



PLEASE NOTE VENUE OF MEETING

INVERCLYDE ALLIANCE BOARD

MONDAY 18 MARCH 2024 – 1PM

**SCOTTISH FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE, GREENOCK FIRE STATION, RUE END STREET,
GREENOCK**

Please note the timings below:

13:00 - Arrival at Greenock Fire Station – There will be a short tour/presentation from Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.

13:00 – Lunch/Refreshments

14:00 – The Alliance meeting will commence.

Please note that this will be an in person meeting only.

BUSINESS

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Minute of Previous Meeting** (copy attached)
3. **Matters Arising**
4. **D-Day Commemorations Discussion**
5. **Nomination for Alliance Board Vice Chair** (copy attached)
Report by Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Inverclyde Council
6. **Inverclyde Alliance Board Action Tracker** (copy attached)
7. **Inverclyde Partnership Plan – Delivery Structure and Terms of Reference** (copy attached)
Report by Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Inverclyde Council
8. **Locality Action Plans Progress 2020-2023** (copy attached)
Report by Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Inverclyde Council
9. **Locality Plans Review** (copy attached)
Report by Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Inverclyde Council
10. **Community Food Growing Strategy: Year One Progress** (copy attached)
Report by Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Inverclyde Council
11. **Active Inverclyde Strategy – Public Consultation Key Findings** (copy attached)
Report by Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Inverclyde Council

12. **Remembering Together Project**
Report by Chief Executive, CVS

(copy attached)

13. **Date of Next Meeting – Monday 17 June 2024**

Enquiries to – **Lindsay Carrick** – 01475 712114

INVERCLYDE ALLIANCE BOARD**MONDAY 4 DECEMBER 2023****WEST COLLEGE SCOTLAND, GREENOCK CAMPUS, FINNART STREET**

Present: Councillors E Robertson (Chair), F Brennan (for Councillor S McCabe), G Brooks and L Quinn (Inverclyde Council), Mr K Leinster and Ms H Paton (Inverclyde ADP), Ms V Cloney and Ms A Howard (Inverclyde HSCP), Mr A Comrie (Strathclyde Passenger Transport), Chief Superintendent G McCreddie (Police Scotland), Mr R Turnock (River Clyde Homes), Ms S Rae (West College Scotland), Ms B VonWissman (NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde), Ms S Kelly (Skills Development Scotland) and Ms Seonaid Knox (for Mr S McMillan MSP).

In attendance: Ms L Long, Mr S Jamieson, Ms R Binks, Ms M Rae, Mr H Scott, Mr R Scullion, Ms R Richard, Ms L Carrick and Ms D Sweeney (Inverclyde Council).

Prior to the commencement of business Board Members and officers were shown the training workshops within the college. Officers from West College Scotland provided information on the learning opportunities available.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor McCabe, Inverclyde Council with Councillor Brennan substituting, Mr S McMillan MSP with Ms S Knox substituting, Mr R Cowan MP, Area Commander D McCarrey, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Ms C Elliott, CVS Inverclyde, Ms K Wallace, Nature Scot, Ms F Simpson and Ms S Ferguson, Scottish Government and Mr S Frew, Scottish Enterprise.

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of the meeting of 2 October 2023 was submitted and approved.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no separate matters arising.

INVERCLYDE ALLIANCE BOARD ACTION TRACKER

There was submitted an action tracker arising from previous decisions of the Alliance Board.

Decided:

- (1) that the actions on the tracker be noted; and
- (2) that the revised action tracker be submitted to the next meeting of the Board taking account of the comments made at the meeting.

VAWG 16 DAYS SHORT POEM VIDEO, DISCUSSION AND PLEDGE CARDS

The Board heard a short poem video "Imagine Scotland Without Gender Based Violence" written by Myra Ross from the Highland Violence Against Women Partnership which tied in with the global campaign looking to end violence against women and girls. Following the short video, the Alliance Board moved into small discussion groups to consider the following questions. Feedback from each group was gathered and it was noted that it would be reported back to a future meeting. Each group was encouraged to make a pledge to help in the campaign to combat violence against women and girls.

1. What would it mean for the economy;
2. What would it mean for your children; and

3. Would we be healthier.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS MULTI-AGENCY PARTNERSHIP DELIVERY PLAN 2023-24

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities and Organisational Development presenting the updated delivery plan for the Violence Against Women and Girls Multi-Agency Partnership for approval. During discussion on this item, it was suggested that consideration be given to developing the action around honour-based violence to ensure there is a level of awareness within the partnership and including data indicators in relation to the under representation of women and minority groups in power and politics.

Decided:

- (1) that the delivery plan for the Violence Against Women and Girls Multi-Agency Partnership be approved; and
- (2) that six monthly update reports be submitted to the Board.

INVERCLYDE ALCOHOL AND DRUG PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

There was submitted a report by Mr K Leinster, Independent Chair of the Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Partnership (1) providing an update on the work carried out by the Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Partnership between April 2022 and March 2023 and (2) seeking approval of the Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Partnership 2022-2023 Annual report. The Board heard a presentation Mr Leinster on the Annual Report with particular reference to the statutory requirements and national and local priorities of the Partnership which include Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT) Standards, Alcohol and Drug Recovery Services, Family Support Services, Early Intervention Support, Recovery Community Development and Commissioning of Residential Rehabilitation. Following the presentation, Mr Leinster answered a number of questions from Members.

Decided:

- (1) that the work of the Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Partnership during the period April 2022 to March 2023 as detailed at appendix 1 to the report be noted; and
- (2) that the Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Partnership Annual Report 2022-2023 be approved.

Sharon Kelly left the meeting at this juncture.

INVERCLYDE ALCOHOL AND DRUG PARTNERSHIP FORWARD PLAN 2023-2026

There was submitted a report by Mr K Leinster, Independent Chair of the Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Partnership providing an update on the Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Partnerships forward planning approach for 2023 to 2026.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted; and
- (2) that a progress report be submitted to the next meeting of the Board.

COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT 3 YEAR PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2021-2024 ANNUAL REPORT AND REVISED ACTION PLAN

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities and Organisational Development presenting the Community Learning and Development 3 Year Partnership Plan 2021-2024 Annual Report and revised action plan for approval.

