



Inverclyde Alliance

AGENDA ITEM NO: 4

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Subject:	Inverclyde Local Outcome Improvement Plan Progress Report – May to September 2021		

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Alliance Board with a progress report on the implementation of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) 2017-2022.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 This report provides details of the progress made between May and September 2021 in implementing the priorities within the LOIP.

2.2 This report provides an update on progress in the four priority areas of the LOIP:

- Population
- Local Economy
- Inequalities
- Environment, Culture and Heritage

2.3 While progress with the delivery of the LOIP continues to be impacted by the pandemic, progress has been made in the last quarter and some of the highlights include:

- The Population Partnership Group has now been established to become the Population and Economic Partnership Group with updated membership.
- The Population Plan is due to be refreshed and a separate workshop session is being arranged.
- The Discover Inverclyde website content is increasing with outward promotion of Inverclyde nationally.
- The recent mid-year 2020 population data was presented to the Population Partnership Group predicting a 1% decrease.
- The Economic Action Plan is now being delivered with all actions on track apart from the establishment of the IREP Group. This is being established.
- The Inequalities Partnership Plan requires to be refreshed.
- Good progress has been made in rolling out the Distress Brief Intervention (DBI) Initiative with Police Scotland officer now being trained to deliver level 1 interventions to anyone in

distress and referring onto Level 2 which is provided by SAMH as appropriate.

- The Environment Partnership have completed most of the actions within their current delivery plan and are now working on the development of a new plan.
- The Cultural Partnership has been a key partner in delivering the Summer of Fun activities and a bid by partners to become a Scottish Climate Beacon for COP26 was successful.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Alliance Board:

1. Notes the quarterly progress update.

Louise Long
Chair, Programme Board
Chief Executive, Inverclyde Council

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 Inverclyde's LOIP was formally agreed by the Alliance Board on the 11th of December 2017. This progress report provides details of the progress that has been made in implementing the LOIP during the period May to September 2021.

4.2 Oversight and delivery of the LOIP priorities sits with the:

- Population and Economy Partnership,
- Inequalities Partnership
- Environment Partnership
- Cultural Partnership

4.3 This report provides and updates on the progress made across all priorities in the last three month period.

The following flash reports are appended to this report:

- Population Partnership Appendix 1
- Economic Partnership Appendix 2
- Inequalities Partnership Appendix 3
- Environment Partnership Appendix 4
- Cultural Partnership Appendix 5

5.0 PARTNERSHIP UPDATES

5.1 Population Partnership Update

While progress with the delivery of the LOIP continues to be impacted by the pandemic, progress has been made in the last quarter and some of the highlights include:

- There is now a refreshed, collective membership covering Population and Economy priorities (agenda now covers both initiatives).
- The Population Plan is due to be refreshed and a separate workshop session is being arranged.
- The Discover Inverclyde website content is increasing with outward promotion of Inverclyde nationally.
- The recent mid-year 2020 population data was presented to the Population Partnership Group predicting a 1% decrease.
- The Local Development Plan was recently subject to consultation and will influence the development of the Private Housing Strategy.
- The Eastern Gateway initial proposals are currently under review by officers and the Greenock Town Centre Housing Study is out to tender.

5.2 Local Economy Partnership Update

- Covid remains a challenge which may be exacerbated when furlough ceases and when grant support ends now restrictions have eased, however there has been positive developments and the Council and its partners continue to strive to protect and enhance the local economy.
- In 2020/21 Inverclyde had a strong business start-up rate which exceeded the wider Renfrewshire target despite the impact of Covid.
- The Council and its partners are also supporting job seekers into employment through employability programmes, skills development programmes and modern apprenticeships.
- The Local Employability Partnership, which brings together employability stakeholders is currently in the process of being re-established and this will ensure better engagement and

delivery of programmes to meet local employability need.

