



Inverclyde Alliance

AGENDA ITEM NO: 8

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Subject:	Locality Action Plans Progress 2020 – 2023		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Alliance Board on progress in relation to the 6 Locality Action Plans 2020-23.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 As part of the Community Planning element of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, Inverclyde Alliance has a responsibility to develop locality plans for those areas of Inverclyde which experience the greatest inequalities.
- 2.2 Six Locality Action plans were produced in 2020 highlighting key priorities for each locality derived from various methods of community engagement. Each plan has been updated with examples of progress made in relation to the highlighted priorities.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Alliance Board:
- a. Note the progress made on Locality Action Plans.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 As part of the Community Planning element of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, Inverclyde Alliance has a responsibility to develop locality plans for those areas of Inverclyde which experience the greatest inequalities.
- 4.2 Six locality planning events “Celebrate the Present, Shape the Future” were held across Inverclyde in August/September 2019. The purpose of the events was to begin building positive relationships with communities by giving local people the opportunity to celebrate and recognise what is good about their area and discuss the key issues and priorities to inform the development of locality plans.
- 4.3 The purpose of Locality Action Plans is to outline the key issues within the specific locality that have been identified through the statistical information we hold for this locality, as well as extensive engagement with the community. The Locality Action Plan also identifies a range of actions that will be taken to address these issues by both Inverclyde Alliance and the local working together.
- 4.4 Six Locality Actions plans were produced in 2020 highlighting key priorities for each locality derived from various methods of community engagement. This report provides an update capturing examples of work undertaken in relation to each of the key priorities.

5.0 LOCALITY ACTION PLANS PROGRESS

- 5.1 Appendix one provides an update on the progress made within each of the 6 Locality Action plans in relation to the priorities. Listed below is a snapshot of key examples of the progress made:

Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village

To progress the implementation of Inverclyde’s Participation Budget (PB) model in 2022/23, a PB exercise was carried out in November 2022 focusing on outdoor spaces for Birkmyre Park Kilmacolm. Members of the public were given a list of options including additional play area and a dog park and were asked to prioritise them from 1-6. The results of the PB exercise informed Inverclyde Council how to best allocate £85,000.

Port Glasgow

The Communication and engagement group and the Port Glasgow West Community Council worked together to host a public meeting in relation to public transport for hospital appointments and allocation of appointments. Representatives from GGCNHS attended the meeting and listened to the concerns of the community. This has resulted in a change in relation to what information is provided when appointments are being scheduled and what support is provided in relation to patient transport.

Greenock East and Central

In a continuous effort to enhance community representation, a new working group has been formed in Greenock's East End, with the intention of evolving into a dedicated Community Council for the region. The organisation prioritises addressing anti-social behaviour, improving the environment and public spaces, and addressing housing concerns, striving to be a driving force for positive change.

Greenock South and South West

There is now a fully established Grieve Rd Committee who work closely with the local Community Council. The Grieve Rd Committee run weekly community drop-in, seasonal events such as summer family sessions and Halloween parties that contribute to health and wellbeing. Over the past 12 months the group have secured over £20,000 to fund events and activities for the local community. CLD staff continue to visit and engage with Community partners across the locality.

Greenock West and Gourock

The Community Engagement Group (CEG) has continued to meet monthly, focusing on promoting the various warm spaces and sports hubs in the community over the past 12 months. They have created posters and community maps to highlight the various "bowl and blethers", sports clubs, and have organised dementia-friendly training. They are also working to arrange first aid training for groups across the community. In addition, the CEG regularly hosts a monthly bowl and blether and the Gourock Farmers Market, which has now become self-sustaining.

Inverkip and Wemyss Bay

The organisers of Kipfest have successfully hosted two events that have brought the community together. A dedicated steering group, representing various organisations like sports groups, Scouts, churches, and the community hub, plans and coordinates the event. In 2023, the group sought feedback from the wider community, encouraging more members to join the steering group. Kipfest provides a platform for local organisations to showcase their offerings.

6.0 Locality Action Plans Next Steps

A further paper will be presented to the Inverclyde Alliance Board on 18 March 2024, to approve a new approach to the development of the Locality action plans for 24-27, which involves the creation of an Inverclyde People's Network.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Legal: Section 11(1) of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 places a duty on the community planning partnership to keep under review the question of whether it is making progress in improving the achievement of each local outcome in relation to each locality for which it has published a locality plan.

Finance: none at present

Human Resources: none at present

Equality and Diversity:

Alliance Partnership Plan: The progress on Locality Plans cuts across all themes of the Partnership Plan but has particular relevance for Theme 1 – Empowered People as they aim to provide a platform to give communities a voice and influence.

8.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 8.1 None

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 None

Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village					
What do we want to achieve?	LOIP Priority	Link to HSCP Six Big Actions	Actions to take this forward	Lead	Update/Progress
Residents in Kilmacolm and Quarriers have access to improved transport.	Repopulation and Environment	We will support more people to fulfil their right to live at home or within a homely setting and promote independent living.	- Evaluate transport links between Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village and the rest of Inverclyde and identify any appropriate actions. - Identify the transport related issues that the community would like to see addressed.	HSCP - Third sector organisations	Due to interventions from the Community Council and elected members, the local bus route has now continued after the threat of removal. Funded by SPT. Recent NEC stats for Kilmacolm central highlight that 891 Elderly Community members have access to the NEC travel card and 399 young people aged 5-21 have been issued an NEC card. Transport is a common theme that is a concern for communities across Inverclyde in relation to a need for an improved service. This has been an agenda item for the Association of Community Councils National Cycle Route 75 links Kilmacolm and Quarriers. A gate to the cycle track at Whitelea Crescent in the village now has a padlock to prevent illegal access.
People will be able to access parking within Kilmacolm Town Centre	Repopulation and Environment	Reducing inequalities by building stronger communities and improving physical and mental health. We will support more people to fulfil their right to live at home or within a homely setting and	- Identify ways of encouraging people not to bring their cars into Kilmacolm town centre. - Increase parking facilities for bikes. - Identify actions to reduce parking related issues	Environment Regeneration and Resources Third sector organisations	Parking within the Town centre has been discussed and debated at various meetings hosted by the Kilmacolm Community Council. Various proposals have been made, however unfortunately they have not been feasible.