Decided:

- (1) that the Annual Report and revised action plan be approved; and
- (2) that a draft version of the CLD Partnership Plan for the period 2024-27 be remitted to the Board meeting in June 2024.

INVERCLYDE COMMUNITY JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP – COMMUNITY JUSTICE OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Chair of Inverclyde Community Justice Partnership providing an update in respect of the future publication of the Inverclyde Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress of the delivery towards publication of the Inverclyde Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan, specifically around the delivery timetable be noted; and
- (2) that the dates of the online and in person consultation engagement events on the draft plan will be shared to the Board.

PROGRAMME OF ALLIANCE BOARD MEETINGS 2024

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services requesting the Board to agree to a programme of dates for meetings of the Inverclyde Alliance Board to December 2024. During discussion on this item, it was noted that the September meeting falls on a public holiday.

Decided: that the schedule of meetings of the Alliance Board to December 2024 be approved as detailed in appendix 1 to the report, subject to the date of the September meeting being altered.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Alliance Board will take place at 1pm on Monday 18 March 2024.



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AGENDA ITEM NO: 5

Report To:	Inverclyde Alliance Board	Date:	18 March 2024
Report By:	Ruth Binks Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Inverclyde Council	Report No:	
Contact Officer:	Morna Rae, Head of Service (OD, Policy & Communications), Inverclyde Council	Contact No:	01475 712055
Subject:	Nomination for Alliance Board Vice Chair		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to request Alliance partner interest in the role of Vice Chair and that the Alliance Board agree the appointment.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Inverclyde Alliance states that the role of Vice-Chair will be sought from the membership agencies. Following the resignation of the previous Vice Chair, as she has moved on to a new role, a replacement Vice Chair is being sought.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Alliance Board approves the nomination of a Vice-Chair.

Morna Rae
Head of Service (OD, Policy and Communications)
Inverclyde Council

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Alliance Board agreed an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at the June 2021 Board meeting (with an update due to be agreed at the March 2024 meeting). The MOU sets out a governance framework to help support Community Planning in Inverclyde. It details the context for Community Planning in Inverclyde, including the legislative requirements and the guiding principles which underpin the work of Inverclyde Alliance. The Alliance's core structures are outlined in the document, along with the format of meetings, how the Alliance will be supported and the expectations of the partners organisations that make up the Alliance.
- 4.2 The MOU states that a Vice Chair for the Alliance Board should be in place, this role involves deputising for the Chair on any occasion.
- 4.3 Following a process of requests and nomination Laura Waddell of Police Scotland was previously appointed as Vice Chair. As Chief Superintendent Waddell has moved on to a new role she stepped down as Vice Chair.

5.0 PROPOSALS

- 5.1 It is recommended that the Alliance Board approves the nomination of a Vice-Chair.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Legal: N/A
Finance: N/A
Human Resources: N/A
Equality and Diversity: N/A
Repopulation: N/A
Inequalities: N/A

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 None

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None



Inverclyde Alliance Board Action Tracker

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Date of Meeting	Action	Progress Update
5.12.22	<p>Clyde Conversations 5 Report Update to be provided to a future meeting (Ruth Binks)</p>	<p>Clyde Conversations event held in February 2024. Report scheduled for June 2024.</p>
5.12.22	<p><u>Presentation on Partnership Development</u> (Morna Rae) Progress the following over 2023/24:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop approach to Locality Plans • Thematic workshops to be arranged, and variety of Board meeting locations and visits to be arranged 	<p>On agenda</p> <p>June 2023 meeting hosted by River Clyde Homes. December 2023 meeting hosted by West College. March 2024 meeting hosted by SFRS. June 2024 meeting to be hosted by Beacon Arts Centre. Partner workshops held in 2023 on Partnership Plan and Net Zero, in addition to organisational briefings by host partners.</p>
13.03.23	<p><u>Inverclyde Alliance Partnership Plan</u> Review of the delivery structures and development of actions and performance indicators</p>	<p>On agenda</p>

Date of Meeting	Action	Progress Update
19.06.23	<p><u>Active Inverclyde Strategy 2021-24 Action Plan</u></p> <p>Annual report on Action Plan to be shared with Alliance</p> <p>Evaluation report to be submitted to a future meeting highlighting the findings of the Active Inverclyde Sports Strategy survey to help understand activity levels within Inverclyde and to identify potential areas for development in the future.</p>	<p>Scheduled for June 2024</p> <p>On agenda</p>
19.06.23	<p><u>Tree planting in Inverclyde</u></p> <p>Implementation plan to be shared at a future meeting</p>	<p>Verbal update from Director E&R March 2024.</p> <p>1732 trees have been planted in the last year in locations including schools, parks, depots, cemeteries and Whinhill golf course.</p>
02.10.23	<p><u>Inverclyde Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund for Adults Year 2 Review</u></p> <p>Monitoring report to be submitted to a future meeting</p>	<p>Scheduled for October 2024.</p>
02.10.23	<p><u>Alliance Update Report</u></p> <p>Participation in the research project as a partnership approach be progressed.</p>	<p>Verbal updates to be provided at the meeting.</p>
02.10.23	<p><u>Additional Investment for Greenock and Inverclyde</u></p> <p>Update to a future meeting on the progress of the establishment of a Town Board and the work undertaken.</p>	<p>Verbal update from Director E&R March 2024.</p>

Date of Meeting	Action	Progress Update
02.10.23	<u>Remembering Together</u> Update to be provided to a future meeting	On agenda
04.12.23	<u>Inverclyde Community Justice Partnership Update</u> Update provided by email to Alliance Board members with the dates of the online and in person consultation engagement events on the draft plan Final version of the CJOIP presented to the Alliance Board	Progressed in January 2024 Scheduled for June 2024
04.12.23	<u>Inequalities Partnership Update</u> Progress report on the ADP forward plan 23-26	Scheduled for October 2024.
04.12.23	<u>CLD Partnership Update</u> Draft Partnership Plan will be presented to Alliance Board	Scheduled for June 2024



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AGENDA ITEM NO: 7

Report To: Inverclyde Alliance Board **Date:** 18 March 2024

Report By: Ruth Binks **Report No:**
Corporate Director Education,
Communities & Organisational
Development, Inverclyde Council

Contact Officer: Morna Rae **Contact No:** 01475 712055
Head of Service (OD, Policy &
Communications), Inverclyde
Council

Subject: Inverclyde Partnership Plan – Delivery Structure and Terms of Reference

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the updated proposed delivery structure and Terms of Reference for the Inverclyde Alliance Partnership Plan.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 Under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 there is a statutory requirement for Community Planning Partnerships to produce a strategic plan that sets out its priorities for addressing local inequalities in partnership.