5.3 **Inequalities Partnership Update**

The Inequalities Partnership Plan continues to deliver on a range of areas:

- The Inequalities Partnership Plan requires to be refreshed and actions previously related to employability now being covered by the Economic Partnership.
- The Communication and Engagement Groups continue to meet and two Locality Planning Groups in Port Glasgow and Inverkip and Wemyss Bay being arranged.
- The Child Poverty local Action Plan Report has been submitted to the Scottish Government and will be the subject of a separate report to the October Alliance Board
- The Distress Brief Interventions continues to be developed with more partners being trained in level 1 interventions with referrals to level 2 partner SAMH increasing. Police Scotland are the latest partners to be training and feedback from officers regarding DBI is very positive.
- The Drug Death figures for 2020 have recently been published with 33 people sadly losing their life. There is no change from the 2019 figure. Work is ongoing through the Alcohol and Drug Partnership to deliver actions in the Drug Death Prevention Strategy.

5.4 **Cultural Partnership Update**

The Cultural Partnership Group has continued to meet and work towards a range of plans and initiatives:

- Inverclyde Culture Collective project recruited a new Activities Co-ordinator and launched the first 7 paid opportunities for creative practitioners to carry out project activity;
- Cultural partners made a strong contribution to the overall programme of events put on for Inverclyde's "Summer of Fun", with various activities ranging from art, music, theatre and comic workshops, craft sessions, storytelling, stay and plays, and library sessions;
- Creative Carbon Scotland confirmed in June 2021 that Inverclyde would be 1 of 6 Scottish Climate Beacons, providing a c.£30K grant to fund project activities. The application was submitted by a consortium of Inverclyde cultural partners led by the Beacon Arts Centre and including Belville Community Garden, RIG Arts, Inverclyde Libraries and others;
- The Watt Institution launched 2 new exhibitions in relation to the Year of Coasts and Waters 2021, "Greenock and the Sea" guest curated by Dr Emma Bond of St Andrews University and "The Lost Clyde", a retrospective of the work of Greenock artist James Watt, curated by the artist's daughter, the internationally acclaimed artist Alison Watt.

5.5 **Environment Partnership Update**

The Environment Partnership have completed most of the actions within their current delivery plan and are now working on the development of a new plan. The Partnership is waiting to find out the outcome of a funding application in relation to the Inverclyde Green Connections Programme, a project which aims to improve connectivity and deliver positive on the ground change in Greenock and Port Glasgow. If the funding application is successful, this will inform the actions that are taken forward in the new delivery plan. It is expected that the Programme will help with the identification of collaborative actions where all partners can add value. If the bid is unsuccessful the group will consider other funding opportunities to take this forward and we continue to undertake joint actions that will help deliver the outcomes we are seeking. For example a contractor has been appointed to undertake a Peatland Restoration Feasibility assessment which will identify actions that will contribute to addressing the climate emergency.

The partnership have agreed that their new delivery plan will seek to achieve the following outcomes and specific actions are still being developed:

- Derelict land will be transformed in key communities to provide multiple benefits for people and nature
- Those living in the most deprived localities in Inverclyde will be more physically active and enjoy improved wellbeing
- Inverclyde residents will have access to good quality and multifunctional greenspace close to where they live
- There will be an increase in the number of Inverclyde residents who take part in walking and cycling for everyday journeys and recreation
- Inverclyde's contribution to climate change will be well on its way to ending by 2045 and the transition to a just and net zero economy will be well established. It should be noted that this outcome requires to be taken into account by each of the Partnerships as all partners will need to contribute towards the SG target to become NetZero by 2045 and all action we take as Community Planning Partners should contribute towards this where possible.

6.0 LOCALITIES

6.1 The six Communication and Engagement Groups are established across the six localities in Inverclyde and will focus on building community capacity and refreshing the locality plans. Two Locality Planning Groups are arranged in Port Glasgow and Inverkip and Wemyss Bay for the end of September 2021.

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.