		promote independent living.	around Kilmacolm Primary School.	Four electric car charging points have been installed within Kilmacolm Town centre. June 2022 Inverclyde Council launched a consultation standardising parking restrictions and charges throughout Inverclyde. 464 responses were received. Kilmacolm has the third smallest population of Inverclyde (approximately 5% of Inverclyde's population), however, they provided the second highest response rate (20.6%).
People living in Kilmacolm and Quarriers are involved in local democracy and decision making.	Inequalities	We build on the strength of our people and our communities.	• Review the processes that exist and ensure that residents are able to have their say on key issues in their community and influence the action being taken. • Information and opportunities to take part in participatory budgeting available to residents.	Residents have a variety of platforms in order to be involved in local democracy and decision making, for example Kilmacolm Community Council, Kilmacolm residents association and Kilmacolm Civic Trust. There are over 200 members of the digital communication and engagement groups, this platform is used to promote opportunities such as Participatory budgeting, for example 2021 RAMP PB and 2023 Outdoor spaces PB activity.
New mums in Kilmacolm and Quarriers are fully supported to breastfeed if they wish to do so.	Inequalities	A nurturing Inverclyde will give our children and young people the best start in life.	• Engage with new mums living in Kilmacolm and Quarriers to identify the type of support that they would benefit from.	The breastfeeding support group based at the Kilmacolm Hub, moved to Port Glasgow at the Waterwheel which many of the Kilmacolm mums attended. All the mums in Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village have been provided with local and national contact numbers.

					An antenatal service is available providing mums the opportunity to learn breastfeeding techniques antenatally. Inverclyde has seen rates of breastfeeding at 6 weeks rise from 19% in 2019 to over 30% in 2023 in response to the work undertaken in Kilmacolm and estimate breastfeeding rates are estimated around 80%.
Older people living in Kilmacolm and Quarriers are able to participate in their local community.	Inequalities	Reducing inequalities by building stronger communities and improving physical and mental health. We will support more people to fulfil their right to live at home within a homely setting and promote independent living.	- Evaluate the current services and schemes in place to tackle isolation amongst the elderly. - Engage with elderly people living in Kilmacolm and Quarriers to identify the services and support that they would like to access.	Third Sector / HSCP CLD - Community Work / HSCP	In partnership with Kilmacolm Library, the local Alzheimer Scotland Dementia Advisor host a monthly Dementia Cafe taking place on the last Wednesday of the month from 11:00am - 1:00pm. Your Voice Social Prescribing model to helps people to address social, emotional and practical needs by connecting them to sources of support with their community to improve their health & wellbeing, preventing people's situation deteriorating or the need to access services unnecessarily. Community link workers are based within the New Surgery in Kilmacolm supporting clients needs in relation to the GP referral. Kilmacolm Wanders, provide a variety of community walks in the locality.
Carers living in Kilmacolm and Quarriers feel fully supported to carry out	Inequalities	A Nurturing Inverclyde will give our children and young people the best start in life.	Engage with carers living in Kilmacolm and Quarriers to identify the type of	Environment Regeneration and Resources	UK stats on Caring, according to the state of Caring 2022 carers have seen a rise in financial insecurity. For example, 34% are now cutting back on seeing

their caring responsibilities.		We will support more people to fulfil their right to live at home or within a homely setting and promote independent living. Reducing inequalities by building stronger communities and improving physical and mental health.	support that they would benefit from.	Third sector organisations	family and friends as opposed to 27% in 2021. Further work is required to support carers via HSCP locality planning groups.
Key achievements					
- Building upon positive relationships with the Community Council the Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village Communication and Engagement Group has developed into a network of contacts that can be engaged when required. For example, local groups applying for the Meliora fund or 278 community members having their say with regards shaping an allocation of funds for outdoor spaces at Birkmyre Park. - The Kilmacolm Community Council invited community members to join in the 2022 Kilmacolm Community Council Clean-up for an hour or two on Saturday 30 April to clear the litter from the verges of the roads and pathways in and out of the village. - Three community organisations within the locality received Meliora funding after undertaking a participatory budgeting process. Kilmacolm Community Council, Kilmacolm & Port Glasgow Agricultural Society Ltd and The Ark on the Clyde CIC, Abbeyfield Strathgryffe Society, hosted community events to enhance the range of Meliora Festival events including the local celebrations around the Queen's Platinum Jubilee across Inverclyde in June 2022. - The gate to the cycle track at Whitelea Crescent in the village now has a padlock to prevent illegal access. - One of the key priorities within the locality action plan was improved access to transport, one of the key challenges that the community faced was maintain the current bus service in response to a planned service reduction. Responding to the needs highlighted by the community and the community council, local elected members managed to secure the exiting bus provision. - To progress the implementation of Inverclyde's PB model in 2022/23, a PB exercise was carried out in November 2022 focusing on Outdoor spaces for Birkmyre Park Kilmacolm. Members of the public were given a list of options including additional play area and a dog park and were asked to prioritise them from 1-6. The results of the PB exercise informed Inverclyde Council how to best allocate £85,000. 296 community members from Kilmacolm engaged with this PB exercise. The engagement method primarily involved displaying large posters in the park with QR code linked to the digital consultation. - Since January 2019 funding was secured from the Scottish Government to provide additional intensive support to all new mums postnatally to help with breastfeeding. Initially an Infant feeding advisor had a breastfeeding support service in the Hub, but it was only really utilised for baby weights, so it was decided to move this to Port Glasgow at the Waterwheel which many of the Kilmacolm mums attended. All the mums in Kilmacolm and quarries					

are given our number and all the national support lines. We also offer an antenatal service so mums can learn breastfeeding techniques antenatally. Local health visitors provide antenatal support to new mums along with intensive support postnatally. Generally in Inverclyde we have seen rates of breastfeeding at 6 weeks rise from 19% in 2019 to over 30% in 2023 with this project. In Kilmacolm and quarriers I would estimate breastfeeding rates are about 80%.

