

Inverclyde Council Participation Requests Annual Report 2018/19

Section 32 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act requires Inverclyde Council to provide information regarding Participation Requests submitted between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019.

In the reporting period 01/04/18 to 31/03/19, no Participation Requests were received by Inverclyde Council.

01/04/18 – 31/03/19	Number
Participation Request received	0
Participation Requests accepted	n/a
Participation Requests rejected	n/a
Participation Requests which resulted in a change	n/a

Action taken by Inverclyde Council to promote and support participation requests during the reporting period:

- Information about Participation Requests is available on the Council's website, <https://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/community-life-and-leisure/participation-requests>. Guidance is available which is aimed at helping groups who are interested in making a participation request to Inverclyde Council, along with contact details. The guidance provides an overview of the participation requests process and is based on the national guidance produced by the Scottish Government. The website also contains links to Scottish Government Legislation and Guidance.

Other ways in which the Council has promoted participation in decision making in the past year include:

- Work has been ongoing with communities via Aspiring Communities funded activity and has been used to inform Locality Plans for Port Glasgow, Greenock East and Central and Greenock South and South West.
- Inverclyde Council runs a budget consultation exercise for the public each year, the results of which are used to inform decision making on forthcoming budgets.
- In its 2018/19 budget, Inverclyde Council allocated £50,000 to each of Inverclyde's 7 ward areas. It was for residents in these areas to come up with ideas on how the budget can be spent. 36 applications were received and a voting system was put in place to identify the most popular local initiatives.
- In addition, £100,000 was allocated to a Community Initiatives Fund to support local projects to help alleviate poverty.

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