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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Alliance 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 February and April 2023 in implementing the priorities within the LOIP.

- 2.2 This report provides an update on progress across the priority areas of the LOIP:

- Population
- Local Economy
- Inequalities
- Environment
- Culture and Heritag

- 2.3 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 Local Economy Partnership noted that a significant number of Inverclyde organisations are accessing workforce development opportunities from short one day training initiatives to bespoke upskilling courses.

The Inequalities Partnership continue their work in various workstreams, these include:

- Offering assertive areas of service delivery to engage with harder to reach individuals finding it difficult to remain or engage in treatment within Inverclyde who are experiencing harm from alcohol and/or drugs,
- Development of the Child Poverty Local Action Plan Year 4,
- Development of Active Inverclyde Strategy Action Plan, and
- Undertaking a mental health and wellbeing consultation.

The Environment Partnership's focus continues to be the Green Connections projects. The draft analysis for new cycling infrastructure to connect Lady Octavia Sports Centre and Greenock Town Centre has been submitted with final route report due by end of June.

The Culture and Heritage Partnership have overseen RIG Arts being awarded £344,478 from the Investing in Communities Fund. This Scottish Government funding will support a part time engagement officer and a greening officer and a regular programme of creative interventions for the community with no barriers to access.

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 It is recommended that the Alliance Board:

- a. Notes the quarterly progress update.

**Louise Long**  
**Chair, Programme Board**  
**Chief Executive, Inverclyde Council**

## 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 February to April 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
- 4.4 It should be noted that this is the final version of this reporting format due to the implementation of the new Partnership Plan. The outstanding actions from this report will be included in the new Action Plan.

## 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 updates are as follows:

- 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 June 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). A summary of the LHS was presented at an All Members' Briefing in May and all key social landlords participated in Q&A.

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

- Significant partnership working continues through the fortnightly Inverclyde Asylum Dispersal, Ukraine and Refugee Operational Group,
- There are approx. 144 Ukrainians living across Inverclyde through various schemes; and approx. 56 asylum seekers living in hotel accommodation,
- Local social landlords are providing details of available units to enable matching of people to properties,
- As at May 2023, collaborative working between Inverclyde Council and social landlords has resulted in 30 social housing units receiving funding for refurbishment to support the Ukraine

dispersal. There is the prospect of further funding beyond this initial phase, and we are assessing the potential for more social housing units to be offered to the Ukraine dispersal programme, and

- Part of the remaining budget has been earmarked to support a 'Refugee Integration Officer' post. This is ranked Amber due to delays in developing proposals for this budget.

## 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. In the last financial year the team supported 9 businesses,
- The review of the first year of the contract term for employability is underway,
- Job vacancies continue to be advertised locally and shared with local employability partners under the Inverclyde Works branding,
- A significant number of Inverclyde organisations are accessing workforce development opportunities from short one day training initiatives to bespoke upskilling courses. Over two hundred wage incentives have been issued,
- 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. Following the conclusion of a number of apprenticeships there are currently 73 apprentices "in programme",
- The Inverclyde Task Force has been meeting. The Economy Group will be expanded to focus on the ambitions of the Task Force through the inclusion of local business representatives, and
- The shared prosperity fund allocations of £2.9m against core activities and £600k for multiply have been made.

## 5.3 Inequalities Partnership Update

The Inequalities Partnership continues to work well, with all areas of activity having a green status.

Some highlights include the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership are continuing to offer assertive areas of service delivery to engage with harder to reach individuals finding it difficult to remain or engage in treatment within Inverclyde who are experiencing harm from alcohol and/or drugs.

Officers continue to meet to deliver specific projects to mitigate poverty across the authority area. The progress and impact of these projects are reported to the Inverclyde Policy and Resources Committee.

The Active Inverclyde Strategy Action Plan has now been developed and will be submitted to the next meeting of the Alliance.

The Suicide Prevention Group has been meeting since September 2022 and a development session held in March 2023 will result in an action plan for 23-24.

## 5.4 Environment Partnership Update

The Environment Partnership's focus continues to be the Green Connections projects. The draft analysis for Route A for new cycling infrastructure to connect Lady Octavia Sports Centre and Greenock Town Centre has been submitted with final route report due by end of June.