Population Partnership Flash Report

**May to September 2021
Lead Officer – Richard Turnock**


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
1. Marketing and Communication Activity			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop place promotion branding under the 'discover Inverclyde' theme being developed by the local area tourism partnership group 'Tourism Inverclyde' and expand the focus on Inverclyde as a place to visit, live and do business and support events. 2. Review role of a relocation service to provide support to those moving into Inverclyde. 3. Seek out opportunities to lever in additional support including financial and logistical from partners to promote Inverclyde's place offer 4. Support tourism and visitor development in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing & communications plan completed and approved with funding in place and approved within year 1 – (to March 2020) • Individual campaigns launched by end year1 (March 2020) 	<p>Discover Inverclyde continuing to be promoted and outward promotion across Scotland and wider continues.</p> <p>Towns and Villages being supported to develop their presence through Recovery Plan funding</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Green – On Track</p> </div>
					There have been no major events	

		<p>Inverclyde to encourage increased day visitors in line with Glasgow City Region tourism target</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Actively seek out high profile, cost effective promotional advertising, sponsorship and marketing opportunities to position Inverclyde as a positive destination for visitors, residents and business. 6. Create and implement a developer engagement plan to support growth in the housing market. 7. Create and deliver a business growth marketing campaign focussed on Inverclyde to supplement existing national Business Gateway promotional activity. 		<p>where we have been able to promote Inverclyde. Next year we will be looking to build back up again and look to draw people in from further afield.</p> <p>Greenock Ocean Terminal is an area we will continue to grow. 105 ships are booked in this year.</p> <p>The marketing plan was to take the Discover Inverclyde brand and promote it within catchment areas where people come from for day visits to Inverclyde. Looking to build this back up again.</p> <p>This was achieved prior to lockdown last March and a Housing Engagement event was held at the Beacon.</p> <p>Business Gateway Inverclyde are now on Facebook and can put out local information and establish links as to how we can support them.</p>	
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<p>2. Growing the Housing Market</p>			<p>8. Develop a private housing strategy with targets</p> <p>Review private housing land supply</p> <p>Identify development opportunities East Greenock/ Port Glasgow - Eastern Gateway.</p> <p>Recruitment to communications team leader position including remit to fulfil the local developer/investor liaison contact role.</p>	<p>Housing strategy with identified sites/ annual targets – March 2020</p> <p>Private sector confirmed interest and engagement – December 2019</p> <p>Development briefs for priority opportunities – June 2019</p> <p>Local masterplans completed – March 2020</p>	<p>Eastern Gateway Report received and the Council are now considering the issues that it raised.</p> <p>The Greenock Town Centre Housing Study is out to tender.</p> <p>The private housing strategy and housing land supply is tied in with the Local Development Plan. Local Development Plan consultation now closed and. The changes to the Scottish National Planning Framework will impact on current plans.</p>	

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<p>3. Growing Local Jobs and Enabling Infrastructure</p>			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased resources for council business development support (including business gateway) for local SMEs growth 2. Complete review of public sector opportunities in terms of employment; procurement; community benefit; and local physical assets 3. Progress studies in partnership with trunk road authority in terms of accessibility. 4. Review business property portfolio and identify opportunities for small business. 5. Inverclyde enterprise Initiative high growth start programme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New business service with business plan approved and funding secured. – July 2019 	<p>The number of new business start-ups continues to exceed target. 215 in 2020/21. This action is also in Economy Plan</p> <p>The Council has taken this into account in its annual procurement strategy. Not as many contracts are being given out due to the pandemic.</p> <p>Engagement required with Transport Scotland.</p> <p>Continue to support local businesses by putting support out. There has been a slight drop but will continue to provide support.</p> <p>This programme is working to bring companies into Inverclyde.</p> <p>The Councils £6 million Job Programme will create a number of graduate places which will be available to the 3rd sector. The Council are looking to create 210 jobs in Inverclyde and partners are looking to make bids.</p>	





			<p>6. Review potential to create further jobs and opportunities within the third sector economy.</p>			
<p>4. A Region for People of all Ages</p>			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strategic skills investment plan and actions. 2. Work with DYW to expand education/business links. 3. Review option of a relocation office to provide support to those moving into Inverclyde. 4. Work with HSCP to review opportunities for older work 5. Close working with the college to increase college roll in support of repopulation principles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Skills Investment Plan developed and agreed – December 2019 • Associate action plan with funding commitments - December 2019 • Feasibility study into relocation office completed by March 2020 	<p>This action will be refreshed</p> <p>The local New Scots Population will continue to grow with additional families due to arrive over the coming weeks and months.</p>	