2.2 At its meeting of 13 March 2023, the Inverclyde Alliance approved the vision, themes, and high-level outcomes for the 2023-33 Partnership Plan. They also approved the review of the plan delivery structures and delegated the development of actions and performance indicators to the thematic groups.

2.3 Following the agreement of proposed delivery structures at the Alliance Board on 2 October 2023, approval was given for the development of a more detailed Terms of Reference.

2.4 A revised delivery structure and Terms of Reference have been developed for approval by the Alliance Board.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that the Alliance Board:

- a. Approves the revised Partnership Plan delivery structure and Terms of Reference.

Ruth Binks
Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 there is a statutory requirement for Community Planning Partnerships to produce a strategic plan that sets out its priorities for addressing local inequalities in partnership.
- 4.2 At its meeting of 13 March 2023, the Inverclyde Alliance approved the vision, themes, and high-level outcomes for the 2023-33 Partnership Plan. They also approved the review of the delivery structures and delegated the development of actions and performance indicators to the thematic groups.
- 4.3 Following the agreement of proposed delivery structures at the Alliance Board on 2 October 2023, approval was given for the development of a more detailed Terms of Reference.

5.0 ALLIANCE DELIVERY STRUCTURES AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 5.1 A revised delivery structure has been developed and outlined within a new Terms of Reference, which contains the following:
- An overview of the purpose of Community Planning
 - The statutory framework
 - Principles underpinning Community Planning
 - Expectations of Alliance partners
 - Partnership Plan vision and outcomes
 - For each group in the structure - the role, membership, meeting arrangements and frequency,
 - key council link/chair, decision-making process, support arrangements and outcomes they are responsible for
 - A structure diagram
 - Performance management arrangements
- 5.2 It is proposed that the development of actions and performance indicators related to their outcomes are remitted to the thematic groups, with a combined action plan being brought back to the Alliance.
- 5.3 It is recommended that the Alliance reviews the revised delivery structure and Terms of Reference.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Legal: none at present
Finance: none at present
Human Resources: none at present
Equality and Diversity: none at present
Alliance Partnership Plan: The proposed delivery structure for the Partnership Plan will contribute to the achievement of all the priorities

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 Informal consultation was undertaken with Alliance partners on effective delivery and governance structures.

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 Inverclyde Alliance Board papers 13 March 2023 (Agenda Item 8: Inverclyde Alliance Partnership Plan 2023-33); Inverclyde Alliance Board papers 2 October 2023 (Agenda Item 11: Alliance Update Report);



Inverclyde Alliance

INTRODUCTION

This Terms of Reference sets out a governance framework for Community Planning in Inverclyde. It details the context for Community Planning, including the legislative requirements and the guiding principles which underpin the work of Inverclyde Alliance, the area's Community Planning Partnership. The Alliance's core structures are outlined in the document, along with the format of meetings, how the Alliance will be supported and the expectations of the partners organisations that make up the Alliance.

SECTION 1: ABOUT COMMUNITY PLANNING

STATUTORY DUTIES

Community Planning is a way of working that places residents and communities at the heart of enhanced service delivery; with partners working together more effectively and efficiently to improve outcomes.

Inverclyde Alliance is a partnership group representing the key Community Planning partners for the area, bringing together public bodies, communities, the voluntary sector and the private sector to plan and deliver high quality, local and accessible services that are focused on improving lives for the people of Inverclyde and addressing inequalities.

The Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 created a statutory basis for Community Planning. The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 made a number of significant changes to Community Planning legislation.

The Act gave Community Planning a clear statutory purpose focused on improving outcomes, and placed specific duties on partners to:

- Prepare and publish Local Outcome Improvement Plans (LOIPs);
- Develop locality plans for smaller geographical areas experiencing poorer outcomes;
- Review and report publicly on progress towards their LOIPs and locality plans; and
- Contribute such funds, staff and other resources the Community Planning Partnership considers appropriate to improve local outcomes in the LOIP and secure participation of community bodies throughout community planning.

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 placed a legal duty on Community Planning partners to demonstrate that they are making a significant difference to the lives of their residents through the planning and delivery of local outcomes and the involvement of community bodies at all stages of Community Planning. The Act places a very specific focus on tackling inequalities for those that are most disadvantaged in our communities and Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) are required to produce a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan. In addition, CPPs are required to produce Locality Plans which focus on an area where residents experience the poorest outcomes and set the priorities for these communities.

Under the Act, the running and effective delivery of Community Planning is a shared responsibility. The Act applies a range of duties, designed to support shared leadership and governance, on specified statutory community planning partners. These partners are:

- Inverclyde Council
- NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde
- Police Scotland
- Scottish Enterprise
- Scottish Fire & Rescue Service

In addition, the Act expands the number of public sector bodies subject to Community Planning duties. Statutory Community Planning bodies for the Alliance, in addition to those listed above, are:

- Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnership (Integration Joint Board)
- Scottish Natural Heritage
- Sports Scotland
- West College Scotland
- Visit Scotland
- Historic Environment Scotland
- Scottish Environment Protection Agency
- Skills Development Scotland (SDS)
- Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT)

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Community Planning in Inverclyde will be underpinned by the following guiding principles:

Limited number of priorities focused on addressing inequalities - The Alliance will pursue a limited number of priorities at any one time, concentrating on the development and mainstreaming of its added-value. The Alliance is committed to promoting equality and reducing the impact of inequality on our residents.

Collaborative Gain - The Alliance should only come together if there will be additional 'collaborative gain' achieved from partnership working.

Community empowerment – The Alliance will support communities to empower them to take part and influence local decision making.

Strategic Value – Initiatives taken forward by the Alliance will be of fundamental importance to the local population, reflecting issues identified through both community engagement and analysis of data.

High Impact – the priorities and initiatives taken forward by the Alliance will be likely to bring about significant benefits to communities.

Effective Community Engagement – the priorities and initiatives taken forward by Inverclyde Alliance will be developed in consultation and through engagement with all relevant stakeholders and the communities of Inverclyde.

