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Subject: Local Outcome Improvement Plan Progress Report November 2022 to
January 2023

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the LOIP Programme Board with a progress report on the implementation of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) 2017-2022.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 This report provides details of the progress made between November 2022 to January 2023 in implementing the priorities within the LOIP.

2.2 This report provides an update on progress in the four priority areas of the LOIP:

- Population
- Local Economy
- Inequalities
- Environment, Culture and Heritage

2.3 Progress has been made in the last quarter and some of the highlights include:

The Population Partnership have undertaken significant partnership working in relation to the Ukrainian refugee dispersal. A fortnightly meeting - Inverclyde Asylum Dispersal, Ukraine and Refugee Operational Group has been set up by the HSCP.

The Inverclyde Taskforce has been formed. To date there have been three meetings of the Taskforce supported by an officer group series of meetings. The Local Employability Partnership and the Economy Groups have both been refocused. The Economy Group will be expanded to concentrate on the ambitions of the Taskforce through the inclusion of local business representatives.

The Inequalities Partnership are aiding the implementation of a new Scottish Government funded Affordable Childcare pilot. This pilot is progressing in Port Glasgow and will operate until 31 March whereby a full evaluation will be submitted to Scottish Government.

The Environment Partnership have overseen Sustrans approve the Green Connections bid for the Greenock Central Link and Lady Octavia Park. The design options appraisal stage is due to have

been completed by 3rd February 2023. Your Voice Inverclyde has designed and distributed the community survey for Lady Octavia.

The Cultural Partnership have overseen Inverclyde Libraries win the Scottish Library and Information Council's Project of the Year Award for their involvement in the Climate Beacon's work.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that the Programme Board:

- a. Notes the progress update, and
- b. Agrees that an amended version of this report is considered by the March Alliance Board.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Inverclyde's LOIP was formally agreed by the Alliance Board on the 11th of December 2017. This progress report provides details of the progress that has been made in implementing the LOIP during the period November 2022 to January 2023.
- 4.2 Oversight and delivery of the LOIP priorities sits with the:
- Population and Economy Partnership
 - Inequalities Partnership
 - Environment Partnership
 - Cultural Partnership
- 4.3 This report provides updates on the progress made across all priorities in the last three-month period. The following flash reports are appended to this report:
- Population Partnership Appendix 1
 - Economic Partnership Appendix 2
 - Inequalities Partnership Appendix 3
 - Environment Partnership Appendix 4
 - Cultural Partnership Appendix 5

5.0 PARTNERSHIP UPDATES

5.1 Population Partnership Update

Under the ***Develop the Inverclyde Brand*** workstream, activity continues to be broadly in line with plan.

Within the ***Create Sustainable Communities, Primarily Through the Housing Offer*** workstream the key highlights are as follows:

- The Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) for 2023-2028 was approved by the Environment & Regeneration Committee. This includes a full programme of affordable housing development proposals over the next five years.
- The town centre master planning activity for both Greenock and Port Glasgow is rated amber based on project delay. A report for the Greenock Town Centre study will be shared with the Environment & Regeneration Committee in March 2023. A paper on the Port Glasgow review will be presented following the summer recess.
- There is excellent progress with the development of the Local Housing Strategy (LHS) Resident and community consultation was undertaken in the Autumn and a successful Conference event was conducted in November 2022. Activity is on track to deliver the LHS by the end of March 2023.

The key highlights within the ***Deliver a Net Inward Migration*** workstream include:

- Significant partnership working continues in relation to the demands of the Ukrainian refugee dispersal. The Inverclyde Asylum Dispersal, Ukraine and Refugee Operational Group meets fortnightly.
- There are approx. 130 Ukrainians living across Inverclyde through various schemes; and approx. 60 asylum seekers living in hotel accommodation.

- Local social landlords are providing details of available units to enable matching of people to properties.

There is no current letting capacity pressure for RSLs in Inverclyde to accommodate current/potential Inverclyde tenants as well as new people coming to Inverclyde. In addition to housing consideration, health, social care, education, and wider support capacity is subject to ongoing review.

Appendix 1 contains more detail across each workstream.

5.2 Local Economy Partnership Update

The Local Economy Partnership Group has continued to meet and consider the actions against the updated plan.

- The team continue to support businesses in relation to their property. To date the team have supported nine businesses, with a variety of property improvements, a further six companies have offer letters issued to them.
- In relation to employability performance has continued to improve from the difficult year of 2020/21. The tender has been concluded and contracts finalised for the 2022/23 and client delivery is progressing well across the four service providers against the contracted target figures.
- Job vacancies continue to be advertised locally and shared with local employability partners under the Inverclyde Works branding. Currently employment statistics are positive however these need to be treated with some caution as the job opportunities are only for job ready clients and those furthest from the labour market with barriers to employment need support.
- A significant number of Inverclyde organisations are accessing workforce development opportunities from short one day training initiatives to bespoke upskilling courses. Over 240 wage incentives have been issued. We have 34 long term unemployed clients, 23 Large Goods Vehicle clients, 20 graduate placements and two traineeships.
- The Council continues to progress well with this years' Modern Apprenticeship positions and continues to support those from previous years and those who are post qualification. Following the conclusion of a number of apprenticeships there are currently 69 apprentices "in programme". The composition of the 50 new apprenticeships are ten clients in business admin, two clients in waste management, one client in vehicle mechanics, one client in vehicle stores, one client in stores at the centre for independent living, 14 clients in horticulture, one school craft technician, and 20 clients in childcare.
- The Inverclyde Taskforce has been formed. To date there have been three meetings of the Taskforce supported by an officer group series of meetings. The Local Employability Partnership and the Economy Groups have both been refocused. The Economy Group will be expanded to concentrate on the ambitions of the Taskforce through the inclusion of local business representatives.
- Following the announcement by Amazon that they plan to close the Gourrock Fulfilment Centre there has been work via PACE (Partnership Action for Continuing Employment) to provide support and advice for those facing redundancy, as well as discussions via the Taskforce at a Ministerial level.