<https://www.greenocktelegraph.co.uk/news/23991370.breastfeeding-group-christmas-jumper-day-womens-aid/?ref=socialflow&fbclid=IwAR1wTsPIZ77HdtR3LGBemiJfn4miCA2eY5fxCFtdWQ5gNyeQq-cV4yiNfMk>

- Kilmacolm community centre provide a range of activities of older people within the locality, ranging from Pensioners lunch, arts and crafts, embroidery and bridge.

Port Glasgow					
What do we want to achieve?	LOIP Priority	Link to HSCP Six Big Actions	Actions to take this forward	Lead	Update/Progress
Children and young people living in Port Glasgow will have activities and facilities that meet their needs.	Repopulation Inequalities	A nurturing Inverclyde will give our children and young people the best start in life.	• Ensure good communication about all activities and facilities for children and young people is in place. • Review the provision of activities available in Port Glasgow for children and young people to participate in. • Engage with young people in Port Glasgow.	CLD – Youth Work	There are a variety of venues across Port Glasgow offering activities and facilities to meet their needs, ranging from churches that offer provision from organised groups such as Boys Brigade to Inverclyde Youth services. Pg IZone offer a variety of activities for 12+, Youth work staff regularly engage with the young people of PG and adapt the activities to reflect need. There has been an increase in the number of toddlers groups in PG, for example Clune Park/salvation Army, and the New Parish church.
Improve health and wellbeing for people living in Port Glasgow.	Inequalities	Reducing inequalities by building stronger communities and improving physical and mental health.	• Ensure communication with support groups for issues that are currently in place for mental health and wellbeing. • Groups that provide support to improve wellbeing are supported.	HSCP Community and Third Sector Organisations.	Thrive under 5 project aims to overcome a range of barriers which can prevent families and carers from ensuring that their children achieve a healthy weight, including family income, accessibility of affordable fresh foods, knowledge/information to cook using fresh ingredients, and access to wider community support, by working with local organisations and affected families. Clune Park Community Centred provided a variety of activities to support and

People living in Port Glasgow are involved in local democracy and decision making.	Inequalities	We will build on the strengths of our people and our community.	• Review the processes that currently exist. • Residents can have their say on the key issues in their community and influence what action is taken. • Information and opportunities to take part in participatory budgeting is available to residents. • Improved communication and information available to residents on what events and activities are available locally.	HSCP Community and Third Sector Organisations	improve health and wellbeing, for example the Meliora funding was used to provide a variety of events themed around health and wellbeing. Local toddler groups link in with key HSCP service. Local tenants and residents' groups help raise issues that impact on residents health and wellbeing. Your Voice Community Connectors and CVS Community Link workers actively promote services available within PG and encourage community members to access services. Within PG there are a variety of platforms for community members to have their say, for example, the PGWCC, tenants and residents' groups and the Communication and Engagement group. RCH and CLD worked in partnership with the tenants and residents of the Chapleton area, focusing on improvements to the area. This involved various face to face meetings and a community consultation. This engagement has led to investment being brought into the area for development. In 2022 community consultation took place to gather responses about a proposed 20mph zone in Port Glasgow. On the 27th October 2022 it was agreed
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					by the Environment and regeneration committee to approve the 20mph zone in PG. There are various tenants and Residents groups within Port Glasgow, Slaemuir, Park Farm, Chapleton and Broadstone Gardens.
People living in Port Glasgow will be able to access local community centres for learning and development opportunities.	Inequalities	We will build on the strengths of our people and our community.	• Users of community centres are consulted on the courses and classes they would like to be provided. • Activities that help people to connect with their community and increase confidence and self-esteem are provided.	Environment Regeneration and Resources Community Learning and Development	Inverclyde Council secured almost £1.2 million to transform one of the oldest buildings in Port Glasgow into a new community hub. The local authority secured funding from the national Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF) for the town's historic King George VI (KGV1) building, which dates to the 1700s. PG 1 youth zone is used on a regular basis to support youth work activities to reflect the needs of the young people. Inverclyde Community Development Trust host a variety of employability projects from their premises at JWS and Devol. JWS is used by various groups and organisations to support learning and development such as Adult Literacies.
People living in Port Glasgow with health challenges or are on a low income will be able to access	Repopulation, Inequalities, Environment, Culture and Heritage	We will support more people to fulfil their right to live at home or within a homely setting and promote independent	The following will be explored;	HSCP Environment, Regeneration and Resources,	The Communication and engagement group and the Port Glasgow West Community Council worked together to host a public meeting in relation to public

