



Inverclyde Alliance

## UPDATED REPORT

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 5**

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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Inverclyde Alliance Board</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>17 June 2019</b>
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### **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, places a statutory responsibility on the Inverclyde Alliance to develop a Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP). The Inverclyde Local Outcomes Improvement Plan was approved by the Inverclyde Alliance at its Board Meeting on 11 December 2017.
- 2.2 The 2015 Act requires Community Planning Partnerships to annually review and report on progress towards their LOIP and locality plans, and keep the continued stability of these plans under review.
- 2.3 The 2018/19 annual report was approved by the Inverclyde Alliance Board in March 2019 and it highlights progress in achieving the ambitions of the Board throughout 2017/18, using performance data, examples of activity from the priority outcomes and an update in regard to locality planning to demonstrate how we are working together to improve local outcomes.
- 2.4 Based on the evidence and cross priority outcomes the Partnership Action Group leads have taken the opportunity to meet to discuss action within localities, to share outcome planning and funding opportunities.

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Alliance Board:
- notes the progress that has been made towards continuous improvement in achieving the LOIP priorities.
  - agrees that the Environment Partnership leads on the strategic theme of Greenspace and the subsequent actions.

**Aubrey Fawcett**  
**Chair, Programme Board**  
**Chief Executive, Inverclyde Council**

## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 Inverclyde's LOIP was formally approved by the Alliance Board at its meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December 2017. The LOIP contains three strategic priorities; Population; Reducing Inequalities and Environment, Culture and Heritage.
- 4.2 The 2018/19 annual report was approved by the Inverclyde Alliance Board in March 2019 and it highlights progress in achieving the ambitions of the Board throughout 2017/18, using performance data, examples of activity from the priority outcomes and an update in regard to locality planning to demonstrate how we are working together to improve local outcomes.
- 4.3 Two of the strategic priorities within the LOIP will be delivered by the Population Partnership and the Environment and Cultural Partnerships.
- 4.4 The reducing 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 Action Groups - Updates**

### **5.1 Lead Officers Group**

The lead officers from three of the priority groups have taken the opportunity to meet and discuss cross cutting themes and funding opportunities that would impact on achieving the Inverclyde Outcome Improvement Plans. It was agreed that the lead officers should prepare and develop a project proposal that is ready for any funding opportunity that may arise from external organisations and partners. Preparing a project proposal in advance of funding becoming available would enable consultation and engagement with local communities, services and organisations to ensure that it meets the needs and expectations of the communities and organisations. The group will meet again to plan and cost a proposal that will be ready for future funding opportunities.

### **5.2 Population Partnership**

The Repopulation Group has prepared an action plan to progress repopulation in Inverclyde including specific proposals against the budget allocation on £500,000 towards repopulation from earmarked reserves. The report by the consultants was circulated to the Alliance Board and sets out the social economic profile of Inverclyde in respect of demographic trends, labour market, businesses, input and output, workforce skills, housing market etc. It also sets out the strategic and policy context with respect to the implications of depopulation, national performances and the wider strategic environment.

- 5.3 The key findings which emerged from the study was the need to improve marketing and communication, grow the housing market, achieve growth in the private sector, drive the concept of Inverclyde as a region for all people, improve infrastructure and brand Inverclyde as centre for culture and leisure. There were specific concerns around the fragmented nature of marketing and the mixture of messages from different sources.

- 5.4 The action plan seeks to deliver a number of initiatives across marketing, growing the housing market, growing local jobs and enabling infrastructure, creating a place for people of all ages and creating a centre for culture and leisure. The various actions require partnership working but will be led by the most relevant individual or organisation. The action plan describes the specific actions with associated timescales and includes a budget allocation. In line with the priorities identified by the Group the most significant allocation is towards marketing and communication activities. It is significant to note however the overlap with the work of the cultural partnership and the need to capitalise on culture and leisure activities in respect of regeneration.