The bid to the UK Government's Levelling Up Fund to transform the heart of Greenock Town Centre was successful. This will create new civic spaces, a restructured more outward-looking town centre retail offer, improve links between various parts of the town centre and the waterfront and build in capacity for a potential new education/college facility or town centre housing.

5.3 Inequalities Partnership Update

There has been progress within the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership:

- MAT (Medication Assisted Treatment) Implementation continues with evidence base of SOPs, datasheets and experiential learning templates being completed as per Scottish Government requirements. Same day prescribing is available Monday to Friday. Choice of treatment is being offered and there is waiting time compliance.
- The recruitment of Support Officer and Information Analyst posts are underway to support requirements into Scottish Government to produce reports and evidence progress against outcomes.

There has been a range of updates relating to Poverty:

- Inverclyde Child Poverty Local Action report is currently in its 4th year of delivery providing a focus for children and families in relation to cost of living, income from employment and income from social security and engaging those with lived experience.
- Inverclyde Council and IJB has provided more than £1.8 million to support a range of local initiatives and projects to mitigate poverty and support the local community with the current cost of living crisis.
- The Inverclyde Financial Inclusion Strategy has been approved by Inverclyde Alliance in December 2022. The ongoing action plan will be implemented through the Financial Inclusion Partnership.

In relation to Active Inverclyde:

- An implementation group has been established, consisting of stakeholder such as local clubs and organisations, HSCP, Inverclyde Leisure, Inverclyde Council, sportscotland and some local young sport leaders.
- The implementation group has to consider the priority actions which will form the basis of an action plan. The action plan has been drafted and is now with management for approval.

There has been progress surrounding Mental Health, Wellbeing and Social Isolation:

- The Health Improvement Team are linking with third sector partners to promote improvements in physical and mental health.
- The Thrive Under Five nutritional plan is being developed.
- The development of the Stigma Training Programme continues. The first e-learning module is currently being developed.
- 10 organisations have received their Bereavement Charter Mark, currently the HSCP and Inverclyde Council, IRH and Larkfield View Nursing Home are in progress.

5.4 Environment Partnership Update

The Environment Partnerships focus has been the establishment of the Green Connections projects. The design option appraisal is almost due for completion as is the initial community engagement.

In addition to this the Peatland Project Officer for the Clyde Peatland project has been appointed and so the actions in the feasibility study can soon be implemented. Levelling Up funding has also been announced and this will help deliver across a number of our priorities.

There has also been positive action under the climate change activity as a paper was presented to the Council recommending support for the Edinburgh Declaration signalling their commitment to

deliver transformative actions in order to achieve the aims and ambitions set out in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

The climate change action however remains amber as more still needs to be done collectively to address this issue. It was agreed that this will be a standing item across all LOIP priority partnerships to raise its profile.

5.5 Cultural Partnership Update

Members will note that the Heritage Strategy has a RAG status of amber (slight slippage). This is mainly down to Covid. Heritage Fund funding streams were open only to emergency Covid funding through most of 2020 and 2021 and the bulk of the Strategy Action Plan is to be funded through funding bids.

The Galoshans Festival, now in its 8th year, was delivered from 21st-31st October 2022. During the 10 days of the festival there were over 30 overall programming strands, 27 performances, two exhibitions and 46 other public events which were successfully received.

The first digital Community Voices exhibition was trialled and preparation work for new shows for 2023 in the Watt Hall 'Clydebuilt' and Art Gallery 'Language of Dreams' has begun in the Watt Institution.

The Beacon celebrated its 10th Birthday with the RSNO's performance of its Viennese Gala on January 15th 2023 – a full and interesting programme of performances and community participatory activities have been planned for this celebratory year.

The independent evaluation of the Inverclyde Culture Collective is complete and covers first 18 months of activity April 2021 – September 2022. The report provides a base line for the impact of arts & culture in Inverclyde and a further report will be produced August 2023.

Inverclyde Libraries were successful in winning Scottish Library and Information Councils Project Excellence Award 2022 (in recognition of the libraries' input to the Climate Beacons project).

