



Inverclyde Alliance

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 6**

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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 Inverclyde Outcome Improvement Plan (IOIP) 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 Outcome Improvement Plan was formally approved by the Alliance Board at its meeting on 11 December 2017 and a new governance structure for the delivery of the IOIP was approved at the meeting of the Alliance Board on 19 March 2018.
- 2.3 The IOIP priorities are Repopulation, Reducing Inequalities and Environment, Culture and Heritage. Updates from the Repopulation Partnership and the Environment Partnership are set out in paragraph 4. The Cultural Partnership update is elsewhere on the agenda of this meeting, along with the new plan for the partnership.
- 2.4 The Reducing Inequalities priority is being developed and delivered through the Locality Planning process. There is a report on the agenda of this meeting covering the development of the Locality Plans.

**3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

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

## 4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The IOIP was formally agreed by the Alliance Board at its meeting on 11 December 2017. A new governance and delivery structure has been developed to facilitate the delivery of the IOIP and Locality Plans which was formally approved by the Alliance Board at its meeting on 19 March 2018.
- 4.2 The Repopulation Partnership, Environment Partnership and the Cultural Partnership have now all been established or re-established and have met at least once and are in the process of developing new outcome delivery plans.
- 4.3 The inequalities priority will be delivered through the Locality Planning process 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 Partnership Updates

### 5.1 Repopulation Partnership

The tender for the development of the **Inverclyde Wide Repopulation Strategy and Plan** has gone out, and responses are being considered by Scott Allan, Corporate Director Environment Regeneration & Resources, Inverclyde Council. The aim of this strategy is to identify the key drivers of repopulation in Inverclyde, provide evidence and develop actions necessary to successfully maintain and grow Inverclyde's population.

The tender for the **Eastern Gateway Strategic Regeneration Framework** (SRF) is in development. 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. Kevin Scarlett, River Clyde Homes will draw up a brief to procure a consultant via Inverclyde Council, who in Woodhall, Kelburn and Clune Park, will put together a SRF, based on property and land values, looking at issues such as planning and housing policies, location, and accessibility. The Framework will be an Inverclyde Alliance, Inverclyde Council, River Clyde Homes and Riverside Inverclyde shared ambition for the wider area. This can then be used to attract developers using a joined up approach with each organisation/partnership committed to making it happen. Partners will be able to prioritise resources going into the area e.g. via the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP). The SRF will be a 5 – 10 year plan for the area and will be tested to see if it will attract developers into Inverclyde and could potentially be used to access funding from Scottish Government, over and above SHIP funding.

For the **Strategic Acquisition Programme** officers from River Clyde Homes and Inverclyde Council are working together, looking at the Highholm area. They have investigated ownership of properties, how many properties are empty, value of properties, data on levels of crime, environmental concerns, Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation, etc. Cloch Housing Association and River Clyde Homes own some of the properties, but there has been a big increase in ownership by private landlords, particularly for 'right to buy' properties that people have difficulty selling. The concern is that Highholm could end up in a similar situation to Clune Park.

The results of this work will be discussed at the Repopulation Partnership meeting in September and the partnership will seek to identify what to do in the area. The key issues lie with control of the housing stock in regard to making improvement.

The Strategic Acquisition programme will be used to set out a clear, evidenced need for Inverclyde, which could inform bids for funding similar to a programme between Govanhill Housing Association, Glasgow City Council and the Scottish Government.

The temporary **Communications Officer Post** has been agreed for Inverclyde Council and recruitment will take place over the next two months.

A learning event involving the Centre for Local Economic Strategies is still to be arranged for later in

the year.

## 5.2 Environment Partnership

The Environment Partnership last met on 8 May and finalised the actions to be included in its delivery plan. These focus on:

- **Connectivity:** Improve cycle paths and walking routes through the development of an Active Travel Strategy by summer 2018 and a Cycling Action Plan by Spring 2019.
- **Healthier Lifestyles:** Create and establish links between health and environment professionals to enable a partnership to be established by Autumn 2018, carry out an exercise to analyse opportunities for community involvement in environmental projects that improve health and develop a Community Food Growing Strategy.
- **Land Use and Management:** Develop a Greenspace Strategy by Winter 2018, review vacant and derelict land sites in light of Greenspace Strategy to identify opportunities to plug gaps in greenspace provision for community benefit by Spring 2019 and identify a Strategic Habitat Network for Inverclyde by Autumn 2018.

## 5.3 Cultural Partnership

The Cultural Partnership met on 23 August to finalise its draft plan and an update features elsewhere on the agenda of this meeting.

## 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 n/a