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Subject:	Inverclyde Local Outcome Improvement Plan Quarterly Progress Report April to June 2022		

1.0 PURPOSE

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

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 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 April to June 2022.

- 2.2 Oversight and delivery of the LOIP priorities sits with the:

- Population and Economy Partnership,
- Inequalities Partnership,
- Environment Partnership, and
- Culture and Heritage Partnership.

- 2.3 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 Appendix 1
- Economic Appendix 2
- Inequalities Appendix 3
- Environment Appendix 4
- Culture and Heritage Appendix 5

- 2.4 The following areas of work are noted as amber (slight slippage) or red (significant slippage) for April to June 2022:

POPULATION

- Eastern Gateway Master Plan
- Port Glasgow Town Centre Plan
- Greenock Town Centre Plan

INEQUALITIES

- Poverty
- Active Inverclyde

ENVIRONMENT

- Connectivity
- Healthier lifestyles
- Land use and management
- Climate change

CULTURE AND HERITAGE

- Heritage Strategy

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that the Alliance Board:

- a. Considers the quarterly progress update, and
- b. Discusses any additional action required.

Louise Long
Chief Executive
Chair of LOIP Programme Board

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 Population Update

In relation to the workstream “Develop the Inverclyde brand” marketing activity continues broadly in line with the plan.

In terms of “Create sustainable communities, primarily through the housing offer” master planning progress for Eastern Gateway (RAG status RED), Port Glasgow and Greenock Town Centres (RAG for both is AMBER) are behind original plans, however Committee updates are on track for September.

A Steering Committee has been formed to address the development of a revised Local Housing Strategy. This work is being project managed by consultant, Arneil Johnston, and incorporates participation from social landlords and high levels of consultation with stakeholders, including the public.

In relation to “Deliver a net inward migration” it is anticipated that Scotland will receive 34,000 Ukrainian refugees over the next three months. There is no firm target yet in place for Inverclyde’s allocation. Significant partnership working has been established in preparation for the demands of the Ukrainian refugee dispersal. The Gin House Hotel is providing an initial stay for refugees (approximately 20 families) before dispersal to more permanent accommodation. Local RSLs are providing details of available units to enable matching of people to properties.

The Population Partnership has met and discussed the findings of the Fraser of Allander Institute report “Supporting Economic Recovery in Inverclyde, West Dunbartonshire and Argyll & Bute”. This report highlights several key policies utilised elsewhere that have successfully addressed population decline, economic regeneration and inequality and poverty. For instance, measures to address population decline include increasing affordable housing, implementing employment initiatives and improving local infrastructure. The Population Group has agreed that this report will be used to refresh our current plans and future reporting. Its content will also inform our plans to utilise the remaining budget allocation. The report is also relevant to other LOIP priorities.

Appendix 1 contains more detail.

4.2 Local Economy Update

The Local Economy Partnership Group has continued to meet and consider the actions against the updated plan.

Progress in the first quarter followed the positive trend of the 2 years with 54 business start ups. The team continue to support businesses in relation to their property. To date this has involved 5 businesses.

Performance in relation to employability has continued to improve from the difficult year of 2020/21. The tender has been concluded and contracts finalised for the 2022/23.

A significant number of Inverclyde organisations are accessing workforce development opportunities from short one day training initiatives to bespoke upskilling courses.

The Council continues to progress well with this years Modern Apprenticeship positions, with recruitment underway for 50 posts. There is ongoing support to those from previous years and those who are post qualification.

Further detail is available in Appendix 2.

4.3 **Inequalities Update**

Appendix 3 provides detail of the RAG status and progress updates. The rating of amber (slight slippage) is attributed to service pressures arising from the pandemic, both in terms of resourcing and service demands. Recovery from this position continues.

Key points to note include:

- A decrease in drug related deaths and alcohol related deaths, with falls of 51.5% and 18.75% respectively,
- The ADP Early Help in Police Custody test of change commenced on 1st April,
- A new food pantry has been established in Port Glasgow and a 'food map' is being developed for communities to help them access affordable food. The allocation of the winter support funding has now been made and includes payments to our two largest foodbanks to support fuel poverty,
- A new Active Inverclyde strategy has been agreed. Engagement event with local sports organisations took place in June 2022 and delivery plan is now being developed.