Community consultation of Route B (connecting Greenock Cut with Greenock Town Centre) is currently underway see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZDSongnS5w>. The survey ends on 14 May and Atkins will develop an outline design once survey feedback is complete. A request for an extension of

the development phase till the end of September has been submitted to Sustrans for approval due to slippage.

The Peatland Project Officer for the Clyde Peatland Project is now in place and discussion regarding progressing the feasibility studies is underway. The Levelling Up funding which was announced last quarter will help deliver across a number of our priorities.

The climate change action 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 and Heritage Partnership Update**

The Cultural and Heritage Partnership is advancing its work and has a variety of different work streams. Some of these include:

- The Watt Institution continues to attract visitors to existing exhibitions “Community Voices”, ‘Clydebuilt’ exhibition( Watt Hall ) and ‘Language of Dreams’ ( Art Gallery) following redecoration,
- Culture Collective: No One Grieves Alone, is a space to come together to creatively explore themes of death, grief and loss as part of a collaboration between Inverclyde Culture Collective and Inverclyde Cares,
- Queen Margaret University Edinburgh who are evaluating Culture Collective as a whole (26 projects) has chosen Inverclyde Culture Collective to be one of the six case studies,
- The Beacon Arts Centre’s Creative Minds Festival has taken place. Regular classes, existing and new community groups and organisations worked with artists on the festival resulting in a community takeover of every space at the Beacon,
- Inverclyde libraries continue to offer a free successful programme of events for families over holiday periods across all libraries. The Drying Green Garden at South West Library was utilised for den building workshops and on 6th April (Potato week) to launch of the Inverclyde Community Food Network. A horticulture allotment gardening course is being delivered in partnership with West College Scotland from this venue cementing its presence as a sustainability hub, and
- RIG Arts were awarded £344,478 March 2023 from the Investing in Communities Fund. This Scottish Government funding will support a part time engagement officer and a greening officer and a regular programme of creative interventions for a wide range of the community with no barriers to access.

The remaining Amber RAG status relates to the procurement of a consultant to draft a Recovery Funding bid.

## **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

# **Appendix 1 Population**

## Population Partnership Flash Report

February – April 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><b>Develop the Inverclyde Brand</b></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"> <li>• ‘Discover Inverclyde’ branding and website and social media presence (e.g. Business Gateway Inverclyde now on Facebook)</li> <li>• Successful Marketing and promotion activity and events (including housing engagement event)</li> <li>• Towns and Villages being supported to develop their presence through Recovery Plan funding</li> <li>• Greenock Ocean Terminal in progress.</li> <li>• Discover Inverclyde Tourism Partnership’ (new name) established group now looking to build engagement with sector.</li> <li>• Dedicated marketing team established.</li> <li>• STV advertising campaign launched.</li> <li>• Meliora festival created.</li> </ul>	<p>The ‘Discover Inverclyde’ theme is the default marketing brand for tourism and visitors and existing population.</p>	Continual enhancement of the marketing activity.	Council has signed up to STEAM reports for the next three years to establish baseline figures for tourism development	Ongoing	<b>G</b>
			Investment in the promotion activities to build the Discover Inverclyde theme		Ongoing	
			Create a new Discover Inverclyde marketing toolkit	Measure participation rates by local businesses and venues	Currently being reviewed as part of business engagement and a new refreshed tourism strategy (action plan submitted to Policy and Resources Committee in January)	<b>G</b>
			Drive use of marketing toolkit, promoting the Discover Inverclyde theme,			Measure attendance at events and participation rates
		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.	<b>G</b>	
		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.	<b>G</b>	
		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.	<b>G</b>	



