



Community Council Project

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Background

- ▶ Funded by Scottish Government and the Improvement Service
- ▶ Project started in December 2013 to determine ways of sustainably supporting Community Councils
- ▶ Programme of work runs from 1st April 2014 – 31st March 2015

Project aims and objectives

- ▶ Create a national brand identity for community councils including promotional materials and dedicated website
- ▶ Develop induction/introductory information which can be accessed publically from the website
- ▶ Promote and support a Community of Practice with lead officers (CCLO's) across all 32 Local Authorities
- ▶ Explore the wider role of CC's in relation to other community organisations and the Community Planning Structure
- ▶ Work to be carried out from 1st April 2014 – March 31st 2015

Community Council Website

<http://www.communitycouncils.org.uk>





Future updates to the website

- ▶ More videos promoting the work of community councils
- ▶ Section on Planning –
 - ▶ legislative context
 - ▶ good practice for engaging community in planning matters
 - ▶ sources of support - Planning Advisory Service (PAS)
- ▶ News updates

Community Council Liaison Officers (CCLOs)

- ▶ The project has primarily engaged with CCLOs
 - ▶ Created CCLO network
 - ▶ Biannual events
 - ▶ Online Community of Practice group – Knowledge Hub platform
- ▶ Councils have the duty to support Community Councils and the aim of this project is to improve the efficiency and quality of that support through a shared capacity approach.
- ▶ Work with councils to strengthen their capacity to support Community Councils. Having a separate body to support CCs hasn't worked in the past.



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