



Inverclyde Alliance

AGENDA ITEM NO: 5

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Subject:	Inverclyde Local Outcome Improvement Plan Quarterly Progress Report		

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 11 December 2017 and a new governance structure for the delivery of the LOIP was approved at the meeting of the Alliance Board on 19 March 2018.
- 2.3 The LOIP priorities are Repopulation, Reducing Inequalities and Environment, Culture and Heritage. Updates from the Repopulation Partnership, the Environment Partnership and the Culture and Heritage Partnership are set out in paragraph 5.
- 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 providing an update on this work.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Inverclyde's LOIP was formally approved by the Alliance Board at its meeting on 11 December 2017. The LOIP contains three strategic priorities; Repopulation: Reducing Inequalities and Environment, Culture and Heritage.
- 4.2 The governance and delivery structure has been developed to facilitate the delivery of the LOIP and Locality Plans which was formally approved by the Alliance Board at the meeting on 19 March 2018.
- 4.3 The strategic priorities within the LOIP will be delivered by the Population Partnership and the Environment and Cultural Partnerships.
- 4.4 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 Population Partnership

The tender for the development of the **Inverclyde Wide Repopulation Strategy and Plan** has been approved and EKOS have been commissioned to identify the key drivers of repopulation in Inverclyde. The study will focus on the levers that the Inverclyde Partnership can apply to support repopulation, with a view to this setting out a medium to long term economic strategy for Inverclyde.

There is a desire to learn from previous approaches and ensure that the strategy has sustainable and deliverable objectives and EKOS will seek to provide an "independent" view in this regard.

5.2 Environment Partnership

The Environment Partnership last met on 15 October 2018 with the aim of developing and agreeing performance measures to be included in its delivery plan. At this meeting, the group discussed some of the challenges that need to be overcome in order to agree the performance framework and it was agreed that linkages will be made to various strategies when they are finalised in the next few months, e.g. the Greenspace Strategy and the Cycling Strategy.

The Environmental Partnership has the responsibility of developing a Community Food Growing Strategy and there will be group representation at a Scottish Government event in November to learn more about the aims and outcomes of this strategy. Once in place, the strategy will fulfill Inverclyde Council's statutory duty to produce a Food Growing Strategy by 2020. Emerging good practice that will help inform the strategy, such as the community facilities at Belville, Broomhill and Parklea, and the work around the pollinator corridor, has also been considered.

A workshop took place to identify key habitats which will support the action to identify a strategic habitat network for Inverclyde. A review of vacant and derelict land is planned in light of the Greenspace Strategy to identify opportunities to plug gaps in greenspace provision - this will link to the Greenspace Strategy expected to be completed by late 2019. It is anticipated that there will be green-based solutions for some of the sites which will contribute to greenspace provision in Inverclyde in order to greatly reduce the number of residents living within 500m of vacant and derelict land. The Vacant and Derelict Land National Taskforce aims to reduce the register by 50% by 2028 by getting the land into productive use (broadly defined).

There is ongoing discussion and development regarding the membership of the group and professionals within HSCP have now been invited to participate in the Partnership.

5.3 Cultural Partnership

The Cultural Partnership met on 22 August and 10 October 2018. The last meeting was hosted by Gourrock Heritage and Arts and gave the Partnership the opportunity to see the excellent work being delivered by one of its members. The Partnership's Delivery Plan was approved by the Programme Board on 1 October. Current items of work and/or under consideration include:

- The Partnership submitted a response to the Scottish Government's recent Draft Culture Strategy consultation;
- Planning for the *Galoshans* festival to be held 27 October 2018;
- Planning for Armistice Day events on 11 November 2018;
- Early planning for a James Watt festival in 2019 to commemorate the bi-centenary of his death;
- The recruitment of an Arts Co-ordinator by CVS Inverclyde to be funded by remaining monies from the Place Partnership;
- Plans in place to further roll out the Great Place Scheme and Digital Storyteller projects in 2019, and continued heritage activity while library, museum and archive staff re-instate the Watt Complex, reading for re-opening in 2019;
- The selection of a consultant to work with the Partnership to deliver a Heritage Strategy and Action Plan for Inverclyde (funded by the Great Place Scheme);
- The Partnership will shortly carry out an EQIA on its work.

The next meeting of the partnership is scheduled for 5 December 2018.

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