Early Intervention and Prevention – The Alliance will take a partnership approach to identifying new ways of working that support the development and implementation of preventative and early intervention approaches that will help to reduce inequalities.

Sustainability – The Alliance will take a partnership approach to achieving a just and net zero economy.

SECTION 2 – EXPECTATIONS OF COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERS

All partners are expected to:

- Communicate the Alliance's vision and priorities across their organisation and to their stakeholders. The Alliance's vision and priorities should also be reflected in the plans and strategies of all partners, this applies to both local and national organisations. National organisation should articulate the Alliance's vision and priorities in a local level document.
- Contribute to developing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating Alliance policies, strategies and action plans;
- Contribute to identifying local needs and seeking opportunities to engage local communities;
- Commit their organisation's resources to implement agreed Alliance plans;
- Influence and shape the strategies and plans of other organisations and groups in order to complement the aims and objectives of the Alliance;
- Represent the Alliance and its objectives at public meetings, events, workshops and conferences, and 'champion' its work;
- Operate in an open, accessible, responsive and accountable manner and represent the interests of their sector at meetings of the partnership;
- Report back to their organisation or partners on the outcome of Alliance meetings ensuring actions are embedded in partner plans;
- Challenge colleagues on their role in delivering pieces of work, and integrating the Inverclyde Alliance's vision into their organisation's policies and strategies;
- Champion Inverclyde's plans and publicise achievements throughout the Alliance and the wider community of Inverclyde and Scotland;
- Attend all meetings and ensure that a depute attends when they are unable to; and
- Ensure relevant information, research and evidence is shared to enhance reporting and learning of the partnership.

SECTION 3 – VISION AND HIGH-LEVEL OUTCOMES

The Community Planning Partnership's vision for Inverclyde is:

The Inverclyde Commitment:

'Success For All: Getting it Right for Every Child, Citizen and Community'

Inverclyde's Partnership Plan 2023-33 sets out the strategic priorities that the Community Planning partners in Inverclyde will focus on to achieve this vision. This should in turn improve the wellbeing and quality of life of the residents of Inverclyde, with a particular focus on reducing inequalities.

The outcomes we will achieve are grouped under five themes.

The high-level outcomes are:

THEME 1: EMPOWERED PEOPLE

- Communities can have their voices heard, and influence the places and services that affect them
- Gaps in outcomes linked to poverty are reduced

THEME 2: WORKING PEOPLE

- More people will be in sustained employment, with fair pay and conditions
- Poverty related gaps are addressed, so young people can have the skills for learning, life and work
- Businesses are supported and encouraged to reduce their carbon footprint and develop green jobs

THEME 3: HEALTHY PEOPLE AND PLACES

- People live longer and healthier lives
- Supportive systems are in place to prevent alcohol and drug misuse
- Our natural capital is looked after, and we are effectively adapting and mitigating the effects of climate change

THEME 4: A SUPPORTIVE PLACE

- Vulnerable adults and children are protected and supported, ensuring they can live safely and independently
- We recognise where people are affected by trauma, and respond in ways that prevent further harm and support recovery
- Public protection and community safety are improved through targeting our resources to reduce the risk of offending and harm

THEME 5: A THRIVING PLACE

- Growth in our working age population by encouraging people to stay here, and attracting new people to settle here
- Development of strong community-based services that respond to local need
- Homes are energy efficient and fuel poverty is reduced
- Increased use of active travel and sustainable transport options
- Easy access to attractive and safe public spaces, and high-quality arts and cultural opportunities

To achieve these outcomes, the Alliance structure contains thematic groups who have responsibility for producing and delivering actions plans against the outcomes. We report on progress on these actions through the Alliance and in our annual report. A range of data indicators also assist us to measure progress.

SECTION 4 – INVERCLYDE ALLIANCE STRUCTURES

GROUP 1 - THE ALLIANCE BOARD

Role

The Alliance Board is Inverclyde's Community Planning Partnership (CPP). It operates strategically, take key decisions, leads the partnership, and carries out an overall scrutiny role. The role of the Alliance Board is to:

- act as the public meeting for Community Planning in Inverclyde,
- scrutinise delivery of partnership action plans and associated activity aimed at delivering outcome improvement,
- analyse performance linked to the Partnership Plan, supported by detailed performance monitoring,
- ensure the CPP has the widest possible impact on and involvement of the public sector, private sector, third sector and communities,
- promote and publicise the work of Inverclyde Alliance, and
- oversee the work of thematic groups as outlined in the structure diagram.

Membership

The membership of the Alliance Board will include Inverclyde Council (4 Elected Members and Chief Executive). The following partners will have one place each:

- Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS (statutory partner)
- Scottish Enterprise (statutory partner)
- Police Scotland (statutory partner)
- Scottish Fire and Rescue (statutory partner)
- West College Scotland
- Job Centre Plus
- Health and Social Care Partnership Integration Joint Board
- Nature Scot
- Skills Development Scotland (SDS)
- Strathclyde Passenger Transport
- The Third Sector
- The Scottish Government
- Inverclyde Housing Associations Forum
- Youth representative

The local MP and MSP and Inverclyde Council Corporate Directors and Service Manager (Corporate Policy, Performance and Partnerships) will also be in attendance.

Meetings

The Alliance Board meets on a quarterly basis with meetings held in March, June, October, and December each year. Additional development sessions or workshops will be organised as required. Each Alliance Board meeting will consider:

- minutes of the previous meeting
- reports relating to the performance management of the Partnership Plan
- reports submitted by any partner

Chair

The Chair of the Alliance Board will be drawn from the five statutory partners responsible for Community Planning. Currently the Chair sits with Inverclyde Council. Any change to the Chair would require agreement from the Board. A Vice-Chair will be sought from the membership agencies detailed above. The Chair has responsibility for:

- determining non-critical decisions such as submission of data returns, replying to correspondence, or attending national events on behalf of the partnership.
- agreeing the agenda and reports for each meeting
- ensuring the efficient conduct of each meeting; and
- ensuring robust discussion takes place before any decisions are made.

Decision-making

While it is desirable that decisions will be reached by broad consensus, those which are not will be decided by a show of hands vote by the members of the Board. If the Board is unable to reach a decision, the Chair will have the deciding vote.