Inverclyde Cares is progressing well against the 4 priorities of Bereavement & Loss, Stigma, Remembering Together - Covid Community Memorial Activity and Kindness Promise.

4.4 **Environment Update**

As discussed at the previous Programme Board and Alliance Board the Environment Partnership has not been meeting formally as all partners are now focusing their attention on the Green Connections project and are meeting monthly as part of the Green Connections Project Steering Group. The project will help contribute to delivery all of the individual priority action areas identified by the Environment Group (connectivity, healthier lifestyles, land use and management and climate change).

Sustrans approved the Green Connections bid for the Greenock Central Link and Lady Octavia Park.

Two applications were successful in Stage 2 of the Low Carbon Vacant and Derelict Land Investment Programme in March 2022. The applications included Brachelston Road Greenock and Carwood Street Greenock. One application has been submitted for Round 3 – Scott Street Community Growing project.

Others areas of work also taking place include:

- The final draft report of the Peatland Feasibility Study was submitted – consideration is currently underway of what actions to take forward, and
- A Peatland Action Project Officer is being recruited to cover the Glasgow City region (including Inverclyde).

All the actions are currently rated as amber (slight slippage). In relation to Connectivity we await progress on the tenders. The healthier lifestyles action is slightly adrift of target as the 3rd sector Environment Network has not been re-established following Covid restrictions and staff turnover. However discussions are currently underway to get this re-established. The

Greenspace strategy has been put on hold due to recent staff turnover but there has been progress with two vacant and derelict land sites receiving funding to bring the sites into low carbon productive use for the community. The climate change action is amber as more needs to be done collectively to address this issue. It has been agreed that this will be a standing item across all LOIP priority partnerships to raise its profile.

Appendix 4 contains additional detail.

4.5 **Culture and Heritage Update**

Members will note that the Heritage Strategy has a RAG status of amber (slight slippage). This is mainly down to Covid. Heritage Fund funding streams were open only to emergency Covid funding through most of 2020 and 2021 and the bulk of the Strategy Action Plan is to be funded through funding bids.

Appendix 5 contains further details, some highlights include:

- Funding to support a consultant to work up a funding bid in relation to the Heritage Strategy has been secured,
- Two key pieces of research commissioned by the Inverclyde Culture Collective on a snapshot of “where we are now” with arts & creativity in Inverclyde and conversations looking at creativity as a driver for health and wellbeing were published during the quarter. Please see
- <https://www.inverclydeculturecollective.co.uk/culturecollective/artsstrategyandresearchdocuments> to read the papers.
- Inverclyde Libraries were involved in “A Collective Force for Health and Wellbeing” – a partnership between Scottish Libraries and Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland to assist the public to support their own health conditions through access to trusted information and services, see <https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/680276499/9800b1b812>
- Partnership work, led by the Beacon Arts Centre, on the Climate Beacons project continued with films being made by local young people giving a creative response to the climate emergency <https://vimeo.com/738285812> , and
- Inverclyde Heritage Network held a very successful Heritage Day at the Watt Institution on 14 May 2022 to encourage more people to engage with local heritage. Over 300 people attended.

5.0 **PROPOSALS**

5.1 It is proposed that the Alliance Board considers the quarterly progress update, and discusses any additional action required.

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 Legal: None
Finance :None
Human Resources: None
Equality and Diversity: None
Repopulation: None
Inequalities: None

