



Report To:	Inverclyde Alliance Board	Date: 23 March 2015
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Subject:	Inverclyde Alliance Improvement Plan Progress Report	

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 the actions in the Inverclyde Alliance Improvement Plan.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 As members of the Board will be aware, a new Inverclyde Alliance Improvement Plan was approved at the last meeting of the Alliance Board on 15 December 2014.

- 2.2 The actions within the Improvement Plan have been grouped into the following themes:

- Community engagement, empowerment and asset based approaches
- Tackling inequalities
- Joint resourcing and planning
- Leadership
- Development of the SOA

- 2.3 Since the last meeting of the Alliance Board, progress has been made in a number of areas including:

- The Improvement Plan has been subject to discussion at the recent meetings of all the Outcome Delivery Groups (ODG). Each SOA ODG has committed to doing further work to identify whether the actions in its Outcome Delivery Plan help to deliver the actions within the Improvement Plan.
- A cross-partner group has been established to develop a holistic approach to tackling the problems that are prevalent in Broomhill. This includes piloting some of the areas in the Improvement Plan noted as needing further development such as asset based approaches, community engagement, tackling inequalities, early intervention and information sharing.
- The Repopulation and the Environment Outcome Delivery Groups have new Lead Officers; Kevin Scarlett, Chief Executive, River Clyde Homes and Ross Johnston, Area Manager, Strathclyde and Ayrshire, Scottish Natural Heritage. This provides a more representative balance of partners that are helping to lead community planning locally.
- Health Scotland has delivered a presentation to the Programme Board on the fundamental causes of health inequalities. A similar presentation is on the agenda of this meeting. Inequalities presentations are also planned for a future meeting of each ODG, with the aim of encouraging each ODG to evaluate how effective its work is in

help to tackle inequalities.

- A presentation on the transition to Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership was delivered to a special meeting of the Alliance Board on 12 January by the Corporate Director of the Community Health and Care Partnership.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Alliance Board:

- a. Consider and comment on the progress that has been made in taking forward the actions within the Inverclyde Alliance Improvement Plan
- b. Note that a further progress report will be submitted to the next meeting of the Alliance Board.

John Mundell
Chair of the SOA Programme Board

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 As members of the Board will be aware, a new Inverclyde Alliance Improvement Plan was approved at the last meeting of the Alliance Board on 15 December 2014.
- 4.2 The Improvement Plan has been drawn together from the Quality Assurance of the SOA in 2013, the remaining actions from the Alliance Board PSIF Improvement Plan and any improvement actions identified from the Audit Scotland reports on Community Planning.
- 4.3 Implementation of the Improvement Plan will help to ensure that the Alliance is better prepared for any future Audit Scotland Community Planning Partnership audit. External scrutiny is more likely to be positive when a partnership can demonstrate that it is self-aware, knows its strengths, has identified areas for improvement and has a robust action plan in place to deliver these improvements.

5.0 PROGRESS

- 5.1 Since the meeting of the Alliance Board of 15 December 2015 progress has been made in the following areas;
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 - A cross-partner group has been established to develop a holistic approach to tackling the problems that are prevalent in Broomhill. This includes piloting some of the areas in the Improvement Plan noted as needing further development such as asset based approaches, community engagement, tackling inequalities, early intervention and information sharing.
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 - A presentation on the transition to Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership was delivered to a special meeting of the Alliance Board on 12 January by the Corporate Director of the Community Health and Care Partnership.
- 5.2 In addition, at its meeting on 13 February the Programme Board approved the appointment of new lead officers for the Repopulation and Environment Outcome Delivery Groups. This means that the spread of the community planning partners leading the delivery of the Alliance's local outcomes is as follows:

Group	Lead Officer	Organisation
Repopulation	Kevin Scarlett	River Clyde Homes
Successful Communities	Mark Shepherd	Police Scotland
Economic Regeneration & Employability	Alison Loveday / Brian Fleming	Scottish Enterprise / DWP
Health Inequalities	Brian Moore	CHCP
Alcohol Misuse	Deborah Gillespie	CHCP
Best Start in Life for Children and Young People	Patricia Cassidy	Inverclyde Council

