



# Strategic Partnership Highlight & Exception Report

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Strategic Partnership (Name of Partnership you are reporting on)	ARGYL & BUTE STRATEGIC HOUSING & COMMUNITIES FORUM
CPP Thematic Group (i.e Economy, Environment or Social Affairs)	SOCIAL AFFAIRS
CPP Outcome (please select – you can select more than one outcome)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP01 – competitive and successful businesses</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP02 – sustainable economic assets</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP03 – vibrant towns that are centres of economic growth</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP04 – promoting our cultural, social and natural heritage</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP05 – Utilising our environment to create employment and prosperity</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP06 – Protecting our unique area</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP07 – services are planned and delivered based on local need</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP08 – overall health, wellbeing, independence and social inclusion are improved</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP09 – people feel safe and secure</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP010 – our diverse culture is celebrated</li></ul>

**Activity Summary in Period**

(please state period you are reporting on)

**April – October 2010**

The Forum met formally on 3 occasions in this period, and convened additional dedicated strategic planning workshops focussing on the development of the local housing strategy (LHS) and the Housing Need and Demand Assessment (HNDA).

Activities & outputs in 2010/11, to date include:

- Overseeing and approving development of local HNDA for whole authority area;
- Participation in stakeholder consultation/workshop events – including dedicated particular needs event and presentations to LACPGs;
- Completion of 93 affordable homes (124% over annual target) all of which were designed to Housing for Varying Needs standard and included 4 wheelchair units;
- Approved Strategic Housing Investment Plan, 2010;
- Strengthened Housing, Health & Social Work partnership;
- Oversaw improved house conditions in social rented sector (via SHQS compliance) and in private sector (via BTS improvement aid );
- Increased opportunities for independent living through the provision of disabled grants in private sector;
- Continued to promote Home Energy Efficiency partnership working and supported Council's successful bid for additional investment of £520,000 in home insulation schemes across Argyll

	<p>&amp; Bute;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secured investment in local communities of: over £11m via Strategic Housing Fund; £794k via Private Sector Housing Grant; and £14.396m via the Scottish Government’s AHIP;</li> <li>• Debated Scottish Government’s Housing Policy paper “Fresh Thinking, New ideas” and submitted response;</li> <li>• Supported Council’s successful bid for £10k to facilitate engagement with disabled stakeholders in a co-production pilot for the revision of the LHS;</li> <li>• Continued to monitor the Homeless Service Improvement Plan;</li> <li>• Enhanced partnership working between RSLs and Strathclyde Fire &amp; Safety;</li> </ul>
<p>Key Challenges &amp; Actions to Address</p>	<p>Key challenge remains the significant reductions in core investment in housing and housing support, including AHIP and PSHG, particularly in light of the level and scope of unmet need and demand identified in the HNDA.</p> <p>Meeting statutory obligations (such as homelessness targets) increases pressure on limited resources while acute and increasing needs of most vulnerable will require further prioritisation and effective strategic planning. Housing service review underway and partners progressing proposals for streamlining procurement of new build.</p>
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