7.0 **CONSULTATIONS**

7.1 Not required.

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None

Population Partnership Flash Report

April to June 2022
Lead Officer – Richard Turnock

Area of Activity	Where are we now	Where do we want to be?	How will we get there?	How will we know we are getting there?	Progress	RAG status
Develop the Inverclyde Brand <i>Position Inverclyde as the place to visit, work and live.</i>	<p>Significant progress has been made, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Discover Inverclyde’ branding and website and social media presence (e.g. Business Gateway Inverclyde now on Facebook) • Successful Marketing and promotion activity and events (including housing engagement event) • Towns and Villages being supported to develop their presence through Recovery Plan funding • Greenock Ocean Terminal in progress. • Discover Inverclyde Tourism Partnership’ (new name) established group now looking to build engagement with sector. • Dedicated marketing team established. • STV advertising campaign launched. • Meliora festival created. 	<p>The ‘Discover Inverclyde’ theme is the default marketing brand for tourism and visitors and existing population.</p> <p>The Discover Inverclyde website is considered the main, trusted reliable source of what to do in Inverclyde.</p> <p>Inverclyde is considered not only a tourist destination but also a place to work and live.</p>	<p>Continual enhancement of the marketing activity.</p> <p>Investment in the promotion activities to build the Discover Inverclyde theme</p>	<p>Council has signed up to STEAM reports for the next three years to establish baseline figures for tourism development</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">G</p>
			<p>Create a new Discover Inverclyde marketing toolkit</p>	<p>Measure participation rates by local businesses and venues</p>	<p>Currently being reviewed as part of business engagement</p>	
			<p>Drive use of marketing toolkit, promoting the Discover Inverclyde theme,</p>	<p>Measure attendance at events and participation rates</p>	<p>Content Forward Plan in development</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">G</p>
			<p>Enhance social media presence, including marketing out with Inverclyde.</p>	<p>Measure hits/reach/ retweets etc.</p>	<p>Ongoing tracking by Discover Inverclyde Tourism Partnership</p>	
			<p>Partnership working including Visit Scotland, Scottish Tourism Alliance + other local authorities.</p>	<p>Focus on 22/23 initiatives, inc. food and drink; film and TV; outdoor activities, sports, cruise ships, heritage and walking</p>	<p>Delivery of cruise seminars and targeted promotion of outdoor activities.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">G</p>
			<p>Deliver targeted marketing strategy (inc. TV, Discover Scotland Expo.)</p>			

Area of Activity	Where are we now	Where do we want to be?	How will we get there?	How will we know we are getting there?	Progress	RAG status
<p>Create Sustainable Communities, primarily through the housing offer</p> <p><i>Address the private and social housing requirements, helping retain and attract new people to the area</i></p>	<p>Significant progress has been made, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of a review of private housing land supply • Plans to deliver > 1,000 new social housing units (> 50% completion to date) • Ongoing work on the Eastern Gateway Opportunities • Preparatory work on Town Centre Plans for Port Glasgow and Greenock Town Centre 	<p>Short to medium term Delivery of a private and social housing solution that provides enables retention and attraction of new families to Inverclyde.</p> <p>Medium to longer term Regeneration where required; complemented by other private and social housing development in the longer term.</p>	<p>Delivery of Private Housing New build.</p>	<p>This is addressed through the Local Development Plan/SHIP.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>G</p>
			<p>Delivery of Social Housing New build.</p>	<p>Regular measurement against planned progress for both private and social housing plans.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	
			<p>Consideration of appropriate incentives (e.g. Lower council tax, subsidised nursery, leisure facilities etc.)</p>	<p>Uptake in any available funding</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>G</p>
			<p>Develop New Local Housing Strategy</p>	<p>Steering Group formed, aiming for delivery by December.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	
			<p>Progress Local Development Plan</p>	<p>Informed by changes to Scottish national planning Framework</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>G</p>
			<p>Progress Eastern Gateway Master Plan</p>	<p>Report to E&R Committee / Alliance in Sep 22</p>	<p>Report to E&R Committee / Alliance in Sep 22</p>	
			<p>Progress Port Glasgow Town Centre Plan</p>	<p>Tender issued June 22</p>	<p>Tender issued June 22</p>	<p>A</p>
			<p>Progress Greenock Town Centre Plan</p>	<p>Study due to be completed August 2022. Committee update in Sep 22</p>	<p>Study due to be completed August 2022. Committee update in Sep 22</p>	
			<p>Consider other wider opportunities for regeneration and ad hoc projects. Partnership working with appropriate lobbying activity.</p>	<p>Measures include e.g. utilisation of strategic acquisition funding (Rental Of The Shelf funding) plus any other transformational funding.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>G</p>