transport.	living.	- Existing public transport provision in the evenings and compliance with Strathclyde Passenger Transport Policy. - Opportunities to subsidise travel for people on low incomes and the effectiveness of “my bus” with respect to supporting people with health issues. - Constraints on access to services and jobs for people on low income.	transport for hospital appointments and allocation of appointments. Representatives from GGCNHS attended the meeting and listened to the concerns of the community. This has resulted in a change in relation what information is provided when appointments are being scheduled and what support is provided in relation to patient transport.
Key Achievements			
- The communication and engagement group continues to meet/connect monthly, the group has continued to work on collation of information on “What’s on in Port Glasgow” (venues) to highlight what is available for children, families, older people etc in the locality, with work being shared across the group. This information has already been shared with Thrive Under 5 project. Work of group has been and continues to be linked to Locality Priorities. The CLD worker for PG continues to engage and support a wide range of groups across the local community and acts as conduit between the CEG and local groups. The group is made up of members across the community including representation from the Port Glasgow West Community Council - The Communication and engagement group and the Port Glasgow West Community Council worked together to host a public meeting in relation to public transport for hospital appointments and allocation of appointments. Representatives from GGCNHS attended the meeting and listened to the concerns of the community. This has resulted in a change in relation to what information is provided when appointments are being scheduled and what support is provided in relation to patient transport. - Four community organisations within the locality received Meliora funding after undertaking a participatory budgeting process. Clune Park Committee and Toddlers’ Group, Charm Group and Upper Port Family Group, Parklea Branching Out and Comet Festival, hosted community events to enhance the range of Meliora Festival events including the local celebrations around the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee across Inverclyde in June 2022. - Port Glasgow was chosen to deliver a pilot service of affordable and flexible after school care for primary school aged children who live in and attend the mainstream primary schools in Port Glasgow cluster area. Using an online consultation, the Port Glasgow Community provided information to help the local authority to understand what challenges families face in accessing childcare. The consultation then helped shape the model implemented to provide the service at a cost of £131,000.			

- The Thrive under 5 projects in Port Glasgow is providing a place-based support service to families to upskill their knowledge around food and nutrition especially for families living on a tight income. This provides parents with information and opportunities to learn about effective ways to feed their families to prevent obesity and malnutrition. A full evaluation from NHS GGC will be available mid-way through 2024.
- A new 20mph speed limit zone in upper Port Glasgow was given the green light by councillors. On the 27th October 2022 Members of Inverclyde Council's Environment and Regeneration committee unanimously agreed to the change for parts of Slaemuir, Bardrainey and Mid Auchinleck, which was put forward in response to safety concerns. The 20mph zone idea was developed in partnership with active travel organisation, Sustrans Scotland, and is part of a wider plan that will also see the introduction of traffic calming measures, including speed bumps, lines and signage along Auchenbothie Road, widening of pavements and rerouting of the National Cycle Network 75 (N75). Feedback from the community consultation allowed residents the opportunity to have their say
- Port Glasgow High School have established a focus on outdoor learning in conjunction with the idea that nature is for nurture. Work is on-going to further develop its focus on the improvement of mental health among our community, tackling discrimination and school engagement, resourcing the school sufficiently to ensure we are meeting the emotional, social and behavioural needs of our learners in an outdoor setting.
- PG Izone: 3 drop in nights running with the age range from 11-17 (S1+). As well as a girl group running 1 night a week. Within these drop in nights there are varied activities including arts, sports, team building games, quiz nights and many more. The young people who attend these nights and use our services can at times be faced with many varied issues within their lives. As such we try and provide a safe and informative environment in which they can be at ease and build good relationships with staff and be able to talk about these issues and access help. We try to be as pro-active as possible in supporting the young people and try to tie in with as many external agencies as possible who are experts in their field to try and offer guidance and support to the young people. We also try to encourage our young people to be active members of their own communities and strive to break down many of the barriers in existence which hinder this. Some of this work has included building relationships with the young people and local services bringing in the local fire service, the wardens service and also the community police as a way to enhance community relations as well as our detached team. We currently have an average of 20 young people per night at drops in.
- Inverclyde Community Development Trust, in partnership with Inverclyde Council opened a community Pantry at 7 ½ John Wood Street. The primary aim is to reduce food waste and surplus, however community members benefit from accessing food at a low-cost price. Fruit and Veg are often available.

Greenock East and Central					
What do we want to achieve?	LOIP Priority	Link to HSCP Six Big Actions	Actions to take this forward	Lead	Update/Progress
People living in Greenock East and Central have improved wellbeing	Inequalities	Reducing inequalities by building stronger communities and improving physical and mental health.	• Scope community assets including local support groups • Identify gaps in support groups and support the community and third sector organisations to develop groups • Identify training opportunities for community members on health and wellbeing.	HSCP - Third sector organisations	Four community organisations within the locality received Meliora funding after undertaking a participatory budgeting process. Belville gardens continue to expand the various activities on offer ranging from community gardening to cooking classes. An East end action group has been formed with the view of developing into a Community Council. One of the key issues raised at the meetings has been in relation to community safety and dog fouling. Two groups have also been setup in Greenock Central to ensure that communities can have a voice, Greenock Central residents group and the Broomhill TARA. Man on Inverclyde are continually developing their provision to support mental health and suicide prevention. Although their premises are based within Greenock East and Central the service is Inverclyde wide.

