



Inverclyde Alliance

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 6**

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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Inverclyde Alliance Board</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>18 June 2018</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Inverclyde Local Outcome Improvement Plan Quarterly Progress Report</b>		

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Alliance Board with an update on the progress that has been made in implementing the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) 2017-2022.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The Community Planning element of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 placed responsibility on Inverclyde Alliance to develop a Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) which replaced the Single Outcome Agreement 2012-17.
- 2.2 Inverclyde's LOIP was formally approved by the Alliance Board at its meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017 and a new governance structure for the delivery of the LOIP was approved at the last meeting of the Alliance Board on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018.
- 2.3 The LOIP priorities are Population, Reducing Inequalities and Environment, Culture and Heritage. Repopulation was an outcome in the Single Outcome Agreement and the Repopulation Outcome Delivery Group will continue as the Population Partnership. Kevin Scarlett, the Chief Executive of River Clyde Homes will continue as the Lead officer. The Environment Outcome Delivery Group will continue as the Environment Partnership, chaired by Kerry Wallace, Area Manager, Scottish Natural Heritage and the new Cultural Partnership will deliver the Culture and Heritage element of the priority. This will be chaired by Grant McGovern, Head of Inclusive Education, Culture and Communities, Inverclyde Council. The chairs of the Environment Partnership and the Cultural Partnership will meet regularly to pull together updates for the Programme and Alliance Boards.
- 2.4 The Reducing Inequalities priority will be developed and delivered through the Locality Planning Partnerships. The leads/chairs from each of these groups will meet to provide updates for the Programme and Alliance Boards.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Alliance Board notes the progress that has been made in implementing the new LOIP.

**Aubrey Fawcett  
Chair, Programme Board  
Chief Executive, Inverclyde Council**

## 4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Inverclyde's LOIP was formally agreed by the Alliance Board at its meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018. This is the second quarterly progress report that provides details of the progress that has been made with implementing the LOIP.
- 4.2 A new governance and delivery structure has been developed to facilitate the delivery of the LOIP and Locality Plans. Comments and feedback from both the LOIP Programme Board and the Alliance Board were incorporated into the new governance and delivery structure and it was formally approved by the Alliance Board at its last meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018.
- 4.3 The Population Partnership, Environment Partnership and the Cultural Partnership have now all been established and have met at least once and are in the process of developing new outcome delivery plans.
- 4.4 The inequalities priority will be delivered through the Locality Planning Partnerships and a Strategic Implementation Group has been established to oversee this process. Further detail of the progress made with regard to locality planning is the subject of a separate report on the agenda of this meeting.

## 5.0 POPULATION PARTNERSHIP

- 5.1 The Chair has met with key members of the group, including the Council's Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration and Resources, to prioritise tasks and actions following confirmation of the budget allocation of £500,000 for 2018/19.
- 5.2 The tasks and priorities to be progressed by the group are as follows:
- a. Development of an **Inverclyde Wide Repopulation Strategy and Plan**, identifying the key drivers with the potential to support repopulation and growth, the evidence and key data, the actions necessary to enable and encourage these drivers, the likely investment and resource implications over the medium to longer terms and the necessary commitments from key partners and agencies. External advice and support will be identified to assist with the development and production of the strategy, and an initial meeting with the nationally recognised Scotland's Towns Partnership (STP) is being arranged to guide us in the development of a consultancy brief. The strategy will reconfirm Inverclyde as a 'place to do business'. A key outcome will be a prioritised action plan with associated spend against the budget allocation.
  - b. Development of an **Eastern Gateway Strategic Regeneration Framework (SRF)**. This will guide the regeneration of the key Glasgow Road corridor sites of Clune Park and Kelburn, together with the adjacent Woodhall site and consider linkages with the proposals to redevelop the former St Stephen's High School Site. The purpose of the SRF will be to demonstrate how this key gateway into Inverclyde will be comprehensively regenerated within the context of surrounding proposals and priorities, and explain the linkages with the Council's and Alliance Board's strategic economic, housing and repopulation objectives. At the heart of the framework will be recognition of the need for housing led regeneration, but with the potential for delivery of a mix of uses such as retail and leisure. The SRF will confirm site availability, analysis and context, policy and strategic fit, any indicative development proposals, and wider development strategy. Appropriate external consultants will be commissioned by the group to develop and produce the framework.
  - c. Development of a **Strategic Acquisition Programme**. Recognising the impact of failing common repairing responsibilities on the wider built environment and

neighbourhood, and learning from good practice in other areas such as Govan hill in Glasgow, the group will produce proposals for a strategic acquisition programme targeted at flatted dwellings without effective common repair or maintenance plans, and / or which are long term empty, and / or with absentee landlords who are not acting responsibly. Initial discussions have taken place with the Scottish government on the proposal and the potential for any future funding.

- d. Establishment of, and recruitment to, a temporary **Communications Officer post**. For an initial 2 year period, the post will be based in the Council's corporate communication's team and will support the promotion and awareness of Inverclyde's inward investment offer, the work and priorities of the re-population group together with the delivery of a communications plan to be developed alongside the Inverclyde Wide Repopulation Strategy and Plan. The funding of the post will be met from the group budget.
- e. **Local Wealth Building**. Learning from new economic development models will be considered by the group such as community wealth building through anchor institutions. A learning event involving the Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES) will be arranged later in the year to consider lessons and outcomes from areas witnessing depopulation and how local wealth building programmes have contributed to reversing population decline.

5.3 In addition, the membership of the Population Partnership has been reviewed to reduce its size and to achieve a seniority of representation appropriate to priority placed upon the group by the Alliance Board.

## 6.0 ENVIRONMENT PARTNERSHIP

6.1 A workshop to identify the tasks and priorities that the Environment Partnership will take forward was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February. A wide range of partners attended the workshop and identified the key actions that the Environment Partnership will focus on delivering.

6.2 The Environment Partnership met on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March to consider the feedback obtained from the workshop. It was agreed that the three primary drivers for achieving the environment priority in the LOIP are connectivity, healthy lifestyles and land use and management. A further meeting of the Environment Partnership took place on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May to finalise the actions that will now be taken forward. The new Environment Outcome Delivery Plan is the subject of a separate report on the agenda of this meeting.

## 7.0 CULTURE PARTNERSHIP

7.1 The first meeting of the new Culture Partnership took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> March. The items discussed at the meeting included: group membership, remit and terms of reference; an update on the Arts & Creativity Strategy, an introduction to the Great Place Scheme project which is an HLF-funded 2 year project running from this summer; the Heritage Strategy which is being funded by the Great Place Scheme, and an update on the Galoshans festival which is being taken forward by RIG Arts.

7.2 At the second meeting of the group, the group membership was further developed and further discussion took place on the partnership terms of reference and the Outcome Delivery Plan. A final version of the delivery plan will be presented to a future meeting of the Alliance Board. Details of the progress made by the Cultural Partnership to date is the subject of a separate report on the agenda of this meeting.

## **8.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 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.

## **9.0 CONSULTATIONS**

- 9.1 n/a

## **10.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 10.1 n/a