Area of Activity	Where are we now	Where do we want to be?	How will we get there?	How will we know we are getting there?	Progress	RAG status
<p>Deliver a net inward migration</p> <p><i>Create a net flow of population through strategic initiatives</i></p>	<p>Key achievements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various resettlement Schemes have enabled immigration from Afghanistan and Syria in particular. • 37 new families now housed and settled within Inverclyde 	<p>Ensure that Inverclyde is considered as a location of choice for future New Scots.</p> <p>Ensure we attract and retain families who settle in Inverclyde</p> <p>Net inward migration not only about New Scots (other population inflow predominately via Repopulation initiatives).</p>	<p>Ongoing collaboration between Inverclyde Alliance partners (HSCP News Scots Team + Social landlords + Education etc. Partnership working with the Scottish Refugee Council/UK Government</p> <p>Support the resettlement of an additional 16 families through the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS) by March 2022.</p> <p>Assist the acclimatization, supporting the enhancement of language skills and finding work, thus enabling rapid self-sufficiency and social integration in our communities.</p> <p>Partnership collaboration to ensure successful dispersal of Ukrainian refugees. This includes provision of private and social housing (existing voids) together with short term accommodation e.g. hotels.</p>	<p>Measure the extent of both initial and sustained settlement within Inverclyde.</p> <p>Ongoing delivery of any commitment to Scottish Refugee Council/ Scottish Government.</p> <p>Meet the demands of dispersal within Inverclyde</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>G</p> <p>G</p> <p>G</p>

Economy Partnership Flash Report

April - June 2022
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
Promote business starts	Tripartite business gateway contract	Inverclyde business start-ups exceed the wider Renfrewshire rate	Promotion of Services	Annual review	Progress in the first quarter followed the positive trend of the 2 years with 54 starts.	G
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	The team continue to support businesses in relation to their property. To date the team have supported 5 businesses.	G
Employability	Inverclyde Council and partners ensure that effective IREP engagement takes place.	Better engagement	Regular meetings and partnership working	Effective engagement amongst partners	The LEP has been meeting on a monthly basis from the start of the year and a draft 3 year Delivery Plan has been produced with finalisation due later in the summer.	G
Employability Pipeline	Inverclyde Council has 4 employability contracts to deliver end-to end pipeline activity.	Impact of Covid and other factors reduced to ensure maximum opportunities for all.	Contract delivery on an annual basis	Contract monitoring	Performance has continued to improve from the difficult year of 2020/21. The tender has been concluded and contracts finalised for the 2022/23. 4 contracts have been awarded for 2022/23. Performance for the final quarter resulted in full contract spend.	G
Jobs Recovery Plan	Programme commenced in April 2021	Full delivery of programme by April 2023	Deployment of comprehensive Jobs Recovery Programme	Regular reporting to Committee and Alliance.	Job recovery plan continues to progress well. Job vacancies continue to be advertised locally and shared with local employability partners under the Inverclyde Works branding.	G
Workforce Development	Skills gaps exist within the workforce	Skills gaps has been removed from workforce	Engagement and delivery of programmes to ensure the workforce becomes more productive and efficient	Delivery of programmes Regular monitoring	A significant number of Inverclyde organisations are accessing workforce development opportunities from short one day training initiatives to bespoke upskilling courses. A primary support is our Flexible Workforce Development Fund which is available for both SMEs and larger employers to upskill and reskill their workforce to meet changing organisational needs. To date the College has delivered over	G

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
Modern apprentices	West College Scotland and Inverclyde Council deliver modern apprenticeship programmes	Modern apprenticeships programmes are maximised for client use	Regular liaison within IREP	Regular reporting on modern apprenticeship numbers	<p>£500k worth of employee led training across the West Region covering a range of organisations from across the public, private and third sector who have had a demand for skills development in: Leadership and Management Masterclasses, Digital and IT skills enhancement, Mental Health Awareness, Health and Safety, Coaching and Development training, and British Sign Language'</p> <p>The Council continues to progress well with this years' MA positions and continues to support those from previous years and those who are post qualification.</p> <p>The council are currently recruiting for 50 places.</p>	G

