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AGENDA ITEM NO: 5a

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Subject:	Inverclyde Local Outcome Improvement Plan Inequality Priority – Quarterly Progress Report		

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Inverclyde Alliance with an update on delivery of activity which supports the Strategic Inequalities priority of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) 2017-2022.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 This report provides details of the progress made between September - November in implementing the inequalities priority within the LOIP.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that the Inverclyde Alliance Board notes the quarterly progress update provided.

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Corporate Director (Chief Officer)**

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 Inverclyde's LOIP was formally agreed by the Alliance Board on the 11 December 2017. This progress report provides details of the progress that has been made in implementing the LOIP during the last quarter.

4.2 Oversight and delivery of the LOIP priorities sits with:

- Population Partnership,
- Environment Partnership,
- Cultural Partnership, and
- Strategic Inequalities Group

4.3 Many actions associated with LOIP Action Plan for inequalities have been impacted by Covid. The flash report outlines a number of actions reported green with key successes within Child Poverty, Fuel Poverty, Mental Health, Locality Planning and Health Inequalities.

4.4 Localities

The development of 6 localities were delayed by COVID. There is an acknowledgement that localities play an important role in engaging with communities to help in recovery, address inequalities and develop local owned solutions. A virtual locality planning meeting was arranged in September however it was delayed as community members needed more digital support. Port Glasgow's first digital meeting was on 12 November with good engagement. Learning from Port Glasgow and plans to introduce additional virtual locality groups being explored.

4.5 Health Inequalities

Covid has had significant impact on those with underlying health conditions. Life expectancy rates in Inverclyde are subject to a separate report to the Alliance Board.

4.6 Drugs Action Plan

A couple of action in the flash report are amber, these include the Drugs Action Plan which is rated amber due to:

- delay in the implementation of the Alcohol & Drug Service Review
- delay in the employability pilot

Almost all areas of the drugs plan have made good progress.

4.7 Income / Debt Management

Reducing the income / debt within communities has been impacted by Covid with rising unemployment. It is expected there will be an increase of debts for local residents.

5.0 PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Inequalities

Inequalities Partnership has been focussed on helping support communities recover from COVID and links with Humanitarian Recovery Group.

At the last Strategic Inequalities meeting the group focused on the National and Local research in respect of Child Poverty and considered what actions should be taken.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Legal: N/A.
- Finance: N/A.
- Human Resources: N/A.
- Equality and Diversity: N/A.
- Repopulation: N/A.
- Inequalities: N/A.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 N/A.

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 N/A.



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APPENDIX 1

Inverclyde Alliance – Flash Report (Inequalities)

Lead Officer – Louise Long

LOIP 10 Year Vision Inequalities

There will be low levels of poverty and deprivation and the gap in income and health between the richest and poorest members of our communities will be reduced.


The outcomes that we expect to have achieved in 10 years include:

- There will be an increase in employment rates with more well-paid, permanent jobs available.
- There will be a reduction in the number of Inverclyde residents experiencing problems with debt.
- The number of Inverclyde residents living in fuel poverty will be reduced.
- There will be a reduction in the number of children living in poverty.
- There will be a reduction in the attainment gap with an increase in the attainment of pupils living in the 20% most deprived areas in Inverclyde.
- The life expectancy of males and females living in the 20% most deprived areas in Inverclyde will increase.
- A reduction in social isolation and loneliness amongst older people will result in improved physical and mental health.

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
Establish Locality Plans/Groups in the areas where there are greatest inequalities	Engagement has taken place across the 6 locality areas.	Locality Plans will be established for all areas and Locality Groups will be created in each.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage with communities • Develop models 	By end of Jan 2020 each locality Plan will be published on the Inverclyde Council Website.	Covid has impacted on ability to bring people together. Locality planning meetings have been significantly delayed.		High



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Drug Action Plan	A report was submitted to Inverclyde Alliance Board on 7 October 2019 to provide with details of actions identified at the Inverclyde Alliance drug action planning seminar held on 19th August 2019 and to seek approval from the Alliance Board to take forward actions identified by partners at the drug action	Aim is to reduce drug prevalence in Inverclyde	Refresh Alcohol Drug Partnership membership Eliminate Stigma Campaign Develop multi-agency collaboration (MAC) Consultation with young people Create Pathway for young people into service Establish Recovery Strategy including employability/housing offer Fire/Rescue support activities and join	By April/May 2020 the localities with the greatest inequalities will have had one meeting Explore data/reporting Consultation service users, families Better Relationship with young people, Police Scotland, Fire & Rescue Consistent framework across agency on prevention/education Education/CLD consistent prevention strategy	Progress made in: - Stigma campaign launched - Recovery Strategy developed - Consultation has taken place - Pathway for young people developed and in place - Pilots developed for commissioned service including recovery, family support. Actions not able to be progressed due to Covid: - HSCP service redesign – restarted November - Employability pilot commissioned service		Medium







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	planning seminar.		Multi- Disciplinary Collaborative Police Scotland explore opportunity within schools HSCP develop recovery services		has been out to tender no award made		
Health Inequalities	Lower life expectancy than Scottish average	Aim to improve life expectancy	Support development of long term conditions pathway Improve access to support Reduce poverty Increase employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pathways and additional support for long term conditions such as COPD, Diabetes • Develop pathways and employability support • Decrease number of people living in poverty • Reduce drug prevalence 	The 2019 figures indicated life expectancy continues to be poorer in Inverclyde. Inverclyde IJB Strategic Plan focuses on inequalities.		High
Child Poverty	A local Child Poverty Action Group has been established to take forward actions that will mitigate Child Poverty in line with the legislation.	Aim to reduce number of children living in poverty	Child Action Programme Board and associated action plan	All partners working together to address actions in Child Poverty Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child Poverty Action Plan in place - Anti-poverty funding supporting a range of initiatives to support families. 		Medium



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Fuel Poverty	High levels of poverty impact of vulnerable group		Welfare Programme Board initiative to support fuel poverty	Reduction in residents living in fuel poverty.	Progress made – additional funding given through anti-poverty monies to IHeat to support people over 75.		
Employability	A local Regeneration and Employment Partnership has been established.		Recovery from Covid, increase employability opportunities	Economy Strategy	Council invested in refresh scheme to support / stimulate economy. NHSGGC developed pathways to employability support.		
Income/Debt management	Financial Inclusion Partnership established to take forward aspects of Income/Debt Management	High levels of residents experiencing problems with debt	Reduce citizens in Inverclyde who are in debt	Financial Strategy in place. Link to economy workstream and employability.	Covid has significantly impacted on individuals. Financial inclusion partnership working to mitigate the impact.		
Mental Health	A local Mental Health Programme Board has been established 5-year Mental Health Strategy developed	Higher prevalence of mental health in Inverclyde	Reduce levels of mental health increase inclusion and reduce social isolation	Engage with communities. Undertake actions within 5-year Mental Health Strategy. Develop strategy commission services including social prescribing	Distress Brief Intervention commissioned and in place in October. High levels of third sector engagement supporting people during the pandemic.		



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Next steps

Covid has significantly impacted on Inverclyde. Significant work has been taken to continue to address inequalities but this has been hampered by the pandemic. The group will review the LOIP Action Plan in the Spring once we move through second / third wave of pandemic.