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Iconic cruise ship terminal



Cruise Terminal for the 21st Century - Greenock's new cruise ship terminal is set to welcome 150,000 passengers to Scotland a year from 2020.

Plans for the iconic building have been submitted that include a new visitor centre, restaurant and art gallery celebrating the work of Inverclyde resident sculptor George Wyllie.

Inverclyde Council Leader Councillor Stephen McCabe said: "The project is part of the Glasgow City Region City Deal and aims to boost the capacity at Greenock Ocean Terminal for cruise ships. The addition of a restaurant and Wyllie Gallery will help to provide a year round attraction for visitors to Greenock and Inverclyde.

"As a key City Deal project, the new visitor centre will make a significant contribution to economic growth and international tourism across the wider city region area.

"Our new tourist strategy and action plan aims to increase visitors by one million by 2023 and this is a key component to achieving that."

George Wyllie's elder daughter, Louise Wyllie, said: "My father worked as a Customs and Excise officer for many years in this very spot. I know he would be thrilled that a world-class art space, designed by award-winning architect Richard Murphy is going to be part of a bigger picture to inject new life into this area of Greenock."

The Greenock Ocean Terminal project to create a visitor centre and berthing facility is expected to cost around £17million. It will be part-funded by investment from

the private sector and the Glasgow Region City Deal – an agreement between the UK and Scottish Governments and eight local authorities across Glasgow and the Clyde Valley.

Find out more about Glasgow City Region City Deal at glasgowcity region.co.uk



### Welcome

### Welcome to the latest edition of InView



#### I get huge pleasure from seeing the success of our children and young people

High quality schools delivering the very best learning environment helps to make sure they are best placed to make the most of the opportunities available to them

In recent years giving our young people the best start in life has been the top priority for the Council.

We have taken Invercivde from one of the lowest performers to one of the very best in the country for getting them into education, employment or training after school.

The enormous investment -£270million - in our schools has given Inverclyde arguably one of the best school estates in Scotland.

But improving buildings in themselves doesn't improve attainment. It is also about the hard work and dedication of our teachers and school staff; the support they receive from other Council services: the connection between learning at school and learning at home and the wider links between schools and their communities. We all have a part to play in supporting and educating our young people

It really does take a village to raise a child - or in Invercivde's case seven towns and villages.

The recent inspection of Gourock Primary School - featured on the page opposite - is one worth reading.

**Education Scotland inspectors** delivered one of the best reports in the country this year for the school and it is a report we should all be proud of.

As a Council we are always looking for areas to invest in to get the best value from the money we

Our investment in school buildings was a key decision which is coming to a close. By 2020 we will have delivered on our promise that every child will be taught in a new or fully refurbished school.

It is important that our decisions are in tune with the community we serve.

That is why as part of our budget consultation we are looking for your ideas and suggestions on areas where we can make improvements; find savings or drive efficiency.

There is more information on how you can have your say in this edition of InView. You can also find details of current consultations on the Council website at www.inverclyde.gov.uk/ voursay

It is important that everyone in Inverclyde takes the time to let us know their views I would encourage you to let us know yours.

Councillor Stephen McCabe Leader of Inverclyde Council

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### There But Not There -Inverclyde remembers

A national campaign to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War is being marked in every town and village in Invercivde.

Life-size silhouettes of soldiers are being installed in Greenock, Gourock, Inverkip, Kilmacolm, Port Glasgow, Wemyss Bay and Quarrier's village.

There But Not there is seen as a defining commemoration of the end of the 1914-1918 war. The 'Tommies' stand, head-bowed in silent honour of all those who fought and died from every community from every



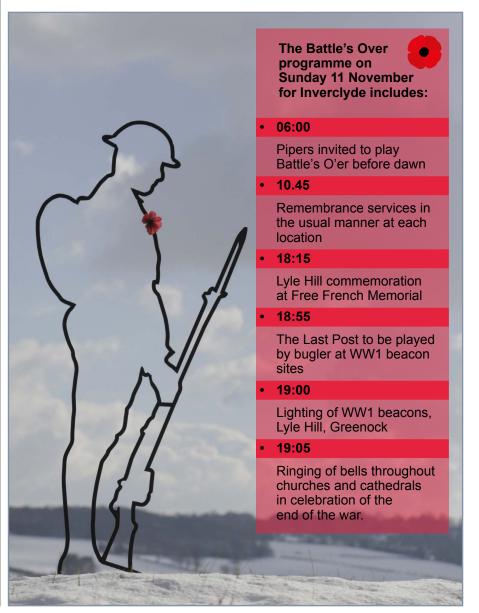
faith and from every walk of life Inverclyde's Veterans' Champion Councillor Gerry Dorrian said: "Inverclyde has a long association with the armed services and like communities across the country was deeply affected by the events of a hundred years ago.