The Community Empowerment Bill specifies that individual partners have a duty to work collaboratively and to take into account the plan for local outcomes when setting their individual priorities. The Bill also introduces a more robust accountability framework for CPPs. This proposed new structure for leading the Outcome Delivery Groups will help the Alliance demonstrate its commitment to fulfilling these responsibilities.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Legal: None
Finance: None
Personnel: None
Equality and Diversity:

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 None

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 Inverclyde Alliance Improvement Plan

1. Community Engagement, Empowerment and Asset Based approaches

	Where are we now?	Where do we want to be?	How will we get there (including timescale)?	How will we know we are getting there?	Who is responsible?	How much will it cost? Progress
1.1	<p>Asset based approaches, (i.e. communities are helping to deliver positive change using their own skills, knowledge and experiences) are being developed across the partnership e.g. Recovery Café, Young Offenders, Police and CHCP initiatives.</p> <p>Co-production approaches are rolling out across services, and multiagency training is taking place.</p>	<p>Reflecting an asset based approach better in the SOA if appropriate, using all the assets within Inverclyde's communities and partners, from physical assets to the skills and abilities which people have and can use to get better outcomes for themselves and their communities.</p>	<p>Carry out an audit of asset based approaches currently in place / being developed. (March 2015)</p> <p>Establish a co-production network. (March 2015)</p> <p>CECBN to review Community Engagement Strategy to reflect more asset based/co-production approaches. (May 2015)</p> <p>Further training to take place in regard to co-production. (ongoing)</p>	<p>SOA annual report can demonstrate case studies that reflect asset based approaches, as well as links to examples of asset based approaches.</p> <p>Successful Communities Outcome Delivery Plan progress reports reflect work taking place in the CPP on asset based approaches. Positive community feedback on service standards, usage, requirements</p>	<p>Chair of CECBN to request examples of asset based approaches from partners.</p> <p>Corporate Policy and Partnership Manager to develop SOA chapter.</p> <p>Chair of Successful Communities ODG to co-ordinate progress reports.</p>	<p>The Council's Community Learning and Development service have been working with communities to identify assets in neighbourhoods.</p>

	Where are we now?	Where do we want to be?	How will we get there (including timescale)?	How will we know we are getting there?	Who is responsible?	How much will it cost? Progress
1.2	Community engagement is set out as a core value for the SOA, with a chapter setting out how the CPP goes about engaging with communities. Whilst partners have utilised the Citizens' Panel as a form of community engagement there are no practical example of how partners work together to engage communities other than the reference to the Community Engagement and Capacity Building Network.	Reflecting more practical examples, in the SOA of partners working together to engage communities	<p>Community Engagement and Capacity Building Network will gather more examples of partnership engagement. (October 2015)</p> <p>SOA will feature a small number of case studies and more case studies will feature on the CPP pages of the Council's website (October 2015)</p> <p>Greater use of social media. (Ongoing)</p>	<p>SOA has a number of case studies included under the Community Engagement chapter</p> <p>Links will feature to additional information on the web</p>	<p>Maggie Paterson (lead)</p> <p>CECBN</p> <p>Corporate Policy and Partnership Manager</p>	Ongoing.

2. Tackling Inequalities

	Where are we now?	Where do we want to be?	How will we get there (including timescale)?	How will we know we are getting there?	Who is responsible?	Progress
2.1	<p>The SOA sets out clearly the inequalities between areas and the Outcome Delivery Plans set out joint plans, tasks and how services are co-ordinated, but there is little reflected across the SOA of particular plans at neighbourhood / locality levels.</p> <p>Work is underway to define set localities across the partnership and to build up data on the issues and assets that exist within these areas.</p>	<p>The SOA provides more examples of joint planning, tasking and co-ordinating and integrating service provision etc. at community levels highlighting the inequalities between areas.</p> <p>The partnership has a greater focus on those communities in most need, i.e. 15% most deprived neighbourhoods, and an agreement at what level this will be set out at and how to evidence this.</p>	<p>Review and agree locality areas. Develop placed based improvement plans for prioritised areas i.e. Broomhill, in the first instance. (July 2015)</p> <p>Align resources from different partners to these localities depending on the identified priorities. (July 2015)</p> <p>Develop a 'street by street' understanding of area (July 2015).</p> <p>Set out links to these improvement plans in the SOA. (October 2015)</p> <p>Each Outcome Delivery Group to highlight what focus they will take in the two priority areas.</p>	<p>Improved outcomes for residents in our most deprived neighbourhoods e.g. over time there should be changes in key measure in these areas included SIMD, Health, Poverty, Housing standards etc.</p> <p>Plans in place and being reported through the SOA Programme Board and Alliance Board.</p>	All CPP partners	<p>A presentation from Health Scotland on the fundamental causes of Health Inequalities has been delivered to the Programme Board and the Alliance Board. Presentations are also planned for each ODG. The purpose of this is to encourage each ODG to evaluate whether its work is actually having an impact on reducing inequalities.</p>