Inequalities Partnership Flash Report

April - June 2022
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
Alcohol and Drugs Lead officer Anne Malarkey	Drug use is one of the leading causes of death and ill health in the most deprived parts of Inverclyde	Inverclyde is a Place Where Less Harm is Caused by alcohol and drug use.	Delivery of the ADP priorities and recovery strategy Contribute to the review of the Inverclyde Licensing policy	Outcomes reported to ADP Committee Reduction in deaths Reduction in associated ill health Reduction in associated hospital admissions	From recent NRS publications there has been a decrease in drug related deaths from the previous year from 33 to 16, a fall of 51.5%. There has also been a decrease in the number of alcohol specific deaths from 32 to 26, a reduction of 18.75%. This data indicates the actions we have taken are beginning to have a positive impact. The new Recovery tender commenced on 1st April 2022. For Q1 there were 796 attendances across the various activities that represented 70 people. Early Help in Police Custody test of change commenced delivery on 1st April. We have published the Residential Rehabilitation Referral Pathway and are in the process of developing this project in partnership with Turning Point Scotland. We are on schedule in developing an Improvement Plan for the implementation of MAT Standards.	G
Poverty Child poverty Fuel poverty Financial inclusion Food poverty Lead Officer Craig Given/ Tony McEwan	Inverclyde has the most deprived SIMD area in Scotland.	Levels of poverty in Inverclyde are reduced.	Partnership working to improve employment opportunities, maximize household income Review and deliver new financial inclusion strategy.	Outcome reporting on Child Poverty Action Plan. Outputs and contract monitoring from commissioned services e.g. Iheat Evidence delivery of council anti-poverty programmes.	Anti-poverty funding allocated to provide range of initiatives including Employability pilot – removing barriers to employment for those in recovery. This is now underway with relevant staffing now in place to facilitate this. A number of candidates have been identified for this project and work is underway with engaging with them. New pantry has been established in Port Glasgow and a 'food map' is being developed for communities to help them access affordable food. The allocation of the winter support funding has now been made and includes payments to our two largest foodbanks to support fuel poverty. Year 4 of child poverty action plan in progress Delivery of child bridging payment. We continue to work closely with our partners at I Heat and have contracts in place for the delivery of fuel payments for people facing	A

<p>Active Inverclyde Lead Officer Tony McEwan</p>	<p>Inverclyde residents are less likely to be active than those in the rest of NHSGGC and Scotland as a whole.</p>	<p>The people of Inverclyde are more active and maintain activity throughout the life course.</p>	<p>Work in partnership with Inverclyde Leisure, NHSGGC health improvement services, local third sector.</p>	<p>Evidence delivery of outcomes associated with Active Inverclyde Strategy. Decrease in ill health associated with low levels of activity will be evidenced in local health needs assessment.</p>	<p>financial difficulty. We are also currently investigating the potential delivery of fuel poverty / winter boxes for the most in need. This is also potentially going to be in partnership with I Heat. The HSCP is also working in partnership with Inverclyde Council for other potential fuel poverty initiatives to be delivered in 2022/23. New Active Inverclyde Strategy agreed. Engagement event with local sports organisations took place in June 2022 and delivery plan now being developed. Although the strategy has been agreed by Inverclyde Alliance, the action plan is being developed in conjunction with partners and has not yet been agreed. When the action plan is finalised, the RAG status will move to Green. It is expected that this work will complete in October 2022.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A</p>
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<p>Mental wellbeing & social isolation Lead Officer Alan Best/ Charlene Elliot</p>	<p>Impact of Covid has increased social isolation and negatively impacted mental wellbeing.</p>	<p>People of Inverclyde are supported to reconnect socially and emotionally.</p>	<p>Utilise recovery money, Public Mental health recovery funding and Wellbeing fund monies Develop suicide prevention plan Develop Inverclyde cares movement.</p> <p>Winter wellness week for Health & Social Care Staff.</p>	<p>Reported outcomes from associated funding streams.</p> <p>Self-reported outcomes from upcoming NHSGGC Health & Wellbeing Survey.</p> <p>Evaluation of Winter wellness week.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">G</p> <p>Inverclyde Cares is progressing well against the 4 priorities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bereavement & Loss 2. Stigma 3. Remembering Together- Covid Community Memorial Activity 4. Kindness Promise <p>Covid Memorial - has started, phase 1 underway the team have been working with various groups in the community.</p> <p>No One Grieves Alone – has grown, working with 15 organisations, CVS received charter mark, YourVoice nearly there. Culture collective no one grieves alone spring event being organised over 1 or 2 weeks.</p> <p>Kindness Award – launch in July with a full launch taking place to coincide with Amnesty Day.</p> <p>Stigma – 3rd challenge event being held on 31st August 2022.</p> <p>Stigma training programme being progressed. The first facilitation group was held the week of 1st August 2022.</p> <p>West College Scotland have donated 36 academic hours in relation to Stigma work.</p> <p>The evaluation of the Winter Wellness Week has been completed.</p> <p>CVS Inverclyde have been awarded £242,085 from the Scottish Government for distribution to the community and voluntary sector in Inverclyde under the Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund 2022/23. This is in addition to the £342,000 which was distributed to 20 local groups in FY21/22. The strategic partnership group, including colleagues from HSCP, third sector and those with lived/living experience will once again support delivery of the Fund, which has a focus on prevention and early intervention. The fund will open for applications no later than 17th October 2022.</p>
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Environment Partnership Flash Report

