

# **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

## **Report by the Corporate & Community Planning Manager**

### **West Dunbartonshire Community Participation Committee 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

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**Subject: Local Engagement Update**

#### **1. Purpose**

**1.1** The purpose of this report is to advise the committee of recent engagement activity in relation to:

- Budget consultation
- Youth Alliance
- Adult Learning Partnership

#### **2. Recommendations**

**2.1** It is recommended that the committee note the recent activity and agree to further updates being brought to the group.

#### **3. Background**

**3.1** There are a number of separate strands of engagement activity taking place across West Dunbartonshire on a day to day basis, focused on involving people in geographical, issue and interest based discussions.

**3.2** To ensure the committee are kept informed of this activity it is important that regular reports are brought to update members.

#### **4. Main Issues**

**4.1** Recent corporate engagement activity has focused on the budget consultation, with a comprehensive online survey being undertaken along with a public engagement event. This model was very successful with 1747 responses to the online survey and 175 participants at the public event in Clydebank Town Hall. Feedback has been positive and we are working on how to improve the process further for future consultation events of this nature.

**4.2** Alongside our wider engagement activity there are core partnership groups with progress interest specific engagement as a core element of their work. The Youth Alliance (YA) and Adult Learning Partnership (ALP) are two key engagement strands which should inform this committee as it moves forward into the Community Alliance (CA).

**4.3** The YA is the key overarching engagement mechanism for gathering the views of our young people in west Dunbartonshire. It pulls together key statutory and third sector partners to ensure a consistent approach to engagement with young people across all services. Significant work has been undertaken in the YA to ensure a strategic vision and plan are in place for all agencies to work to, influenced by the views of young people engaged across the services. A current briefing is attached at appendix 1 detailing activity to date and future plans for the YA.

**4.4** The ALP fulfils a similar role to the YA for adults who have returned to learning. The main aim of the partnership, which pulls together internal and external providers, is to coordinate provision and share best practice. By doing this they are also aiming to raise the profile of adult learning and improve engagement with those people who access services. A detailed briefing on the work of the partnership is attached as appendix 2.

## **5. People Implications**

**5.1** There are no personnel issues in relation to this update.

## **6. Financial Implications**

**6.1** There are no financial issues in relation to this update.

## **7. Risk Analysis**

**7.1** Ongoing engagement activity across key population groups ensures that decisions are informed by consultation, engagement and information.

## **8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)**

**8.1** There is no requirement to carry out an EIA on this update however any actions undertaken will require to be assessed.

## **9. Consultation**

**9.1** This is an update on ongoing consultation and engagement with local citizens.

## **10. Strategic Assessment**

**10.1** This report updates members on current engagement activity in relation to young people and adult learners.

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**Appendices:** **App 1 – Youth Alliance briefing**  
**App 2 – Adult Learning Partnership briefing**

**Background Papers:** None

**Wards Affected:** All