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><b>Create Sustainable Communities, primarily through the housing offer</b></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"> <li>Completion of a review of private housing land supply</li> <li>Plans to deliver &gt; 1,000 new social housing units (&gt; 50% completion to date)</li> <li>Ongoing work on the Eastern Gateway Opportunities</li> <li>Preparatory work on Town Centre Plans for Port Glasgow and Greenock Town Centre</li> </ul>	<p><b>Short to medium term</b> Delivery of a private and social housing solution that provides retention and attraction of new families to Inverclyde.</p> <p><b>Medium to longer term</b> Regeneration where required; complemented by other private and social housing development in the longer term.</p>	Delivery of Private Housing New build.	This is addressed through the Local Development Plan/SHIP.	Revised SHIP approved at January 2023 Environment & Regeneration Committee.	G
			Delivery of Social Housing New build.	Regular measurement against planned progress for both private and social housing plans.		G
			Consideration of appropriate incentives (e.g. Lower council tax, subsidised nursery, leisure facilities etc.)	Uptake in any available funding	Ongoing	G
			Develop New Local Housing Strategy	LHS finalised in May 2023.	All Members' Briefing on LHS in May.	G
			Progress Local Development Plan	Informed by changes to Scottish national planning Framework	Ongoing	G
			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 June 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.			

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<p><b>Deliver a net inward migration</b></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"> <li>• Various resettlement Schemes have enabled immigration from Afghanistan and Syria in particular.</li> <li>• 37 new families now housed and settled within Inverclyde</li> </ul>	<p>Ensure that Inverclyde is considered as a location of choice for future New Scots.</p> <p>Ensure we attract and retain families who settle in Inverclyde</p> <p>Net inward migration not only about New Scots (other population inflow predominately via supported by wider Repopulation initiatives).</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>Support the resettlement of an additional 16 families through the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS) by March 2022.</p> <p>Assist the acclimatization, supporting the enhancement of language skills and finding work, thus enabling rapid self-sufficiency and social integration in our communities.</p>	<p>Measure the extent of both initial and sustained settlement within Inverclyde.</p> <p>Ongoing delivery of any commitment to Scottish Refugee Council/ Scottish Government.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>As at May 23, there are approx. 144 Ukrainians living across Inverclyde through various schemes; and approx. 56 asylum seekers living in hotel accommodation.</p> <p>As at May 23, Scottish Government funding has been approved to refurbish 30 social housing homes.</p>	<p><b>G</b></p> <p><b>G</b></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>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><b>G</b></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>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>The Refugee Integration Officer Post has been developed and will be presented to the Environment &amp; Regeneration Committee. The Young Person Housing Officer has not progressed.</p>	<p><b>A</b></p>

## **Appendix 2 Economy**

## Economy Partnership Flash Report

**February – April 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
<b>Promote business starts</b>	Tripartite business gateway contract	Inverclyde business start-ups exceed the wider Renfrewshire rate	Promotion of Services	Annual review	A total of 196 businesses were created under the business gateway banner. To date there have been 15 starts in April.	<b>G</b>
<b>Property development / assistance</b>	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. The team supported 9 businesses in 22/23.	<b>G</b>
<b>Employability</b>	Inverclyde Council and partners ensure that effective IREP engagement takes place.	Better engagement	Regular meetings and partnership working	Effective engagement amongst partners	The LEP has been meeting on a monthly basis from the start of the year and a draft 3-year Delivery Plan has been produced with finalisation due later in the summer.	<b>G</b>
<b>Employability Pipeline</b>	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	4 contracts have been awarded for 2022/23. Performance for the final quarter resulted in full contract spend. Contract performance is satisfactory with full evaluation underway.	<b>G</b>
<b>Jobs Recovery Plan</b>	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 the Inverclyde Works branding. Over 200 wage subsidies have been issued. The Council has 22 graduates in programme along with a further 4 supported by riverside Inverclyde.	<b>G</b>
<b>Workforce Development</b>	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	<b>G</b>

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
					£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’.	
<b>Modern apprentices</b>	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	<p>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.</p> <p>The council currently have 73 apprentices in programme.</p>	<b>G</b>