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

Population Partnership Flash Report

APPENDIX 1

November – January 2023
Lead Officer – Richard Turnock

Area of Activity	Where are we now	Where do we want to be?	How will we get there?	How will we know we are getting there?	Progress	RAG status		
<p>Develop the Inverclyde Brand</p> <p><i>Position Inverclyde as the place to visit, work and live.</i></p>	<p>Significant progress has been made, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Discover Inverclyde’ branding and website and social media presence (e.g. Business Gateway Inverclyde now on Facebook) • Successful Marketing and promotion activity and events (including housing engagement event) • Towns and Villages being supported to develop their presence through Recovery Plan funding • Greenock Ocean Terminal in progress. • Discover Inverclyde Tourism Partnership’ (new name) established group now looking to build engagement with sector. • Dedicated marketing team established. • STV advertising campaign launched. • Meliora festival created. 	<p>The ‘Discover Inverclyde’ theme is the default marketing brand for tourism and visitors and existing population.</p>	Continual enhancement of the marketing activity.	<p>Council has signed up to STEAM reports for the next three years to establish baseline figures for tourism development</p>	Ongoing	G		
			Investment in the promotion activities to build the Discover Inverclyde theme		Ongoing			
				<p>The Discover Inverclyde website is considered the main, trusted reliable source of what to do in Inverclyde.</p>	Create a new Discover Inverclyde marketing toolkit	<p>Measure participation rates by local businesses and venues</p>	<p>Currently being reviewed as part of business engagement and a new refreshed tourism strategy action plan has been developed (with a report to Policy and Resources Committee on 31 January 2023)</p>	G
					Drive use of marketing toolkit, promoting the Discover Inverclyde theme,			Measure attendance at events and participation rates
				<p>Inverclyde is considered not only a tourist destination but also a place to work and live.</p>	Enhance social media presence, including marketing out with Inverclyde.	Measure hits/reach/retweets etc.	Social media dedicated to Discover Inverclyde theme in place and being actively promoted.	G
					Partnership working including Visit Scotland, Scottish Tourism Alliance + other local authorities.	Ongoing tracking by Discover Inverclyde Tourism Partnership	Ongoing. LOIP now includes Visit Scotland representation. Seeking more private sector partner involvement Meetings of local partnership group currently on hold due to lack of attendance by private sector partners – plans to renew in 2023 based on focussed themes.	G
					Deliver targeted marketing strategy (inc. TV, Discover Scotland Expo.)	Focus on 22/23 initiatives, inc. food and drink; film and TV; outdoor activities, sports, cruise ships, heritage and walking	Delivery of cruise seminars and targeted promotion of outdoor activities is now complete.	G

Area of Activity	Where are we now	Where do we want to be?	How will we get there?	How will we know we are getting there?	Progress	RAG status
<p>Create Sustainable Communities, primarily through the housing offer</p> <p><i>Address the private and social housing requirements, helping retain and attract new people to the area</i></p>	<p>Significant progress has been made, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of a review of private housing land supply Plans to deliver > 1,000 new social housing units (> 50% completion to date) Ongoing work on the Eastern Gateway Opportunities Preparatory work on Town Centre Plans for Port Glasgow and Greenock Town Centre 	<p>Short to medium term Delivery of a private and social housing solution that provides retention and attraction of new families to Inverclyde.</p>	Delivery of Private Housing New build.	<p>This is addressed through the Local Development Plan/SHIP.</p> <p>Regular measurement against planned progress for both private and social housing plans.</p>	<p>Revised SHIP approved at January 2023 Environment & Regeneration Committee.</p>	G
			Delivery of Social Housing New build.			G
			Consideration of appropriate incentives (e.g. Lower council tax, subsidised nursery, leisure facilities etc.)	Uptake in any available funding		Ongoing
		Develop New Local Housing Strategy	LHS Development aimed for March 2023.	LHS Development Conference held in Nov 2022.	G	
		Progress Local Development Plan			Informed by changes to Scottish national planning Framework	Ongoing
		Progress Port Glasgow Town Centre Plan	Inverclyde Council/ Committee governance + partner input	Paper to Environment & Regeneration Committee anticipated after summer recess.	A	
		Progress Greenock Town Centre Plan		Paper due to be presented to the Environment & Regeneration Committee in March 2023.	A	
		Consider other wider opportunities for regeneration and ad hoc projects.	Measures include e.g. utilisation of strategic acquisition funding (Rental Off the Shelf funding) plus any other transformational funding.	Ongoing	G	
		Partnership working with appropriate lobbying activity.			G	

