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Subject:	Local Outcome Improvement Plan Progress Report August to October 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 This report provides details of the progress made between August to October 2022 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 Progress has been made in the last quarter and some of the highlights include:

The Population Partnership have undertaken significant partnership working in preparation for the demands of the Ukrainian refugee dispersal. A fortnightly meeting - Inverclyde Asylum Dispersal, Ukraine and Refugee Operational Group has been set up by the HSCP.

The Local Economy Partnership noted that a significant number of Inverclyde organisations are accessing workforce development opportunities from short one day training initiatives to bespoke upskilling courses.

The Inequalities Partnership continue to respond to the cost-of-living crisis. Remaining funding is being directed to:

- An enhanced Christmas payment of the Scottish Government Christmas child payment,
- Additional provision to cope with the increased demand for Community Care and Crisis Grant
- £100,000 Warm Hand of Friendship Funding to support local community and third sector organisations provide safe and warm spaces, warm food, and warm items of clothing such as gloves, scarves, and socks.

The Environment Partnership report Sustrans approval of the Green Connections bid for the Greenock Central Link and Lady Octavia Park. The contracts have now been awarded to the design consultant and the consultant for the Community Engagement service.

The Culture and Heritage Partnership note Inverclyde Libraries winning the Scottish Library and Information Council's Project of the Year Award for their involvement in the Climate Beacon's work.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that the Alliance Board:

- a. 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 11 December 2017. This progress report provides details of the progress that has been made in implementing the LOIP during the period August to October 2022.
- 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 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

Under the Develop the Inverclyde Brand workstream, activity continues to be broadly in line with plan.

Within the *Create Sustainable Communities, Primarily Through the Housing Offer* workstream the key highlights are as follows.

Following discussion at the Alliance Board held on 3 October 2022, the tracking of progress on the initial scope of activity relating to the Eastern Gateway has ceased. Appropriate reporting will be established once an alternative solution has been agreed.

Amber status remains for the town centre master planning activity for both Port Glasgow and Greenock. The Port Glasgow project is still at procurement phase and a draft of the report for Greenock Town Centre study will be shared with the Environment & Regeneration Committee in January 2023.

The Local Housing Strategy Steering Group has now met three times and progress is on track. 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. A Local Housing Strategy Development conference is planned for late November 2022.

The key highlight within the *Deliver A Net Inward Migration* workstream is the ongoing activity in relation to the dispersal of Ukrainian refugees. Scotland will continue to welcome high numbers of Ukrainian refugees over the coming months (estimated > 30,000) and Inverclyde's allocation is yet to be confirmed. Areas of note are:

- Significant partnership working has been established in preparation for the demands of the Ukrainian refugee dispersal. A fortnightly meeting - Inverclyde Asylum Dispersal, Ukraine and Refugee Operational Group has been set up by the HSCP.

- 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.
- There is not a current capacity pressure for RSLs in Inverclyde to accommodate current Inverclyde tenants or potential tenants as well as new people coming to Inverclyde.

Also supporting this workstream is the Population Partnership's proposal to utilise the remaining budget allocation (£132k) to fund two temporary roles (both of which will help address retention challenges associated with young people and also Ukrainian refugees).

Appendix 1 contains more detail across each workstream.

