

INVERCLYDE ALLIANCE BOARD

MONDAY 15 DECEMBER 2014 – 3.30PM

BOARD ROOM 1, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, GREENOCK

Present: Councillors S McCabe (Chair), J Clocherty, J MacLeod and K Shepherd (Inverclyde Council), Mr I Bruce (CVS/Third Sector Interface), Councillor J McIlwee (Inverclyde CHCP), Ms A Loveday (Scottish Enterprise), Mr B Fleming (DWP), Ms M Carson (Skills Development Scotland), Area Manager P Tanzilli (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service) and Mr A Comrie (Strathclyde Partnership for Transport).

In attendance: Mr J Mundell, Ms P Cassidy, Mr A Fawcett, Ms M McKenna and Ms S Lang (Inverclyde Council) and Mr B Moore (Inverclyde CHCP).

Apologies: Dr E Rogers (Community Council Forum), Ms A Cumberford (West College Scotland), Mr A McQuade (Scottish Enterprise) and Ms S Kelly (Skills Development Scotland).

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of the meeting of 6 October 2014 was submitted and approved.

MATTERS ARISING

Inverclyde Alliance Young People's Conference

There was submitted a note providing information on the proposed Inverclyde Alliance Young People's Conference scheduled for 11 March 2015.

It was noted that it may be necessary for the date to be changed due to another event on the same day and Councillor McCabe stressed the importance of confirming the new date as soon as possible.

SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2013-17: QUARTERLY OUTCOME DELIVERY GROUPS PROGRESS REPORTS

There was submitted a report by the Chair of the SOA Programme Board providing an outline of progress against the outcomes and indicators set out in the Outcome Delivery Plans for the Single Outcome Agreement 2013-17.

Decided:

- (1) that the Board note the progress made across the various Outcome Delivery Groups;
- (2) that it be noted that future progress reports will include updates from the Alcohol Misuse and Best Start in Life Outcome Delivery Groups; and
- (3) that it be noted that a new Health Inequalities Outcome Delivery Plan will be submitted to a future meeting of the Board.

INVERCLYDE ALLIANCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

There was submitted a report by the Chair of the SOA Programme Board on the Inverclyde Alliance Improvement Plan which incorporates the feedback from the recent Alliance Board Workshop.

The Board also heard a presentation on this item by Ms McKenna, a copy of which is attached as Appendix 1.

There was discussion on the improvement actions identified, with particular reference to Asset Based Approaches and the need for proper awareness as to what this means in practice. In connection with the Tackling Inequalities improvement action, Councillor McCabe expressed the view that it would be extremely useful for the Board to go out into the communities, particularly to some of the most deprived neighbourhoods and he suggested that this could be done at the March meeting in place of the workshop session.

Decided:

- (1) that the Inverclyde Alliance Improvement Plan be approved;
- (2) that the Improvement Plan be a standing item on the SOA Programme Board agenda;
- (3) that a progress report on the Improvement Plan be submitted to each meeting of the Alliance Board;
- (4) that a visit to local communities be incorporated into the arrangements for the meeting of the Board on 23 March 2015; and
- (5) that a workshop session on Asset Based Approaches be arranged for Board Members.

REVISED SOA OUTCOME DELIVERY PLANS

There was submitted a report by the Chair of the SOA Programme Board presenting for approval the new Outcome Delivery Plans for (a) SOA3 (Economic Regeneration and Employability), (b) SOA5 (Alcohol Misuse) and (c) SOA6 (Best Start in Life for Children and Young People).

The Board heard presentations by Mr Fleming on SOA3, Mr Moore on SOA5 and Ms Cassidy on SOA6 (Appendices 2, 3 and 4 to the minute).

(Councillor MacLeod left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

During the course of the presentation on SOA3, there was discussion on the difficulties faced by groups and individuals, such as those with health problems or a disability in gaining access to employment opportunities and reference was made by Mr Fleming to the use of the flexible support fund to help remove barriers to employment. There was also discussion on the need to provide training in areas where there are shortages of workers such as drivers.

Arising from this it was suggested that work should be carried out by the SOA3 Outcome Delivery Group to identify areas where training could be provided with a view to preparing applicants to fill jobs where significant demand exists.

Reference was made during the presentation on SOA5 to the need for evidence to support the delivery plan and Councillor McCabe requested that a statistical report be prepared for submission to the Board. He also referred to the ongoing budget consultation process where important decisions would be taken informed by the priorities of the Alliance Board. He suggested that a session be arranged for Board Members before the 17 January budget consultation deadline to examine the challenges faced by the Alliance and this was agreed.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the new SOA3, SOA5 and SOA6 Outcome Delivery Plans and to the proposed actions arising from the discussion on these, as set out above;
- (2) that it be noted that a quarterly progress report for each of these plans will be submitted to future meetings of the Alliance Board; and
- (3) that it be noted that the revised SOA4 Health Inequalities Outcome Delivery Plan will be submitted to a future meeting of the Alliance Board.

