draft set of objectives are outlined and an initial timetable.
- 1.7. Information is provided on some aspects of the organisation of the conference.

### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. Note and comment on the initial proposals for objectives and programme.
- 2.2. That the Partnership put forward suggestions for who should compare/chair the event.

### 3. OBJECTIVES

- 3.1. The following initial objectives have been proposed for the conference
- 3.2. Participant have the opportunity to contribute to work that is being undertaken by the Council and the Community Planning Partnership
  - a) Thematic and Local Area Community Planning Group development
  - b) Community Engagement Strategy
  - c) Demonstration Project
    - i) Funding
    - ii) Procurement
    - iii) Asset Transfer
    - iv) Skills Development

- 3.3. Explain the serious economic challenges we are facing.
  - 3.3..1. Ensure that participants understand that this is a national and international challenge we are facing.
  - 3.3..2. Participants understand that this will require change in the way services are delivered.
- 3.4 Partners have the opportunity to take part in detailed discussions on the way these initiatives can contribute to delivering change.
- 3.7 Partners contribute to an agreed agenda for taking these changes forward locally and strategically.

#### 4. PROGRAMME

- 4.1 This represents a proposed draft for discussion and a detailed programme for a two day conference.
- 4.2 The proposal is that the Conference takes place in Dunoon during the second week of the October school holiday and the venue be Dunoon Grammar School. Support to meet the costs of accommodation would be given to participants who required this assistance. The suggestions about venue and accommodation are made to keep costs to a minimum.

#### 4.3 Day 1

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| 10.00 | Registration/Coffee   |
| 10.30 | Welcome/Introduction – Chief Executive  |
| 10.40 | Keynote address on the current economic climate. a speaker with a national profile e.g. Colin Mair  |
| 11.10 | Local Dimension – The Argyll and Bute perspective e.g. Bruce West   |
| 11.40 | Tipperary Project – One of the partners in the Rural Action Research Project sponsored by Carnegie UK to give a local but international dimension |
| 12.15 | Lunch   |
| 1.15  | Electronic voting on a series of key questions to gauge the views of participants   |
| 1.30  | What the Community Planning Partnership has been doing. New CPP Structures, Community Engagement Strategy, Demonstration Project.                 |
| 1.45  | Workshop 1  |

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|      | <p>Four Themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Funding</li> <li>▪ Procurement</li> <li>▪ Asset Transfer</li> <li>▪ Skills Development</li> </ul> |
| 2.45 | Coffee  |
| 3.00 | <p>Workshop 2</p> <p>Workshops will be repeated and participants will be able to attend two out of the four workshops</p>                                     |
| 4.00 | Closing debate on challenges ahead  |
| 4.45 | Close of afternoon session  |
|      | The evening options could be a buffet meal and/or some training options if there was the demand. Alternatively a social evening could be arranged.            |

## Day 2

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| 9.30  | Introduction/Reflection  |
| 9.45  | Changes to CPP Structure<br>Community Engagement Strategy  |
| 10.30 | LEADER bids to provide partner support to the implementation of the Community Engagement Strategy – various partners |
| 11.15 | Coffee   |
| 11.30 | Workshops<br>Local Area Community Planning Groups x4<br>Thematic Groups x3   |
| 12.30 | Lunch  |
| 1.30  | Planning session to identify the key messages and required future action   |
| 3.15  | Coffee/Depart  |

## 5. ORGANISATIONAL ASPECT

- 5.1 The above is an initial outline of a programme. The final programme is likely to incorporate other strands which have been successful in the past, for example slots for local good practice and also an opportunity to hear from colleagues in other parts of the Highlands and Islands. This

could possibly tie in with the Convention of the Highlands and Islands which is taking place in Dunoon the following week.

- 5.2 Further discussion would be required on the roles the Leader, the Chief Executive and the new 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector Spokesperson, Councillor John Semple would wish to play in the Conference.

## **6. CONCLUSIONS**

- 6.1 The proposed conference has the potential to enable the Council to take forward, with key partners, including the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector, a number of significant developments
- 6.2 The conference will present an opportunity to engage with partners on the new approach to Community Planning which will enable greater involvements at all levels.

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