

## **West Dunbartonshire Council**

### **Report by the Director of Education & Cultural Services**

**Community Participation Committee: 20 September, 2006**

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**Subject: West Dunbartonshire Adult Learning Action Plan Group – Action Plan 2005-2010 Summary Leaflet and Comment/Feedback Form**

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1** This report explains the background to the West Dunbartonshire Adult Learning Action Plan Group and requests that the Community Participation Committee notes the content of the group's Action Plan Summary leaflet and Comment/Feedback form.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1** In January 2004 the Scottish Executive produced "Working & Learning Together to Build Stronger Communities" - Guidance for Community Learning and Development.
- 2.2** This guidance document outlined the 3 National Priorities for CLD; Achievement Through Learning for Adults; Achievement Through Learning for Young People; Achievement Through Building Community Capacity.
- 2.3** Community Learning and Development Partnerships were established in each local authority area. In West Dunbartonshire a 5 year Strategy, 'Working & Learning Together – Community Learning Development and Guidance, A Strategy for West Dunbartonshire 2005–2010' was developed. This Strategy sets out proposals to build on existing good practice and to address the 3 National priorities for CLD in West Dunbartonshire.
- 2.4** To progress the "Achievement Through Learning for Adults" priorities as outlined in the West Dunbartonshire Strategy document, an Adult Learning Action Plan Group has been established and an Adult Learning Action Plan 2005-2010 has been produced.

#### **3. Main Issues**

- 3.1** The membership of the Adult Learning Action Plan group includes a range of Council and partner agencies with a remit for the development and delivery of adult learning provision across the authority.

- 3.2 The Adult Learning Action Plan Summary leaflet provides a range of information which includes background on the group, its aims, the expected outcomes and outlines the 14 main action plan priorities for the group taken from the main Strategy document.
- 3.3 The Action Plan is a live document which will be subject to continuous review, improvement and updating. This will involve community representatives, local groups and partners being asked for their opinions and support to help shape the future priorities and work of the group.
- 3.4 To help enable this ongoing consultation process, a comment/ feedback form has been produced which will be circulated with the summary leaflet.
- 3.5 Current members on the group recognise the importance and value that community representation will bring to the work of the group. Community representation on the group will therefore be sought from existing learners, community organisations, learners' forums etc to help to progress the Action Plan priorities.
- 3.6 The group normally meets on a 6 weekly basis and meetings are held during the day. Transport costs can be reimbursed and crèche facilities can be provided. Officer support can be provided in relation to briefings and information.

#### **4. Personnel Issues**

No personnel issues

#### **5. Financial Implications**

No financial implications

#### **6. Conclusions**

- 6.1 There is a need to ensure that the Adult Action Plan Summary leaflet is circulated as widely as possible to ensure that individuals/community organisations are aware of the work of the group and its current key work priorities.
- 6.2 Community representation on the Adult Learning Action Plan group is required to help ensure that local people play a key role in helping to shape and influence the future work priorities of the group

#### **7. Recommendations**

- 7.1 The committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

- 7.2** It is recommended that the Community Participation Committee considers nominating one or two community representatives from its membership to participate in the Adult Learning Action Plan Group.

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**Background Papers:**

- Working and Learning Together to Build Stronger Communities-Scottish Executive Guidance for Community learning and Development-Jan 2004
- Working and Learning Together-Community Learning Development & Guidance - A Strategy for West Dunbartonshire 2005-2010 May 2005

**Wards Affected:** All wards