5.2 Local Economy Partnership Update

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

- The team continue to support businesses in relation to their property. To date the team have supported 7 businesses, with a variety of property improvements, a further six companies have offer letters issued to them.
- In relation to Employability performance has continued to improve from the difficult year of 2020/21. The tender has been concluded and contracts finalised for the 2022/23 and client delivery is progressing well across the four service providers against the contracted target figures.
- Job vacancies continue to be advertised locally and shared with local employability partners under the Inverclyde Works branding. Currently employment statistics are positive however these need to be treated with some caution as the job opportunities are only for job ready clients and those furthest from the labour market with barriers to employment need support.
- A significant number of Inverclyde organisations are accessing workforce development opportunities from short one day training initiatives to bespoke upskilling courses. Over two hundred wage incentives have been issued. We have thirty six long term unemployed clients, twenty three Large Goods Vehicle clients, twenty graduates placements and two traineeships.
- 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. Following the conclusion of a number of apprenticeships there are currently 86 apprentices "in programme". The composition of the fifty new apprenticeships are ten clients in business admin, two clients in waste management, one client in vehicle mechanics, one client in vehicle stores, one client in stores at the centre for independent living, fourteen clients in horticulture, one school craft technician, and twenty clients in childcare.
- The Inverclyde Taskforce has been formed. To date there have been two meetings of the Taskforce supported by an officer group series of meetings. The Local Employability Partnership and the Economy Groups have both been refocused. The Economy Group will be expanded to concentrate on the ambitions of the Taskforce through the inclusion of local business representatives.

5.3 Inequalities Partnership Update

The rating of amber (slight slippage) is attributed to service pressures arising from the pandemic, both in terms of resourcing and service demands.

The Health and Wellbeing Group previously developed as part of Covid 19 recovery has now been subsumed into the LOIP Inequalities Group and the membership updated to reflect this.

The Naloxone Link Worker has delivered training to 251 people, distributing 322 Naloxone kits this year. This has largely focused on third sector partners.

A new Active Inverclyde strategy has been agreed. An engagement event with local sports organisations took place and the delivery plan is now being developed.

The developmental work for the Covid Memorial has started, with the team working with various groups in the community.

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.

The Inverclyde Policy and Resources Committee agreed to fund a series of targeted interventions to address poverty and deprivation in the areas with the greatest inequalities. This aims to address unemployment and employability, support for people experiencing difficulties with alcohol and drugs, mental health or people who are experiencing food insecurities. To respond to the cost-of-living crisis and to make best use of the remaining funding a range of proposals were agreed by the November Policy and Resources Committee, including

- An enhanced Christmas payment of the Scottish Government Christmas child payment,
- Additional provision to cope with the increased demand for Community Care and Crisis Grants,
- £100,000 Warm Hand of Friendship Funding to support local community and third sector organisations to provide safe and warm spaces, warm food, and warm items of clothing such as gloves, scarves, and socks,
- Funding to help mitigate food insecurity during the winter months 2022/23 when the impact of the cost-of-living crisis is expected to affect communities across Inverclyde. This allocation will also support local church organisations and community centres to enhance their current services during the Winter 2022/23 especially during the Christmas/New Year period and into January which is traditionally a difficult period for many people, and
- Additional support for I-heat fuel poverty payments.

5.4 Environment Partnership Update

All the actions are currently rated as amber (slight slippage) due to delays in responses to applications and tenders. The healthier lifestyles action is slightly adrift of target as there was a delay in the 3rd sector Environment Network being re-established following Covid restrictions and staff turnover. The Greenspace strategy has been put on hold due to resource restrictions. 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.

Sustrans approved the Green Connections bid for the Greenock Central Link and Lady Octavia Park. The contracts have now been awarded to the design consultant and the consultant for the Community Engagement service.

One application was submitted for Round 3 – Scott Street Community Growing project. However, it is now not going forward to stage 2 as, after lying redundant for 21 years, 3 companies have now registered an interest in the site in the last month and the Council will be taking bids for its redevelopment.

Inverclyde is due to get funding for coastal change adaptation in 2023/24. The funding is not ring-fenced though its use for coastal adaptation works is strongly encouraged as it will help ensure future resilience and its use for the purpose is strongly encouraged.

Inverclyde Council have been awarded £88k from the Nature Restoration Fund for rewilding and biodiversity.

Other areas of work also taking place include:

- The final report of the Peatland Feasibility Study was completed – consideration is currently underway of what actions to take forward.
- The first recruitment round for a Peatland Action project officer to take forward the Clyde Peatland Project was unsuccessful, and it is being readvertised next month.