## **Appendix 3 Inequalities**

## Inequalities Partnership Flash Report

February to April 2023

Lead Officer – Kate Rocks

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
<b>Alcohol and Drugs</b> <b>Lead officer</b> <b>Anne Malarkey</b>	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	Continue to offer assertive areas of service delivery to engage with harder to reach individuals finding it difficult to remain or engage in treatment within Inverclyde who are experiencing harm from alcohol and/or drugs.  Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) standards 1 – 5 now implemented within ADRS. The service will now work towards implementation of MAT 6-10.  Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) are working across Inverclyde to develop and test integrated approaches to mental health and substance use to improve interface between services.	G
<b>Poverty</b> <b>Child poverty</b> <b>Fuel poverty</b> <b>Financial inclusion</b> <b>Food poverty</b> <b>Lead Officer</b> <b>Craig Given/ Tony McEwan</b>	Inverclyde has the most deprived SIMD area in Scotland.	Levels of poverty in Inverclyde are reduced.	Partnership working to improve employment opportunities, maximize household income Review and deliver new financial inclusion strategy.	Outcome reporting on Child Poverty Action Plan. Outputs and contract monitoring from commissioned services e.g. Iheat Evidence delivery of council anti-poverty programmes.	May 2023 - Inverclyde Child Poverty Action Group continues to meet on a quarterly basis to identify areas of good practice and report on the key drivers of Child poverty. The Child Poverty Local Action Report Year 4 was approved by the Alliance Board in June 2022 outlining a 3 year plan which would provide annual updates. This will be reported to the Alliance Board in October 2023 with actions and improvements against the key drivers and the priority family areas.  The Inverclyde Anti Poverty Officers group continue to meet to deliver specific projects to mitigate poverty across the authority area. The progress and impact of these projects are reported the Inverclyde Policy and Resources Committee. The funding and governance responsibility for the projects is reported to CMT and food insecurity is included in the progress reports.  Inverclyde Council provides additional funding to Inverclyde Community Development Trust to deliver two zero waste Food Pantries in the area. The food pantries provide people with dignity	G

					and choice around food that is fresh and affordable. Inverclyde also provides funding to Glasgow Fare Share for the provision of two large deliveries of food to the pantries. The local food banks received additional money throughout the pandemic and this continued into Winter 2022/23 to ensure the communities facing the greatest food inequalities could access basic food.	
<b>Active Inverclyde Lead Officer Tony McEwan</b>	Inverclyde residents are less likely to be active than those in the rest of NHSGGC and Scotland as a whole.	The people of Inverclyde are more active and maintain activity throughout the life course.	Work in partnership with Inverclyde Leisure, NHSGGC health improvement services, local third sector.	Evidence delivery of outcomes associated with Active Inverclyde Strategy.  Decrease in ill health associated with low levels of activity will be evidenced in local health needs assessment.	The Active Inverclyde Strategy Action Plan has now been developed and will be submitted to the next meeting of the Alliance.  The Action Plan has been developed in partnership with the stakeholder group.	<b>G</b>
<b>Mental wellbeing &amp; social isolation Lead Officer Alan Best/ Charlene Elliot</b>	Impact of Covid has increased social isolation and negatively impacted mental wellbeing.	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.  Winter wellness week for Health & Social Care Staff.	Reported outcomes from associated funding streams.  Self-reported outcomes from upcoming NHSGGC Health & Wellbeing Survey.  Evaluation of Winter wellness week.	Suicide prevention group has been meeting since September 2022 and a development session held in March 2023 will result in an action plan for 23-24. Reported via MHPB.  Health and Wellbeing survey still underway. As of 1 <sup>st</sup> May, Inverclyde has completed 1098 from a target of 1177 interviews. Across GGC, we are closest to our target. Fieldwork will finish 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 with priority analysis report expected 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2023. Main NHSGGC report expected 28 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 and local Inverclyde report 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2023.	<b>G</b>



# **Appendix 4 Environment**

## Environment Partnership Flash Report

**February to April 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
<b>Connectivity</b>	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"> <li>- Proposed Green Connections project (by 2025)</li> </ul>	<p>Statistics from Community Tracks; and Statistics from Bike Bothy.</p>	<p>As previously highlighted 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"> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- 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. This work and plans should connect up with the Green Connections project.</li> </ul>	<b>A</b>
<b>Healthier Lifestyles</b>	Only four in ten (39%) adults met the current physical	Those living in the most deprived localities in Inverclyde will be	Establish links between health and	HSCP attend Environment	There has been some slippage in the project programme. The request to	