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<p>Deliver a net inward migration</p> <p><i>Create a net flow of population through strategic initiatives</i></p>	<p>Key achievements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Various resettlement Schemes have enabled immigration from Afghanistan and Syria in particular. 37 new families now housed and settled within Inverclyde 	<p>Ensure that Inverclyde is considered as a location of choice for future New Scots.</p>	<p>Ongoing collaboration between Inverclyde Alliance partners (HSCP News Scots Team + Social landlords + Education etc. Partnership working with the Scottish Refugee Council/UK Government</p>	<p>Measure the extent of both initial and sustained settlement within Inverclyde.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>G</p>
		<p>Ensure we attract and retain families who settle in Inverclyde</p>	<p>Support the resettlement of an additional 16 families through the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS) by March 2022.</p> <p>Asist the acclimatization, supporting the enhancement of language skills and finding work, thus enabling rapid self-sufficiency and social integration in our communities.</p>	<p>Ongoing delivery of any commitment to Scottish Refugee Council/ Scottish Government.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>As at Jan 20203, there are approx. 130 Ukrainians living across Inverclyde through various schemes; and approx. 60 asylum seekers living in hotel accommodation.</p>	<p>G</p>
		<p>Net inward migration not only about New Scots (other population inflow predominately via supported by wider Repopulation initiatives).</p>	<p>Partnership collaboration to ensure successful dispersal of Ukrainian refugees. This includes provision of private and social housing (existing voids) together with short term accommodation e.g. hotels.</p>	<p>Meet the demands of dispersal within Inverclyde</p>	<p>Multi agency approach is ongoing.</p>	<p>G</p>
			<p>Funding of two new temporary employment roles to address retention challenges associated with Young people and Ukrainian refugees. Posts likely to be established within Inverclyde Council and Scottish Refugee Council.</p>	<p>Successful appointment and delivery of respective remits of both roles.</p>	<p>Job descriptions are in development. Initial discussions have taken place on how these roles will best fit within current and planned provision to avoid duplication.</p>	<p>G</p>

Economy Partnership Flash Report

APPENDIX 2

November – January 2023

Lead Officer – Stuart Jamieson

Area of activity	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?	Progress	RAG Status
Promote business starts	Tripartite business gateway contract	Inverclyde business start-ups exceed the wider Renfrewshire rate	Promotion of Services	Annual review	Progress has followed the positive trend of the 2 years with 150 starts to date	G
Property development / assistance	We want to ensure that premises are available both to indigenous companies and incoming businesses	Premises are available to suit a variety of different needs	Promotion of available properties through property searches and assistance in works	Reduce number of voids	The team continue to support businesses in relation to their property. To date the team have supported 9 businesses.	G
Employability	Inverclyde Council and partners ensure that effective IREP engagement takes place.	Better engagement	Regular meetings and partnership working	Effective engagement amongst partners	The Local Employability Partnership has been meeting on a monthly basis from the start of the year and a draft 3 year Delivery Plan has been produced. Following the announcement by Amazon that they plan to close the Gourock Fulfilment Centre there has been work via PACE (Partnership Action for Continuing Employment) to provide support and advice for those facing redundancy, as well as discussions via the Taskforce.	G
Employability Pipeline	Inverclyde Council has 4 employability contracts to deliver end-to end pipeline activity.	Impact of Covid and other factors reduced to ensure maximum opportunities for all.	Contract delivery on an annual basis	Contract monitoring	Performance has continued to improve from the difficult year of 2020/21. The tender has been concluded and contracts finalised for the 2022/23. 4 contracts have been awarded for 2022/23. Performance for the final quarter resulted in full contract spend. Contract performance is satisfactory	G
Jobs Recovery Plan	Programme commenced in April 2021	Full delivery of programme by April 2023	Deployment of comprehensive Jobs Recovery Programme	Regular reporting to Committee and Alliance.	Job Recovery Plan continues to progress well. Job vacancies continue to be advertised locally and shared with local employability partners under	G

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					the Inverclyde Works branding. Over 240 wage subsidies have been issued.	
Workforce Development	Skills gaps exist within the workforce	Skills gaps has been removed from workforce	Engagement and delivery of programmes to ensure the workforce becomes more productive and efficient	Delivery of programmes Regular monitoring	A significant number of Inverclyde organisations are accessing workforce development opportunities from short one day training initiatives to bespoke upskilling courses. A primary support is our Flexible Workforce Development Fund which is available for both SMEs and larger employers to upskill and reskill their workforce to meet changing organisational needs. To date the College has delivered over £500k worth of employee led training across the West Region covering a range of organisations from across the public, private and third sector who have had a demand for skills development in: Leadership and Management Masterclasses, Digital and IT skills enhancement, Mental Health Awareness, Health and Safety, Coaching and Development training, and British Sign Language.	G
Modern apprentices	West College Scotland and Inverclyde Council deliver modern apprenticeship programmes	Modern apprenticeships programmes are maximised for client use	Regular liaison within IREP	Regular reporting on modern apprenticeship numbers	The Council continues to progress well with this years' MA positions and continues to support those from previous years and those who are post qualification. The council currently have 69 apprentices in programme.	G

Inequalities Partnership Flash Report

November to January 2023
Lead Officer – Allen Stevenson

APPENDIX 3

Area of activity	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?	Progress	RAG Status
Alcohol and Drugs Lead officer Anne Malarkey	Drug use is one of the leading causes of death and ill health in the most deprived parts of Inverclyde	Inverclyde is a Place Where Less Harm is Caused by alcohol and drug use.	Delivery of the ADP priorities and recovery strategy Contribute to the review of the Inverclyde Licensing policy	Outcomes reported to ADP Committee Reduction in deaths Reduction in associated ill health Reduction in associated hospital admissions	<p>MAT (Medication Assisted Treatment) Implementation continues with evidence base of SOPs, datasheets and experiential learning templates being completed as per Scottish Government requirements. Same day prescribing is available Monday to Friday. Choice of treatment is being offered and there is waiting time compliance.</p> <p>The recruitment of Support Officer and Information Analyst posts are underway to support requirements into Scottish Government to produce reports and evidence progress against outcomes.</p> <p>The Liaison Team secured 5 year funding to continue roll out of assertive outreach model.</p> <p>Naloxone roll out continues as part of a wider harm reduction programme.</p> <p>The ADP Spending Plan is complete.</p> <p>The alcohol pathway and needs assessment was developed in partnership.</p> <p>There has been an increase in resource and change model for Blood Borne Virus testing and treatment.</p> <p>Initial reporting from Early Help in Police Custody test of change has been received.</p> <p>In relation to the Residential Rehabilitation Referral Pathway recruitment to posts is in progress.</p>	G

