



Inverclyde Alliance

**AGENDA ITEM NO:**

<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Alliance Board</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>15 June 2020</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Inverclyde Local Outcome Improvement Plan Quarterly Progress Report</b>		

**1.0 PURPOSE**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Alliance Board with an update on the progress that has been made in implementing the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (IOIP) 2017-2022.

**2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 This report provides details of the progress that has been made between February and April 2020 in implementing the priorities within the LOIP.
- 2.2 The LOIP contains three priorities and these are Population, Inequalities and Environment, Culture and Heritage. This report provides details of the progress made by the Population Partnership, Cultural Partnership and the Environment Partnership. A flash report for the Cultural Partnership and the Environment Partnership is contained within Appendix 1 of this report.
- 2.3 The key achievements of the Population Partnership this quarter include:
- A very successful housebuilder event was held in February.
  - There were two reports published in March and April 2020 providing the latest data and information on Inverclyde midyear population estimates and the population projections, a briefing session was delivered to elected members on 1 June 2020.
- 2.4 The key achievements of the Cultural Partnership this quarter include;
- In February, the inaugural Inverclyde Film Festival took place. 19 events were held across 3 days with participation from 747 people, a particularly good figure considering the pandemic had already started.
  - Public libraries have continued to offer services online during the pandemic, including eBooks and audiobooks, Bookbug and Crafternoon sessions, online book groups and techy tips, and various other promotions including VE Day.
  - Outreach Education Packs have been developed and sent to primary schools and shared with teachers. The packs provide home based activities and focus on learning about local heritage using the collections at the Watt Institution.
- 2.5 The key achievements of the Environment Partnership this quarter include;
- A range of events to promote walking and cycling were provided by The Bothy (Cycling UK) and Community Tracks.

- The Council accepted a SCSP grant offer of £73,000 for 2020/21. This will be used to promote and support sustainable travel in selected council workplaces, schools and health centers. It will also deliver engagement activities to support the ongoing development of active travel infrastructure Greenock Town Centre. Due to the impact of Coronavirus this project is currently on hold.
- A Review of vacant and derelict land sites was completed. This will inform the implementation of the Greenspace strategy once it has been completed.

2.6 The Reducing Inequalities priority is being developed and delivered through the Locality Planning process. There is a report on the agenda of this meeting providing an update on this work.

2.7 It should be noted that limited progress has been made with the implementation of the LOIP during the last quarter due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Priority Partnerships have been unable to meet due to the pandemic.

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Alliance Board:

- I. Notes the progress that has been made in implementing the LOIP between February and April 2020.

**Aubrey Fawcett**  
**Chair, Programme Board**  
**Chief Executive, Inverclyde Council**

## 4.0 **BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 Inverclyde's IOIP was formally agreed by the Alliance Board at its meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December 2017. This progress report provides details of the progress that has been made in implementing the LOIP during the last quarter.
- 4.2 The Population Partnership, Environment Partnership and the Cultural Partnership have all been established and meet on a regular basis.
- 4.3 The inequalities priority will be delivered through the Locality Planning Partnerships and a Strategic Implementation Group has been established to oversee this process. Further detail of the progress made with regard to locality planning is the subject of a separate report on the agenda of this meeting.
- 4.4 This report provides details of the key achievements made by the Population Partnership, Cultural Partnership and the Environment Partnership.
- 4.5 It was agreed by both the Programme Board and the Alliance Board that flash reporting is adopted as the method of reporting progress on the delivery of the LOIP. The purpose of the flash report is to provide a high level overview of the key achievements during the last quarter, the challenges faced during the last quarter and details of the key actions that will be taken forward in the next quarter. In addition, flash reports will provide details of the rag status of the actions being delivered by each Partnership so that the Programme Board and Alliance Board can clearly see how each Partnership is performing against their objectives.
- 4.6 A flash report for the Cultural Partnership and Environment Partnership is contained within Appendix 1 of this report.

## 5.0 **Population Partnership Update**

A presentation was scheduled to be delivered to the Alliance Board in March 2020 by the Population Partnership. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic this meeting was cancelled. It is the intention of the Population Partnership to deliver this presentation to a future meeting of the Alliance Board. It is also proposed that officers engage with Members through a Webex briefing.