People in Greenock East Central are more connected with each other and able to access services.	Inequalities Repopulation	We will build on the strengths of our people and our community	• Ensure good communication and engagement with communities through developing communication and engagement mechanisms. • Improve access to support carers by promoting the local carers centre • Improve access to support for families through new Scot's community, Barnardo's etc.	Environment Regeneration and Resources Third sector organisations	The new Inverclyde Shed in East Blackhall Street was officially opened on Friday 31st March 2023. Inverclyde Shed aim to reduce isolation for community members in the area thus contributing to their physical and mental wellbeing. Morton in the Community continue to provide a variety of activities to support, employability, health and wellbeing, such as walking football, Team talk, bowl and belther and events funded via the warm hands of friendship fund. There are various Centres in which community members can access services, such as Auchmountain halls, Gibshill Community Centre, Bank St Hub, Your Voice, Craigend, Belville community gardens and various faith-based organisations across the locality. Community Centre staff have ongoing informal discussions; however a formal locality meeting would be beneficial. As part of the warm spaces funding a flyer was produced promoting the various warm spaces across Inverclyde. A new Community Centre was built in the East End of Greenock, replacing the existing Craigend centre. Funding was secured via the RCGF fund, National Lottery and Roberston Trust.
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					3 new community groups have been established within this locality, East End action group, Greenock Central action group and the Broomhill TARA. This will help ensure that community members within Greenock East and Central are represented and have platform to have their say.
People living in the Greenock East/Central will have access to employment and training opportunities.	Repopulation Inequalities	We will support more people to fulfil their right to live at home or within a homely setting and promote independent living.	- Identify and engage with people on further education, employment and, training opportunities they would like to see within their locality. - Explore new learning, employment and training pathways for people who can access them.	Environment Regeneration and Resources Community Learning and Development	Community Learning and Development provide a range of services in Greenock East and Central. Delivery of services takes place primarily but not exclusively in Auchmountain Halls Community Centre, Central Library and Greenock 1 youth Zone. CLD also work in partnership with West College Scotland to co-ordinate Community College provision.
Children have access to good quality, clean, tidy natural space/ parks and play areas	Repopulation Inequalities	A Nurturing Inverclyde will give our children and young people the best start in life.	- Link the provision of play parks to the Inverclyde Play Park Strategy - Identify if there is a need to install any new play equipment in the play areas across Greenock East and Central - Identify action that could be taken to make the current play parks safer for use.	Environment Regeneration and Resources Third sector organisations	As part of a £200,000 investments in playgrounds across Inverclyde, the play park at the Wellpark was upgraded. As part of the development of Craigend community centre a new playground was installed. The Auchmountain Glen project continue to develop and maintain the area, to ensure that the community can safely access it. Belville gardens continually to maximise their resources by providing a variety of

					events to support outdoor learning and outdoor spaces Broomhill have invested in their community gardens and growing spaces.
Key Achievements					
- Four community organisations within the locality received Meliora funding after undertaking a participatory budgeting process. Man on Inverclyde, Auchmountain halls, Youth Connections and Crown Care Centre hosted community events to enhance the range of Meliora Festival events including the local celebrations around the Queen's Platinum Jubilee across Inverclyde in June 2022. - In the past 6 months, 3 new community groups have been established within this locality, East End action group, Greenock Central action group and the Broomhill TARA. This will help ensure that community members within Greenock East and Central are represented and have platform to have their say. - The new Inverclyde Shed in East Blackhall Street was officially opened on Friday 31st March 2023 Utilizing Scottish Government for a Regional Capital Grant Fund, the Inverclyde Shed partnered with Inverclyde Council on a successful application for £500,000 to develop an used building at East Back in 2019, the team at the Shed submitted a community asset transfer application to Inverclyde Council, which was agreed by the environment and regeneration committee in March 2020. - Homestart Inverclyde was commissioned to provide mentoring and coaching support for 25-30 families with children younger than 5 years, living on low income, and who have challenges with mental health and anxiety. Homestart Inverclyde has supported more than 170 families with a range of early intervention support including income maximization, cooking for families on a budget and wellbeing and coping with anxiety. The development of the Homestart Inverclyde Project has empowered parents: 36 parents have become trained volunteers within the service, 23 engaged parents received Stepwell Cooking training, 18 participated and engaged in support and financial advice training (CAP). 11 parents have moved into employment or started their employability journey and 8 people from Black and minority ethnic communities have come together to receive support settling into Inverclyde. - Building resilience and participation for people facing the greatest inequalities is the aim of many of the services that have been established in Inverclyde recently including the continuation of the IRiSE project for men living in deprivation, with alcohol or drug challenges and mental health issues. The men are offered a wellbeing worker to support them with whatever challenges they face including housing, substance use and employability. The support is continued beyond the first level of training and into employment. - The library service was awarded the IROC Award in 2022. The strategic library service plan aligns to the relevant articles showing how important this is within the service. This year the Young People's Services team expanded programmes given suggestions directly from young adults and now include a study group and dungeons and dragons club (54 young adults attended the study groups 2022-23; 31 young people D&D Club during Summer 2023 and the club is now ongoing) - Morton in the community provide a wide a variety of activities to support health and wellbeing within the locality, ranging from youth football to community groups focused on improving mental health.					

- An innovative CLD/DWP partnership has been developed to support those furthest from the labour market who have physical and mental health issues and longer term unemployed. In two months from May to June 2023, 11 learners have tracked into CLD provision from this work.

CLD ICT and Employability provision.		
Service	Description of Service	Delivery Details
ICT Beginners – 48 weeks per year	Tailored individual support as part of a group with a focus on key ICT employability skills including building basic skills for internet job searching and maintaining UC claim	Central Library
Work Club – 48 weeks per year	Tailored individual support as part of a group for CV creation, job application support, interview skills and personal development.	Auchmountain Halls, Central Library
English for Speakers of Other Languages – 38 weeks per year	Support for learning English as an additional language for New Scots, Refugees and Asylum Seekers. Support with reading, writing, listening and speaking	Auchmountain Halls, Greenock iZone
Adult Literacies – 48 weeks per year	Literacy and numeracy programmes to develop confidence and skills in reading, writing, numbers and IT for everyday activities. Support can be offered 1:1 as part of a group or in small groups.	Greenock iZone, Auchmountain Halls, The Trust -Westburn Centre
Multiply – 48 weeks per year	Support with everyday numbers for adults aged 19+ including SQA accreditation	Greenock iZone
DWP Engagement – 48 weeks per year	Outreach and Engagement sessions held in Greenock DWP to directly engage with Inverclyde residents, support them on site and refer on to appropriate CLD service	Greenock DWP