"This is our opportunity to come together as a community with the rest of the country to remember the huge sacrifice in a conflict where so many lives were lost.

Each year on Remembrance Sunday commemorations take place throughout the day at war memorials across Inverclyde.

Lyle Hill is the focus for a ceremony remembering the Free French Navy stationed in Greenock during the Second World War.

At dawn a piper will play at the Beacon on Lyle Hill with commemorations and wreath laving taking place throughout the day at war memorials across Inverclyde.



### Inverclyde primary gains praise

An Inverciyde Council primary school has received one of the best reports in Scotland this year by official government inspectors.

Gourock Primary has been praised for the outstanding leadership and vision of the head teacher and her depute, the commitment of staff and motivated and engaged children.

Head teacher Patricia Robertson said: "All of the staff and I are absolutely delighted with such an excellent report from the team of inspectors from Education Scotland.

"The inspection was a very positive experience which has recognised the hard work, effort and commitment of all of the staff and stakeholders of Gourock Primary in providing such high quality learning experiences for our children

"Throughout the week the inspectors were greatly impressed by the children who they said are motivated, engaged in their learning and highly skilled in talking about their strengths and what they need to do to improve. We are also very proud that one of our many strengths is our approach to improving the wellbeing outcomes for all of the children.

Other key strengths include the school's contributions to the local community, and the well-planned

opportunities for staff, children. parents and partners to be involved in evaluating the work of the school.

**Education & Communities** Convener Councillor Jim Clocherty said: "This is truly an excellent report and I would like to congratulate everyone at the school for their efforts.

"Education is not simply about bricks and mortar - and we have some of the best new and refurbished schools in Scotland - but the quality of the people inside.

"We are fortunate in Inverclyde to have highly motivated and committed staff teaching eager and enthusiastic children who want to learn."

#### **Education Scotland's evaluations:**

**Gourock Primary School** 

Leadership of change excellent

Learning, teaching and very good

Raising attainment and achievement very good

Ensuring wellbeing, equality





### National award for Compassionate Inverclyde

An Inverclyde project changing attitudes and behaviour around death, dying and loneliness has won a national award for outstanding quality of service.

Compassionate Inverclyde - the first compassionate community in Scotland - has been recognised at the COSLA Excellence Awards 2018.

The project is a partnership between Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership (HSCP) and Ardgowan Hospice and has brought together hundreds of volunteers supporting and caring for one another at times of crisis and loss.

Inverclyde Council's Health & Social Care Convener Councillor and Chair of Compassionate Inverclyde Robert Moran said: "I would like to congratulate everyone involved with Compassionate Inverclyde for this thoroughly deserved award.

"Their work is changing lives on a daily basis and delivering opportunities for people to help each other.

"This award is clear recognition of those efforts and send out the message that we all have something to give and can play a part in supporting those affected by death and bereavement."

Inverclyde Royal Hospital has become the first hospital in Scotland to have the No One Dies Alone

(NODA) programme. Local people were concerned about many people living and dying on their own as they near the end of their life.

Volunteers provide support and a reassuring presence to those in their final hours who do not have close family or friends available to be with them.

Another idea developed from speaking to people in the community has been Back Home Boxes containing basic essentials for people living alone who are leaving

The 2018 COSLA Excellence Awards honoured eight Scottish Councils and their partners



### Regeneration around Inverclyde

The Council through Riverside Inverciyde and working closely with local communities is delivering on a range of projects to breathe new life into the towns and villages.

A community garden dedicated to the late artist George Wyllie has been officially opened in Gourock his home of 50 years

An area of Shore Street has been transformed into a green space celebrating his art as part of the Council's £2.5m towns and village centre regeneration fund.

Greenock is to become one of Scotland's first Smart Towns with work underway to provide free public Wi-Fi.