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<p>5. A Centre for Culture and Leisure</p>			<p>Review opportunities for increasing employment in culture and leisure sector and align the strategy and culture and leisure offer in line with repopulation aspirations and marketing activity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of opportunities completed/ plan signed off and funded – October 2019 Associated Action Plan - October 2019 	<p>Consortium partners Inverclyde Council, CVS Inverclyde, Beacon Arts Centre, RIG Arts and Kayos Theatre Group were awarded £275,000 for an 18 month programme of activity (March 2021 – September 2022) by Creative Scotland's new Culture Collective funding stream;</p> <p>Discussion that this action should move to Culture and heritage</p>	

Economy Partnership Flash Report

May to September 2021


Lead Officer – Stuart Jamieson

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
Promote business starts	Tripartite business gateway contract	Inverclyde business start ups exceed the wider Renfrewshire rate	Promotion of Services	Annual review	215 Business Starts in 2020/21 exceeded target Work continues to promote		
Property development / assistance	We want to ensure that premises are available both to indigenous companies and incoming businesses	Premises are available to suit a variety of different needs	Promotion of available properties through property searches and assistance in works	Reduce number of voids	We continue to monitor the impact of Covid on the property portfolio and to date the impact on Inverclyde Council and RiPH Properties has been limited through successful intervention		
Employability	Inverclyde Council and partners ensure that effective IREP engagement takes place	Better engagement	Regular meetings and partnership working	Effective engagement amongst partners	The IREP Group required to be re-established. Officers are in process of organising.		
Employability Pipeline	Inverclyde Council has 4 employability contracts to deliver end-to-end pipeline	Impact of Covid and other factors reduced to ensure maximum opportunities	Contract delivery on an annual basis	Contract monitoring	Since the emergence of Covid, deployment of programmes has been challenging however enthusiasm exists to ensure that clients'		


Inequalities Partnership Flash Report




May to September 2021

Lead Officer – Allen Stevenson

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 	<p>By end of Jan 2020 each locality Plan will be published on the Inverclyde Council Website.</p> <p>By April/May 2020 the localities with the greatest inequalities will have had one meeting</p>	<p>All Communication & Engagement Groups are established with facebook pages and ongoing engagement.</p> <p>Two LPGs are being held in Sept 2021. One in the east-Port Glasgow and one in the west-Inverkip and Wemyss Bay.</p>		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 planning seminar.	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 Multi- Disciplinary Collaborative Police Scotland explore opportunity within schools HSCP develop recovery services	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	Latest drug deaths published. In 2020 there were sadly 33 drug-related deaths in Inverclyde. While Inverclyde has seen no rise in the number of drug-related deaths from 2019, remaining at 33; as outlined by the 5 year average rate of 36.7; Inverclyde remains the third highest rate only compared to Glasgow City at 39.8 and Dundee at 43.1. Work is ongoing: •The inclusion of the 3rd sector to distribute Naloxone (through the Lord Advocate's decree during Covid). •The development of the information sharing protocols with key partners to ensure assertive outreach within 48 hours to anyone who has had a non-fatal overdose. •Work to support those most at risk into treatment and try to keep them established within treatment services.		Medium

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 and employability support • Decrease number of people living in poverty • Reduce drug prevalence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reduction in waiting times into ADRS treatment services; the ongoing work to support service users onto appropriate doses of treatment; and the introduction of Bupivacaine (longer lasting injection) which may change prescribing practices. • The review of all drug deaths on a multiagency basis to determine any learning and improvements in practice. • The test of change of Care Navigators to work intensively with the most vulnerable service users known to Homelessness; ADRS and Criminal Justice. 		High
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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.	Child Poverty Action Plan is submitted to Scottish Government.		Medium
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	Covid has had significant impact on the economy. Inverclyde Alliance has developed recovery plans to support economic recovery. Discussion required to remove this action as now covered through Local Economy plan		

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, additional funding has been given to financial inclusion to support people. Additional funding in place to support and role out welfare advice in GP practices.		
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. GP's, key MH staff and Police have all now been trained in Level 1 and Level 2 referrals to SAMH increasing. Good feedback received from both users and partners.		

