

## **Community Wealth Building report - initial recommendations**

### **1.0 Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide the CPP Management Committee with an opportunity to discuss the initial Community Wealth Building report recommendations.

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- Are **tied to a particular place** by their mission, histories, physical assets and local relationships. Examples include local authorities, NHS trusts, universities, trade unions, large local businesses, the combined activities of the community and voluntary sector and housing associations.

The Scottish Government has published an overview of the responses received to their January 2023 consultation paper on Community Wealth Building legislation<sup>2</sup>.

### 3.2 Argyll and Bute CPP commissioned research

The CPP at its March 2023 meeting agreed to commission research mapping existing CWB case studies in Argyll and Bute and beyond and to develop and identify local priorities for action. The report was funded by the Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface on the understanding that the report would be commissioned on behalf of the CPP partners as a whole to support partnership working and collaboration on this model.

Following a competitive tender, the research contract was awarded to CLES in June 2023 and work on the five lots began in July 2023. The lots were as follows:-

- **Lot one** . an audit of existing best practice and a mapping exercise against each of the five pillars. For instance, how are we all using land and assets, how do we procure and commission services and are we collectively applying fair work principles as employers and commissioners of services? This will include stakeholder consultation and will also inform lot three.
- **Lot two** . identification of case studies that may be replicable across Argyll and Bute and identification of opportunities that are relevant to our locality and strategic aims as a CPP linked to our new LOIP objectives.
- **Lot three** . development of a CWB framework for action
- **Lots four and five** . the aim here is to develop two business cases and models for two areas of activity to propel our actions forward. Following

Initial discussions have also been held between CPP partners about the importance of the CWB pillars and the specific Argyll and Bute recommendations to other strategies and action plans. For instance, there is an opportunity for the forthcoming Argyll and Bute Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan to incorporate this work on Community Wealth Building and to use the five pillars as underpinning principles.

## 4.2 Next steps

The recommendations identified by CLES following research and consultation presents a potential framework for action for CPP partners.

It is proposed that the working group model adopted to steer the research is continued and CPP members are asked to identify whether the working group membership should be widened or not at this stage. Representatives from the following organisations are currently involved:-

- Argyll and Bute Council
- Highland and Islands Enterprise
- Skills Development Scotland
- Argyll and Bute HSCP
- Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface

the next CPP with a final CWB report and provide regular progress reports thereafter:-

- i. Finalisation of the full CWB report with CLES
- ii. Advise on taking forward the recommendations contained in the Framework for Action at Appendix 1.

## 5.0 Implications

Strategic Implications	Community Wealth Building has significant cross cutting implications for a wide range of strategies including the forthcoming Local Outcome Improvement Plan and the new Argyll and Bute Economic Strategy expected in 2024
Consultations, Previous considerations	The report has involved stakeholder engagement sessions, interviews and a number of citizen led workshops exploring the most important CWB themes for Argyll and Bute.
Resources	The TSI board has funded the CWB review report and business cases. Further resource implications would need to be explored by CPP partners and it is noted that the CWB pilot areas utilized Scottish Government pilot funding.
Prevention	Retaining wealth generated locally and promoting fair employment are excellent methods to ensure communities are sustainable and promote community resilience.
Equalities	CWB has at its core fair employment, just labour markets and making financial power work for local places. This is conducive to supporting the Fairer Scotland Duty as well as Equality Act responsibilities for those with protected characteristics.

