WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Chief Executive

Community Participation Committee: Wednesday 15 November, 2006

Subject: Strengthening Community Input to the Community Participation Committee (CPC)

1. Purpose

1.1 This report suggests some simple measures to assist community representatives on the committee to extend and develop input from the groups they represent.

2. Background

2.1 The CPC welcomes pro-active involvement from community representatives and encourages community members to identify agenda items.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1 Community members of the committee are invited to consider having a standing CPC item on your group's agenda. This could provide the opportunity to:
 - Circulate the CPC Newsletter with forthcoming agenda items
 - provide feedback on relevant business of the committee
 - discuss matters of interest which could form agenda items for the CPC.
- 3.2 Community members of the committee could consider inviting another member of their group (other than their shadow) to accompany them to a meeting as an observer.

4. Personnel Issues

4.1 There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications.

6. Conclusions

6.1 Raising awareness of the role and remit of the CPC with the groups represented on the committee should provide the opportunity for more community input to the committee.

7. Recommendations

7.1 The Committee is invited to comment on the suggestions at 3.1 and 3.2. and to make suggestions for increasing the input of the groups represented into the business of the committee and for developing communication on relevant issues.

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Wards Affected: All