ORKNEY COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BEST VALUE REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Inverclyde Council providing an overview of the Audit Scotland Best Value Audit of Orkney Community Planning Partnership.

Decided:

- (1) that the key messages from the Best Value Audit Report for Orkney Community Planning Partnership be noted;
- (2) that it be remitted to the Programme Board to examine the activity required to prepare Inverclyde Alliance for any future Best Value Audit and that this be reported to the Alliance Board;
- (3) that it be agreed that the SOA Programme Board provide feedback to the Outcome Delivery Groups regarding issues raised by Best Value Community Planning Partnership audits;
- (4) that it be remitted to the Successful Communities Outcome Delivery Group to learn from the Orkney Community Planning Partnership good practice in regard to community engagement; and
- (5) that it be remitted to the Third Sector Interface to learn from Orkney's good practice in regard to involvement in support of the third sector.

“DELIVERING DIFFERENTLY” PARTNERSHIP CONSULTATION WORKSHOP

There was submitted a report by Brian Fleming, JobcentrePlus seeking approval for a partnership consultation workshop “Delivering Differently” which would focus on current delivery achievements, future known changes, current issues and ideas for resolution under the banner “DWP Delivering Differently”.

Decided:

- (1) that the Alliance Board endorse the workshop as proposed and promote attendance to invitees; and
- (2) that the Board review public services locally using the feedback from the workshop.

EFFECTIVE DEMOCRACY: RECONNECTING WITH COMMUNITIES

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Inverclyde Council/Lead Officer Best Start in Life ODG on the Commission on Strengthening Local Democracy report “Effective Democracy: Reconnecting with Communities”.

Decided:

- (1) that the content of the Commission on Strengthening Local Democracy report “Effective Democracy: Reconnecting with Communities” be noted; and
- (2) that the report be remitted to SOA2 (Successful Communities) with a view to its forming the Community Engagement Strategy.

UPDATE – FERGUSONS TASK FORCE

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Inverclyde Council providing an update on progress at Fergusons Shipyard and the implementation of the recommendations agreed by the task force put together during the recent closure and subsequent purchase by new owners.

Decided:

- (1) that the Board note the progress made with Fergusons and the recommendations of the task force;

- (2) that it be remitted to the SOA3 Outcome Delivery Group to progress any potential opportunities for employment in the engineering sector; and
- (3) that it be noted that further dialogue is planned between the Scottish Government and Inverclyde Council regarding funding for the regeneration of Port Glasgow Town Centre and that the issue of funding for the project continue to be pursued.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Alliance Board would be held on Monday 23 March 2015 at 1pm.

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Improvement Plan



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Improving Community Planning in Inverclyde

“Community Planning Partnerships should have a strong commitment to performance improvement and quality standards, including national requirements where appropriate, with robust self- assessment as a starting point”.

(Single Outcome Agreement Guidance, Dec 2012)

Self-Assessment Processes

- PSIF Partnership Assessment (April 2012)
- SOA Quality Assurance (June 2013)
- Review of Audit Scotland CPP reports
(ongoing)
- Improvement planning workshop session
(October 2014)

Improvement Plan

- 5 Key thematic areas:
 - Community Engagement, empowerment and asset based approaches
 - Tackling inequalities
 - Joint resourcing and planning
 - Leadership
 - Development of SOA



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Community Engagement, Empowerment & Asset Based Approaches

- Asset based approaches in the SOA
- Partners working together to engage communities better reflected in the SOA

Tackling Inequalities

- Greater focus on 15% most deprived neighbourhoods
- Better examples of joint planning, tasking and integration of service provision
- Better understanding of the impact on outcomes of the work of the CPP



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Joint Resourcing and Planning

- Identify how we shift planning and resources to early intervention
- Develop methods to measure success of early intervention
- Link resources to plans

Leadership

- Clearly targets and prioritises actions
- Promotes strategic shift towards prevention and early intervention
- Vision and outcomes reflected in all partner plans
- Shared outcomes linked to resource allocation
- Develop awareness of Health and Social Care integration
- Case management approaches developed to improve joint working
- Greater spread of partners taking lead on Outcome Delivery Groups



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Development of the SOA and other themes

- Develop an appropriate focus on Older People across all outcomes
- Ensure evidence base and tracking of delivery of outcomes is sufficiently robust to identify improved Economic Regeneration/
Employability, to satisfy Audit Scotland

Questions?



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Economic Regeneration & Employability Outcome Delivery Plan

Vision

The area's economic regeneration is secured, economic activity in Inverclyde is increased, and skills development enables both those in work and those furthest from the labour market to realise their full potential.