April - June 2022
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
Connectivity	It is currently difficult for Inverclyde residents to engage in active travel with gaps in provision and poor infrastructure.	There will be an increase in the number of Inverclyde residents who take part in walking and cycling for everyday journeys and recreation.	Improve cycle paths and walking routes through the development of: Active Travel Strategy (complete 2018 and adopted by council – delivery of action plan in progress - Proposed Green Connections project (by 2025)	Statistics from Community Tracks; and Statistics from Bike Bothy.	Sustrans approved the Green connections bid for the Greenock Central Link and Lady Octavia Park. We tendered for both a design consultant and community engagement service. However, there were no tender returns for the Design Consultant and so it has now been issued to a consultant for a quote via direct award using the Scotland Excel Framework. For the Community Engagement services there was only 1 tender return which will be awarded in due course.	A
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
Healthier Lifestyles	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).	Those living in the most deprived localities in Inverclyde will be more physically active and enjoy improved wellbeing	Establish links between health and environment Develop green gyms, community growing. Community food growing. Establish an Environmental Network	HSCP attend Environment Partnership and Environment network. Inverclyde Life could be a digital platform to raise awareness of opportunities in which communities and individuals can become involved in.	Links established with HSCP and work underway to reestablish the Environment network.	A

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
<p>Land Use and Management</p>	<p>The percentage of derelict land increased from 17% to 51% in 2016. 80% of the increase in derelict land related to two large sites, the Former Inverkip Power Station site and Valley Park, Spango Valley.</p>	<p>Inverclyde residents will have access to good quality and multifunctional greenspace close to where they live (the importance of this priority has been heightened as a result of the COVID-19 lockdown)</p> <p>Derelict land will be transformed in key communities to provide multiple benefits for people and nature</p>	<p>Develop a Greenspace Strategy.</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).</p> <p>Performance measures: The number of people within 400m of quality green space.</p>	<p>Greenspace strategy currently on hold but work ongoing to improve access routes.</p> <p>Two applications were successful in Stage 2 of the Low Carbon Vacant and Derelict Land Investment Programme in March 2022. The applications included Brachelston Road Greenock - This project will contribute towards the remediation of 0.98ha of derelict land and re-use it as a HSCP Community Learning Disabilities Hub through the creation of landscaping and pollinators areas. The full amount of £990,000 has been awarded for climate change adaptation, landscaping and works benefiting biodiversity. Carwood Street Greenock – The project aims to remediate 0.22ha of derelict land and re-use it as a community food growing space. The full amount of £69,000 was awarded to turn this discussed piece land within a residential areas into a space to benefit the community</p> <p>One application has been submitted for Round 3 – Scott Street Community Growing project. The project would remediate a 0.36ha former local authority transport depot site. A sum of £571,740 has been sought over two years (2023-25) for the project which would create an accessible community facility which would enhance health and well-being, provide greenspace, promote biodiversity and reduce food poverty in an area in the lowest decile of SIMD.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A</p>

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Climate Change		<p>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.</p>	<p>Inverclyde Council are developing a Carbon neutral/net zero strategy and from this we will identify actions we can take forward which is likely to include those actions we are already undertaking.</p>		<p>The Final report of the Peatland Feasibility Study was completed – consideration is currently underway of what actions to take forward.</p> <p>A Peatland Action project officer is being recruited to cover the Glasgow City region (including Inverclyde).</p> <p>All CPP priorities to consider NetZero and the climate emergency in the work that they do.</p>	A