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			(July 2015)			
2.2	SOA Case Studies and performance indicators help to demonstrate the high level improvements made as a result of community planning partnership working.	<p>The Alliance can demonstrate how community planning has improved the lives of those living in Inverclyde and progress towards the delivery of outcomes at a more local level.</p> <p>There is an understanding of the positive impact that has been achieved.</p>	<p>The development of locality plans with more detailed information for each locality in Inverclyde will highlight changes at the local level over time. (July 2015)</p> <p>More regular use of case studies which highlight impact at a local level. (Ongoing)</p> <p>Co-location where possible. (ongoing)</p> <p>Further data sharing across partners. (ongoing)</p>	<p>Performance Indicators show positive improvement to the worst indicators, and a narrowing of inequality across areas.</p> <p>A reduction in the number of Inverclyde's datazones that fall within the most deprived 20% in Scotland.</p>	<p>Corporate Policy and Partnership.</p> <p>All partners.</p>	Pilot project with Broomhill area is helping to establish the kind of information available for locality plans. Draft information has been pulled together.

3. Joint Resourcing and Planning

	Where are we now?	Where do we want to be?	How will we get there (including timescale)?	How will we know we are getting there?	Who is responsible?	Progress
3.1	Early intervention and prevention is set out as a focus for the CPP in the SOA, but there are no details in regard to how partners are shifting resources, to reduce demand and to make savings.	<p>Developing a process to identify how partners are shifting planning and resources to early intervention and measuring success on reducing demand, costs and releasing savings.</p> <p>Resources are linked to outcome delivery plans, demonstrating how this joint resource and planning is delivering outcomes.</p>	<p>Finance officers from across partner organisations will meet to identify best way forward. (March 2015)</p> <p>Outcome Delivery Groups to identify how they can capture information on resource deployment. (March 2015)</p> <p>Links to Outcome Delivery Plans to be included in the SOA and information regularly updated on website. (October 2015)</p>	<p>Process set out for all partners to follow in regard to mapping resource use across the CPP in regard to prevention and early intervention.</p> <p>Outcome Delivery groups set out in progress reports information on resource deployment.</p> <p>Links feature in the SOA and ODGs and progress reports are updated on website.</p>	<p>Brian Moore Corporate Director</p> <p>SOA Lead officers to progress</p> <p>Corporate Policy and Partnership Manager</p>	One of the Alliance Board improvement workshops focussed on a discussion about the practicalities of mapping resources. It was agreed that some work would be undertaken at a project level to map joint resources. This is ongoing.

4. Leadership

	Where are we now?	Where do we want to be?	How will we get there (including timescale)?	How will we know we are getting there?	Who is responsible?	Progress
4.1	At present the Inverclyde Alliance does not have a robust body of evidence to demonstrate leadership in regard to Audit Scotland best value audit criteria.	<p>Leadership clearly targets and prioritises actions within the local priority areas to provide clear direction that will address specific concerns.</p> <p>Leadership promotes a strategic shift towards prevention and early intervention to ensure learning is spread across the CPP.</p>	<p>Using Audit Scotland reports identify the evidence looked for by Audit Scotland. (Dec 2015/ ongoing)</p> <p>Carry out a follow up mini PSIF assessment on Leadership with Alliance Board and Programme Board. Hold a facilitated Leadership workshop for the boards. (March 2015)</p> <p>Conduct a review of Governance arrangements to ensure that they remain fit for purpose. (July 2015)</p> <p>Ensure all organisations are appropriately</p>	A clear evidence base of leadership by the Alliance Board and Programme Board is available for audit purposes.	<p>Corporate Policy and Partnership Manager</p> <p>Alliance Board and Programme Board members</p>	Audit Scotland reports have been summarised and key issues highlighted to the SOA Programme Board and Alliance Board. Further work is planned in regard to developing a leadership workshop prior to a future meeting of the Alliance Board.