Support

Inverclyde's Council's Committee Services will provide secretariat for all meetings of the Alliance Board and have responsibility for the following:

- Issuing a call for agenda items six weeks prior to a meeting
- Organising a pre-agenda meeting which will consist of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Chief Executive of Inverclyde Council and any partner organisations who have a report on the agenda.
- Issuing the agenda and papers two weeks prior to a meeting.

The Service Manager (Corporate Policy, Performance and Partnerships) Manager will provide the following support to the Alliance:

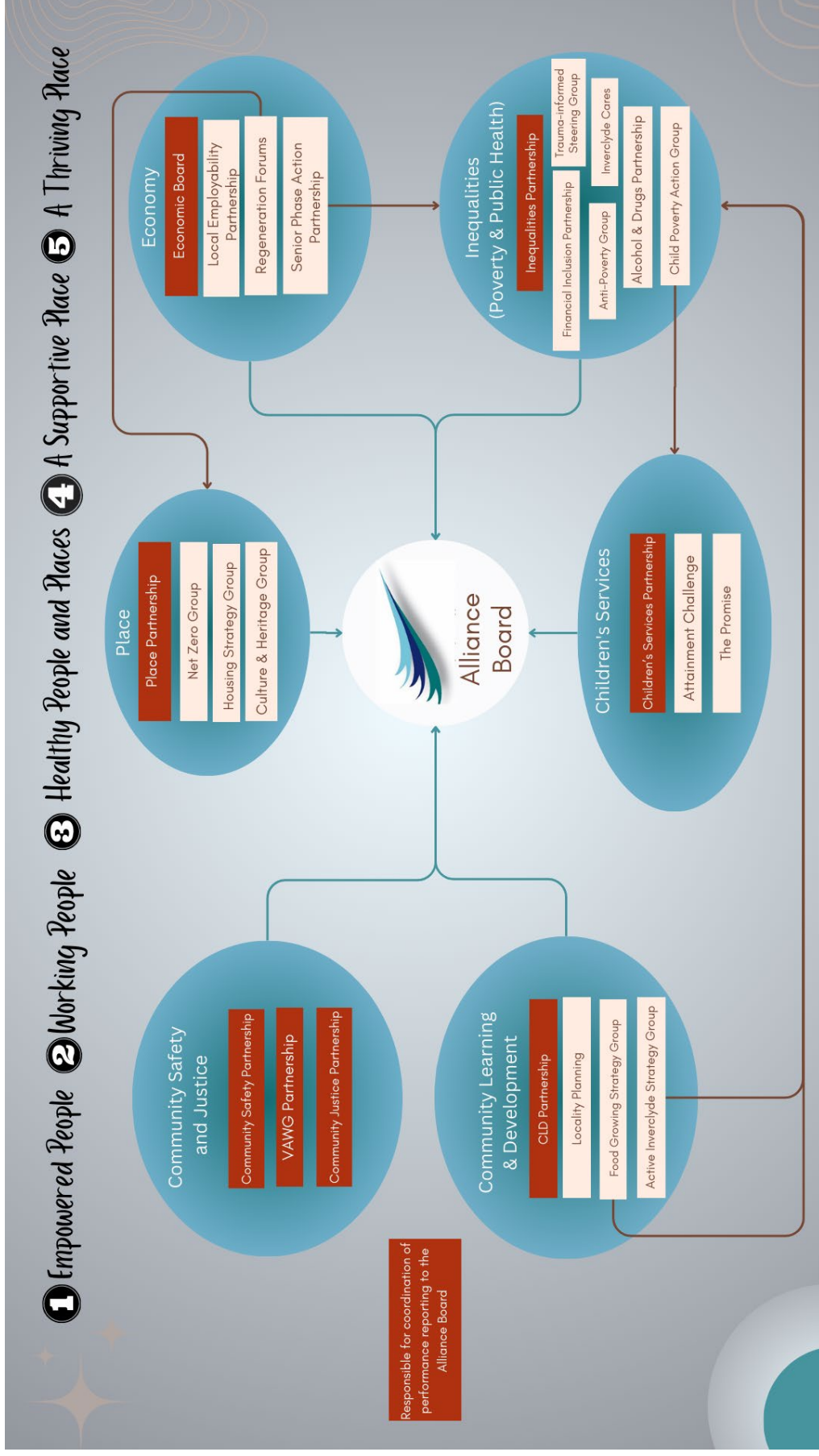
- Set the agenda for Alliance meetings in liaison with the Chair and co-ordinate the development and submission of reports; and
- Coordinate the development of the partnership; and
- Advise the Alliance Board on matters relating to Community Planning.

LOCALITY PLANNING

There are six Communication and Engagement Groups in Inverclyde. These are how the Alliance meets its statutory duties to undertake engagement on and agree locality plans. Over 2023-24 the locality planning arrangements will be reviewed and strengthened. It is anticipated that localities will link into the Community Planning Partnership through a range of formal and informal engagement mechanisms with a representative of Inverclyde Council and/or an Alliance Board partner also acting as a sponsor for their locality. By linking the locality engagement into the partnership, the sponsor(s) can help to ensure that the voices of the local community are heard in the community planning process. Sponsor arrangements will be reviewed on an annual basis.

THEMATIC GROUPS

A number of thematic groups are either statutorily required and/or guidance recommends that they sit within Community Planning structures. Alongside this we have considered the most effective local arrangements to support the delivery of the outcomes in the Partnership Plan. The structure is illustrated in the diagram below.



The table below outlines responsibility for each of the Partnership Plan outcomes. The thematic groups will report on progress against the outcomes through performance reports and periodic presentations and reports to the Alliance Board.