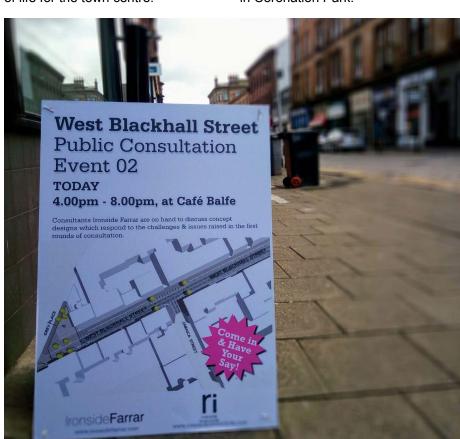
Working with the Greenock Town Centre Regeneration Forum plans are being developed for a public realm project to create a new lease of life for the town centre.

A recent consultation event was held to see the concept design for West Blackhall Street aimed at providing better access to the area supporting a night-time economy and to create an attractive location for business and town centre living.

And in Port Glasgow work to replace and improve the road and pavements in Princes Street is underway.

A new spur road from the A8 has already been completed and further environmental improvements to the town centre have been identified. These include the removal of redundant buildings and the restoration of empty shop units.

Work is also progressing well on the 'Shipbuilders of Port Glasgow' sculpture by John McKenna. The plan is to site the two giant figures in Coronation Park.









### Local services at the click of a mouse



Households in Inverclyde can now find out about a range of services from council bin collections to the time of the next bus based on their home address.

The new 'My Inverciyde' section of the Inverclyde Council website provides relevant local information including health services and public transport.

Depute Council Leader Councillor Jim Clocherty said: "All of the services listed are based on your home address. For instance it will tell you when your next bin collection day is and show you which bins you need to put out.

"It can also tell you the location of your local bus stop or train station and when the next bus or train is due as well as the nearest schools. pharmacy, dentist or GP."

The new page includes local leisure facilities, land registry

information, local weather and even broadband speed.

Panels can also be dropped into the page when necessary such as during the winter to show grit bin locations and gritter routes.

The page takes relevant information from a variety of sources, including the Council, NHS Scotland, Public Transport – pulling it all together in one place.

Councillor Clocherty added: "The page can be customised so for instance if you don't have school aged children in the household you can hide the "schools" panel as it won't be relevant.

"Our aim is to give the residents of Inverclyde a "one stop shop" for useful information and we hope to introduce additional information from other services and providers in the near future.'

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Inverclyde

Thought to be a Scottish first the new service allows anyone to chat live with a money advisor who can provide help and advice for their

Inverclyde Council Leader and Welfare & Financial Inclusion Champion, Councillor Stephen McCabe, said: "The money advisors deliver a free and confidential service to residents looking to fix

"In the past year alone they have supported residents with over £4.1m worth of problem debt.

"Whether it is credit card debt or mortgage and rent arrears, the Council's money advisors will

### New online 'chat' facility help

Residents in Inverclyde can get real time help with debt thanks to a new online 'chat' facility.

particular circumstances.

debt problems.

"This new online chat facility takes the free, confidential service into a new location where residents can get expert advice tailored to their needs.

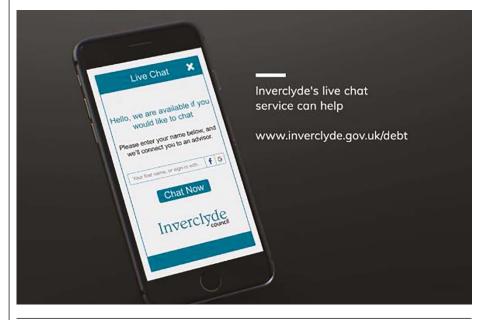
because the service is entirely free. there are no additional costs being added to your debt."

The 'live chat' pilot project is funded by the Scottish Legal Aid Board and The Money Advice Service and is being delivered by Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnership's Advice Service team.

The aim is to deliver debt and benefit advice for people living and working in the Inverclyde area.

Residents can access the live chat facility through the advice and benefits section of Invercivde Council's website at www. inverclyde.gov.uk/debt

The service features online chat with a digital adviser alongside a new online benefit calculator that will allow visitors to complete their own benefit check and have a written calculation of their entitlement emailed to them.





## Finish line in sight for schools investment

The Council's ambitious £270million investment to provide new or fully refurbished schools for every child in Inverclyde by 2020 is entering the home straight.

Three major projects have recently been completed with staff and pupils enjoying the best educational facilities money can buy.