5.5 Cultural Partnership 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.

Working in partnership Inverclyde Council and the Beacon Arts Centre presented a joint programme of events for Black History Month, a first in Inverclyde. The Beacon's programme was curated by the Afrowegian, Jideofor Muotune, and events included panel discussions, music and storytelling sessions, academic talks, and plays and projections, and a new exhibition at the Watt featuring the Abolitionists who spoke in Greenock against slavery.

The Galoshans festival, now in its 8th year, is back to in-person events involving the consortium partners RIG Arts, CVS Inverclyde, Inverclyde Council, Beacon Arts Centre, TRANSCND and Magic Torch. FERAL Arts are the creative producers bringing their FERAL takeover to the programme. The festival will end with three separate street parties in Gourock, Greenock and Port Glasgow over Halloween weekend.

Inverclyde Libraries won the Scottish Library and Information Council's Project of the Year Award for their involvement in the Climate Beacon's work.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 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.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 N/A

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None.

Appendix 1 Population

Appendix 1 Population

Population Partnership Flash Report

August – October 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>	Significant progress has been made, including: <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. 	The 'Discover Inverclyde' theme is the default marketing brand for tourism and visitors and existing population. The Discover Inverclyde website is considered the main, trusted reliable source of what to do in Inverclyde. Inverclyde is considered not only a tourist destination but also a place to work and live.	Continual enhancement of the marketing activity.	Council has signed up to STEAM reports for the next three years to establish baseline figures for tourism development	Ongoing	G
			Investment in the promotion activities to build the Discover Inverclyde theme		Ongoing	
			Create a new Discover Inverclyde marketing toolkit	Currently being reviewed as part of business engagement	G	
			Drive use of marketing toolkit, promoting the Discover Inverclyde theme,		Measure attendance at events and participation rates	G
			Enhance social media presence, including marketing out with Inverclyde.	Content Forward Plan in development	G	
			Partnership working including Visit Scotland, Scottish Tourism Alliance + other local authorities.	Ongoing. LOIP now includes Visit Scotland representation.	G	
			Deliver targeted marketing strategy (inc. TV, Discover Scotland Expo.)	Delivery of cruise seminars and targeted promotion of outdoor activities.	G	

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<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 retention and attraction of new families to Inverclyde.</p>	Delivery of Private Housing New build.	<p>This is addressed through the Local Development Plan/SHIP.</p> <p>Regular measurement against planned progress for both private and social housing plans.</p>	Ongoing	G
			Delivery of Social Housing New build.		Ongoing	G
			Consideration of appropriate incentives (e.g. Lower council tax, subsidised nursery, leisure facilities etc.)	Uptake in any available funding	Ongoing	G
		Develop New Local Housing Strategy	Steering Group has met 3 times as at end of October. Planning activity ongoing to deliver LHS development conference later November.	Ongoing	G	
		Progress Local Development Plan	Informed by changes to Scottish national planning Framework	Ongoing	G	
		Progress Port Glasgow Town Centre Plan	<p>Inverclyde Council/ Committee governance + partner input</p>	Tender issued June 22, Still in Procurement Phase.	A	
		Progress Greenock Town Centre Plan		Study due to be completed August 2022. Committee update in Jan 23.	A	
		Consider other wider opportunities for regeneration and ad hoc projects.	<p>Measures include e.g. utilisation of strategic acquisition funding (Rental Of The Shelf funding) plus any other transformational funding.</p>	Ongoing	G	
		Partnership working with appropriate lobbying activity.				