Outcome	Responsible reporting group(s)
Communities can have their voice heard, and influence the places and services that affect them	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLD Partnership
Gaps in outcomes linked to poverty are reduced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inequalities Partnership (Poverty & Public Health) • Children's Services Partnership • CLD Partnership
More people will be in sustained employment, with fair pay and conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Board
Poverty related gaps are addressed, so young people can have the skills for lifelong learning, life and work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Services Partnership • Inequalities Partnership (Poverty & Public Health) • Economic Board
Businesses are supported and encouraged to reduce their carbon footprint and develop green jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Board • Place Partnership
People live longer and healthier lives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inequalities Partnership (Poverty & Public Health) • CLD Partnership
Supportive systems are in place to prevent alcohol and drug misuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inequalities Partnership (Poverty & Public Health)
Our natural capital is looked after, and we are effectively adapting and mitigating the effects of climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place Partnership
Vulnerable adults and children are protected and supported, ensuring they can live safely and independently	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Safety, Community Justice and VAWG Partnerships
We recognise where people are affected by trauma, and respond in ways that prevent further harm and support recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Services Partnership • Community Safety, Community Justice and VAWG Partnerships • Inequalities Partnership (Poverty & Public Health)
Public protection and community safety are improved through targeting our resources to reduce the risk of offending and harm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Safety, Community Justice and VAWG Partnerships
Growth in our working age population by encouraging people to stay here, and attracting new people to settle here	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place Partnership
Development of strong community-based services that respond to local need	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLD Partnership • Place Partnership
Homes are energy efficient and fuel poverty is reduced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place Partnership
Increased use of active travel and sustainable transport options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place Partnership • Inequalities Partnership (Poverty & Public Health)
Easy access to attractive and safe public spaces, and high-quality arts and cultural opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place Partnership

All of the thematic groups will:

- Bring together key officers from across community planning partners to develop and deliver a range of activities, collated through action plans, which support delivery of the priorities;
- Report on delivery of the action plan to the Alliance Board every six months, either directly or reporting on progress within a parent group action plan;
- Facilitate better collaboration between partners to bring about 'added value' benefits, which would not be achieved by individual partner organisations working on their own; and
- Utilise policy contexts, available statistics, and feedback from communities to inform the development of action plans

Group 2 - Economic Board

The group's responsibilities will include delivery against the outcomes:

- More people will be in sustained employment, with fair pay and conditions
- Poverty related gaps are addressed, so young people can have the skills for learning, life, and work
- Businesses are supported and encouraged to reduce their carbon footprint and develop green jobs

Other contributing groups include the Local Employability Partnership, Senior Phase Action Partnership, and Regeneration Forums.

The Economic Board will report on progress directly to the Alliance Board and include any relevant progress from the action plans of the other contributing groups.

The key Council link will be the Head of Regeneration, Planning & Public Protection. Representatives from partner agencies may undertake the role of group chair.

The group membership will be comprised of Inverclyde Council, West College Scotland, SDS, Inverclyde Chamber of Commerce, and Scottish Enterprise. Other partners may be invited to join the group on a long or short-term basis as required. All partner agencies should be represented on the group by a senior strategic leader.

The group will meet quarterly and oversee the work of other contributing multi-agency partnership groups and subgroups.

Group 3 - Children's Services Partnership

This group's responsibilities include delivery against the outcomes:

- Gaps in outcomes linked to poverty are reduced
- Poverty related gaps are addressed, so young people can have the skills for learning, life, and work
- We recognise where people are affected by trauma, and respond in ways that prevent further harm and support recovery

Other contributing groups include the Child Poverty Action Group, Attainment Challenge, and The Promise.

The Children's Services Partnership will report on progress directly to the Alliance Board and include any relevant progress from the action plans of the other contributing groups.

The group will be chaired by Head of Children's Services (HSCP), who will also act as the key Council link.

The group membership will be comprised of Inverclyde Council, Inverclyde HSCP, Children's Hearing Scotland (CHS), Scottish Children's Reporter Administration (SCRA), NHS GG&C, and CVS. Other partners may be invited to join the group on a long or short-term basis as required. All partner agencies should be represented on the group by a senior strategic leader.

The group will meet quarterly and oversee the work of other contributing multi-agency partnership groups and subgroups.

Group 4 - Community Safety Partnership, Community Justice Partnership, and Violence Against Women and Girls Partnership

These are three separate strategic groups. Due to the synergies of their work and the common membership there will be a review of how the groups strategic oversight and outputs can be linked.

These group's responsibilities include delivery against the outcomes:

- Vulnerable adults and children are protected and supported, ensuring they can live safely and independently
- We recognise where people are affected by trauma, and respond in ways that prevent further harm and support recovery
- Public protection and community safety are improved through targeting our resources to reduce the risk of offending and harm

The groups will jointly coordinate reporting on progress directly to the Alliance Board.

The key Council link(s) will be the respective lead officers for Community Safety and Community Justice. Representatives from partner agencies may undertake the role of group chairs.

The membership across the three partnership strategic groups will be comprised of Inverclyde Council, Inverclyde HSCP, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue, HM Coastguard, CVS, British Transport Police, Scottish Prison Service, NHS GGC, Scottish Courts, Skills Development Scotland, Turning Point, local Housing Associations, Inverclyde Women's Aid, Action For Children, Barnardo's, ASSIST, Rape Crisis, and Victim Support. Other partners may be invited to join the group on a long or short-term basis as required. All partner agencies should be represented on the group by a senior strategic leader.

The groups will meet quarterly and oversee the work of other contributing multi-agency partnership groups and subgroups.

Group 5 - Community Learning and Development Partnership

This group's responsibilities include delivery against the outcome:

- Communities can have their voices heard, and influence the places and services that affect them
- Gaps in outcomes linked to poverty are reduced
- Development of strong community-based services that respond to local need
- People live longer and healthier lives

Other contributing groups include the Active Inverclyde Strategy Group and the Food Growing Strategy Group. This group will also provide oversight of Locality Planning activity.

The CLD Partnership will report on progress directly to the Alliance Board and include any relevant progress from the action plans of the other contributing groups and locality plans.

The group will be chaired by Inverclyde Council's Director of Education, Communities and Organisational Development, who will also act as the key Council link.

The group membership will be comprised of Inverclyde Council, Inverclyde HSCP, Skills Development Scotland, West College Scotland, CVS, and DWP. Other partners may be invited to join the group on a long or short-term basis as required. All partner agencies should be represented on the group by a senior strategic leader.

The group will meet quarterly and oversee the work of other contributing multi-agency partnership groups and subgroups.