Environment Partnership Flash Report

May to September 2021

Lead Officer – Kerry Wallace

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
Connectivity	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 Cycling Strategy.	<p><u>Behaviour Change Actions</u> – The 2019/20 Smarter Choices Smarter Places (SCSP) Programme finished on 31st March 2020.</p> <p>The Bothy (Cycling UK) provide a range of events to promote walking and cycling.</p> <p><u>Community Tracks</u>. The Council has 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</p>	Complete 

project is currently on hold. 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 30th Jan 2020.

Infrastructure

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

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, with the study due to be undertaken in early 2020.

The Council and the Inverclyde Community Development Trust are in the process of developing a cycling/pedestrian route through Gourrock Pierhead. A meeting of all stakeholders was held in mid



Feb 2020.

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

The Council is investigating options for arterial active travel routes into Greenock (ongoing).

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
Healthier Lifestyles	The majority of individuals living and working within Inverclyde are not physically active enough to benefit their health. This 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	We want to increase physical activity and promote healthy lifestyles amongst individuals and families across Inverclyde through sustained positive changes to both their lifestyle and natural environment.	Create and establish links between health and environment professionals to enable a partnership to be established by Autumn 2018.	Completed membership from HSCP links to the Environment Partnership. Carry out an exercise to analyse opportunities for community involvement in environmental projects that improve health.	Completed – HSCP now a member of this group. Active Inverclyde Strategy being developed Inverclyde Life could be a digital platform to raise awareness of and promote opportunities for individuals and communities to become involved and prioritise	Complete Ongoing


	<p>more days per week. (Inverclyde Child and Youth Health and Wellbeing Survey 2013).</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 food growing to take place.</p>	<p>Inverclyde Council has produced a draft Local Food Growing Strategy which explains how the Council and its community planning partners will support community growing across Inverclyde.</p>	<p>Complete</p> 
<p>Area of activity</p>	<p>Where are we now?</p>	<p>Where do we want to be?</p>	<p>How will we get there (including timescale)?</p>	<p>How will we know we are getting there?</p>	<p>Progress</p>	<p>RAG Status Tolerance Level</p>
<p>Land Use and Management</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Improve the built environment so that all communities in Inverclyde can enjoy both a quality local environment and a healthy and active lifestyle.</p>	<p>Develop a Greenspace Strategy by Winter 2018.</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Development of the Greenspace Strategy has been paused until the Scottish Government publishes new guidance, expected in late 2021, on how Local Authorities should meet the new duties for the preparation and publication of open space strategies and play sufficiency assessments established in the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019. This approach will provide the opportunity for development of Greenspace Strategy to take account of the new guidance and</p>	<p>RED – Incomplete</p> 

	derelict.			people within 400m of quality green space. % of derelict land reduced in Inverclyde.	ensure consistency with the national approach.	
			Review vacant and derelict land sites in light of Greenspace Strategy to identify opportunities to plug gaps in greenspace provision for community benefit by Spring 2019.			Complete Green 
			Identify a Strategic Habitat Network for Inverclyde by Autumn 2018.		The GCV Green Network partnership completed the Strategic Habitat Network in the Aug 2019.	Complete Green 

Cultural Partnership – Flash Report

May to September 2021

Lead Officer – Ruth Binks

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
Heritage Strategy	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 deliver the strategy building a network and legacy.	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 <u>Heritage Strategy</u> was approved by Inverclyde Alliance on 17 June 2019 and was formally launched on 5 Feb 2020 to tie in with the re-opening of the Watt Institution. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, NLHF general funding streams were temporarily halted in March 2020 to divert all funds to mitigating Covid-19 impacts on the heritage sector. The relevant funding stream re-opened in February 2021 with a focus on Covid recovery until March 2022. Funds to procure a consultant to work up a funding bid (c. £250K) have been secured from Council recovery funding, and bid match funding has been secured from Council earmarked reserves. Council officers will be working on the bid between August 2021		

and the end of the year with the intention of submitting by March 2022.

Progress reports on this bid will be brought to future Programme Board/Alliance Board meetings.

Inverclyde Community Development Trust have been successful in securing £79,000 funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund for a “Legacies of Slavery” project which will begin in Autumn/Winter 2021.