<p>Poverty Child poverty Fuel poverty Financial inclusion Food poverty Lead Officer Craig Given/ Tony McEwan</p>	<p>Inverclyde has the most deprived SIMD area in Scotland.</p>	<p>Levels of poverty in Inverclyde are reduced.</p>	<p>Partnership working to improve employment opportunities, maximize household income Review and deliver new financial inclusion strategy.</p>	<p>Outcome reporting on Child Poverty Action Plan. Outputs and contract monitoring from commissioned services e.g. Iheat Evidence delivery of council anti-poverty programmes.</p>	<p>Between October 2021 and September 2022 there were 34,700 economically active residents between the age of 16 – 64 living in Inverclyde, of those, 76.6% were in employment compared to Scotland's figure of 74.4%. 1,300 (3.4%) residents between of 16 – 64 years were unemployed. Scotland's figure was 3.5%. Based on data collected by DWP and HMRC, the percentage of children in households below 60% median, before housing costs in Inverclyde is 17.6% in Inverclyde.</p> <p>Inverclyde Child Poverty Local Action report is currently in its 4th year of delivery providing a focus for children and families in relation to Cost of Living, Income from Employment and Income from Social Security and Engaging those with lived experience. https://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/assets/attach/15225/5362-Child-local-poverty-action-report-22.pdf</p> <p>This person centered, place based approach to Child Poverty has created an opportunity for Inverclyde to become an early adopter community for Affordable Childcare by Scottish Government. This pilot is progressing in Port Glasgow and will operate until 31 March whereby a full evaluation will be submitted to Scottish Government.</p> <p>Inverclyde Council and IJB has provided more than £1.8 million to support a range of local initiatives and projects to mitigate poverty and support the local community with the current cost of living crisis. These initiatives include; enhanced criteria to the doubling of the Scottish Government child payment, support for males living in the most deprived data zones to increase their employability and employment opportunities, mitigating food insecurity by establishing two local pantries, supporting local foodbanks and community organisations to open and support communities with food and fuel vouchers. All the Anti Poverty initiatives and any additional projects to mitigate poverty are reported to each Policy and Resources Committee for progress updates.</p> <p>The Inverclyde Financial Inclusion Strategy has been approved by Inverclyde Alliance in December 2022. The ongoing action plan will be implemented through the Financial Inclusion Partnership.</p>	<p>A</p>
<p>Active Inverclyde Lead Officer Tony McEwan</p>	<p>Inverclyde residents are less likely to be active than those in the rest of NHSGGC and</p>	<p>The people of Inverclyde are more active and maintain activity throughout</p>	<p>Work in partnership with Inverclyde Leisure, NHSGGC health improvement</p>	<p>Evidence delivery of outcomes associated with Active Inverclyde Strategy. Decrease in ill health associated with low levels of activity will be</p>	<p>An Implementation Group has been established, consisting of stakeholders such as local clubs and organisations, HSCP, Inverclyde Leisure, Inverclyde Council, sportscotland and some local young sport leaders. The implementation group has met to consider the priority actions which will form the basis of an action plan. The action plan has been drafted and is now with management for approval. It is the intention to move forward with the action plan following approval with an Implementation Group meeting pencilled in for February with view of raising awareness to wider stakeholders thereafter.</p>	<p>A</p>

	Scotland as a whole.	the life course.	services, local third sector.	evidenced in local health needs assessment.		
Mental wellbeing & social isolation Lead Officer Alan Best/ Charlene Elliot	Post Covid services continue to support our community through mainstream services	People of Inverclyde are supported to reconnect socially and emotionally .	Utilise recovery money, Public Mental health recovery funding and Wellbeing fund monies Develop suicide prevention plan Develop Inverclyde cares movement. Community Link workers in GP practices.	Reported outcomes from associated funding streams. Self-reported outcomes from upcoming NHSGGC Health & Wellbeing Survey. What Matters to You Survey Care Opinion Feedback.	<p>The Health Improvement Yeam are linking with third sector partners to promote improvements in physical and mental health.</p> <p>The Thrive Under Give nutritional plan is being developed</p> <p>The New Scots Team are supporting Ukrainian nationals and dispersal accommodation for Asylum Seekers on behalf of the COSLA and The UK Home office</p> <p>Development of the Stigma Training Programme continues. The first e-learning module is currently being developed. Funded via the NHSGGC Healthy Minds Anti-Stigma Fund, the module explores the stigma people from ethnic minorities and New Scots experience. The resource is being co-created with people in the community who have experience of this type of stigma and will be available to test mid-March 2023.</p> <p>10 organisations have received their Bereavement Charter Mark, currently the HSCP and Inverclyde Council, IRH and Larkfield View Nursing Home are in progress. The No One Grieves Alone festival potential dates are 17th-24th April 2023. 2 artists have been recruited and will develop artwork around bereavement and things we keep when someone dies. The Inverclyde Bereavement Network has been established. The winner of a poster presentation at the Bereavement Education Annual Conference in November 2022 was 'The Bereavement Charter Mark for Employers – a pilot in Inverclyde'.</p> <p>The Kindness Award was launched 13 November 2022. To date, 145 awards have been distributed. 10 organisations have received bronze award and one has achieved silver (CVS Inverclyde).</p> <p>The Covid Community Memorial Remembering Together Phase 1 is almost complete and phase 2 will commence by March 2023.</p>	G