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
Deliver a net inward migration <i>Create a net flow of population through strategic initiatives</i>	Key achievements include: <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 	Ensure that Inverclyde is considered as a location of choice for future New Scots. Ensure we attract and retain families who settle in Inverclyde Net inward migration not only about New Scots (other population inflow predominately via supported by wider Repopulation initiatives).	Ongoing collaboration between Inverclyde Alliance partners (HSCP News Scots Team + Social landlords + Education etc. Partnership working with the Scottish Refugee Council/UK Government	Measure the extent of both initial and sustained settlement within Inverclyde.	Ongoing	G
			Support the resettlement of an additional 16 families through the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS) by March 2022.	Ongoing delivery of any commitment to Scottish Refugee Council/ Scottish Government.	Ongoing	G
			Assist the acclimatization, supporting the enhancement of language skills and finding work, thus enabling rapid self-sufficiency and social integration in our communities.			
			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.	Meet the demands of dispersal within Inverclyde	Ongoing	G
			Funding of two new temporary employment roles to address retention challenges associated with Young people and Ukrainian refugees. Posts likely to be established within Inverclyde Council and Scottish Refugee Council.	Successful appointment and delivery of respective remits of both roles	Immediate recruitment phase by sponsoring bodies (assuming approval of posts)	G

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Economy Partnership Flash Report

August – October 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	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 7 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. Contract performance is satisfactory	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. Over 200 wage subsidies have been issued.	G
Workforce Development	Skills gaps exist within the workforce	Skills gaps has been removed from workforce	Engagement and delivery of programmes to ensure	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	G

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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
			the workforce becomes more productive and efficient		workforce to meet changing organisational needs. To date the College has delivered over £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'	
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>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 currently have 87 apprentices in programme.</p>	G

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Inequalities Partnership Flash Report

August – October 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	The Naloxone Link Worker has delivered training to 251 people, distributing 322 Naloxone kits this year. This has largely focused on third sector partners. A SLWG coordinated a wide range of activities throughout recovery month across Inverclyde localities. These have helped to communicate a clear message of recovery and the availability of local supports. Meeting was held with staff side and CSWO and a report will be provided to Council up-dating all the actions that have been taken. Naloxene training has been offered to elected members and IJB members. There continues to be a focus on challenging stigma and showing compassion, giving a message of hope. The Early Help in Police Custody test of change commenced delivery and following Police Scotland vetting of staff, is now directly delivered from Greenock Police Custody Suite. We have published the Residential Rehabilitation Referral Pathway and are in the process of developing this project in partnership with Turning Point Scotland. We continue to assess and fund residential rehabilitation placements. We have submitted our MAT Implementation Plan to Scottish Government along with regular progress update reports and are on schedule in all actions of this plan. Correspondence was received from Ms Constance, Minister for Drugs Policy on the MAT Standards. Feedback from the MIST Q Team (who support evaluation of the standards from an experiential perspective) indicates that we are on track.	G
Poverty Child poverty Fuel poverty Financial inclusion Food poverty	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	Outcome reporting on Child Poverty Action Plan. Outputs and contract monitoring from commissione	The Inverclyde Policy and Resources Committee agreed to fund a series of targeted interventions to address poverty and deprivation in the areas with the greatest inequalities to address unemployment and employability, support for people experiencing difficulties with alcohol and drugs, mental health or people who are experiencing food insecurities. To respond to the cost of living crisis and to make best use of the remaining funding a range of proposals are being made to the November Policy and Resources Committee, including	A

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<p>Lead Officer Craig Given/ Tony McEwan</p>			<p>Review and deliver new financial inclusion strategy.</p>	<p>d services e.g. Iheat Evidence delivery of council anti-poverty programmes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An enhanced Christmas payment of the Scottish Government Christmas child payment, • Additional provision to cope with the increased demand for Community Care and Crisis Grants, • £100,000 Warm Hand of Friendship Funding to support local community and third sector organisations provide safe and warm spaces, warm food, and warm items of clothing such as gloves, scarves, and socks, • Funding to help mitigate food insecurity during the winter months 2022/23 when the impact of the cost-of-living crisis is expected to affect communities across Inverclyde. This allocation will also support local church organisations and community centres to enhance their current services during the Winter 2022/23 especially during the Christmas/New Year period and into January which is traditionally a difficult period for many people, and • Additional support for i-heat fuel poverty payments. <p>Anti- poverty funding has been allocated to an 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.</p> <p>New pantry has been established in Port Glasgow and a ‘food map’ is being developed for communities to help them access affordable food.</p> <p>Year 4 of child poverty action plan in progress</p> <p>Delivery of child bridging payment.</p> <p>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 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.</p> <p>The HSCP is also working in partnership with Inverclyde Council for other potential fuel poverty initiatives to be delivered in 2022/23.</p>	
<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.</p>	<p>New Active Inverclyde Strategy agreed.</p> <p>Engagement event with local sports organisations took place and delivery plan now being developed.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>A</p>