- 5.5 As part of the Glasgow City Region City Deal Inverclyde Council is investing in three projects;

### Ocean Terminal

An augmented Outline Business Case for Ocean Terminal was approved by the Glasgow City Deal Cabinet. This augmented Outline Business Case confirms the preferred solution for the Ocean Terminal building which includes an art gallery dedicated to George Wyllie and a restaurant. These elements of the building have been made possible through a donation from the Dunard Fund. In parallel with the augmented Outline Business Case, a final business case was approved for the implementation of the floating pontoon. All consents are now in place for the pontoon and Peel have awarded the construction contract. Peel are making provision for temporary passenger accommodation during the transition phase between the opening of the new pontoon and completion of the terminal.

### Former Power Station, Inverkip

Following extensive negotiations around the preferred junction improvements on the A78 between Scottish Government, Scottish Power (as owners of the site) and the Council, agreement has been reached and Scottish Power is now progressing detailed designs. These designs will be taken through contract preparation and tender following which a Final Business Case will be submitted by the Council to the City Deal Project Management Office.

### Inchgreen Dry Dock

Following engagement with Peel Ports and three other parties in respect of development at Inchgreen, a strategic business case was submitted and approved earlier this year. The proposals on site involve construction of vessels, marine engineering, fish processing and a fisheries training facility. Over 300 jobs are anticipated through these operations. Subject to negotiations with the interested parties, an Outline Business Case will be submitted later this year which will facilitate land accumulation and progression to Final Business Case.

## 5.3 **Environment Partnership**

The Environment Partnership has identified actions within the Inverclyde Active Living Strategy (2017-2022) previously endorsed by the Inverclyde Alliance. The Environment Partnership seek the agreement of the Alliance Board to lead on the strategic theme on Greenspace and actions in respect of:

- The Greenspace resource is improved within areas of greenspace to better facilitate activities such as walking, cycling and community gardens
- Inverclyde residents and visitors value and use areas of greenspace for health promoting activities
- Inverclyde residents and visitors make regular use of greenspace for commuting, play and leisure activities
- Residents and visitors to Inverclyde are aware of the greenspaces in their areas and know how to access them

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (The Act) Part 9 places a duty on every local authority to produce a food-growing strategy which must be published by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 that is within two years of Section 119 of The Act coming into force.

Part 9 of The Act lays a number of statutory duties on local authorities including:

- a requirement to have regard to any guidance issued by Scottish Ministers about the carrying out of functions set out in Part 9 of The Act (including the Food-growing strategy guidance and any other statutory guidance issued by the Scottish Ministers to local authorities regarding sections of Part 9;
- a duty to maintain an allotments waiting list;
- when certain trigger points of demand are reached, a duty to take reasonable steps to ensure: (1) that the number of people on a waiting list for an allotment does not exceed half the total number of allotments owned and leased by the authority; and (2) that a person on the list does not wait more than five years for an allotment;
- a requirement to make allotment site regulations;

- a duty to develop a food-growing strategy. This includes the identification of land for allotments and other community growing and describing how the authority will meet demand for such land; a duty to produce an allotments report for its area each year. This includes such matters as the location and size of each allotment site and the number of allotments on each site.

Whilst the Environment Partnership acknowledges the legislative drivers of The Act are with Inverclyde Council, there is consensus within the Partnership that the creation and delivery of the food growing strategy should be delivered in a partnership approach. This fits with the Scottish Government guidance which highlights 'Local authority officers should, in preparing the authority's food growing strategy, engage with a wide range of stakeholders' the guidance includes a list of appropriate stakeholders from public sector, community led organisations with an interest in food-growing and those community members with an interest in food-growing.

#### 5.4 **Cultural Partnership**

An update on the work of the Inverclyde Cultural Partnership and the draft Heritage Strategy for Inverclyde will be the subject of a separate report on the agenda of this meeting.

### 6.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Legal: none at present  
 Finance: none at present  
 Human Resources: none at present  
 Equality and Diversity: none at present  
 Population: Ppopulation 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