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
	<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>more physically active and enjoy improved wellbeing</p>	<p>environment professionals - Develop green gyms, community growing.</p> <p>Community food growing. Establish an Environmental Network</p>	<p>Partnership and 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>extend the Green Connections project to Mid-September 2023 has not yet been approved by Sustrans. The draft analysis for Route A for new cycling infrastructure to connect Lady Octavia Sports Centre and Greenock Town Centre was provided to the steering group with final route report due by end of June. Community consultation of Route B (connecting Greenock Cut with Greenock Town Centre) is currently underway see <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZDSonqnS5w">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZDSonqnS5w</a>. Survey ends of 14 May and Atkins will develop outline design once survey feedback complete. Steering group now meeting every two months.</p>	<p><b>A</b></p>
<p><b>Land Use and Management</b></p>	<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</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</p>	<p>See Green Connections update above. Greenspace Strategy is still on hold due to resource restrictions. Clyde Peatland Project Officer is now in post and discussions are on progressing the feasibility studies are underway.</p>	<p><b>A</b></p>

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
		multiple benefits for people and nature		quality green space.		
<b>Climate Change</b>		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.		All CPP priorities will now consider Net Zero and the climate and nature emergency in the work that they do.	<b>A</b>

## **Appendix 5 Culture and Heritage**

## Cultural Partnership – Flash Report

February to April 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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<b>Heritage Strategy</b>	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. Procurement process has begun.</p> <p>Progress reports on this bid will be brought to future Programme Board/Alliance Board meetings.</p> <p><u>Inverclyde Heritage Network</u> 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 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at the Watt Institution</p>	<b>A</b>

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<p><b>Arts and Creativity Strategy</b></p>	<p>Inverclyde's Arts &amp; 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 &amp; Creativity Strategy.</p>	<p>Arts &amp; 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 &amp; 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 <a href="#">Arts Action Plan</a> running alongside the Arts &amp; 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> <p><b>Creative Practice in Health and Social Care: Exploring Health, Illness, Disability and Long-Term Conditions in Inverclyde</b>  <a href="#">Aniela Piasecka</a> 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.</p> <p><b>Creative Practice in Health and Social Care Settings (Inverclyde Cares) "No One Grieves Alone" Research and Development Residency</b>  Responding to themes of loss, grief, or death as part of Inverclyde Cares 2023 "No One Grieves Alone" event programme. <a href="#">Steven Anderson</a> and <a href="#">Laura Bradshaw</a> - They will use Visual art, painting, performance, dance and voice work. (see below further information about No One Grieves Alone Event)</p> <p><b>Attempts: Events by Young People</b>  <a href="#">Alice Dansey-Wright</a> is working in collaboration with young people on RIG Arts OPEN STUDIOS to explore ideas of scale, model</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">G</p>