The Repopulation strategic investment framework and action plan committed £0.5m towards tackling repopulation issues. The Action Plan included a range of interventions across themes and progress is summarised below:-

### Marketing and Communication

The marketing and public relations team has been strengthened and was due to launch 'Discover Inverclyde' in March. This initiative brought together disparate marketing activities to create a single platform to promote Inverclyde for residents, visitors, business and events. It is a significant step towards a 'one stop shop' approach across the public and private sector in respect of promoting Inverclyde. The launch will be revisited once current 'lock down' arrangements are lifted. A very successful housebuilder event was held in February. The level of interest in Inverclyde was reflected in the number of companies who attended. Once the construction industry begins to return to more normal operations we will engage further and create a forum for house builders to interact with the Council and our partners.

### Growing the Housing Market

The Local Development Plan has been adopted and includes provision for over 5000 new houses. A consultant has been appointed to carry out an integrated land use study for the area to the east of Port Glasgow. The study will create a draft masterplan for housing which can be discussed with Scottish Government in the context of agreeing capital grant for regeneration housing as part of a strategy which will include both private and public sector housing development. Similar briefs for studies are being progressed for Greenock and Port Glasgow town centres.

### Growing Local Jobs

Significant focus has been placed on supporting local business through maximising public spend towards local companies. The Local Government Benchmarking Indicator shows Inverclyde to retain 31% of spend amongst local SME's . This is the 12<sup>th</sup> highest in Scotland. It reflects significant efforts across procurement including running a construction forum, arrangement meet the buyer programmes, offering business support and guidance on public procurement, running 'quick quote' procurements for spend under £100k which includes 50% local suppliers in the invite to bid and breaking contracts into sizes which suit local firms. All of this is carried out within European procurement rules. A sub group within the Repopulation Group is progressing Community Wealth Building. A key plank of this is directing public spend to local companies which the Council is already doing. Our partners are also focusing on this. West College Scotland is supportive of the approach, albeit their supply base needs to be considered over a wider area as it covers Renfrewshire and West Dunbartonshire. The third sector in Inverclyde is already heavily involved in community wealth building, a good example is the employability programme which is delivered by 'The Trust'.

### Culture and Leisure

The Repopulation Investment Framework includes culture and leisure as a driver of regeneration. Through this a major project involving the enhancement and linking of derelict land, open spaces and heritage facilities through a blended funding bid to Sustrans and Heritage Scotland. Sustrans have already indicated that this is a bid they would potentially support and provide 100% funding towards the development of a detailed proposal. This project has the potential to improve access to heritage and open spaces for residents as well as contributing to the basket of attractions that makes Inverclyde unique as a location to work and live.

### Strategic Projects

In support of repopulation the three City Deal projects are progressing, albeit Covid has had an impact since March this year. At Ocean Terminal, following approval of final business plans, work proceeded on site and the floating pontoon is nearly complete at a cost of around £12m. The terminal building had commenced, but the contractor went into Administration following lock down. Officers are working on options to move forward. At Inverkip, discussions continue with Scottish Power to finalise the roads improvements on the A78 to allow progression to final business case and a start on site. This has been delayed due to Covid and timescales are being revised in consequence. At Inchgreen officers are in active discussions around the purchase of land, the locating of a fish processing plant, the fabrication of small vessels and options for commercial use of the dry dock.

### Statistics

There were two reports published in March and April 2020 providing the latest data and information on Inverclyde midyear population estimates and the population projections, a briefing session was delivered to elected members on 1 June 2020 and the full in-depth report is outlined later in this briefing note. Whilst we have the ongoing issue of overall population decline year on year due to more deaths than births, it is encouraging to note that there was net positive inward migration. The Repopulation Group recognises the role played by the wider community planning initiatives to reduce poverty, improve health and increase life expectations and works in support of this.

## 5.0 Cultural Partnership Update

- In March 2020, Inverclyde Council working with CVS Inverclyde and Creative Inverclyde, successfully obtained c. £26K in funding from Creative Scotland to establish and run a network for local creative practitioners and businesses. The award by CS has not received any press at this time due to the pandemic, and the project start date has been put back until at least July 2020 for the same reason.
- RIG Arts have been progressing projects where possible throughout the pandemic. This includes weekly online art workshops, sewing, repair & textile workshops, and looking for funding to help adapt the RIG Arts studio and Broomhill Art Flat to accommodate social distancing in response to Covid-19 safety measures.
- The Great Place Scheme Officer has produced Outreach Education Packs which have been sent to primary schools and shared with teachers. The packs provide home based activities and focus on learning about local heritage using the collections at the Watt Institution. They

have background information and images from the Watt institution, reading passages, links to relevant websites, resources and activities to support creative learning for families.

