

26th November 2009

Community Plan 2009-2013

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** This report is to advise Council of the background to and processes involved in developing this new Community Plan and to seek final approval to publish widely as the agreed Community Plan for Argyll and Bute.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** That the Council:
- i. Considers and adopts the Argyll and Bute Community Plan 2009-2013.
 - ii. Considers and approves the priorities outlined for the 4 year lifespan of the Plan.
 - iii. Notes the background to and processes involved in developing the Plan.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** Argyll and Bute's last Community Plan was launched in 2007, covering the period until 2017. The Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership agreed that the Plan should be revised in light of the new CPP structures and the SOA and that it should be reviewed every four years to ensure that it adapts to changing priorities and needs as well as to reflect progress already made. It was agreed that a new Community Plan should come into effect from September 2009.

- 3.2** The new plan has been developed by the Management Committee with input from the new CPP Thematic Groups and fulfils the government's requirements for partnership working.

Community Plan consultation route:-

- 16th September – Management Committee
- 28th October – Full Partnership
- 3rd November – B & C Local Community Planning Group¹
- 4th November – MAKI Local Community Planning Group
- 9th November – Social Affairs Thematic Group
- 12th November – Environment Thematic Group

¹ The Draft Community Plan has been part of the presentations made to the new Local Community Planning Groups (Oban and Lorn due to meet on the 2nd of December)

- 13th November – Organisational Development PPG
- 17th November – H & L Local Community Planning Group
- 25th November – Economy Thematic group²

3.3 The links with Local Community Plans and the Single Outcome Agreement have also been strengthened. To ensure continuity, this Plan will continue to be known as the Community Plan.

3.4 The Thematic Groups have also considered any new priorities identified by the SOA. This has led to the development of this Plan, and the actions that need to take place to deliver it. This new Community Plan contains outcomes, actions and success measures. The Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership will monitor performance against both the SOA and Local Community Plans.

3.5 Progress against the plan and target outputs will be measured and monitored using scorecards summarising progress against the success measures and actions. Scorecards and briefing reports will be submitted quarterly to the Management Committee.

3.6 The future

In four years the Plan will be refreshed again; this will be a more extensive review of the Plan and its vision and priorities. In the intervening period the Partnership recognises that the priorities and actions within the plan will develop and change. In order to keep the Plan relevant, it will be continuously refreshed and the most up-to-date version will be available on the CPP website and through links from Council and other community planning partners websites. Updates will be approved via the CPP Management Committee.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 On final approval this plan will be made widely available.

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² Due to proximity of this meeting to the Council meeting on the 26th of November some changes may be made as a result of discussions at the Economic Thematic Group. Any changes will be reported verbally and changes made to the master document before final publication.