Environment Partnership Flash Report

APPENDIX 4

November to January 2023
Lead Officer – Kerry Wallace

Area of activity	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?	Progress	RAG Status
Connectivity	It is currently difficult for Inverclyde residents to engage in active travel with gaps in provision and poor infrastructure.	There will be an increase in the number of Inverclyde residents who take part in walking and cycling for everyday journeys and recreation.	<p>Improve cycle paths and walking routes through the development of:</p> <p>Active Travel Strategy (complete 2018 and adopted by council – delivery of action plan in progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposed Green Connections project (by 2025) 	Statistics from Community Tracks; and Statistics from Bike Bothy.	<p>Levelling Up funding has been awarded to Greenock Central of £19,390,00 for a transformational Town Centre Regeneration Project seeking to address fundamental place-based challenges created by the negative legacy of roads infrastructure and will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demolish the elevated A78 dual-carriageway that currently runs through the town centre, along with 40% of the existing Oak Mall retail space to remove severance and associated negative place perceptions, adverse environmental quality, rebalance retail space requirements and put the ‘heart ‘ back into the town centre. - Replace with a new high quality urban public realm, based around public squares and greenspace animated by activity created by mixed-use development, with priority given to pedestrian movement, place-making, and opportunities for follow-on investment. - The elevated A78 trunk road will be replaced by an at-grade street with full active travel integration, remodelled as an urban signalised junction incorporating pedestrian / cycle crossings. 	A
Healthier Lifestyles	Only four in ten (39%) adults met the current physical	Those living in the most deprived localities in Inverclyde will be more physically active and enjoy improved wellbeing	Establish links between health and environment	HSCP attend Environment Partnership and	The Green Connections project is undertaking the design options appraisal stage which is due to have been	

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	<p>activity recommendations and just over a third (35%) of secondary school pupils meet the target of taking 60 minutes or more of physical activity on five or more days per week. (Inverclyde Child and Youth Health and Wellbeing Survey 2013).</p>		<p>professionals - Develop green gyms, community growing.</p> <p>Community food growing. Establish an Environmental Network</p>	<p>Environment network.</p> <p>Inverclyde Life could be a digital platform to raise awareness of opportunities in which communities and individuals can become involved in.</p>	<p>completed by 3rd February. Your Voice Inverclyde has designed the community survey for Lady Octavia to Greenock Town Centre, they have mailed it out and are promoting it on social media and holding community engagements events, all to be completed by 3rd February. The survey programme for Overton to Greenock Town Centre has started, to be completed by 3rd March. The Preliminary Design Stage will begin the following week with key stakeholder events.</p>	A
Land Use and Management	<p>The percentage of derelict land increased from 17% to 51% in 2016. 80% of the increase in derelict land related to two large sites, the Former Inverkip Power Station site and Valley Park, Spango Valley.</p>	<p>Inverclyde residents will have access to good quality and multifunctional greenspace close to where they live (the importance of this priority has been heightened as a result of the COVID-19 lockdown)</p> <p>Derelict land will be transformed in key communities to provide multiple benefits for people and nature</p>	<p>Develop a Greenspace Strategy.</p>	<p>By periodically measuring the number of people within a 5 minute walk of a good quality useable greenspace (this is line with a new national indicator on access to greenspace).</p> <p>Performance measures: The number of people within 400m of quality green space.</p>	<p>See Green Connections update above. Greenspace Strategy is still on hold due to resource restrictions. Clyde Peatland Project Officer has successfully been recruited with likely start date of early April. This means that the actions identified from feasibility studies can be progressed.</p>	A

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Climate Change		Inverclyde's contribution to climate change will be well on its way to ending by 2045 and the transition to a just and net zero economy will be well established.	Inverclyde Council are developing a Carbon neutral/net zero strategy and from this we will identify actions we can take forward which is likely to include those actions we are already undertaking.		<p>A paper was presented to the Council recommending support for the Edinburgh Declaration signaling their commitment to deliver transformative actions in order to achieve the aims and ambitions set out in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.</p> <p>All CPP priorities to consider Net Zero and the climate and biological emergency in the work that they do.</p>	A

Cultural Partnership – Flash Report

November to January 2023
Lead Officer – Ruth Binks

Cultural Partnership - LOIP 10 Year Vision

- There will be increased attendance at cultural events and places of culture.

