

**REPORT TO SOUTH AYRSHIRE SUSTAINABILITY FORUM  
OF 29<sup>th</sup> April 2008**

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**SUBJECT: Sustainability Forum Programme for 2008-09**

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**1. Purpose.**

To outline a programme of meetings and activities for the Sustainability Forum for 2008-09

**2. Recommendations.**

Members of the Sustainability Forum are asked to:

- a) Review the structure and programme content of meetings**
- b) Approve development of a programme outwith Forum Meetings**

**3. Background.**

The Sustainability Forum meets approximately every six-to-eight weeks, and has a remit to deliver and report on a number of environmental objectives.

It has an additional role to address general topics related to sustainable development and environmental issues that partners may wish to raise and discuss.

Revision of the Community Planning Partnership structure and development of the Single Outcome Agreement has provided an opportunity to review this remit.

**4. Considerations.**

The Sustainability Forum's programme has been led by key objectives which have been largely driven and supported by South Ayrshire Council, and reported by its officers. These are

Climate Change  
Sustainable Design and construction  
Sustainable Travel and Transport  
Biodiversity

Some detailed work around these has been undertaken and reported as follows:

Climate Change	Climate Change Declaration Local climate Change impact Flood mapping
Sustainable Design and construction	Supplementary Planning Guidance PPP schools sustainability action plan Carbon Management

Sustainable Travel and Transport	Green travel Local Transport Strategy
Biodiversity	Revised Ayrshire Biodiversity Action Plan Farming & Wildlife Programme Biosphere feasibility
Other topics	Waste Management Bathing Water quality Review of Open Space Standards Ecological Footprinting Strategic Environmental Assessment Beach Award Criteria Regeneration partnership Fairtrade

This work has fallen on a number of key individuals with limited engagement with the forum in general, although there has been much valuable support from key partners in all objectives. There has been limited opportunity to develop framework and structure of meetings, and to raise and debate wider issues with the wider partnership. Under the proposed new Community Planning Structure it is suggested that new opportunities will arise to further this agenda. It is suggested that future meetings should be conducted around the framework below to improve this.

Elements that the Forum may wish to consider on a more formal regular basis are:

Reporting progress of key objectives  
Developing formal links with other Theme groups  
Reporting Area Forum and community feedback issues  
Highlighting new issues and "Guest topics"

In addition a number of other developments require to be accommodated in our programme

Strategic Outcome Agreement Review  
Participation in Annual Community Planning conference  
Production of an Annual Report, possibly linked to the Conference

Currently fixed meeting dates are as follows:

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2008  
Wed 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2008  
Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2008  
Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, 2008

Presentation topics currently suggested for this year include PPP schools sustainability review, and Peak Oil impact on the local farming & food industry

Other significant dates:

Thurs 19 June, 2008	Community Planning Conference
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> September, 2008	Sustainable Energy Fair

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