Lady Alice in Greenock is one of the Council's oldest primary schools and has undergone a complete transformation thanks to a £4million

Built in 1937, the original exterior of the building has been retained while the inside has been completely reworked and modernised.

Head teacher Gail Connick said: "We are delighted with the opportunities that our new building gives to our pupils. There is more

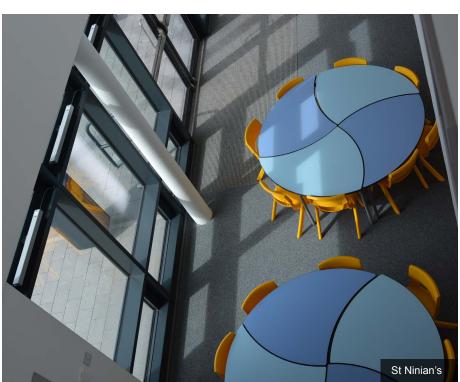
space for teaching, a new dining and activity hall and up-to-date modern facilities.

Moorfoot Primary in Gourock has begun a new chapter thanks to a wide-range of improvements including wider corridors to create activity areas, refurbished classrooms with walk-in stores, a new learning resource centre and remodelled nursery and Garvel Deaf

Head Teacher Alison Irvine said everyone is delighted with the £5million refurbishment: "Our building has undergone an impressive transformation and become a spectacular environment for learning in the 21st century.

"The pupils and staff are extremely happy and feel very proud of their new five star school - Moorfoot have









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come back home."

Gourock also has a brand new primary school building in the shape of the £10million St Ninian's which has 13 classrooms, a gym, dining hall, music room and a library over its two storeys.

Head teacher Lesley McCabe said everyone is thrilled to have moved into their new home: "We are absolutely delighted with the new building.

"It has everything we need to deliver the perfect curriculum to our children. It is more than we could ever have imagined and it will really motivate the children and bring out their creativity."

Meanwhile work is about to start on the £6.6million refurbishment and extension of St Mary's Primary in

The existing building will be reslated and all windows replaced with double-glazed windows and a new extension will create a new assembly/gym hall.

Gourock Primary - renowned for its unusual 'flying saucer' design is also to be transformed with a

£2.1million extension featuring a dining/activity hall and new entrance.

**Education & Communities** Convener Councillor Jim Clocherty said: "In every way the Council is delivering on the promise made ten years ago.

"The modernisation of our school estate has cost £270million to date - a huge sum for a small authority and we are now in the home straight.

> "But I would like to say we shouldn't lose sight of the fact that teachers and the quality of teaching remain the most important aspects of a child's education and in Inverclyde we are fortunate to have some of the best."











### Nursery hours expansion on track

A new £3.4million nursery will play a key role in the Council's programme to deliver double the number of nursery hours by 2020.

The newly opened Glenpark Early Learning Centre in Greenock has been built on part of the former Greenock Academy site as part of the Council's £270million schools estate programme

It replaces the previous 'west end' facility at Kelly Street Children's Centre and St Mary's Primary School.

It is one of three new Council nurseries and five refurbished facilities planned to meet the 1,140 hours of early years learning and childcare.

**Education & Communities** Convener Councillor Jim Clocherty said: "This is an ambitious programme and one that will be extremely challenging to deliver.

"The benefits to our children are clear to see and the aspiration has to be to use the increased hours to tackle the attainment and poverty gaps that still exist.

"Early learning is fundamental to giving all children the best possible start in life and I am confident the quality of care we already provide will be continued."

Head of Glenpark Patricia Wylie said: "We are so privileged to be working in this wonderful state of the art building where we have a new fabulous learning environment for the children and families in the local community

"In our previous home at Kelly Street Children Centre we were proud that we had provided a high quality service with committed and excellent staff making the best use of the environment that we had.

"We are delighted that Inverclyde



The Scottish Government is fully funding the early learning expansion Invercivde Council will receive over £21million by 2022.

An additional 200 early years officers, associated managers and support staff are also being recruited by the Council.

Councillor Clocherty added: "All of this has been planned with parental choice at the forefront of every

Inverclyde's new nurseries are: Larkfield Children's Centre, Park Farm Community Centre and Glenpark Early Learning Centre.

Refurbishments to increase capacity are: St Joseph's Primary nursery class, Blairmore Nursery School, St Francis' Primary nursery class, Craigmarloch School and Gourock YAC.

Full details can be found at www.inverclyde.gov.uk

## Considering a career

in early years?

