

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Chief Executive

Community Participation Committee: Wednesday 15 November, 2006

Subject: Involving Young People – Up-date on CPC/Involving Young People Event

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To keep the Committee informed of planning for this event and to progress arrangements.

2. Background

- 2.1** The CPC is looking at ways of involving young people in Council decision-making. This event is to promote links with young people and help to identify ways of involving them.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** The date, as already reported, will be Tuesday 5 December and the event will run from 7 p.m. through until 9 p.m.

- 3.2** The young people suggested a format along the following lines:

- short introductions session, involving a couple of young people saying who they are and explaining their involvement with youth forums; one CPC community representative speaking about who they represent and why they are involved in their community and one elected member speaking about their role and involvement in the community. It was suggested this should be very brief – around one minute per person.
- The company would then break into two workshops (one for young people and one for the CPC members) and discuss likes and dislikes about their neighbourhood and community.
- A final session looking at what people have said and what the two groups have in common and 'what next?'.

At some point in the evening some refreshments and food will be served.

- 3.3** The young people had suggested around twenty people in attendance with a rough split of ten young people to ten members of the committee (the latter evenly split between community representatives and elected members).
- 3.4** They will send out invitations to the people who volunteered to attend the event at the last meeting as follows: Councillors Brogan, Black, Casey and Maceira; Megan Harrison, Mary Theresa Doherty, two Community Council representatives (Murdoch Cameron will try to identify) and Frances McGonagle (who has been involved in the planning meetings).
- 4. Personnel Issues**
- 4.1** There are no personnel issues.
- 5. Financial Implications**
- 5.1** The costs of the event are being met within existing budgets.
- 6. Conclusions**
- 6.1** Bringing together young people and members of the CPC should raise awareness of the committee's role and help foster links with young people. It is hoped that this event will help to identify some subjects for future CPC sessions, focused on young people.
- 7. Recommendations**
- 7.1** The Committee is invited to note:
- (a) the contents of this report, and;
 - (b) that a community representative and an Elected Member are invited to volunteer to contribute to the introductions session of the event as outlined at 3.2, bullet point 1.

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Background Papers: Community Participation Committee - Wednesday 16th June, 2004, Involving Young People, Community Participation Committee - Wednesday 20 September, 2006, Involving Young People

Wards Affected: All