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**ARGYLL AND BUTE ALCOHOL AND DRUG PARTNERSHIP  
STRATEGY (2013-16)**

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**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The Argyll & Bute Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) Strategy 2013-16 is the first step in the work of the ADP to reduce the impact of harmful use of alcohol and drugs and to support recovery from addiction. The Strategy was subject to a wide ranging consultation during December 2012 and January 2013. Feedback was received from partners, service-users, community councils and the general public).

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended the CPP agree that:
- a) Approve the Argyll & Bute Alcohol and Drug Partnership Strategy 2013-16

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The consultation period for the ADP Strategy 2013-2016 ran from 4 December 2012 to 31 January 2013. During the consultation period, events were held in each of the ADP local forum areas (Helensburgh and Lomond, Cowal, Mid Argyll, Bute, Islay, Kintyre and Oban, Lorn and the Isles) as well as consultation meetings with the ADP Implementation group, the ADP Lead Officers Group, and the ADP Third Sector Forum. The ADP Coordinator also attending the Health & Wellbeing Partnership, the Argyll & Bute Addictions Team (ABAT) team meeting and the Encompass team meeting to receive feedback on the draft Strategy. Twenty written responses were received by the ADP coordinator from a range of individuals and organisations.

- 3.2 The ADP Strategy focuses on four priorities:

- Health in Argyll & Bute is maximised and communities feel engaged and empowered to make healthier choices regarding alcohol and drugs
- Effective integrated care pathway is established, offering a flexible range of services from assessment to recovery is in place in Argyll & Bute
- Individuals, families and communities in Argyll & Bute are protected against substance misuse harm

- Children affected by parental and personal substance misuse are protected and build resilience through the joint working of adult and children's services in Argyll & Bute

The Strategy details key actions for each of these priorities the ADP will deliver.

- 3.3 The next step in this journey will be to develop a detailed Delivery Plan of the key actions for each Priority. This Delivery Plan will develop timescales for delivery of the key actions, key milestones, SMART performance management and outcome measures and lead officers for the actions. The Delivery Plan will be developed in line with the ADP Outcomes Framework, which is illustrated on page 8, and will inform the ADP Scorecard. The Delivery Plan will also lead to the development of a commissioning plan which will develop service specifics for the delivery of alcohol and drug services in Argyll & Bute.

#### **4. CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 The Strategy outlines the direction of travel for the work of the ADP. The process of developing the Strategy has been a positive development for the partnership and moves beyond historic tensions between providers. It will set the key priorities for our work in this area of service underpinned by themes around prevention, improved joint working, information sharing and referral.

#### **5. IMPLICATIONS**

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| 5.1 | Policy:           | Agreement of this report would be in line with the commitments in the SOA and Community Plan and the national policy direction around Alcohol and Drugs                                      |
| 5.2 | Financial:        | It is anticipated these measures can be implemented within the existing ADP budgets.   |
| 5.3 | Legal:            | None   |
| 5.4 | HR:               | None   |
| 5.5 | Equalities:       | The strategy will help tackle disadvantage through inclusive support services  |
| 5.6 | Risk:             | If the ADP does not have a clear strategy and delivery plan to tackle problem alcohol and drug use, there are significant consequences for individuals, communities and each partner agency. |
| 5.7 | Customer Service: | Implementation of this strategy will improve outcomes for service users.   |

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