Underpinning plans

- Inverclyde Single Outcome Agreement
- Inverclyde Economic Development and Regeneration Single Operating Plan
- Inverclyde Economic Regeneration Strategy
- Youth Employability Action Plan

Key Priorities

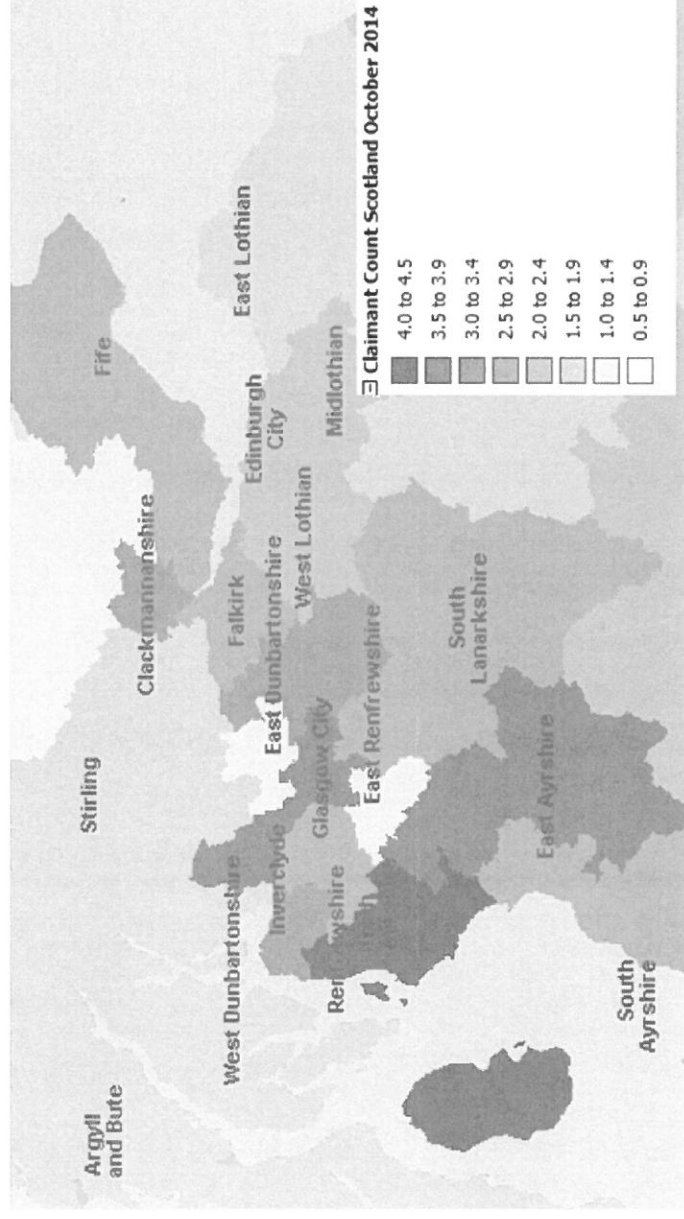
- Supporting Business Growth
- Regeneration - progressing the development of key strategic sites, and creating vibrant town centres.
- Tackling worklessness and Youth Unemployment
- Raising participation and developing enterprising skills

Key Priorities

- Maximising Employability Support
- Supporting Skills Development - increasing levels of qualifications
- Delivering through Community Engagement

Progress Summary

- The Inverclyde labour market has continued to perform well within a national context



- Rates of claimants on all benefits continues to fall.

