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**Argyll and Bute Community Planning  
Partnership**

**Full Partnership  
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**Scottish Government Review of Community Planning**

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**1. SUMMARY**

**1.1** This report informs the partnership on the Scottish Government's proposed review of Community Planning. Further updates will be brought to the partnership as it progresses.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**2.1** It is recommended that the partnership note the report.

**3. BACKGROUND**

**3.1** The Scottish Government is currently proposing a 3 stage review of community planning. This is being carried out in partnership with COSLA, SOLCCE and the Improvement Service. Audit Scotland and the Accounts Commission have also been involved.

**3.2** There are a number of stages to the review and different timescales attached to them. The principle is to establish whether community planning is as effective as it could be and whether there are changes that could be made from the centre that would allow for better decentralized and integrated decision making across the public sector.

**3.3** The first stage is the production of a clear statement jointly developed by partners regarding what is expected of the Community Planning process in terms of partner involvement, identification of priorities, and the achievement of better outcomes for communities that are clear and measurable. This statement will take into account the four key elements of public service agreed through the spending review process e.g.:

- focus on place and integration of services
- preventative spend
- a transparent performance culture
- a focus on workforce issues.

This statement will also have to take into account how Community Planning should be developed to deal with changes in the public sector environment such as health and social care integration.