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				Decrease in ill health associated with low levels of activity will be evidenced in local health needs assessment.	action plan is finalised, the RAG status will move to Green. It is expected that this work will complete in October 2022.	
Mental wellbeing & social isolation Lead Officer Alan Best/ Charlene Elliot	Impact of Covid has increased social isolation and negatively impacted mental wellbeing.	People of Inverclyde are supported to reconnect socially and emotionally.	Utilise recovery money, Public Mental health recovery funding and Wellbeing fund monies Develop suicide prevention plan Develop Inverclyde cares movement. Winter wellness week for Health & Social Care Staff.	Reported outcomes from associated funding streams. Self-reported outcomes from upcoming NHSGGC Health & Wellbeing Survey. Evaluation of Winter	<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 – A full launch is 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</p>	G

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				wellness week.	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.	
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Appendix 4 Environment

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Environment Partnership Flash Report

August – October 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. The contracts have now been awarded to the design consultant and the consultant for the Community Engagement service. Meetings are currently taking place with both contractors and the workstreams are due to commence. It is likely that we will ask for an extension to the project from the current June 2023 deadline through to December 2023.	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 professionals - 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

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<p>Climate Change</p>		<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>The first recruitment round for a Peatland Action project officer to take forward the Clyde Peatland Project was unsuccessful and it is being readvertised next month and will cover the Glasgow City region (including Inverclyde).</p> <p>In September 2020, Scottish Government announced a new capital budget of £11.7 million for coastal change adaptation in the Programme for Government. Inverclyde is due to get funding for coastal change adaptation in 2023/24. The funding is not ring-fenced though its use for coastal adaptation works is strongly encouraged as it will help ensure future resilience and its use for the purpose is strongly encouraged.</p> <p>All CPP priorities to consider NetZero and the climate emergency in the work that they do.</p> <p>Inverclyde Council have been awarded £88k from the Nature Restoration Fund for rewilding and biodiversity.</p>	<p>A</p>

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Cultural Partnership – Flash Report August – October 2022 Lead Officer – Ruth Binks

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 developed, 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. A bid consultant will hopefully be in place before the end of 2022.</p> <p>Progress reports on this bid will be brought to future Programme Board/Alliance Board meetings.</p> <p><u>Inverclyde Heritage Network</u> have continued with monthly talks on Zoom and blog posts on the IHN website with a variety of themes linked to Inverclyde. They also supported the Old West Kirk Trust SCIO to prepare a bid for the sale of the heritage site, however the bid was unsuccessful.</p>	A

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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 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 '<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 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"> • Artist in Residence Elina Bry worked with Your Voice Recovery as part of the Creative Practice in Health and Social Care strand. The residency was centred around the connection between recovery, the natural environment, walking practices and art. • Artist in Residence Amy Bruning worked with Barnardo's Inverclyde to explore the connection between participatory art, animation and trauma informed environments. Amy has been working collaboratively with the youth steering group within Barnardo's to consider the design and curation of spaces within the building. 	<p>G</p>

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- Artist in Residence Sian Yeshe worked with Inverclyde Faith in Throughcare (IFiT) utilising film and moving image to consider the thematic space of the two month period of re-entry into communities within Inverclyde.