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<p>Arts and Creativity Strategy</p>	<p>Inverclyde's Arts & Creativity Strategy launched in 2017 but did not contain an Action Plan to take the Strategy forward.</p> <p>Arts & Creativity sub-group implemented with representation from a range of partner organisations and individual artists.</p>	<p>Arts & Creativity Strategy and action plan being implemented with actions being delivered;</p> <p>Arts sub-group feeding in to overall Cultural Partnership and cultural delivery plan for the area.</p>	<p>Recruitment of Arts Co-ordinator for Inverclyde, funded by remaining Place Partnership funds.</p> <p>Maintain regular meetings of the Arts & Creativity sub-group, ensuring representation across Inverclyde CPP.</p>	<p>Meetings take place consistently and attendance by all partners remains high.</p> <p>Regular review of members of partnership.</p>	<p>Alliance Board approved the <u>Arts Action Plan</u> running alongside the Arts & Creativity Strategy on 14 June 2021.</p> <p>Inverclyde Council, in partnership with CVS Inverclyde, Beacon Arts Centre, RIG Arts, and Kayos Theatre Group successfully applied to Creative Scotland's '<u>Culture Collective</u>' funding stream for £275K over 18m to assist with delivery of many of the aspirations on the Arts Action Plan and also Covid-19 recovery. The project will run from March 2021-September 2022, overseen by the Culture Collective Steering Group and the Cultural Partnership.</p> <p>Reports on progress will be part of Cultural Partnership reporting as the project progresses.</p> <p>In May-July 2021, Inverclyde Culture Collective hired an Activities Co-ordinator to support the Creative Producer in overseeing project activity and launched the first 7 of several paid opportunities for creatives, including an Artist-in-Residence</p>		


and a Writer-in-Residence for Inverclyde.

The Creative Industries Co-ordinator at CVS Inverclyde has: arranged a series of 4 online training workshops to support the arts and creative industries locally ; has produced a digital resource detailing resources, opportunities and funding available to the creative community; has collaborated with RIG Arts to manage a training project for young people which will provide training in photography, filing and video production with the opportunity to go on and work on a professional film shoot; has organised a series of film shoots platforming local artists in their studio space on Discover Inverclyde; and has hired a graphic designer to brand the overall project supporting the creative industries. The project ends in August 2021.

RIG Arts have been working on socially engaged creative projects supporting wellbeing, climate challenge, creative industries, heritage, and regeneration. The next quarter will see their workshops return to in-person with social



distancing measures continuing to be in place. Project development will be looking at various heritage projects, planning for *Galoshans 2021* and working on Sustrans/Inverclyde Council public art project (see below).

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<p>Great Place Scheme</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"> -Project Officer to be appointed to project manage all aspects of GPS and associated budget, and link together existing heritage assets in Inverclyde. -Young Heritage Apprentices - 2 consecutive apprentices appointed through Inverclyde Council's "The Recruit" programme to work at the Watt Institution on heritage activities. -Artists residences: 	<p>Community engagement and participation in heritage will increase; will be visible through higher levels of cultural participation reported in the SHS.</p>	<p>All approved purposes have been achieved with the exception of the 3rd artists' residency – see Sustrans project below. Project formally extended to Oct 2021 in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, however project staff have finished their contracts. Staff in Inverclyde Council Cultural Services are managing the final months of the project.</p> <p>3rd residency = <u>GPS</u> working with <u>Sustrans</u> on a collaborative project to commission a piece of art and related community engagement on the National Cycle Network by the waterfront. RIG Arts working with artist Tragic O'Hara were commissioned to carry out Phase 1 (community engagement) and also Phase 2 to engage further with the community and produce/install the artwork on the waterfront.</p> <p>Planning permission is currently being sought for 3 separate pieces of public art on the NCN75 with fabrication/installation to begin</p>		


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The GPS Officer worked alongside heritage groups to sensitively document the pandemic in Inverclyde to record and archive personal stories and experiences for future generations. An exhibition, 'Lockdown Life', initially at the Watt Institution, is being designed and will be exhibited before the end of the year.