April - June 2022
Lead Officer – Ruth Binks

Cultural Partnership – Flash Report

Cultural Partnership - LOIP 10 Year Vision

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

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Heritage Strategy	With funding from the Heritage Lottery, ICP commissioned and published a Heritage Strategy for Inverclyde.	Partnership working to develop, enhance and deliver the strategy, building a network and legacy.	Funding bid to deliver elements of the Action Plan that cannot be delivered within existing resources.	Action plan priorities and objectives taken forward with identified outcomes being successfully implemented.	<p>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 are working on this bid which will be submitted in 2022.</p> <p>Progress reports on this bid will be brought to future Programme Board/Alliance Board meetings.</p> <p>Inverclyde Heritage Network held a very successful Heritage Day at the Watt Institution on 14 May 2022 to encourage more people to engage with local heritage. Over 300 people attended. They are also working with other community partners to investigate options to raise funds to purchase Old West Kirk from the Church of Scotland. The Network will also work with Morton on plans for the 150th anniversary celebration in 2024.</p> <p>National Lottery Heritage Fund held a very successful information day on 24 May 2022 at the Watt Institution, aimed at Inverclyde community groups who want to find out more about what the Fund has to offer. They are also consulting people who work/volunteer in heritage about a refreshed strategy for the Fund and responses can be submitted here: https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/have-your-say</p>	A

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Arts and Creativity Strategy	<p>Inverclyde's Arts & Creativity Strategy launched in 2017 but did not contain an Action Plan to take the Strategy forward.</p> <p>Arts sub-group have developed an action plan to complement the Arts & Creativity Strategy.</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>Maintain regular meetings of the Arts & Creativity sub-group, ensuring representation across Inverclyde.</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 'Culture Collective' 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 original Inverclyde Culture Collective (ICC) project runs from March 2021-September 2022, overseen by the ICC Steering Group and the Cultural Partnership. Reports on progress will be part of Cultural Partnership reporting as the project progresses.</p> <p>Culture Collective is now being extended until Sep 2023 with Inverclyde receiving a further £198,000 of funding from Creative Scotland.</p> <p>Activities carried out in this reporting period include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final events in relation to the year-long Writer's Residency – writer Katharine Macfarlane held a "Story Feast" at the Drying Green at South West Library which included participants from the weekly WORD spoken word events, and also members from creative writing group The Writers Well. The event also launched an anthology of poems curated from local submissions entitled "From Acorns". The event saw 35 individuals in attendance who shared and performed their work. Artist in Residence Martin O'Connor has been developing new pieces of writing for performance, working closely with the Watt Institution and their archives looking at themes of exchange, arrivals and departures within and across Inverclyde. 7 artist residencies working with staff and service users at Barnardo's, Coronation Park, the Grieve Road Pantry, Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park, Inverclyde Faith in Throughcare, and Your Voice are ongoing over the summer months. 2 key pieces of research commissioned by the Inverclyde Culture Collective on a snapshot of "where we are now" with arts & creativity in Inverclyde and conversations looking at creativity as a driver for health and wellbeing were published during the quarter. Please see https://www.inverclydeculturecollective.co.uk/culturecollective/artsstrategyandresearchdocuments to read the papers. 	<p style="text-align: center;">G</p>

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Festivals and Events	Develop calendar of current and emerging arts, culture & heritage festivals and events including those within individual communities.	Work to develop, create, deliver and support arts, culture & heritage 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>Remembering Together: Inverclyde Covid Memorial: RIG Arts were awarded the Stage 1 contract and have started working on the project. More information is available at: https://www.rememberingtogether.scot/inverclyde</p> <p><u>Galoshans 2022</u>: A consortium led by RIG Arts and CVS Inverclyde successfully received £83,441 from Creative Scotland and £4,000 from Event Scotland to run this year's festival. Planned activity includes: Galoshans parades; artist workshops with schools; Galoshans Giants; Museum of Missing Myths; Backstage storytelling @ the Beacon; new work from Felix O'Brien and Kayos/Magic Torch; illuminations by TRNCND; and themed library activities.</p> <p>The 2022 <u>Meliora</u> festival included British Pipe Band championships (May) and a Performing Arts strand led by the Beacon Arts Centre (17-19 June) which included the opportunity to visit an Architects of Air 'Luminarium', as well as performances from Scottish Opera, Elaine C Smith, Ed Byrne, events hosted by Inverclyde Libraries, and music, street theatre, storytelling and dance. RIG Arts created a painted Labyrinth on East India Harbour.</p> <p>See above re Galoshans 2022.</p>	G

