

# Strategic Partnership Highlight & Exception Report



<p><b>Strategic Partnership</b> (Name of Partnership you are reporting on)</p>	<p><b>Argyll &amp; Bute Social Enterprise Network</b></p>
<p><b>CPP Thematic Group</b> (i.e Economy, Environment or Social Affairs)</p>	<p><b>Economy</b></p>
<p><b>CPP Outcome</b> (please select – you can select more than one outcome)</p> <p>Please refer to attached table for more detail on each CPP Outcome.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP01 – competitive and successful businesses</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP02 – sustainable economic assets</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP03 – vibrant towns that are centres of economic growth</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP04 – promoting our cultural, social and natural heritage</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP05 – Utilising our environment to create employment and prosperity</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP06 – Protecting our unique area</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP07 – services are planned and delivered based on local need</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP08 – overall health, wellbeing, independence and social inclusion are improved</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP09 – people feel safe and secure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP010 – our diverse culture is celebrated</p>

<p><b>Activity Summary in Period</b> (please state period you are reporting on)</p> <p><b>May 2011 – July 2011</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ABSEN member survey completed.</b></li> <li>• <b>Working with Argyll &amp; Bute Local Services Initiative (ABLSI) on key themes of Procurement &amp; Risk Management, Funding &amp; Open Book Budgeting, Skills assets &amp; Physical Assets.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Workshop held for recycling groups on risk &amp; procurement</b></li> <li>○ <b>Meetings and tele-conferences with Recycling groups – reviewing funding cuts and future business plans.</b></li> <li>○ <b>Event held on 26<sup>th</sup> May with organisations funded through Children &amp; Families to look at how the Council &amp; providers can work together to deliver best service possible whilst absorbing latest funding cuts.</b></li> <li>○ <b>Follow on workshop with council &amp; providers took place on 5<sup>th</sup> August in Lochgilphead, next workshop scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> September.</b></li> <li>○ <b>Meeting with A&amp;B Heads of Services to look at areas of business which could potentially be outsourced to social enterprises.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Support visits to 16 potential/new and existing social enterprises.</b></li> <li>• <b>ABSEN Regional Meeting held in Arrochar (May)</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Key Challenges &amp; Actions to Address</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Support recycling organisations as they try to cope with the loss/reduction of funding which will significantly impact on level of services provided. Main issues are vulnerability of groups, loss of services and loss of staff.</b></li> <li>• <b>Support to user consultation workshops resulting from Children &amp; Families event.</b></li> <li>• <b>Reports from Members Survey to be finalised for general publication.</b></li> <li>• <b>ABSEN AGM &amp; Conference being held in Rothesay on 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2011. Programme/invites issued.</b></li> <li>• <b>Continuing support to social enterprises impacted by current economic situation.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Support provided via following activities –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Involvement in meetings, conference calls e.g. with A&amp;B Council on recycling</b></li> <li>• <b>Provision of appropriate training/alerting organisations to other training available.</b></li> <li>• <b>General business support through ABSEN Associates.</b></li> <li>• <b>Provision of networking opportunities through Regional Meetings, Annual Conference.</b></li> <li>• <b>Regular communication with social enterprises through</b></li> </ul>

	<p>twice monthly newsletters, bulletins, and web site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representing ABSEN &amp; members at appropriate meetings, workshops, conferences, training events etc.</li> <li>• Development Manager support through visits to potential, new and existing social enterprises.</li> </ul>
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