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## Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

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### Title: Update Report on Local Area Community Planning Groups

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#### 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report summarises progress which Local Area Community Planning Groups are making in taking forward their Action Plans and in developing effective Community Engagement, as they progress to becoming key partnership groups for areas to plan and monitor aims and objectives for local communities.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Partnership notes the progress which the Local Area Community Planning Groups are making as they develop into key partnership groups for local areas.

#### 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Local Area Community Planning Groups have made good progress in establishing themselves, in focussing on regular meeting cycles, and in ensuring that all relevant partners and community representatives attend meetings and events. The January round of meetings were generally well attended and generated good quality debate amongst partners about future direction and aims for the groups, and for the local communities they represent.
- 3.2 Work is continuing in all areas in identifying key local strategic partnerships who need to be aligned with the LACPG, and who are frequently the deliverers of key local outcomes contained in the developing LACPG plans. A full report on linked local partnerships is being considered at the March round of LACPG meetings, at which time groups are taking the opportunity to ensure that linkages and representation are most relevant to local circumstances. Following this, the agreed process of Highlight and Exception reporting on key aims and outcomes will be introduced to linked partnerships, giving the LACPGs the information they need to ensure that local priorities are, in fact, being progressed. It remains the case that as a result of this work in aligning partnerships some rationalisation of these groups is also taking

**3.4** method in taking effective community engagement work forward.