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Key Cultural Venues	Central Greenock has 2 major cultural venues: the Watt Institution, and the Beacon Arts Centre, and a third which will open in early 2023 - the Wylie Gallery. Inverclyde's 6 public libraries also provide cultural spaces within communities.	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.		Each centre will report increasing visitor numbers. Cultural participation in Inverclyde will increase.	<p>The <u>Watt Institution</u> continues to attract visitors to exhibitions guest curated by Dr Emma Bond of St Andrews University and the internationally acclaimed artist Alison Watt respectively. Work continues on the Watt Voices NLHF-funded project to redisplay and reinterpret collections, this includes a new Creativity Space for the centre which will be relaunched later in 2022. The summer programme has included art and music workshops. Pilot work has begun on 3D scanning of collections to increase accessibility, initially on the butterfly and moth collections.</p> <p>The <u>Beacon Arts Centre</u> – Highlights from the previous quarter include: hosting of the arts strand of the Meliora Festival (see above); Beacon Jazz Club launched; art classes; recruitment of various key roles; National Theatre of Scotland preview of <i>Burn</i>; Dance for Parkinsons; Creatability; community storytelling; and a New Scots welcome event.</p> <p><u>Inverclyde Libraries</u> – Highlights from the previous quarter include: contributing to “A Collective Force for Health and Wellbeing” – a partnership between Scottish Libraries and Health and social Care Alliance Scotland to assist the public to support their own health conditions through access to trusted information and services. Sponsored and championed by Professor Sir Gregor Smith, Scotland's Chief Medical Officer, please see this video for further information: https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/680276499/9800b1b812</p> <p>Full Summer programme for children and families including Glasgow Science Centre, animal Man, Silent Disco events and arts and crafts sessions; Summer Reading Challenge with over 800 children participating; Bookbug sessions in libraries and also at external events over the summer e.g. Meliora, Gourock Highland Games, Gourock Garden Party; participation in “Keep the Heid and Read”, Scotland's 2022 Reading moment; inclusion in Scottish Library and Information Council's “Lend and Mend” programme where 10 Scottish library authorities will benefit from “Lend and Mend” hubs – Inverclyde's will be at South West Library where there will be a makerspace to facilitate local making. The project is funded by John Lewis Circular Future Fund.</p>	G
Climate Emergency	The culture sector can	The Inverclyde	The vision for the	Partners jointly create	Creative Carbon Scotland confirmed in June 2021 that Inverclyde would be 1 of 6 Scottish Climate Beacons and have provided c.£30K of funding to support the programme.	G

	<p>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>Climate Beacon will focus on the roles of climate change mitigation and adaptation as part of Inverclyde's recovery from Covid.</p>	<p>Climate Beacon is to produce and promote an exciting programme of activities to shape 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>or commission artistic work; engagement work; and development work to highlight the climate emergency and environmental issues.</p> <p>Awareness of climate issues is raised in Inverclyde.</p>	<p>Led by the Beacon Arts Centre, project partners include Belville Community Garden, Inverclyde Libraries, RIG Arts, Ian Parsons, Inverclyde Shed, CVS Inverclyde amongst others. Activities include Creative Nature for Wellbeing Workshops; a live adaptation of 'Gaia – A Foretold Storm'; Climate Researcher in Residence; external speakers on climate, climate and eco-themed Chatty Cafes; eco exchanges, climate-focused work with children and young people; COP26-themed Galoshans; climate-themed Book Week Scotland; climate artists; community upcycling; climate mitigation films; pop up community garden events; a hydro project feasibility study; and various other workshops.</p> <p>A film has been created by young people as a Creative Climate Beacons piece and can be viewed here (password is beacon):</p> <p>https://vimeo.com/738285812 https://vimeo.com/738210857 https://vimeo.com/738218665 https://vimeo.com/738209164</p> <p>The project is at the evaluation stage with focus group work with Creative Carbon Scotland and a further event in the Edinburgh Climate Change Institute in September 2022.</p>
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Challenges this quarter: April - June 2022

Covid infections was at an all-time high during this quarter, and thus visitor numbers remain subdued. Visitor and participant figures, and thus revenue income, are likely to continue to be depressed in comparison to 2019/pre-Covid, and likely to be an ongoing challenge for some time.

Next steps: July-October 2022

Inverclyde's cultural sector will do as much as possible to offer Covid-safe activities to residents and visitors.