- In February, the inaugural Inverclyde Film Festival was held. The Waterfront Cinema and partners used funding from Regional Screen Scotland as a proof of concept with the intention of holding a bigger film festival in 2021. In 2020, 19 events were held across 3 days with participation from 747 people, a particularly good figure considering the pandemic had already started.
- Public libraries have been continuing to offer services online during the pandemic, including eBooks and eAudiobooks, Bookbug and Crafternoon sessions, online book groups and techy tips, and various other promotions including VE Day.

## **6.0 Environment Partnership Update**

One of the Environment partnership's key objectives is to create pleasant and safe walking routes. As part of their work on this:

The Bothy (Cycling UK) delivered:

- A physical presence in Gourrock train station for the provision of active travel advice.
- 29 x pop up events to promote active travel
- 15 x led cycle rides
- 15 volunteer ride leaders trained
- 29 x cycling training sessions
- 8 x cycling galas
- Roll out and promotion of Cycle Friendly Business programme
- 72 x health walks
- 34 x volunteer walk leaders trained.

Some of the activities delivered by Community Tracks included:

- 25 x workshops, including Dr Bike sessions, maintenance classes, and 'fix your own bike' classes
- Management of bike banks at 10 existing primary schools and development of banks at a further 5 primary schools
- Development of a monthly training programme in bicycle repair and recycling
- 23 x e-bike demos
- 25 x led cycle rides
- Promotion of active travel at 9 community events
- Engagement with 13 community groups to promote active travel

The Council accepted a SCSP grant offer of £73,000 for 2020/21. This will be used to promote and support sustainable travel in selected council workplaces, schools and health centers. It will also deliver engagement activities to support the ongoing development of active travel infrastructure Greenock Town Centre. In a change from previous years, the SCSP will now be delivered by the Council's Roads service. Due to the impact of Coronavirus this project is currently on hold.

Land use and management is a key area of activity for the Environment Partnership and as part of their work on this:

- A desktop analysis of the edited Greenspace maps was completed. Site visits were completed for 3 of the 11 Local Context areas in Inverclyde. Site visits were halted in March due to Coronavirus lockdown restrictions and it is currently not known when they can resume or the project finished.
- A Review of vacant and derelict land sites was completed. This will inform the implementation of the Greenspace strategy once it has been completed.

## 7.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 Legal: none at present  
Finance: none at present  
Human Resources: none at present  
Equality and Diversity: none at present  
Repopulation: repopulation remains a key priority within the Inverclyde Outcomes Improvement Plan.  
Inequalities: the Locality Partnerships will be working specifically to tackle inequalities on a geographic basis.

## 8.0 **CONSULTATIONS**

- 8.1 n/a


## 9.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**


- 9.1 Inverclyde's Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2017-2022

**Appendix 1 - Cultural Partnership – Flash Report May 2020**  
**Lead Officer – Tony McEwan**

**Cultural Partnership - LOIP 10 Year Vision**


- There will be increased attendance at cultural events and places of culture.

Area of activity	Where are we now?	Where do we want to be?	How will we get there (including timescale)?	How will we know we are getting there?	Progress	RAG Status	Tolerance Level
<b>Heritage Strategy</b>	ICP to commission development, publication and promotion of a Heritage Strategy for Inverclyde.	Production of a long term strategy for the development of heritage in Inverclyde to help the ICP plan effectively for the future and gain greater leverage with external funding bodies.  Partnership working to develop, enhance and	Tender for heritage consultant Sept 2018; Contract award Oct/Nov 2018; Anticipated submission Jan/Feb 2019.  Strategy and associated action plan are published, promoted and feed into ICP's forward planning mechanisms. Spring 2019 onwards.	Action plan priorities and objectives taken forward with identified outcomes being successfully implemented.	The Heritage Strategy was approved by Inverclyde Alliance on 17 June 2019 and was formally launched on 5 Feb 2020 (delayed from Nov 2019 due to General Election) to tie in with the re-opening of the Watt Institution.  Work has begun on a bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) for funds to support the building of capacity across the heritage sector in Inverclyde. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, NLHF general funding streams have been temporarily halted and all funds diverted to mitigating Covid-19 impacts on the heritage sector. At the time of		

