

Strategic Partnership Highlight & Exception Report



Strategic Partnership (Name of Partnership you are reporting on)	ARGYLL & 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) Please refer to attached table for more detail on each CPP Outcome.	<input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP01 – competitive and successful businesses <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP02 – sustainable economic assets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP03 – vibrant towns that are centres of economic growth <input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP04 – promoting our cultural, social and natural heritage <input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP05 – Utilising our environment to create employment and prosperity <input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP06 – Protecting our unique area <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP07 – services are planned and delivered based on local need <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP08 – overall health, wellbeing, independence and social inclusion are improved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP09 – people feel safe and secure <input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP010 – our diverse culture is celebrated

<p>Activity Summary in Period (please state period you are reporting on)</p>	<p>November 2010 – March 2011</p> <p>The Forum oversaw the development, implementation & monitoring of the Housing Needs & Demand Assessment (HNDA), Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP), & the Local Housing Strategy (LHS) for Argyll & Bute.</p> <p>Members participated in a seminar on 25/11/10 to review the strategic vision, aims & objectives of the new LHS and also engaged in a series of Option Appraisal workshops in February & March 2011 to inform the draft Action Plan for the new strategy.</p> <p>At the formal meeting on 25th March 2011, the Council’s new spokesperson for Rural Affairs & Islands, Housing & Gaelic, Councillor Robin Currie, assumed chairmanship of the Forum.</p> <p>The outcome report on the Interim LHS Action Plan for 2010/11 was approved. Key achievements for last year in relation to CPP CP09 targets were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 156 new build completions for social rent • 26 new build completions for shared equity/LIFT • 8 of above total were designed to meet particular needs • Repeat Homelessness reduced by one third from previous year’s figure (i.e. from 28 to 19)
<p>Key Challenges & Actions to Address</p>	<p>Key challenge remains the loss of core development funding and fundamental restructuring of public investment in affordable housing which will impact on supply while at the same time need & demand are exacerbated by economic trends and national policy shifts such as welfare & benefit reforms.</p>
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