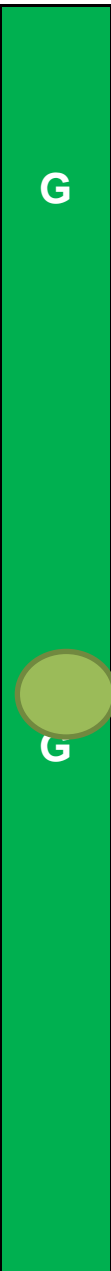
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Heritage Strategy	With funding from the Heritage Lottery, ICP commissioned developed, and published a Heritage Strategy for Inverclyde.	Partnership working to develop, enhance and deliver the strategy, building a network and legacy.	Funding bid to deliver elements of the Action Plan that cannot be delivered within existing resources.	Action plan priorities and objectives taken forward with identified outcomes being successfully implemented.	<p>Funds to procure a consultant to work up a funding bid (c. £250K) have been secured from Council recovery funding, and bid match funding has been secured from Council earmarked reserves. The procurement process has begun.</p> <p>Progress reports on this bid will be brought to future Programme Board/Alliance Board meetings.</p> <p>Inverclyde Heritage Network have continued with monthly talks on Zoom and blog posts on the IHN website with a variety of themes linked to Inverclyde. A date has been confirmed for 2023 Heritage Fair an opportunity to encourage more people to engage with local heritage, as Saturday 20th May 2023 at the Watt Institution.</p> <p>Members will note that the Heritage Strategy has a RAG status of amber (slight slippage). This is mainly down to Covid. Heritage Fund funding streams were open only to emergency Covid funding through most of 2020 and 2021 and the bulk of the Strategy Action Plan is to be funded through funding bids.</p>	A

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Arts and Creativity Strategy	<p>Inverclyde's Arts & Creativity Strategy launched in 2017 but did not contain an Action Plan to take the Strategy forward.</p> <p>Arts sub-group have developed an action plan to complement the Arts & Creativity Strategy.</p>	<p>Arts & Creativity Strategy and action plan being implemented with actions being delivered;</p> <p>Arts sub-group feeding in to overall Cultural Partnership and cultural delivery plan for the area.</p>	<p>Maintain regular meetings of the Arts & Creativity sub-group, ensuring representation across Inverclyde.</p>	<p>Meetings take place consistently and attendance by all partners remains high.</p> <p>Regular review of members of partnership.</p>	<p>Alliance Board approved the Arts Action Plan running alongside the Arts & Creativity Strategy on 14 June 2021.</p> <p>Inverclyde Council, in partnership with CVS Inverclyde, Beacon Arts Centre, RIG Arts, and Kayos Theatre Group successfully applied to Creative Scotland's 'Culture Collective' funding stream for £275K over 18m to assist with delivery of many of the aspirations on the Arts Action Plan and also Covid-19 recovery. The original Inverclyde Culture Collective (ICC) project runs from March 2021-September 2022, overseen by the ICC Steering Group and the Cultural Partnership. Reports on progress will be part of Cultural Partnership reporting as the project progresses.</p> <p>Culture Collective is now being extended until Sep 2023 with Inverclyde receiving a further £198,000 of funding from Creative Scotland.</p> <p>Activities carried out in this reporting period include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative Practice in Health and Social Care: Exploring Health, Illness, Disability and Long Term Conditions in Inverclyde Aniela Piasecka was selected to embark on a creative listening and response project working with, Port Glasgow Health Centre and the health improvement team to inquire and respond to themes of Health, Illness, Disability and Long Term Conditions in Inverclyde • Creative Practice in Health and Social Care Settings (Inverclyde Cares) "No One Grieves Alone" Research and Development Residency Responding to themes of loss, grief, or death as part of Inverclyde Cares 2023 "No One Grieves Alone" event programme. Steven Anderson and Laura Bradshaw have been commissioned for the work • Inverclyde Culture Collective first event "Creative Connect" took place on Tuesday 6th December - 2 more informal local artist networking events to happen • Next Call Outs being developed and soon to be advertised: <u>2023</u> 	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">G</p>

