

MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS PARTNERSHIP GROUPS.

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 This report provides Members with requested information in regards to the up to date status of local partnerships within Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Area Committee is asked to note the report.

3.0 DETAIL

3.1 At the Special meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee held on 1st May 2013, Members gave consideration to how best to seek to ensure that current and future ferry services provide maximum benefit to the Kintyre area. As part of that discussion, Members agreed that the Kintyre Initiative Working Group should be invited to form a subgroup to specifically focus on the impact of ferry services.

3.2 During the course of the discussion, Members sought clarity about the status of both the Kintyre Initiative Working Group and the Mid Argyll Partnership in the context of community planning arrangements.

3.3 Local community planning groups have a remit to support and encourage effective collaboration and coordination between community based organisations operating in the local area, and to give effect to the Community Engagement Strategy at a local level.

3.4 Local partnership groups, including the Kintyre Initiative Working Group and the Mid Argyll Partnership are the existing arrangements in MAKI, which have facilitated much of the work of the Community Planning Group, particularly in regards to providing effective collaboration and coordination across community based groups and organisations operating in their local areas. They are effective and efficient partnership groups with broadranging membership and attendance which identify solutions to local issues on a partnership basis. They also provide an effective community engagement forum in their local area.

3.5 In terms of the local community planning group maintaining a broad overall understanding of the issues which local communities are identifying and

progressing through their local groups, it would be helpful if a short update was provided by each of the KIWG and MAP to meetings of the Community Planning Group. Although this happens informally by way of input from partners and Members who attend both meetings, it would be helpful to formalise this by way of the type of exception and highlight report to CPG which is tabled by the Community Safety Forum. This will be progressed by way of a report to the September CPG in order that the partnership can consider the benefits of such a process.

4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 Local Community Planning Groups have a remit to support and encourage effective collaboration and coordination between community based organisations operating in the local area, and to give effect to the Community Engagement Strategy at a local level. The existing arrangements in MAKI, comprising the key partnerships of the Kintyre Initiative Working Group and the Mid Argyll Partnership, facilitate much of this work and ensure the robustness of the process of community engagement in local areas, and therefore have a full and active role to play in ensuring the continuation of effective community planning in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Policy – None

5.2 Financial – None

5.3 Legal – None

5.4 HR – None

5.5 Equalities – None

5.6 Risk – None

5.7 Customer Service – None

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