

Inverclyde Council Participation Requests Annual Report 2020/21

Section 32 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act requires Inverclyde Council to provide information regarding Participation Requests submitted between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021.

In the reporting period 01/04/20 to 31/03/21, no Participation Requests were received by Inverclyde Council.

01/04/20 – 31/03/21	Number
Participation Request received	0
Participation Requests accepted	n/a
Participation Requests rejected	n/a
Participation Requests which resulted in a change	n/a

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

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

Other ways to participate in decision making:

- A joint approach to locality planning has been adopted by Inverclyde Alliance, the area's Community Planning Partnership and Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnership. It aims to empower communities by strengthening their voices in decisions about public services. Locality planning is guided by two pieces of legislation:
 - The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 placed a requirement on community planning partnerships to produce locality plans for smaller areas of Inverclyde and work with communities to agree what the key priorities are that should be addressed in those locality plans.
 - The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 placed a requirement on Inverclyde's Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) to create at least two localities. The purpose of establishing localities for the HSCP is to provide an opportunity for communities and professionals such as GPs, social workers, pharmacists, and dentists to take an active role in and provide leadership for local planning of services.

- Across Inverclyde, six localities have been created that cover the whole of Inverclyde to ensure that every community has the opportunity to take part. The intention is that each locality will comprise of a Locality Planning Group (LPG) and a Communications and Engagement Group (CEG). LPGs are forums for public services and communities to come together to design and deliver a plan for their locality. CEGs are a forum for the community to plan for the needs and aspirations of their local community and to lead community involvement and engagement activity that will be fed into the LPG. Through the development of the LPGs we will look to encourage participation.

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