					<p>making, scenography and the possibilities and potentials of "studio practice". She will also be looking to connect with the broader Inverclyde Culture Collective partners as a way to view and practically explore these themes in a variety of ways.</p> <p><b>Artist Development Bursaries (X2)</b></p> <p><a href="#">Leva Grigelionyte</a> – Gourock based artist will be using the bay leave to explore ideas of motherhood, compassion to host a gathering with other mother/artists.</p> <p><a href="#">Stella Rooney</a> – using the medium of the Super8 Camera to research local heritage at the Watt Museum and collaborate with local participants.</p> <p><b>'AI' - Africansin Inverclyde - Artist Residency - <a href="#">Jideofor Muotune, aka Theafrowegian</a>, will</b> produce photographic and audio/visual content based on the stories of Africans in the past, present and imagining their future in Inverclyde. The content will be presented through interactive and immersive exhibits at venues tbc. which may include the Watt Institute, Beacon Arts Centre, Rig Arts and James Watt Marina. The content will engage African or African diasporic communities in Inverclyde with a focus on building digital capacity around 'authentic storytelling'. The residency will have the added output of encouraging nuanced inclusive debate around the legacies of slavery in Inverclyde.</p>	
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<p><b>Festivals and events</b></p>	<p>Develop calendar of current and emerging arts, culture &amp; heritage festivals and events including those within individual communities.</p>	<p>Work to develop, create, deliver and support arts, culture &amp; heritage events across Inverclyde, both by ICP members themselves, and by building capacity within communities.</p> <p>Effective use of public spaces and venues to support co-ordination of events.</p>			<p><b>Meliora 2023</b> No funding was available centrally for this festival this year, but partners have agreed to brand summer activity under this festivals logo and all events will be listed on Discover Inverclyde.</p> <p><b>Outdoor Arts Feasibility Study- Artist Residence Consultation</b> February - March 2023 Funded by the Scottish Government 2022/2023 LAG Co-operation Challenge Fund An intensive community consultation in Inverclyde, focusing specifically on Gourock, Kilmacolm, Wemyss Bay and Inverkip, about the potential for a programme of outdoor arts residencies in rural spaces in Inverclyde was conducted. It was led by RIG Arts, supported by Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park and FERAL. The report was written by Sarah Longfield</p> <p><b>Bay St Mural</b> August 2020 – March 2023 Funded through River Clyde Homes Cycling Scotland’s Social Housing Fund 2020-2023 The co-designed mural at the Bay St garages, Port Glasgow was installed 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. Artists ran external creative consultations &amp; online workshops with local residents and with members of Port Glasgow West Community Council throughout 2020/2021. RCH staff also gathered residents opinions and the Bay St shops concept was selected to stimulate memories of the bustling street and the many businesses that traded there. A Port Glasgow Art walking trail sign is being installed by RIG the end of April. RCH are creating a small community garden area at the site.</p> <p><b>Remembering Together</b> July 2022 to April 2023 Funder Greenspace Scotland Remembering Together is a project to co-create community memorials that will honour people lost, to mark what has been lost and changed in people’s lives and to preserve the best of what was learned and created together during the Covid pandemic.</p> <p>From to July 2022 to February 2023 42 creative consultation sessions took place across Inverclyde and 446 participants physically took part, 188 people contributed online through surveys</p>	<p><b>G</b></p>
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					<p>and 179 members contributed via a closed Facebook Group. The consultation gathered opinions from a diverse demographic.</p> <p>The final report detailing the results of Inverclyde’s consultation on what could represent Inverclyde as a co-created covid memorial has been submitted to the projects Steering Group and Greenspace Scotland on the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 for review</p> <p><b>Inside Out</b>  June 2021 - August 2023 Funder Inverclyde Culture Collective Culture Collective Creative Scotland via Inverclyde Council Alan Potters artist residency/commission commenced 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023 with a series of community stone carving sessions at the Auchmountain Glen Project Hall . The artist has been in discussion with community members to identify sites and is taking ideas and designs from the first years creative community consultation to design way markers, benches and small sculptures for the Auchmountain Glen.</p> <p><b>GIG@RIG 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>  January 2023 – December 2023 Funder Creative Scotland YMI</p> <p>Rock School’s first public gig at the RIG studio giving the 5 newly formed bands of young people 13 – 20 an opportunity to perform alongside better known young local bands coached by professional musicians.</p> <p><b>Sitting Tight - Lee Jeans Documentary</b>  The documentary on the Lee Jeans sit in was showcased as part of Govanhill Baths Community Trust’s Exhibition: Women in the Archive. 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April’23</p> <p><b>RIG Arts &amp; Galoshans Festival 2023/2024</b>  National Lottery Extended Programme Funding   Creative Scotland  An application has been submitted by RIG to cover 2 years of the Galoshans Festival 2023 &amp; 2024, with a programme of rolling activity. The Galoshans proposal focuses on the parade in Greenock and creative activities across Inverclyde. The Galoshan consortium partners remain Inverclyde Council Libraries, Beacon Arts Centre, CVS Inverclyde, Magic Torch &amp; TRANCND.</p>	
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<p><b>Key Cultural Venues</b></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  “Community Voices”, ‘Clydebuilt’ exhibition( Watt Hall )- ‘Language of Dreams’ ( Art Gallery) both following redecoration. Greenock Art Club Exhibition installed for 1<sup>st</sup> April opening.  Exhibition developed and exhibited on ‘American Abolitionist in Inverclyde’ and Digital exhibition on Carlo Naya launched. Work continues on a program of 3D scanning collections and making these accessible to the public.</p> <p>Launched additional resources on the Bloomberg Connects. NMS undertook initial collections review of the Africa Collection as part of a national review of the status and importance of collections. Running activities as part of the national ‘Wild Escapes’ campaign promoting our natural heritage and our natural sciences collections.</p> <p><u>The Beacon Arts Centre –</u>  Highlights from the previous quarter include: a full and interesting programme of performances including local productions - In conversation with evenings with Lulu, Paul Young and Marti Pellow; Hosted 6 performances of Kidnapped from National Theatre of Scotland; Exhibitions from Willie Sutherland, Margaret Borthwick, Ken McClymont and William Dick ; Beacon Jazz Club (performances from Helena Kay, Ant Law &amp; Alex Hitchcock, Ali Affleck); Outdoor performance and easter egg hunt with Adrenalism theatre (The Good, The Bad and The Poultry); Hosted International Women’s Day events; Partnered with Playwrights Studio on their Coorie in sessions  Sold out performances from Janey Godley, Magic of the Beatles, Lulu</p> <p><u>Inverclyde Libraries –</u>  Highlights from the previous quarter include:</p>	<p>G</p> <p>G</p>