Group 6 - Inequalities Partnership (Poverty and Public Health)

This group's responsibilities include delivery against the outcome:

- Gaps in outcomes linked to poverty are reduced
- Poverty related gaps are addressed, so young people can have the skills for learning, life, and work
- People live longer and healthier lives
- Supportive systems are in place to prevent alcohol and drug misuse
- Increased use of active travel and sustainable transport options

Other contributing groups include the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership, Active Inverclyde Strategy Group, Child Poverty Action Group, Senior Phase Action Partnership, Anti-poverty group, Financial Inclusion Partnership, Inverclyde Cares, Trauma-informed Steering Group and the Food Growing Strategy Group

The Inequalities Partnership will report on progress directly to the Alliance Board and include any relevant progress from the action plans of the other contributing groups.

The key Council link will be the Director of Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP). Representatives from partner agencies may undertake the role of group chair.

The group membership is comprised of Inverclyde HSCP, Inverclyde Council, CVS, local Housing Associations, Scottish Fire & Rescue, and relevant third sector organisations. Other partners may be invited to join the group on a long or short-term basis as required. All partner agencies should be represented on the group by a senior strategic leader.

The group will meet quarterly and oversee the work of other contributing multi-agency partnership groups and subgroups.

Group 7 - Place Partnership

This group's responsibilities include delivery against these outcomes:

- Our natural capital is looked after, and we are effectively adapting and mitigating the effects of climate change
- Growth in our working age population by encouraging people to stay here, and attracting new people to settle here
- Development of strong community-based services that respond to local needs
- Homes are energy efficient and fuel poverty is reduced
- Increased use of active travel and sustainable transport options
- Easy access to attractive and safe public spaces, and high-quality arts and cultural opportunities

Other contributing groups include the Net Zero Group, Housing Strategy Group, Culture and Heritage Group, and Regeneration Forums.

The Place Partnership will report on progress directly to the Alliance Board and include any relevant progress from the action plans of the other contributing groups.

The key Council link will be Inverclyde Council Director of Environment and Regeneration. Representatives from partner agencies may undertake the role of group chair.

The group membership will be comprised of Inverclyde Council, Scottish Natural Heritage, Inverclyde Housing Associations Forum, CVS, and SPT. Other partners may be invited to join the group on a long or short-term basis as required. All partner agencies should be represented on the group by a senior strategic leader.

The group will meet quarterly and oversee the work of other contributing multi-agency partnership groups and subgroups.



Inverclyde Alliance

AGENDA ITEM NO: 8

Report To: Inverclyde Alliance Board **Date:** 18 March 2024

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Subject: Locality Action Plans Progress 2020 – 2023

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Alliance Board on progress in relation to the 6 Locality Action Plans 2020-23.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 As part of the Community Planning element of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, Inverclyde Alliance has a responsibility to develop locality plans for those areas of Inverclyde which experience the greatest inequalities.

2.2 Six Locality Action plans were produced in 2020 highlighting key priorities for each locality derived from various methods of community engagement. Each plan has been updated with examples of progress made in relation to the highlighted priorities.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that the Alliance Board:

- a. Note the progress made on Locality Action Plans.

Ruth Binks
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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 As part of the Community Planning element of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, Inverclyde Alliance has a responsibility to develop locality plans for those areas of Inverclyde which experience the greatest inequalities.
- 4.2 Six locality planning events “Celebrate the Present, Shape the Future” were held across Inverclyde in August/September 2019. The purpose of the events was to begin building positive relationships with communities by giving local people the opportunity to celebrate and recognise what is good about their area and discuss the key issues and priorities to inform the development of locality plans.
- 4.3 The purpose of Locality Action Plans is to outline the key issues within the specific locality that have been identified through the statistical information we hold for this locality, as well as extensive engagement with the community. The Locality Action Plan also identifies a range of actions that will be taken to address these issues by both Inverclyde Alliance and the local working together.
- 4.4 Six Locality Actions plans were produced in 2020 highlighting key priorities for each locality derived from various methods of community engagement. This report provides an update capturing examples of work undertaken in relation to each of the key priorities.

5.0 LOCALITY ACTION PLANS PROGRESS

- 5.1 Appendix one provides an update on the progress made within each of the 6 Locality Action plans in relation to the priorities. Listed below is a snapshot of key examples of the progress made:

Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village

To progress the implementation of Inverclyde’s Participation Budget (PB) model in 2022/23, a PB exercise was carried out in November 2022 focusing on outdoor spaces for Birkmyre Park Kilmacolm. Members of the public were given a list of options including additional play area and a dog park and were asked to prioritise them from 1-6. The results of the PB exercise informed Inverclyde Council how to best allocate £85,000.

Port Glasgow

The Communication and engagement group and the Port Glasgow West Community Council worked together to host a public meeting in relation to public transport for hospital appointments and allocation of appointments. Representatives from GGCNHS attended the meeting and listened to the concerns of the community. This has resulted in a change in relation to what information is provided when appointments are being scheduled and what support is provided in relation to patient transport.

Greenock East and Central

In a continuous effort to enhance community representation, a new working group has been formed in Greenock’s East End, with the intention of evolving into a dedicated Community Council for the region. The organisation prioritises addressing anti-social behaviour, improving the environment and public spaces, and addressing housing concerns, striving to be a driving force for positive change.

Greenock South and South West

There is now a fully established Grieve Rd Committee who work closely with the local Community Council. The Grieve Rd Committee run weekly community drop-in, seasonal events such as summer family sessions and Halloween parties that contribute to health and wellbeing. Over the past 12 months the group have secured over £20,000 to fund events and activities for the local community. CLD staff continue to visit and engage with Community partners across the locality.

Greenock West and Gourock

The Community Engagement Group (CEG) has continued to meet monthly, focusing on promoting the various warm spaces and sports hubs in the community over the past 12 months. They have created posters and community maps to highlight the various "bowl and blethers", sports clubs, and have organised dementia-friendly training. They are also working to arrange first aid training for groups across the community. In addition, the CEG regularly hosts a monthly bowl and blether and the Gourock Farmers Market, which has now become self-sustaining.

Inverkip and Wemyss Bay

The organisers of Kipfest have successfully hosted two events that have brought the community together. A dedicated steering group, representing various organisations like sports groups, Scouts, churches, and the community hub, plans and coordinates the event. In 2023, the group sought feedback from the wider community, encouraging more members to join the steering group. Kipfest provides a platform for local organisations to showcase their offerings.