		deliver the strategy building a network and legacy.			<p>writing there is no indication when these funds may re-open. Progress reports on this bid will be brought to future Programme Board/Alliance Board meetings.</p> <p>One funding stream which NLHF are still supporting is their Digital Confidence Fund for community groups. 2 groups in Inverclyde (Inverclyde Heritage Network and the Greenock Burns Club), have applied to the fund for assistance with training and digitisation respectively and will hear if they have been successful in early June.</p>		
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<b>Arts and Creativity Strategy</b>	<p>Inverclyde's Arts &amp; Creativity Strategy launched in 2017 but did not contain an Action Plan to take the Strategy forward.</p> <p>Arts &amp; Creativity sub-group implemented with representation from</p>	<p>Arts &amp; Creativity Strategy and action plan being implemented with actions being delivered;</p> <p>Arts sub-group feeding in to</p>	<p>Recruitment of Arts Co-ordinator for Inverclyde, funded by remaining Place Partnership funds.</p> <p>Maintain regular meetings of the</p>	<p>Meetings take place consistently and attendance by all partners remains high.</p> <p>Regular review of</p>	<p>Arts Co-ordinator appointed March 2019 and contract extended until at least January 2021; Arts sub-group established Sep 2019; sub-group currently working on producing an action plan to sit alongside Arts &amp; Creativity Strategy. Updates on progress will be brought to future meetings of IOIP Programme Board.</p>		



	<p>a range of partner organisations and individual artists.</p>	<p>overall Cultural Partnership and cultural delivery plan for the area.</p>	<p>Arts &amp; Creativity sub-group, ensuring representation across Inverclyde CPP.</p>	<p>members of partnership.</p>	<p>In March 2020, Inverclyde Council working with CVS Inverclyde and Creative Inverclyde, successfully obtained c. £26K in funding from Creative Scotland to establish and run a network for local creative practitioners and businesses. The award by CS has not received any press at this time due to the pandemic, and the project start date has been put back until at least July 2020 for the same reason.</p> <p>RIG Arts have been progressing projects where possible throughout the pandemic. This includes weekly online art workshops, sewing, repair &amp; textile workshops, and looking for funding to help adapt the RIG Arts studio and Broomhill Art Flat to accommodate social distancing in response to Covid-19 safety measures. Many projects remain on hold until the end of the lockdown and a couple of staff members have been furloughed.</p>		
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<p><b>Great Place Scheme</b></p>	<p>Inverclyde awarded c. £200K under HLF's Great Place Scheme to undertake activities aimed to strengthen networks between heritage, civic and community organisations, enhancing the role heritage plays in the future of each place participating in the scheme.</p>		<p>The approved purposes of the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Project Officer to be appointed to project manage all aspects of GPS and associated budget, and link together existing heritage assets in Inverclyde.</li> <li>-Young Heritage Apprentices - 2 consecutive apprentices appointed through Inverclyde Council's "The Recruit" programme to work at the Watt Institution on</li> </ul>	<p>Community engagement and participation in heritage will increase; will be visible through higher levels of cultural participation reported in the SHS.</p>	<p>Project Officer is currently working from home to re-shape the remaining months and funds of the Great Place Scheme in light of the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>HA1 appointed through 2018 "The Recruit" programme. Placement finished and qualification obtained. HA2 appointed through 2019 "The Recruit" programme. Placement &amp; College work ongoing. Now virtual due to Covid-19.</p>		

heritage activities.

-Artists residences: commission 3 artists to animate spaces and places, celebrate 'lost' heritage and input into proposed public realm improvements.

-Inverclyde Heritage Strategy: produce a long-term strategy for the

1<sup>st</sup> residency = Surge performance theatre at *Galoshans* 2018.

2<sup>nd</sup> residency = Yvonne Lyon & Annie Mackay arts & music residency to celebrate James Watt bi-centenary in 2019. When Art Tells Tales: Intergenerational project which facilitated the creation of music and art inspired by James Watt.

3<sup>rd</sup> residency = GPS in early stages of discussion with Sustrans about a collaborative project by commissioning a piece of art and related community engagement on the National Cycle Network by the waterfront. This piece of work is still under consideration due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but it is likely that the community engagement aspect will go ahead.

See above for more information regarding the Heritage Strategy.


development of heritage in Inverclyde to help the Cultural Partnership plan effectively for the future.