Greenock South and South West

What do we want to achieve?	LOIP Priority	Link to HSCP Six Big Actions	Actions to take this forward	Lead	Update/Progress
Children have access to good quality parks and play areas.	Repopulation and Environment	A Nurturing Inverclyde will give our children and young people the best start in life.	Interested parties to take forward the following: • Link the provision of play parks to the Inverclyde playpark strategy. • Identify if there is a need to install any new play equipment in play areas across Greenock South and South West. • Identify actions that could be taken to make the current play parks safer for use.	CLD/ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION	Greive Rd community centre is scheduled to receive an upgrade early 2024
Children and young people are engaged in activities in Inverclyde that promote wellbeing	Inequalities	A Nurturing Inverclyde will give our children and young people the best start in life.	• Ensure that good communication about all activities and facilities for young children and teenagers is in place • Review the provision of youth clubs for teenagers in the area • Identify the activities available for pre-school children	CLD - YOUTH WORK	Branchton Community Centre and youth connections provide weekly activities for young people. There has also been additional mothers and toddlers activities available across the locality, see key achievements for more details. In partnership with bluebird nursey, the Greive Committee and South West Community Council have provided a

			• If required – adapt or increase the current provision		variety of seasonal family events at the South West hub, with activities themed around health and wellbeing.
Improve health and wellbeing for people of Greenock South and South West	Inequalities	Reducing inequalities by building stronger communities and improving physical and mental health.	• Ensure communication for support groups for issues such as bereavement is in place • Identify what social groups the community would like to see established. • Establish groups to support health and wellbeing such as walking groups and exercise classes if necessary.	HSCP - 3rd Sector	The Grieve Rd Committee and South West Community Council, host a weekly community drop -in with an average attendance of 75 attendees per week. Community partners such as I: heat attend the drop in to provide advice and support. Branchton Community centre provide a variety of activities and groups such as toddlers groups, youth groups and pensioners clubs. Branchton have also developed their community garden providing further opportunities to support health and wellbeing. The Grieve Rd Pantry continues to exceed expectations with an ever-increasing membership.
People of Greenock South and South West are able to access transport to ensure easy transport and parking	Repopulation and Environment	We will support more people to fulfil their right to live at home or within a homely setting and promote independent living.	• Evaluate transport links between GS&SW and the rest of Inverclyde and identify any appropriate actions. • Identify the transport related issues that the community would like to see addressed. • Evaluate parking in Greenock South and South West	HSCP COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP	Transport links are intermittent across the locality, the main issue has been the reduction in bus services. This is an Inverclyde wide issue that is being discussed by the Association of Inverclyde Community Council. There has been an increase in the frequency of trains to Glasgow via the Wemyss Bay line.

People of Greenock feel safe to go out at night	Repopulation and Inequalities	Together we will protect our population.	• Work with the Community Safety Partnership to identify the specific issues for Community safety in Greenock South and South West • Members of the community need to feel safe going out in GS&SW particularly in the evening. • Work with agencies to identify and tackle drugs misuse in the area	COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP	Inverclyde Community Wardens continue to serve the locality and attend the relevant Community Council meetings to provide an update on reports of anti-social behaviour and listen to any concerns. Community Police previously attended the community council meetings; however they attend when possible. Community Police still engage with local groups and schools.
Key Achievements					
• Focused on supporting community members in smaller cohorts as there was low levels of response to wider engagement. Greive Road (South West) was highlighted as an area of focus as areas such as Branchton and Larkfield have organisations based within the area. There is now a fully established Grieve Rd Committee who work closely with the local Community Council. The Grieve Rd Committee run weekly community drop-in, seasonal events such as summer family sessions and Halloween parties that contribute to health and wellbeing. Over the past 12 months the group have secured over £20,000 to fund events and activities for the local community. CLD staff continue to visit and engage with Community partners across the locality. • Branchton Community Centre have established a community gardening club and have redeveloped grounds surrounding the centre as a space for community growing. The group developed as result of community members undertaking a horticultural course delivered in partnership with West College Scotland and Community Learning and Development. Branchton Community Centre have also expanded the communities access to affordable food via their community shop and community fridge, supported by community volunteers. • Four community organisations within the locality received Meliora funding after undertaking a participatory budgeting process. Branchton Community Centre Youth Connections, Ravenscraig Sports Hub, Cowdenknowes Residents' Association hosted community events to enhance the range of Meliora Festival events including the local celebrations around the Queen's Platinum Jubilee across Inverclyde in June 2022. • Cowdenknowes Residents Association undertook a variety of litter picks across the locality for example on the 2/10/22 9 adults and 3 young people collected 8 bags of litter from the Murdieston Dams area.					

Greenock West and Gourock

What do we want to achieve?	LOIP Priority	Link to HSCP Six Big Actions	Actions to take this forward	Lead	Update/Progress
People living and working in Greenock West and Gourock will have parking that meets their needs	Environment Repopulation	We will support more people to fulfil their right to live at home or within a homely setting and promote independent living.	- Identify the parking related issues that the community would like to see addressed. - Identify actions to address the parking related issues in Greenock West and Gourock.	ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION/CLD Greenock West and Gourock Communications and Engagement Group	There has been changes to parking within Gourock. In October 2022 parking charges were introduced in Kempock Street car park (whole car park adjacent to Lower Kempock Street). Parking is also free on-street where vehicles can park on Kempock Street, Kempock Place and Shore Street for up to 1 hour and on Lower Kempock Street for up to 3 hours, Monday to Saturday from 8am to 6pm. Parking discs must be displayed. Electric car charging points are available in the Town centre and Gourock train station and the battery park.
Residents in Greenock West and Gourock are able to access improved transport that will meet their needs.	Environment Inequalities Repopulation	We will support more people to fulfil their right to live at home or within a homely setting and promote independent living.	- Evaluate transport links between Greenock West and Gourock and the rest of Inverclyde and identify any appropriate actions. - Identify the transport related issues that the community would like to see addressed.	HSCP/ ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION Greenock West and Gourock Communications and Engagement Group	In 2023 the local bus company withdrew services of 540 bus which serves parts of Gourock. A reduced train service was temporary introduced however this has now led to an improved service for Glasgow to Gourock. The newly installed Cycle track provides an opportunity for community members to access a safe travel route linking to other areas of Inverclyde.

