

Inverclyde Council Participation Requests Annual Report 2017/18

Section 32 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act requires Inverclyde Council to provide information regarding Participation Requests submitted between 1 April 2017 and 31 March 2018.

In the reporting period 01/04/17 to 31/03/18, no Participation Requests were received by Inverclyde Council.

01/04/17 – 31/03/18	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 to participate in decision making:

- As part of the development of the Inverclyde Outcomes Improvement Plan, the opinions of local residents were sought via a survey and a series of community events, named 'Our Place Our Future'. The engagement was carried out using the national Place Standard Tool. In total, just under 2% of the population over 16 years participated in the survey. There was also targeted engagement with the Youth Council to ensure that the voices of children and young people were heard.
- 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 agreed to allocate £50,000 to each of Inverclyde's 7 ward areas. In addition, £100,000 has been allocated to a Community Initiatives Fund to support local projects to support poverty. A range of community engagement events will be held to encourage residents and community groups to participate in the decision making about how this money should be spent.

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