Heritage Events: engage large numbers of people in heritage activities through a collaboration of Watt Institution team, commissioned artists and Heritage Apprentices.

The GPS team are working on reshaping the activity plan and remaining months of the project. It is highly unlikely that large-scale heritage events will be able to go ahead as planned.

The GPS Officer has produced Outreach Education Packs which have been sent to primary schools and shared with teachers. The packs provide home based activities and focus on learning about local heritage using the collections at the Watt Institution. They have background information and images from the Watt institution, reading passages, links to relevant websites, resources and activities to support creative learning for families.

The GPS Officer will also be working alongside heritage groups to sensitively

					document the pandemic in Inverclyde to record and archive personal stories and experiences for future generations.		
Area of activity	Where are we now?	Where do we want to be?	How will we get there (including timescale)?	How will we know we are getting there?	Progress	RAG Status	Tolerance Level
<b>Festivals and Events</b>	Develop calendar of current and emerging AC&H festivals and events including those within individual communities.	Work to develop, create, deliver and support AC&H events across Inverclyde, both by ICP members themselves, and by building capacity within communities.  Effective use of public spaces and venues to support co-ordination of events.			<p>In February, the inaugural <u>Inverclyde Film Festival</u> was held. The Waterfront Cinema and partners used funding from Regional Screen Scotland as a proof of concept with the intention of holding a bigger film festival in 2021. In 2020, 19 events were held across 3 days with participation from 747 people, a particularly good figure considering the pandemic had already started.</p> <p>Due to Covid-19 it was not possible to submit the funding application for <u>Galoshans 2020</u>. In common with the NLHF, Creative Scotland have closed their Open Fund to new applications and re-focused their support on mitigating the impact of Covid-19 on artists and arts companies. There is currently no timescale for the re-opening of the fund. Scenario planning is currently ongoing to consider</p>		

					<p>offering some elements of the festival, including street theatre, songwriting and coastal poetry walks. This will be guided by up to date risk assessments and Government guidance to ensure the health &amp; safety of potential participants.</p> <p>The <u>Clyde Comedy Festival</u>, and the <u>Comet Festival</u>, both of which were due to run in June 2020, have now been cancelled due to the pandemic.</p>		
Area of activity	Where are we now?	Where do we want to be?	How will we get there (including timescale)?	How will we know we are getting there?	Progress	RAG Status	Tolerance Level
<b>Key Cultural Venues</b>	Central Greenock has 2 major cultural venues: the Watt Institution, and the Beacon Arts Centre, and a third which will open in early 2021 - the Wyllie Gallery.	All 3 centres are represented at the Cultural Partnership and will work together to maximize cultural opportunities for the people of, and visitors to, Inverclyde.		<p>Each centre will report increasing visitor numbers.</p> <p>Cultural participation in Inverclyde will increase.</p>	The <u>Watt Institution</u> re-opened to the public on 22 November 2019 after an almost 3 year closure for refurbishment. Staff were working hard to ensure an increase in visitor numbers and improved programming. In common with all non-essential services, the Watt Institution is currently closed due to Government guidance and staff are working to increase the centre's digital presence and plan for recovery.		

				<p>The <u>Beacon Arts Centre</u> – While the venue remains closed and planned performances are being rescheduled, an online creative learning programme has been developed that can be continued post-lockdown should social distancing remain in place. The programme includes storytelling, a book club, sharing of creative resources, and a script surgery for theatre professionals. The Beacon has formed partnerships with various cultural organisations and through these is able to offer virtual contemporary dance classes, discos and quizzes, and will soon be able to offer new pieces of theatre on their online platforms, in association with BBC Scotland.</p> <p>The contractors building the Ocean Terminal have gone into administration due to Covid-19. Officers continue working to support the <u>George Wyllie Foundation</u> with forward planning for the museum &amp; gallery.</p> <p>In addition, public libraries have been continuing to offer</p>		
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					services online during the pandemic, including eBooks and eAudiobooks, Bookbug and Crafternoon sessions, online book groups and techy tips, and various other promotions including VE Day.		
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**Challenges this quarter: February 2020 – April 2020**

The Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent UK lockdown has made the continuation of cultural activity very difficult. However, group members are continuing to promote activity online where possible and appropriate, and the above shows a great deal of work still going on behind the scenes.