People living in Greenock West and Gourock will have roads, pavements and pathways that meet their need.	Environment Repopulation	We will support more people to fulfil their right to live at home or within a homely setting and promote independent living.	- Identify the roads, pavements and pathways that local residents are concerned about. - Communicate to local residents the work being undertaken by the Council regarding the maintenance of roads, pavements and pathways.	ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION CLD Greenock West and Gourock Communications and Engagement Group	906 community members took part in a PB exercise around additional funding for roads and footpaths. In response to the community engagement the following work was funded: Footpath: Shore Street, Gourock: From access to Health Centre car park to opposite tech shop Footpath: Shore Street, Gourock; Planned work: St Johns Road to John Street (fronting shops) Footpath: Eldon Street, Esplanade to Wood Street (south side) and Esplanade and North Street (north side)
Children and young people are engaged in activities in Inverclyde that promote wellbeing.	Inequalities	A nurturing Inverclyde will give our children and young people the best start in life. Reducing inequalities by building stronger communities and improving physical and mental health.	- Ensure that good communication about all activities and facilities for young children and teenagers in place. - Review the provision of youth clubs for teenagers in the area. - Identify the activities available for pre-school children. - If required – adapt or increase current provision.	CLD Youth Work	A variety of sports clubs and activities are available throughout the locality ranging from athletics, water sports, tennis, football and Rugby. Gourock Community sports hub have produced a map of activities that promote health and wellbeing across the locality.
Older people living in Greenock West and Gourock are able to participate in their local community.	Inequalities	We will support more people to fulfil their right to live at home or within a homely setting and promote independent living.	- Evaluate the current services and schemes in place to tackle isolation amongst the elderly. - Engage with elderly people living in Greenock	Third Sector / HSCP CLD – Community Work / HSCP	The two Community Council's in the locality continue to provide a platform for community members to have their say and raise any concerns.

		Reducing inequalities by building stronger communities and improving physical and mental health.	West and Gourrock to identify the services and support that they would like to access.		Gourrock Community sports hub have produced a map of activities that promote health and wellbeing across the locality Greenock West and Gourrock Communication and engagement group, host a monthly Bowl and blether, they also have mapped out the various warm spaces and promoted this across the locality.
Key Achievements					
- Literati Guide Inverclyde supported by 1012 volunteers, hosted 109 events , collected 1411 bags of litter resulting in 11,700 kg litter collected throughout Inverclyde. Many of the litter pick up events where located in the Greenock West and Gourrock locality - Six community organisations within the locality received Meliora funding after undertaking a participatory budgeting process. 1st Gourrock Scouts, Gourrock Primary PTA, Lyle Gateway and Your Voice, Inverclyde Cricket Club St Columba's and Greenock Medical Aid hosted community events to enhance the range of Meliora Festival events including the local celebrations around the Queen's Platinum Jubilee across Inverclyde in June 2022. - Expanding Mental Health Ambassadors in St Columba's High School to continue a culture of recognising and supporting the Mental Health of our school community through working with staff and pupil Mental Health Ambassadors (MHA). MHA will involve supporting young people, parents and staff to reduce the stigma and discrimination in relation to Children and Young People's Mental Health. - The Community Engagement Group (CEG) has continued to meet monthly, focusing on promoting the various warm spaces and sports hubs in the community over the past 12 months. They have created posters and community maps to highlight the various "bowl and blethers", sports clubs, and have organised dementia-friendly training. They are also working to arrange first aid training for groups across the community . In addition, the CEG regularly hosts a monthly bowl and blether and the Gourrock Farmers Market, which has now become self-sustaining. - Participatory budgeting was used to determine the films that would be shown at the 2022 summer pictures in Battery Park. Over 1,321 community members participated in the process, allocating £20,000 for the event. - In response to a 2021-22 community consultation on public spaces, activities, and women's safety, a proposal was submitted to the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) for funding to improve lighting at Battery Park in Greenock's west end. The bid was approved this year, and work on improved lighting in the park will commence in 2023-2024.					

Inverkip and Wemyss Bay					
What do we want to achieve?	LOIP Priority	Link to HSCP Six Big Actions	Actions to take this forward	Lead	Update/Progress
Residents in Inverkip and Wemyss Bay can access improved transport	Repopulation and Environment	We will support more people to fulfil their right to live at home or within a homely setting and promote independent living.	- Evaluate transport links between Wemyss Bay and Inverkip and the rest of Inverclyde and identify appropriate actions. - Identify the transport related issues that the community would like to see addressed.	Environment, Regeneration and Resources Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Communications and Engagement Group	In response to community engagement In 2021 SPT were invited to a meeting with the Communications and Engagement group to discuss improving an improved bus service to wider locality. Unfortunately, no progress has been made regarding this as it would require interested parties to tender for the route.
Parking related issues in Inverkip and Wemyss Bay will be addressed.	Repopulation and Environment	We will support more people to fulfil their right to live at home within a homely setting and promote independent living.	- Identify the parking related issues that the community would like to see addressed. - Identify actions to address the parking related issues in Inverkip and Wemyss Bay.	Environment, Regeneration and Resources/ CLD Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Communications and Engagement Group	Parking continues to be challenge in the main village for residents. Parking is available at the local shops and community centre.
Improve health and wellbeing for residents in Inverkip and Wemyss Bay	Inequalities	Reducing inequalities by building stronger communities and improving physical and mental health.	- Ensure communication and promotion of activities available in Inverkip and Wemyss Bay is in place. - Identify actions related to health and wellbeing that the community would like to see implemented.	CLD/ HSCP Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Communications and Engagement Group	A variety of events and activities has been provided within the locality to help improve Health and Wellbeing, please see key highlights.
People living in Inverkip and Wemyss Bay have improved road infrastructure.	Repopulation and Environment	We will support more people to fulfil their right to live at home within a homely setting and promote independent living.	Engage with the local community to identify the issues associated with road infrastructure that they would like to see addressed.	CLD/ Environment, Regeneration and Resources/ CLD Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Communications	As part of the Roads & Transportation – Proposed RAMP/Capital Programme for 2023/24. Innellan Road & Toward Road Wemyss Bay will receive Full Lengths resurfacing along with along with Main