Progress Summary

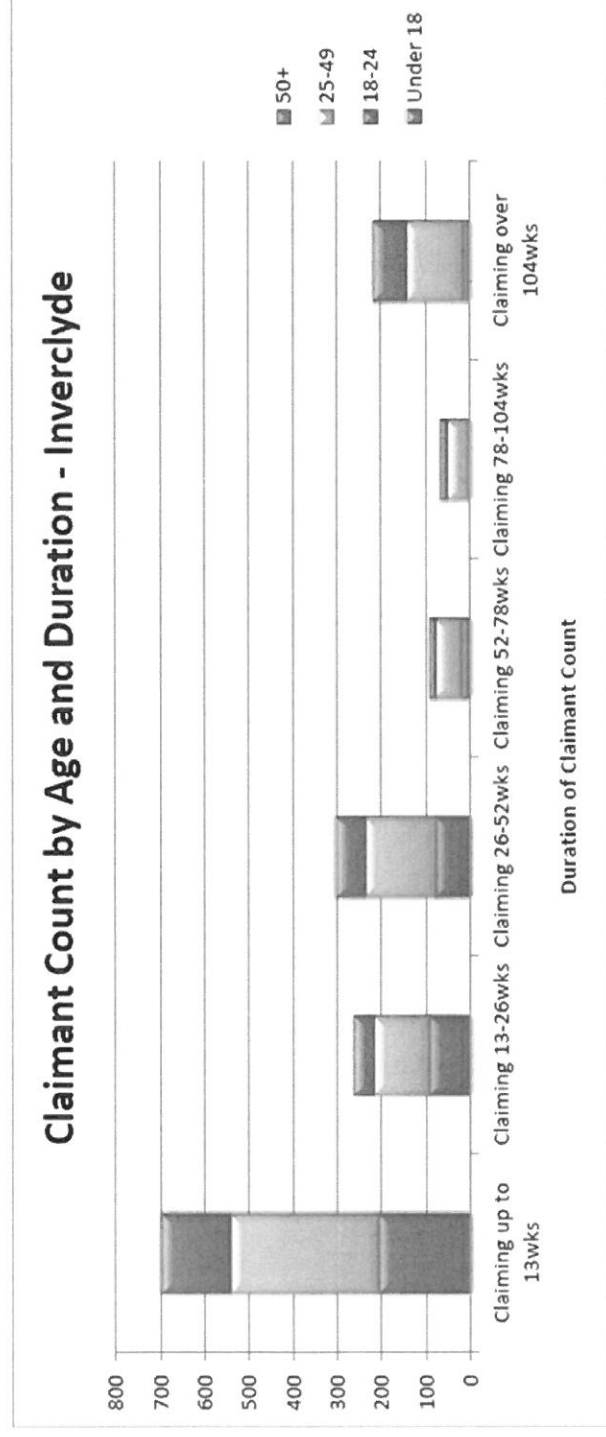
- The Inverclyde Regeneration & Employability Group (IREG) delivery is on track
- Significant Employer activity on-going
- Aim to maximise all sources of External funding

Risks / Forward Actions

- Risks
 - No Risks to Against Current Delivery
- Forward Actions
 - Mapping IREG contributions to the delivery of the Inverclyde Alliance Improvement Plan
 - Map existing sub groups/other groups that feed into the delivery of the IREG Delivery Plan

Forward Actions

Reducing the Unemployment Rate by maximising regeneration / employment/employability opportunities



Addressing employability inequalities

- (Health / Gender / Age / Geography)

Questions?

SOA 5 ALCOHOL MISUSE

GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

- Alcohol and Drugs Partnership
Delivery Plan
- Alcohol and Drugs Partnership
Annual Report
- Finance Framework

PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK

- National Outcome 1:** HEALTH: People are healthier and experience fewer risks as a result of alcohol and drug use.
- National Outcome 2:** PREVALANCE: Fewer adults and children are drinking or using drugs at levels or patterns that are damaging to themselves or others.
- National Outcome 3:** RECOVERY: Individuals are improving their health, well-being and life-changes by recovery from problematic drug and alcohol use.
- National Outcome 4:** FAMILIES, CAPSM: Children and family members of people misusing alcohol and drugs are safe, well-supported and have improved life-changes.
- National Outcome 5:** COMMUNITY SAFETY: Communities and individuals are safe from alcohol and drug related offending and anti-social behaviour.
- National Outcome 6:** LOCAL ENVIRONMENT: People live in positive, health-promoting local environments where alcohol and rugs are less readily available.
- National Outcome 7:** SERVICES: Alcohol and drugs services are high quality, continually improving, efficient, evidence based and responsive, ensuring people move through treatment into sustained recovery.

OUTCOMES

- Linkages with other Outcome Delivery Groups
- Culture Change Activity
- Alcohol Brief Interventions
- Alcohol Education

Best Start in Life for Children and Young People



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Vision

A nurturing Inverclyde that gives all our
children and young people the best possible
start in life.

Development of the new plan

The new outcome delivery plan was developed over a number of workshop sessions. Consideration was given to:

- the good progress already made
- New priorities, including statutory responsibilities
- Partnership actions that would add value

Key Priorities

- Children and Young People Act 2014 - introduces new statutory responsibilities
- Parenting Support - develop a strategic approach to supporting parents
- Child Poverty – reduce the percentage of our children living in poverty (26%)
- Play Strategy – complements the Children and Young People Act, Early Years Framework, Equally Well and Achieving our Potential



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Key Priorities

- Joint Inspection of Children's Services – prepare for future Care Inspectorate inspection
- Looked After and Accommodated Children – deliver improved outcomes for our most vulnerable
- Youth Participation Strategy – provide young people with the opportunity to participate
- Health and Wellbeing Survey – take forward the findings from the survey



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Scrutiny role

The Best Start in Life Group will also oversee the implementation of:

- The Young People Mental Health Improvement Plan
- The Child Protection Committee Improvement Plan

Any Questions?