Inverciyde Council is set to recruit over 150 staff to deliver the increase in early years and childcare in 2020.

Working closely with West College Scotland a new custom-built course has been set up for existing Council staff looking for a new career to retrain. A new Modern Apprentice course will also be established.

West College Scotland has increased the placements and variety of childcare courses it already offers.

There will be a general recruitment drive towards the expansion coming into effect in 2020. Anyone considering a career in early years can find out about available courses at www.westcollegescotland.ac.uk - search for

More general information can be found at childcarecareersscotland.scot or learn.sssc.uk.com/childcarecareers



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### and depute head of centre Gaynor Wiggins Council has given us the opportunity "It is a mammoth undertaking to combine both our fantastic staff and I would like to thank everyone and a fabulous environment which who has been involved for their will enable us to provide an excellent work so far and for the effort that is provision for the future children of now needed to implement the plan the community. successfully."

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### Health Centre milestone welcomed

Inverclyde Council's Health & Social Care Convener has welcomed the latest milestone for the new £21million Greenock **Health and Care Centre.** 

The Board of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde has approved the full business case which is now with the Scottish Government for consideration.

Councillor Robert Moran said: "This is the last piece in the jigsaw to deliver a new state-of-the art health and care centre for Greenock.

"I am grateful to NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde for having faith in our determination to tackle health inequalities and to commit significant resources to better equip us to deliver.

"The new centre will give patients access to first class treatment by

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first class professionals in first class facilities, improving their health and improving their lives.

If approved by the Scottish Government, the centre will host a range of services including:

- GP surgeries
- Sandyford sexual health services
- Community dental services
- A pharmacy
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Councillor Moran added: "The new centre will put key services at the heart of the community.

"We want people to live in their own homes where possible and

receive all the care they need outside hospital and in their local

communities

"The new health centre will allow us to take a major step towards that

A planning application is currently being considered for the new health and care centre. There had

been concerns raised about public transport to and from the new centre and possible difficulties for people with mobility issues. The Planning Board has made it a condition that members should see and approve a travel plan before a decision on whether the application should be granted can be made.



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### New approach to community funding

Local people in Inverciyde are being asked how to allocate part of the Council's budget as part of a new Participatory Budgeting scheme.

£350,000 is being made available - £50,000 for each of Inverclyde's seven wards – for local groups and organisations to apply for up to a maximum of

There is another £100,000 for projects and initiatives targeting poverty in Port Glasgow, Greenock east and central and Greenock south and

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- You can spend the grant within one year of the date of our award letter
- Your organisation is registered with Inverclyde

The closing date for applications has been set for 12noon, Friday 23 November 2018

**Further information and support** can be obtained from **CVS** Inverclyde by calling 01475 711733 or by email admin@cvsinverclyde.org.uk or jackie.fallon@inverclyde.gov.uk

### Local support for local business

**Inverclyde Council's business** support service assisted over 250 local companies last year from Growth Development, training and advice to marketing and funding.

Success stories include the Three Sisters Bake in Kilmacolm who have benefited from grant funding over recent years and Nutcrafter Creamery who were helped to move into new premises at Kelburn Business Park in Port Glasgow.

Eligible companies for funding support require to be located in the Inverclyde area and have to be a SME Business with less than 250 employees

Inverclyde Council's Regeneration and Planning Service works in partnership with a number of other business support agencies to deliver support services to business.

Inverclyde Council is committed to strengthening the local economy through the support of small to medium size businesses and works closely with a number of other business support agencies to deliver support services to business.

They include Business Gateway, Skills Development Scotland, Jobcentre Plus, Greenock Chamber of Commerce, Princes Scottish Youth Business Trust, FSB, CVS and West College Scotland.

### Garden waste collections to be suspended for winter

The garden waste collection service will be temporarily suspended for the winter months from Friday 16 November.

For the final garden waste collections of 2018, please place your brown bin beside your blue bin by 7am on your regular recycling collection day during week commencing 5 November OR week commencing 12 November.

There will be no changes to other bin collections

**Environment & Regeneration** Convenor Councillor Michael McCormick said: "Our experience has shown that the demand for green waste collections reduces greatly during the winter months.

"It therefore makes environmental and financial sense to defer the brown bin collections from late November until March. Residents can still recycle their garden waste at Pottery Street and Kirn Drive Recycling Centres and both sites are open from 8am to 6pm"

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