Remembering Together: Inverclyde Covid Memorial: RIG Arts were awarded the Stage 1 contract and have started a creative consultation for the project. More information is available at:
<https://www.rememberingtogether.scot/inverclyde>

RIG Arts – highlights from this quarter include: completed work on “The Drying Green” unexpected garden. Working with partners Inverclyde Shed, Inverclyde Libraries and the local community RIG Arts transformed an area of scrubland behind South West Library. This creative growing space has reinforced South West Library’s position within the community, strengthened partner relationships and connected local people to a communal green space. 61 workshops, consultations and live events were delivered and the Drying Green was featured on the Beechgrove Garden. Filming of the Lee Jeans Sit In documentary completed – and protest songs inspired by interviewees’ stories working with 6 local musicians also completed.

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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><i>Galoshans 2022</i>: 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. To be creative produced by FERAL Arts. 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>October also saw the celebration of <u>Black History Month</u> in Inverclyde for the first time. Jointly presented by Inverclyde Council and the Beacon Arts Centre, activities and events included: What's Watt Got to Do With It (an exploration by Dr Stephen Mullen and The Afrowegian (Jideofor Muotune) of the Watt family's links to slavery, Mixed Race and Scottish (discussion panel with mixed race artists Kim Simpson, Mark Agbi, Matt Hickman and Suzanne Bonnar); Southern Fried' a look at traditional cooking from the Caribbean, events with storytellers Tawona Sitholé and Chief Chebe, a new play 'Living Histories of Sugar' and some academic talks on the subjects of sugar and the triangular trade by Prof Emma Bond and Dr Marisa Wilson. All events are free and funded through Inverclyde's Historic Links to Slavery reparatory work.</p>	G

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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 2023 - the Wyllie 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.</p> <p>Cultural participation in Inverclyde will increase.</p>	<p>The <u>Watt Institution</u> continues to attract visitors to existing exhibitions guest curated by Dr Emma Bond of St Andrews University and the internationally acclaimed artist Alison Watt respectively. A new exhibition featuring the Abolitionists who spoke against slavery in Greenock has launched as part of Black History Month. Work continues on the Watt Voices NLHF-funded project to redisplay and reinterpret collections, work has been undertaken to improve the display of the World Cultures collection and to simplify the layout on site as part of the process to improve storytelling. Work has also started to create a new, dedicated Egyptian gallery on site and a new dedicated digital exhibition space for use by the community.</p> <p><u>The Beacon Arts Centre –</u> Highlights from the previous quarter include: presented a full and interesting programme of performances including Comedy of errors, Eddi Reader, Happiness collectors; worked with the council to deliver a programme, curated by The Afrowegian, for Black History Month; hosted several participation opportunities including Beacon Youth theatre, Creatability, Platinum Dance, Beacon Art Group, Inverclyde women Create, Beacon Befriending, key partner in the Galoshans consortium with various events planned.</p> <p><u>Inverclyde Libraries –</u> Highlights from the previous quarter include: Inverclyde Libraries won the Scottish Library and Information Council's Project of the Year Award for their involvement in the Climate Beacon's work. ; sold-out 'Get it Loud in Libraries' gig in Central Library featuring Hamish Hawk; Au-some Afternoons (quiet library time for people with ASD and their</p>	<p>G</p> <p>G</p>

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					carers) returned; events and activities to support Climate Week in Sep; Summer Reading Challenge Celebration took place in Port Glasgow Town Hall on 5 Oct – 900 children took part in 2022 and over 500 completed the challenge; Central Library began offering afternoon movies as part of the Council’s Warm Had of Friendship initiative; celebrated Libraries Week; launched Menopause Meters support groups in several libraries; took part in Galoshans; and took part in Black History Month celebrations.	
Climate Emergency	<p>The culture sector 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>The Inverclyde Climate Beacon will focus on the roles of climate change mitigation and adaptation as part of Inverclyde’s recovery from Covid.</p>	<p>The vision for the 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>Partners jointly create 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>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.</p> <p>This work is now complete and being evaluated.</p>	C

Challenges this quarter: Aug - Oct 2022

Visitor figures beginning to recover, however revenue income may take some time to increase back to pre-Covid levels.

Next steps: Nov 2022 – Jan 2023

Inverclyde’s cultural sector continues to offer exciting and low cost ways for communities and individuals to participate in arts, culture and heritage.