**Next steps: May – July 2020**

Next steps will largely be determined by Government guidance and related risk assessments in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic.



## Environment Partnership Flash Report (15 May 2020 – Programme Board)


Lead Officer – Kerry Wallace

LOIP 10 Year Vision - Inverclyde's environment, culture and heritage will be protected and enhanced to create a better place for all Inverclyde residents and an attractive place in which to live, work and visit.


Although this Plan covers the period 2017/22, the Partnership appreciates that due to the complexity of tackling these issues, improvements in outcomes for residents will not be fully evident in the short term.


The outcomes the Environment Partnership expect to have achieved in 10 years include:

- The amount of vacant and derelict land will be reduced and used for alternative uses that will benefit local communities.
- Adults, children and young people living in Inverclyde will be more physically active.
- Inverclyde residents will have greater pride in Inverclyde and a sense of identity and belonging to the area.
- Those living in our most deprived communities will enjoy improved wellbeing through greater access and use of green space.
- The local Green Network will be improved to develop stronger communities, sustainable places and create enhanced habitat connections.
- Public transport will be more accessible and active travel network will be improved to make it easier to get around Inverclyde.



Area of activity	Where are we now?	Where do we want to be?	How will we get there (including timescale)?	How will we know we are getting there?	Progress	RAG Status Tolerance Level
<b>Connectivity</b>	It is currently difficult for Inverclyde residents to engage in active travel with gaps in provision and poor infrastructure.	We want to create pleasant and safe walking and cycling routes which make it easier for people of all ages to choose to walk and cycle as part of their everyday lives. (the importance of this has been heightened as a result of COVID-19)	Improve cycle paths and walking routes through the development of:  Active Travel Strategy by Summer 2018	Statistics from Community Tracks; and Statistics from Bike Bothy.  Further measures will be identified in the Active Travel Strategy (ATS) and the	<u>Behaviour Change Actions</u> – The 2019/20 Smarter Choices Smarter Places (SCSP) Programme finished on 31 <sup>st</sup> March.  <u>The Bothy</u> (Cycling UK) – Details of the events carried out are detailed in paragraph 5.0 of the covering report.  <u>Community Tracks</u> – Details of the events carried out are detailed in paragraph 5.0 of the covering report.	Complete 


				<p>Cycling Strategy.</p>	<p>The Council has accepted a SCSP grant offer of £73,000 of for 2020/21. This will be used to promote and support sustainable travel in selected council workplaces, schools and health centers. It will also deliver engagement activities to support the ongoing development of active travel infrastructure Greenock Town Centre. In a change from previous years, the SCSP will now be delivered by the Council's Roads service. Due to the impact of Coronavirus this project is currently on hold.</p> <p>Community Tracks have established a Community Cycling Forum to inform the ATS Delivery Groups (i.e. Behaviour Change and Infrastructure). The first meeting was held on 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020.</p> <p><u>Infrastructure</u></p> <p>The Council was awarded £25,000 of Sustrans funding to carry out detailed design for a place making project (including active travel elements) along West Blackhall street. The design was completed in June 2019 and approved by the Council in Sept 2019. Work on a Sustrans funding bid for implementation is ongoing</p> <p>The Council was awarded £25,000 of Sustrans funding to carry out a feasibility study on active travel links from Greenock Town centre into West Blackhall street. A consultant has been appointed,</p>	
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					<p>with the study due to be undertaken in early 2020.</p> <p>The Council and the Inverclyde Community Development Trust are in the process of developing a cycling/pedestrian route through Gourock Pierhead. A meeting of all stakeholders will be held in mid Feb 2020.</p> <p>The Inverclyde Community Development Trust appointed a consultant to carry out a preliminary design study on various improvements to the NCN75 between Octavia Park and Gourock train station (completed Nov 2019). The study is currently being reviewed by the Trust and the Council's Roads service</p> <p>The Council is also investigating options for aerial active travel routes into Greenock (ongoing).</p> <p>The Council is in the process of tendering for a feasibility study into a new walking/cycle route between Inchgreen dry dock and McDonalds</p>	
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<b>Healthier Lifestyles</b>	The majority of individuals living and working within Inverclyde are not physically active enough to benefit their health. This	We want to increase physical activity and promote healthy lifestyles amongst individuals and families across Inverclyde through sustained positive changes to both	Create and establish links between health and environment professionals to enable a partnership to	Completed membership from HSCP links to the Environment Partnership.	Completed – Cath Tearne now a member of this group.	Complete 