					<p>Family Crafternoon sessions took place during the February school holiday with 118 children and 94 adults attending. 70 children and 35 adults attended the Silent Disco in Greenock Central Library. A series of messy play sessions for 0-4 year olds and their families were delivered by Play Talk Read. Intergenerational Bookbug sessions with children from Wellpark Children's Centre and residents from John Galt House- took place .</p> <p>A successful free Easter programme of events took place across the libraries -Crafternoon sessions took place in all libraries ; extended Lego Club programme.; family sessions has run in the Drying Green Community Garden at South West Library. Rig Arts delivered the fully booked sessions ranging from Den Building to foraging. Funded by the SLIC Public Library Improvement Fund Play Together project</p> <p>The distribution of the Bookbug explorer bags is due to take place after the Easter holidays with over 680 bags ready to be gifted within early years settings to children in their ante-pre-school year. This gifting is enhanced by the invitation to early years centres to visit their local library to take part in a special Bookbug explorer session linked to the books gifted in the bags.</p> <p>In Feb-March there was a series of reminiscence events including talks from local authors and from the Inverclyde Heritage Network as well as a silent chair disco. Six of the events were based in Port Glasgow Library and two in Greenock Central Library. Invited to these events were sheltered housing residents as well as the public. The events were well attended with 65 people attending these events.</p> <p>Two Live Literature Sessions were delivered_at HMP Greenock in February. These sessions focused on storytelling and a comics workshop and were partly funded by the Scottish Book Trust.</p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> April in the Drying Green Garden at South West Library an event was held to celebrate national potato week and the launch of the Inverclyde Community Food Network - From 27<sup>th</sup> March till 19<sup>th</sup> June in the Drying Green Garden at South West Library allotment gardening course delivered in partnership with West College Scotland</p> <p>There also will be ten week mindfulness singing therapy session starting on 19<sup>th</sup> April in this space.</p>	
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<b>Climate Emergency</b>	<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 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>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 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>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 raised in Inverclyde.</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.</p> <p>Meeting took place April 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 with Inverclyde Climate Beacon Partnership and Lewis Coenen-Rowe from Creative Carbon Scotland about funding for Legacy work. CCS have hired a fundraiser Liz Sutton who will visit ICP to discuss and support funding applications in the future.</p> <p>RIG Arts were awarded £344,478 March 2023 from the Investing in Communities Fund, Scottish Government Funding will support a part time engagement officer and a greening officer and a regular programme of creative interventions for a wide range of the community with no barriers to access - Delivering 5 workshops per week under the themes of Youth, Older Adult, Mental Health, Climate Mitigation/Adaptation, and Green/Growing. All workshops will be underpinned by a commitment to wellbeing, skill building, and community empowerment. Workshops will be delivered in rolling blocks co-designed and co-produced with the community.</p>	C
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**Challenges this quarter: Feb 2022- Apr 2023**

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

**Next steps:**

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