			Identify actions to address the issues related to parking infrastructure with Inverkip and Wemyss Bay.	and Engagement Group.	Street in Inverkip, Station Road South to Access to A78.
Young people living in Inverkip and Wemyss Bay have access to a range of sporting activities.	Inequalities	A nurturing Inverclyde will give our children and young people the best start in life.	- Review current provision of sporting activities available for young people. - Identify the sporting activities and facilities that the community of Inverkip and Wemyss Bay would like to see introduced.	CLD Youth Services Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Communications and Engagement Group	Inverkip hub, Wemyss Bay Community Association, Morton in the Community, and the scouts, provide a variety of activities for the community. The football pitch at the Inverkip centre is used on a regular basis by a variety of community members and groups.

Key Achievements

- Two community organisations within the locality received Meliora funding after undertaking a participatory budgeting process. Inverkip Community Initiative and Inverkip Church: The Kip Fest 2022, Wemyss Bay Community Association Gala Day hosted community events to enhance the range of Meliora Festival events including the local celebrations around the Queen's Platinum Jubilee across Inverclyde in June 2022.
- The organisers of Kipfest have successfully hosted two events that have brought the community together. A dedicated steering group, representing various organisations like sports groups, Scouts, churches, and the community hub, plans and coordinates the event. In 2023, the group sought feedback from the wider community, encouraging more members to join the steering group. Kipfest provides a platform for local organisations to showcase their offerings.
- Inverkip Church Eco Group, a community-based initiative, organised numerous litter-picking events throughout 2022, collaborating with organisations like the 85th Scout group to target areas such as Inverkip Beach and the village.
- Blooming Inverkip, an inclusive community gardening group based at Inverkip Community Hub, has been actively cultivating the grounds at the Hub since its inception in 2019. The group has developed its skills, knowledge, and well-being through its gardening endeavours. Additionally, it has partnered with local groups like Inverkip Primary to share gardening expertise. For instance, in February 2023, Inverkip Primary students visited the Hub to plant herbs for the community and create a personalized planter with spring and summer greenery.

Wemyss Bay Community Association

- hosted a Gala day in May 2022 which was a huge success, with a record amount of people attending using £5,000 Meliora funding from Inverclyde Council, this enabled the group to offer lots of free activities at the gala to local families, such as a free ice cream for everyone!, fairground rides, face painting, silent disco and VR headset. We had a variety of local crafters selling their own creations and a very busy social area for people to reconnect with each other after a difficult couple of years. The feedback was all positive and we feel this event was a great way to bring the community back together post pandemic.

- The Christmas lights switch on in December was another successful night It was lovely having people back at the centre for this night, previous year had to be held outside. We moved Santa's grotto to the backroom to give more space in the hall and a quieter and calm environment for the families visiting Santa.
- During this year we welcomed a few new regular lets such as a craft group and cookery class and had our busiest year ever for children's birthday parties, this has been a great boost to funds, but can also be challenging to coordinate volunteers to support open and close of the centre, we reached out to the wider community for more volunteers to join us in supporting these events.
- We also held a very well attended Ladies night, Race night and family Halloween night again bringing in much needed funds to keep the centre running and replace some equipment like broken chairs.

Inverkip Community Hub

New groups in 2022/23

- **Get Fit in Thirty:** Two new keep fit Classes running in 2020/21 by GFT a bootcamp and a Piyo class which is a cross of Pilates and yoga ran by Gillian Adams giving her four Classes over the week.
- **Friday Social group:** runs every Friday and was set up by a university placement for over 50s who take part in classes and organise activities and days out for lunch and visits to local libraries museums and events.
- **Kip Book Club:** runs once a month and the group discuss chosen books and topics from a wide range of authors and writer

GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

- Christmas light switch on went really well estimated that over 350 people attended on the night inside or outside enjoying the festivities live music from Graham and his band, Santa's grotto , Face painting and the light switch on along with the freebies coffees ,teas ,mince pies ,biscuits and juices and selection boxes for every young person attending.
- Festive Friends was again a great success running in partnership with Ardgowan Hospice, IRH and River Clyde Homes making up over 400 Jolly Boxes for IRH and elderly residents across Inverclyde .The hub again played a major part being used for a base to make up the boxes store them and help get them delivered in time for Christmas this year we also donated some chocolate Santa's and Christmas tea lights for the boxes .
- LJ dance show had 180 attending in staggered times to allow all the parents to get to see the show
- Baby & Toddlers going well now with two sessions along with book bug which has seen an increase in numbers since Christmas.
- All other groups are running well numbers are great across the community groups and commercial groups making great progress.
- Kids parties going well fully targeting at least two a month which is the case up until July.
- Kipfest 2022 funded by the Melora was a huge success with over 800 people attending the festival over three venues supported by the new village partnership set up by Inverkip Hub and local organisations with lots of great plans for the future
- Ladies night themed for Spice Girls movie went down a hit with 100 attending and raising over £1000 for the hub.