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Festivals and events	Develop calendar of current and emerging arts, culture & heritage festivals and events including those within individual communities.	Work to develop, create, deliver and support arts, culture & heritage events across Inverclyde, both by ICP members themselves, and by building capacity within communities. Effective use of public spaces and venues to support co-ordination of events.			<p><u>Galoshans 2022</u>: A consortium led by RIG Arts and CVS Inverclyde successfully received £83,441 from Creative Scotland and £4,000 from Event Scotland to run this year's festival. It was creatively produced by FERAL Arts. Total number of performances or days of exhibition: 10 days, over 30 overall programming strands, 27 performances, 2 exhibitions and 46 'other public events.</p> <p>In terms of numbers involved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artists & Creative Practitioners: Estimate: 42 / Actual: 120 • Participants: Estimate: 448 / Actual: 1614 • Audiences: Estimate 4800 / Actual: 5778 • Online/Digital Audiences: Estimate: 600 / Actual: 600 Readers/Viewers/Listeners: Estimate: 320 / Actual: 170 (ongoing) • Overall: Estimate 6210 / Actual: 8282 <p>Light Up the Glen - 9th Dec'22 Inside Out - Inverclyde Culture Collective, Creative Scotland 363 people walked the Auchmountain Glen lit up and filled with art installations and elves. There were performances from Lily Carmen Smith- Playmobile and Christmas arts & crafts. George Wyllie's Monarch of the Auchmountain Glen posed as Rudolph for the evening and free hot drinks and snacks. Local volunteers from The Auchmountain Glen Project gritted pathways and helped secure the area.</p> <p>The Drying Green – 13th December Inverclyde Council Community Grants Fund A community Christmas Event RIG Arts in partnership with Inverclyde Council Libraries. Wreath Making, Card making, herbal balms, Carol Singing with The Clydeside Singers and hot soup by Rambling Recipes</p> <p>The Alternative Burns Supper Trail –The Alternative Burns Supper Trail is a precursor for Burns Night taking visitors on a creative, sensory walk through the natural landscape of Gourrock and Lunderston Bay.</p>	G
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<p>Key Cultural Venues</p>	<p>Central Greenock has 2 major cultural venues: the Watt Institution, and the Beacon Arts Centre, and a third which will open in early 2023 - the Wyllie Gallery. Inverclyde's 6 public libraries also provide cultural spaces within communities.</p>	<p>All 4 centres are represented at the Cultural Partnership and will work together to maximize cultural opportunities for the people of, and visitors to, Inverclyde.</p>		<p>Each centre will report increasing visitor numbers.</p> <p>Cultural participation in Inverclyde will increase.</p>	<p>The <u>Watt Institution</u> continues to attract visitors to existing exhibitions guest curated by Dr Emma Bond of St Andrews University and the internationally acclaimed artist Alison Watt respectively. An exhibition featuring the Abolitionists who spoke against slavery in Greenock was launched as part of Black History Month. The Great Place Scheme 'Lockdown Life' exhibition exhibited. First digital Community Voices exhibition trialled and preparation work for new shows for 2023 in the Watt Hall 'Clydebuilt' and Art Gallery 'Language of Dreams' has begun. Work has also started to create a new, dedicated Egyptian gallery on site and a new dedicated digital exhibition space for use by the community. The Creativity Space has been officially launched. Work has begun to start of a programme of conservation assessments on the collection. Watt Institution presence on the Bloomberg Connects App has also been launched.</p> <p><u>The Beacon Arts Centre –</u> Highlights from the previous quarter include: a full and interesting programme of performances including local productions May Hughes Dance; Alba Ballet – The Nutcracker; Greenock Light Opera Club – Shrek!; The Gang Show; Greenock Players – The Sleeping Beauty Plus performances by Vincent Simone – Tango Passions, Marti Pellow – Pellow Talk, Jill Jackson and Beacon Jazz Club Creative Carbon Scotland launched its Springboard programme, attended by a number of local organisations. Filming of Annika – Series 2 concluded early December The Aladdin pantomime was a great success over the Christmas period.</p> <p><u>The Beacon celebrated its 10th Birthday with the RSNO's performance of its Viennese Gala on January 15th 2023.</u> Scheduled January performances are Bye Bye Baby, Beacon Jazz Club, Ashara – Jason Wilson Big Band, The Legends of American Country and the launch of Classical Concert Series</p> <p>The Beacon also hosted several participation opportunities including Beacon Youth theatre, Creatability, Platinum Dance, Beacon Art Group, Inverclyde women Create, Beacon Befriending. Beacon nominated by a parent of a Creatability participant for a Kindness Award.</p>
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Climate Emergency	<p>The culture sector can contribute creatively to the challenges of climate change and climate justice.</p> <p>Inverclyde successfully bid to be a “Climate Beacon” with funding from Creative Carbon</p>	<p>The Inverclyde Climate Beacon will focus on the roles of climate change mitigation and adaptation as part of Inverclyde’s recovery from Covid.</p>	<p>The vision for the Climate Beacon is to produce and promote an exciting programme of activities to shape attitudes, concepts, and skills to help Inverclyde achieve carbon net</p>	<p>Partners jointly create or commission artistic work; engagement work; and development work to highlight the climate emergency and environmental issues.</p> <p>Awareness of climate issues is</p>	<p>Creative Carbon Scotland confirmed in June 2021 that Inverclyde would be 1 of 6 Scottish Climate Beacons and have provided c.£30K of funding to support the programme.</p> <p>This work is now complete and evaluated. Create Carbon Scotland announced in December a potential funding opportunity that to distribute to the Climate Beacon partnerships to fund further work -TBC. The first of the Creative Carbon Scotlands “SPRINGBOARD: local assemblies for creative climate action took place in the Beacon on 8th Nov 2022</p>	C

	<p>Scotland, in an application led by the Beacon Arts Centre and involving various cultural partners including Inverclyde Libraries, RIG Arts, Belville Community Garden amongst others.</p>		<p>zero. In the lead up to COP26, the project partners will host and present participatory, interactive and social events to engage local communities in discussions on climate change.</p>	<p>raised in Inverclyde.</p>		
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Challenges this quarter: Nov 2022 - Jan 2023

Visitor figures beginning to recover, however revenue income may take some time to increase back to pre-Covid levels.

Next steps Feb – April 2023:

Inverclyde’s cultural sector continues to offer exciting and low cost ways for communities and individuals to participate in arts, culture and heritage.