

# Strategic Partnership Highlight & Exception Report



<b>Strategic Partnership</b> (Name of Partnership you are reporting on)	<b>Argyll and Bute Renewable Alliance</b>
<b>CPP Thematic Group</b> (i.e Economy, Environment or Social Affairs)	<b>Economy</b>
<b>CPP Outcome</b> (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 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 type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP07 – services are planned and delivered based on local need  <input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP08 – overall health, wellbeing, independence and social inclusion are improved  <input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP09 – people feel safe and secure  <input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP010 – our diverse culture is celebrated

**Activity Summary in Period**

(please state period you are reporting on)

(Period FQ4 2010/11)

The formation of ABRA is a key action outlined within the CPP Renewable Energy Action Plan. Following agreement of the Terms of Reference, drafted in partnership with HIE, and presented to the CPP Management Committee for endorsement, all proposed members (as outlined in the ToR) were invited to the inaugural meeting of the alliance, held Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

The Alliance aims to facilitate a strategic overview of renewable development, and a greater awareness of all the issues relating to this development, across Argyll and Bute, as well as assist with further implementation of the REAP.

The inaugural meeting brought together key partners, including Argyll and Bute Council, the Scottish Government, Marine Scotland, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Scottish Power Renewables, Scottish and Southern Energy, Crown Estate Commission and Skills Development Scotland.

A positive response was expressed by all partners from the inaugural meeting, who strongly supported the objectives and terms of reference of the alliance. ABRA will now work closely to progress action points identified from this meeting, and consider key themes, such as infrastructure, identified for future discussion.

It was agreed that three meetings of ABRA per annum was sufficient. Subsequent meeting dates have been proposed for June and October 2011.

Key Challenges & Actions to Address	The Council in partnership with HIE, are working to secure the next meeting of the alliance – to be held 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2011 – and the agenda items for this, whilst working with partners to progress key actions arising from the inaugural meeting.
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