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<p>Festivals and Events</p>	<p>Develop calendar of current and emerging AC&H festivals and events including those within individual communities.</p>	<p>Work to develop, create, deliver and support AC&H events across Inverclyde, both by ICP members themselves, and by building capacity within communities.</p> <p>Effective use of public spaces and venues to support co-ordination of events.</p>			<p>Cultural partners made a strong contribution to the overall programme of events put on for Inverclyde's "Summer of Fun", with various activities ranging from art, music, theatre and comic workshops, craft sessions, storytelling, stay and plays, and library sessions. Feedback from all sessions has been excellent, although the unusually good weather earlier in the summer did have an impact on numbers at cultural events which were mainly held inside.</p>		

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<p>Key Cultural Venues</p>	<p>Central Greenock has 2 major cultural venues: the Watt Institution, and the Beacon Arts Centre, and a third which will open in early 2022 - the Wylie Gallery. Inverclyde's 6 public libraries also provide cultural spaces within communities.</p>	<p>All 4 centres are represented at the Cultural Partnership and will work together to maximize cultural opportunities for the people of, and visitors to, Inverclyde.</p>		<p>Each centre will report increasing visitor numbers. Cultural participation in Inverclyde will increase.</p>	<p>The <u>Watt Institution</u> re-opened to the public on 28 April 2021. 2 new exhibitions launched in relation to the Year of Coasts and Waters 2021, guest curated by Dr Emma Bond of St Andrews University and the internationally acclaimed artist Alison Watt respectively. The Watt welcomed a Digital Learning & Engagement Officer (funded by Museums Galleries Scotland) who will increase outreach capacity at the Watt, and the venue is now the host for monthly Fair Trade fairs in the Watt Hall.</p> <p>The <u>Beacon Arts Centre</u> – Highlights from the previous quarter include: A substantial amount of community-engaged recruitment, including a Creative Producer, Community Engagement Officer, Creative Aging Co-ordinator, and a Community Programme Co-ordinator. Launching Creatability Summer School. Running several programmes and workshops for “Summer of Fun”. Hosting touring fund shows. Venue being used for various filming projects.</p>		

	<p>There has been an upsurge in awareness of the climate emergency as one of the defining issues of the era. The culture sector is a key player in</p>	<p>The Inverclyde Climate Beacon will focus on the roles of climate change mitigation and adaptation as</p>	<p>The vision for the Climate Beacon is to produce and promote an exciting programme of activities to shape</p>	<p>Partners jointly create or commission artistic work; engagement work; and development work to</p>	<p>Planning Climate Beacon activities (see below). <u>Inverclyde Libraries – Libraries re-opened on a restricted basis in April 2021 and increased opening hours and services available as Scotland moved through the levels of Covid restrictions. Highlights from the previous quarter include:</u> taking part in Carnegie UK-funded small scale initiative Inverkind, showing how libraries can enhance wellbeing in their communities; registering as a Help Point for dementia charity Playlist for Life which supports carers to create music playlists for dementia patients; training a number of staff as Connecting Scotland ‘digital champions’; running ‘Wild World Heroes’, the 2021 Summer Reading Challenge which links in with WWF and an environmental theme.</p>		
<p>Climate Emergency</p>					<p>Creative Carbon Scotland confirmed in June 2021 that Inverclyde would be 1 of 6 Scottish Climate Beacons. Planning for future activity is underway and further progress reports will feature in future flash reports.</p>		

	<p>creating a society more focused on wellbeing. It can contribute creatively to the challenges of climate change and climate justice.</p> <p>Inverclyde successfully bid to be a "Climate Beacon" with funding from Creative Carbon Scotland, in an application led by the Beacon Arts Centre and involving various cultural partners including Inverclyde Libraries, RIG Arts, Belville Community Garden amongst others.</p>	<p>part of Inverclyde's recovery from Covid.</p>	<p>attitudes, concepts, and skills to help Inverclyde achieve carbon net zero. In the lead up to COP26, the project partners will host and present participatory, interactive and social events to engage local communities in discussions on climate change.</p>	<p>highlight the climate emergency and environmental issues.</p> <p>Awareness of climate issues is raised in Inverclyde.</p>			
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