	<p>reduction in activity levels has taken place over a number of years and can be attributed to various factors ranging from increased car use to the very design of our local communities. Only four in ten (39%) adults met the current physical activity recommendations and just over a third (35%) of secondary school pupils meet the target of taking 60 minutes or more of physical activity on five or more days per week. (Inverclyde Child and Youth Health and Wellbeing Survey 2013).</p>	<p>their lifestyle and natural environment.</p>	<p>be established by Autumn 2018.</p>	<p>Carry out an exercise to analyse opportunities for community involvement in environmental projects that improve health.</p>	<p>Inverclyde Life could be a digital platform to raise awareness of and promote opportunities for individuals and communities to become involved and prioritise</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
			<p>Develop a Community Food Growing Strategy by April 2020.</p>	<p>By April 2020 there will be an Inverclyde Council Food Growing Strategy inclusive of the partners who also provide opportunities for</p>	<p>Tuesday 12 November Inverclyde Council Officers met to discuss a number of key issues particularly around allotments. Council officers are due to meet with Wellington Allotment (our allotment association) to discuss waiting lists (currently 13) and the future when the waiting list would be triggered (the starting point is 15 for</p>	<p>AMBER – On track</p> 

			<p>food growing to take place.</p>	<p>Inverclyde) and what opportunities and options may be available for Inverclyde Council and Wellington Allotments.</p> <p>The Council Group have also agreed to visit the areas identified within the Local Development Plan and potentially through the Open Space Strategy with existing community food growing groups to look at the suitability of food growing on these areas of land (subject to council ownership and planning).</p> <p>The food growing strategy will not include private food growing.</p> <p>Baseline needs to be established and an access point for people to receive information and advise.</p> <p>The strategy can be launched in April as a working document and reviewed annually. This needs to be reported to both Inverclyde Alliance and the Inverclyde Council Committee and will include an Allotment for Inverclyde Action plan 2020. A road map will also be included within the report to the Alliance Board.</p>	
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<b>Land Use and Management</b>	The percentage of derelict land has increased from 17% to 51% in 2016. 80% of the increase in derelict land relates to two large sites, the Former Inverkip Power Station site and Valley Park, Spango Valley, being identified as derelict.	Improve the built environment so that all communities in Inverclyde can enjoy both a quality local environment and a healthy and active lifestyle.	Develop a Greenspace Strategy by Winter 2018.	By periodically measuring the number of people within a 5 minute walk of a good quality useable greenspace (this is line with a new national indicator on access to greenspace).  Performance measures: The number of people within 400m of quality green space.  % of derelict land reduced in Inverclyde.	Work is ongoing on the Greenspace Strategy.  Desktop analysis of the edited Greenspace maps is complete. Site visits completed for 3 of the 11 Local Context areas in Inverclyde. Site visits were halted in March due to Coronavirus lockdown restrictions and it is currently not known when they can resume or the project finished.  The Review of vacant and Derelict land sites has been completed. This will inform the implementation of the Greenspace strategy once it has been completed.	<b>RED – Incomplete</b>  
			Review vacant and derelict land sites in light of Greenspace Strategy to identify opportunities to plug gaps in greenspace provision for community			Complete Green  

			benefit by Spring 2019.		The GCV Green Network partnership completed the Strategic Habitat Network in the Aug 2019.	Complete Green 
			Identify a Strategic Habitat Network for Inverclyde by Autumn 2018.			

**Challenges this quarter**

**Food Growing Strategy –**

Baseline needs to be established and an access point for people to receive information and advice. – has this been done?

The strategy can be launched in April as a working document and reviewed annually. – what is current situation

This needs to be reported to both Inverclyde Alliance and the Inverclyde Council Committee and will include an Allotment for Inverclyde Action plan 2020. A road map will also be included within the report to the Alliance Board. Has this been done?

Climate Change Emergency – Should be considered by Alliance Board SNH can circulate the document on the benefits of nature to help address climate change and they can help meet CPP outcomes

**Next steps**

Partners within the Environment group are continuing to stock check on what previous survey have been carried out to identify gaps and opportunities to identify actions that can be carried out and taken forward as a project covering Inverclyde which will also address a number of outcomes from all Outcome groups. The group will also identify which actions the Environment Partnership is undertaking which are contributing to helping address the climate emergency.