PURPOSE OF REPORT
To update Members about proposed consideration of participatory budgeting training and pilots through the Community Planning Partnership

COMPETENCE
1.1 There are no legal or constraints to the recommendations being implemented.

SUMMARY
2.1 As part of the reform to Public Sector services Scottish Government is working to ensure that there is more community involvement in service delivery and development. One of the tools being promoted is participatory budgeting.

2.2 The appended Outer Hebrides Community Planning Partnership Report outlines the benefits of participatory budgeting, how it can be implemented and details the application to the Scottish Government for training to be delivered locally.

2.3 Part of the purpose of the training would be to establish the viability of running participatory budgeting events in the islands and how this might best be applied. Though there are a variety of funding streams their partners may consider for inclusion in a participatory budgeting model, initially the larger implication for the Comhairle, the Third Sector Interface (C-CIG) and NHS WI, will be staff time. The model requires significant engagement with communities to ensure that people are involved in the development of the work and are enabled to make their voice heard.

RECOMMENDATIONS
3.1 It is recommended that

(a) the Report and in particular the application for the training course on participatory budgeting for CPP partners, their staff, elected members and community members be noted; and

(b) the Comhairle agree to commit staff time to the development of participatory budgeting model as outlined in the training application.

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Appendix 1: Report to OHCPP on Participatory Budgeting