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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Inverclyde Alliance Board</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>18 March 2019</b>
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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Alliance Board on the progress that has been made in taking forward locality planning in Inverclyde.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 places a statutory requirement on the Inverclyde Alliance to develop locality plans for the communities of Inverclyde that experience the greatest inequalities. The Strategic Needs Assessment, carried out in 2017, alongside the community feedback from the Our Place Our Future engagement showed these areas to be Port Glasgow, Greenock East and Central and Greenock South/South West.
- 2.2 In addition, the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 places responsibility on the HSCP in relation to locality planning. Inverclyde HSCP has recently completed a range of engagement activities which will provide data for its second Strategic Plan 2019-2024. The HSCP will move to 6 localities in line with those agreed by the Inverclyde Alliance.
- 2.3 The Locality Plans for the 3 areas have been developed and will continue to be populated with additional information through ongoing engagement with communities via the Aspiring Communities Fund projects. The focus is on how communities themselves can use their own assets and skills to address any local challenges and issues that may contribute to inequalities.
- 2.4 The remit of the Community Engagement & Community Capacity Building Network (CECCBN) includes the co-ordination of engagement from the locality areas to avoid duplication. The membership of the CECCBN includes a number of partners from the Inverclyde Alliance and governance of the group is provided by the Community Learning and Development Strategic Implementation Group.
- 2.5 To ensure that the locality planning in Inverclyde meets the requirements of the two pieces of legislation, a Locality Planning Strategic Implementation Group has been established. The role of the group is to:
- develop a model for locality planning;
  - develop community engagement processes;
  - establish locality partnerships; and
  - establish ongoing support within the locality partnerships in order to reduce inequalities, thereby

helping to achieve this strategic priority within the Inverclyde Outcomes Improvement Plan.

- 2.6 A locality advisory meeting, referred to as 'Communities Conversation Café', was held in Branchton Community Centre in December 2018 to discuss the feedback from the 'Our Place Our Future' Survey for the area with community organisations and members of the public, and to start the planning process for action in the South/South West locality.
- 2.7 The feedback from this event was that there should be an improvement in building relationships with schools. There needs to be continued discussions and conversations with people living in the community which will be captured by the Aspiring Communities staff from Branchton Community Centre and Your Voice.
- 2.8 It is planned to host a further Communities Conversation Café in South and South West and two events in the other two Inverclyde Alliance localities by Easter 2019.

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Alliance Board:

- a. Notes the progress and some issues in developing locality planning in the delivery on locality plans.
- b. Notes that the Locality Planning Strategic Implementation Group will oversee the development of the Locality Plans and the formation of locality groups which will link into the work of the CECCBN and the Aspiring Communities projects.

**Aubrey Fawcett**  
**Chair of Programme Board**

## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 Inverclyde Community Planning Partnership is required by the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act, 2015 to produce Locality Plans for the areas of Inverclyde experiencing the greatest inequalities.
- 4.2 Analysis of the data in the Inverclyde Strategic Needs Assessment showed that the areas of Inverclyde suffering the greatest levels of inequality are Port Glasgow, Greenock East and Central and Greenock South/South West.

## **5.0 PROGRESS TO DATE**

- 5.1 The Alliance is committed to the development of Locality Plans in partnership with communities, through co-production and asset based community development. Work with communities has been ongoing via Aspiring Communities funded activity, which is being used to inform the Locality Plans for Port Glasgow, Greenock East and Central and Greenock South and South West. This is in addition to the large scale community engagement survey, 'Our Place, Our Future', which fed into the strategic priorities in the Inverclyde Outcome Improvement Plan. The feedback from 'Our Place Our Future' has been broken down to locality level to provide a more detailed picture of community need and aspiration.
- 5.2 The Public Bodies Joint Working (Scotland) Act 2014 places responsibility on the HSCP in relation to locality planning. Inverclyde HSCP has recently completed a range of engagement activities which will feed into its second Strategic Plan 2019-2024. The HSCP will move to 6 localities in line with those agreed by the Inverclyde Alliance.
- 5.3 The Community Engagement and Capacity Building Network (CECCBN) is a sub-group of the Community Learning and Development Strategic Implementation Group. The group has the responsibility to co-ordinate and communicate community empowerment activities that are taking place within small community/neighbourhood localities, or communities of interest.
- 5.4 To ensure that the locality planning in Inverclyde meets the requirements of the two pieces of legislation, a Locality Planning Strategic Implementation Group has been established. The role of the group is to:
- develop a model for locality planning;
  - develop community engagement processes;
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  - establish ongoing support within the locality partnerships in order to reduce inequalities, thereby helping to achieve this strategic priority within the Inverclyde Outcomes Improvement Plan.
- 5.5 To manage the locality planning process, three advisory groups will be set up in each of the three localities. A discussion with members of the South/South West Locality took place in December 2018 and there will be a further meeting set up within this locality.
- 5.6 Initial conversation with communities have highlighted difficulties engaging communities on wide circulating topic such as inequalities. Communities are much more likely to engage if there is a specific topic or concerning issue. The ability to form locality groups has been limited. The Locality Strategic Implementation Group has asked the CECCBN to consider further how to form localities groups to take forward the locality plans. The CECCBN has been asked to report the most effective engagement processes that will lead to community empowerment within the priority localities.

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 Legal: none at present.

Finance: none at present.

Human Resources: none at present.

Equality and Diversity: Engaging with people who have protected characteristics will be part of the engagement processes.

Repopulation: Engaging local people in the development of the locality plans and developing plans that will help to make positive differences to areas in Inverclyde will encourage people to remain in the area and could help to attract people from other areas.

Inequalities: The locality plans will focus on tackling inequalities in the areas experiencing the greatest inequality of outcome.

## **7.0 CONSULTATIONS**

7.1 The Locality Planning Strategic Implementation Group were involved in the work outlined above.

## **8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 LOIP Programme Board 9 Feb 2018: Locality Planning Update.  
LOIP Programme Board 11 May 2018: Taking Locality Planning Forward in Inverclyde.  
LOIP Programme Board 17 August 2018: Locality Planning Update.  
LOIP Programme Board 2 November 2018; Locality Planning Update.