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			represented. (ongoing)			
4.2	Some partners have Inverclyde's SOA vision and outcome reflected in their plans and strategies e.g. SPT Transport Outcomes Report, Local Police Plan, Local Fire Plan	The Alliance's vision and outcomes are reflected in the plans and strategies of all partner organisations. Shared outcomes are linked to resource allocation.	Remaining partners identify whether they reflect the Alliance's vision and outcomes in their plans and strategies, and if not set out why this is not the case. (March 2015)	Reports are made by partners to the Alliance Board setting out how the vision and outcomes are reflected in their plans and strategies.	Alliance Board members	Complete. All partners have carried out brief presentations to the Alliance Board highlighting where they link into the delivery of the outcomes. Further work required as outlined above in regard to resource allocation.
4.3	It is not clear, from the perspective of Community Planning, how the Health and Social Care Partnership will interact with the CPP.	Partners understand the implications of any changes in setting up the Health and Social Care Partnership and a clear structure for interaction and reporting is agreed.	Reports and presentation to the Alliance Board by the CHCP/HSCP management. (March 2015) Workshops with partners to be held as appropriate. (From Jan 2015)	Clear structure set out within the Memorandum of Understanding and the SOA.	Corporate Director CHCP/HSCP	A presentation on the transition to Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership was delivered to a special meeting of the Alliance Board on 12 January by the Corporate Director of the Community Health and Care Partnership. Further presentations and reports will be made to the Board.
4.4	Whilst information sharing is improving across the partnership, there are still some barriers to sharing, which curtail the development of joint approaches to supporting families.	Clear case management approaches have been developed, where partners have agreed to confidentially share information to promote joint working.	Approaches are being developed via SOA 2 ODG, but leadership is required to push this through across various services and	Vulnerable families receive joined up services. Clear processes are in place for sharing	Alliance Board members	Discussion at the SOA Programme Board has identified a lead to take forward the development of tailored, co-ordinated support for families.

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			organisations. (October 2015)	information on a case by case basis.		
4.5	There are only two Lead Officers for SOA Outcome Delivery Groups who are not a Council employee.	The Alliance demonstrates a greater spread of partners taking the lead on the ODGs.	Alliance Board to discuss other possible lead officers. (Ongoing)	Better spread of partner lead officers for outcome delivery groups.	Alliance Board	Complete. New Lead Officers have been appointed for the Repopulation and Environment Outcome Delivery Groups. This provides a more representative balance of partners as Lead Officers. Details of the lead officer for each ODG is provided in the covering report.

5. Development of SOA/Themes

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5.1	<p>Over the 25 year population projections period to 2037, the age group that is projected to increase the most in size in Inverclyde is the 75+ age group. This is the same as for Scotland as a whole.</p> <p>There is not a specific outcome focussing on older people. Audit Scotland have raised this as an area of importance for CPPs.</p>	<p>The Alliance is assured that there is a sufficient focus on older people across the existing SOA and wellbeing outcomes.</p> <p>The CPP is more explicit about how in partnership it improves outcomes for older people.</p>	<p>Map of activity within the ODPs of what partnership activity is targeted towards older people. (June 2015)</p> <p>Look at the potential for development of additional actions targeted towards improving the lives of older people, and preparing for a larger number of people 75+ potentially requiring support. (June 2015)</p>	Map produced. SOA Programme Board discussions minuted	Corporate Policy and Partnership	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Presentation regarding Dementia Friendly Inverclyde to be made to Alliance Board.</p>
5.2	Audit Scotland have raised 'A Thriving, Diverse Economy' (former Council outcome) as an area of concern in the past in the Assurance and Improvement Plan and Members letter.	The Economic Regeneration/ Employability ODP is delivering improved outcomes.	Improve the evidence base for the delivery of the Economic Regeneration/ Employability outcome, including the development of case studies (ongoing).	Case studies produced. Performance reports highlight improvements.	Lead officer Economic Regeneration/ Employability	<p>Case studies have featured in the SOA Annual Report.</p> <p>Single Operating Plan for Riverside Inverclyde and Inverclyde Council Economic Development includes more evidence on Employability and Economic Regeneration.</p> <p>Revised Outcome Delivery Plan created.</p>