

**IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY ON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP WORKING TO
PROVIDE EQUIPPED PLAY AREAS**

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report advises members of the planned implementation of Argyll and Bute Council /Community Partnership Development of Play Areas Policy at Port Ellen, Islay.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members note the implementation of Argyll and Bute Council/Community partnership policy for play area development developed in 2004.

3. DETAILS

- 3.1 The Argyll and Bute Council /Community Partnership Play Area Development Policy has three strands. The first strand deals with a play area maintained and owned by Argyll and Bute Council ,a partnership agreement is drawn up to define project, plans and funding plan and responsibilities including the retention of all maintenance insurance and inspection responsibilities by Argyll and Bute Council. The second strand sets out how Argyll and Bute Council will take on community built play areas where a dowry sum of half the construction cost or £20,000 is passed to the council by the community whichever is greater. Argyll and Bute Council will then take ownership of the site. The third strand of the policy is relevant to this project i.e. 4 play areas has been closed or passed to others to maintain thereby freeing resource , a request has been made to Amenity Services to take on the ownership and inspection, maintenance and insurance of this site at Ramsey Hall ,Port Ellen. The community are involved in raising funds to redevelop this site; Amenity Services will provide support for the project.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Redevelopment of this play area will deliver a great example of Argyll and Bute Council making Argyll and Bute a great place to live and work and to allow all to reach their potential. To date 15 projects; using the policy, have been completed bringing around £800,000 of external investment in to the play area asset of Argyll and Bute Council.

5. IMPLICATIONS

5.1	Policy	Delivers existing policy and supports community lead projects.
5.2	Financial	Continued revenue allocation and potential capital spend
5.3	Legal	Requires preparation of documents to give Argyll and Bute Council land ownership
5.4	HR	None
5.5	Equalities	Provides opportunities for all
5.6	Risk	Policy implementation ties budget into delivery of maintenance over a defined period.
5.7	Customer Services	Adding value to project by providing clarity of officer support and community involvement.

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