6.0 Locality Action Plans Next Steps

A further paper will be presented to the Inverclyde Alliance Board on 18 March 2024, to approve a new approach to the development of the Locality action plans for 24-27, which involves the creation of an Inverclyde People's Network.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Legal: Section 11(1) of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 places a duty on the community planning partnership to keep under review the question of whether it is making progress in improving the achievement of each local outcome in relation to each locality for which it has published a locality plan.

Finance: none at present

Human Resources: none at present

Equality and Diversity:

Alliance Partnership Plan: The progress on Locality Plans cuts across all themes of the Partnership Plan but has particular relevance for Theme 1 – Empowered People as they aim to provide a platform to give communities a voice and influence.

8.0 CONSULTATIONS

8.1 None

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 None

Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village					
What do we want to achieve?	LOIP Priority	Link to HSCP Six Big Actions	Actions to take this forward	Lead	Update/Progress
Residents in Kilmacolm and Quarriers have access to improved transport.	Repopulation and Environment	We will support more people to fulfil their right to live at home or within a homely setting and promote independent living.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate transport links between Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village and the rest of Inverclyde and identify any appropriate actions. Identify the transport related issues that the community would like to see addressed. 	HSCP - Third sector organisations	<p>Due to interventions from the Community Council and elected members, the local bus route has now continued after the threat of removal. Funded by SPT.</p> <p>Recent NEC stats for Kilmacolm central highlight that 891 Elderly Community members have access to the NEC travel card and 399 young people aged 5-21 have been issued an NEC card.</p> <p>Transport is a common theme that is a concern for communities across Inverclyde in relation to a need for an improved service. This has been an agenda item for the Association of Community Councils</p> <p>National Cycle Route 75 links Kilmacolm and Quarriers. A gate to the cycle track at Whitelea Crescent in the village now has a padlock to prevent illegal access.</p>
People will be able to access parking within Kilmacolm Town Centre	Repopulation and Environment	Reducing inequalities by building stronger communities and improving physical and mental health. We will support more people to fulfil their right to live at home or within a homely setting and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify ways of encouraging people not to bring their cars into Kilmacolm town centre. Increase parking facilities for bikes. Identify actions to reduce parking related issues 	Environment Regeneration and Resources Third sector organisations	<p>Parking within the Town centre has been discussed and debated at various meetings hosted by the Kilmacolm Community Council. Various proposals have been made, however unfortunately they have not been feasible.</p>

<p>People living in Kilmacolm and Quarriers are involved in local democracy and decision making.</p>	<p>Inequalities</p>	<p>We build on the strength of our people and our communities.</p>	<p>around Kilmacolm Primary School.</p>	<p>Four electric car charging points have been installed within Kilmacolm Town centre.</p> <p>June 2022 Inverclyde Council launched a consultation standardising parking restrictions and charges throughout Inverclyde. 464 responses were received. Kilmacolm has the third smallest population of Inverclyde (approximately 5% of Inverclyde's population), however, they provided the second highest response rate (20.6%).</p>
<p>New mums in Kilmacolm and Quarriers are fully supported to breast feed if they wish to do so.</p>	<p>Inequalities</p>	<p>A nurturing Inverclyde will give our children and young people the best start in life.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the processes that exist and ensure that residents are able to have their say on key issues in their community and influence the action being taken. • Information and opportunities to take part in participatory budgeting available to residents. 	<p>Residents have a variety of platforms in order to be involved in local democracy and decision making, for example Kilmacolm Community Council, Kilmacolm residents association and Kilmacolm Civic Trust.</p> <p>There are over 200 members of the digital communication and engagement groups, this platform is used to promote opportunities such Participatory budgeting, for example 2021 RAMP PB and 2023 Outdoor spaces PB activity.</p>
<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p>CLD - Community Work / HSCP</p>	<p>The breastfeeding support group based at the Kilmacolm Hub, moved to Port Glasgow at the Waterwheel which many of the Kilmacolm mums attended. All the mums in Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village have been provided with local and national contact numbers.</p>

<p>Older people living in Kilmacolm and Quarriers are able to participate in their local community.</p>	<p>Inequalities</p>	<p>Reducing inequalities by building stronger communities and improving physical and mental health. We will support more people to fulfil their right to live at home within a homely setting and promote independent living.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate the current services and schemes in place to tackle isolation amongst the elderly. Engage with elderly people living in Kilmacolm and Quarriers to identify the services and support that they would like to access. 	<p>Third Sector / HSCP CLD - Community Work / HSCP</p>	<p>An antenatal service is available providing mums the opportunity to learn breastfeeding techniques antenatally. Inverclyde has seen rates of breastfeeding at 6 weeks rise from 19% in 2019 to over 30% in 2023 in response to the work undertaken in Kilmacolm and estimate breastfeeding rates are estimated around 80%.</p>
<p>Carers living in Kilmacolm and Quarriers feel fully supported to carry out</p>	<p>Inequalities</p>	<p>A Nurturing Inverclyde will give our children and young people the best start in life.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with carers living in Kilmacolm and Quarriers to identify the type of 	<p>Environment Regeneration and Resources</p>	<p>In partnership with Kilmacolm Library, the local Alzheimer Scotland Dementia Advisor host a monthly Dementia Cafe taking place on the last Wednesday of the month from 11:00am - 1:00pm. Your Voice Social Prescribing model to helps people to address social, emotional and practical needs by connecting them to sources of support with their community to improve their health & wellbeing, preventing people's situation deteriorating or the need to access services unnecessarily. Community link workers are based within the New Surgery in Kilmacolm supporting clients needs in relation to the GP referral. Kilmacolm Wanders, provide a variety of community walks in the locality.</p>
<p>Carers living in Kilmacolm and Quarriers have seen a rise in financial insecurity. For example, 34% are now cutting back on seeing</p>	<p>Environment Regeneration and Resources</p>	<p>Environment Regeneration and Resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with carers living in Kilmacolm and Quarriers to identify the type of 	<p>Environment Regeneration and Resources</p>	<p>UK stats on Caring, according to the state of Caring 2022 carers have seen a rise in financial insecurity. For example, 34% are now cutting back on seeing</p>

their caring responsibilities.		We will support more people to fulfil their right to live at home or within a homely setting and promote independent living. Reducing inequalities by building stronger communities and improving physical and mental health.	support that they would benefit from.	Third sector organisations	family and friends as opposed to 27% in 2021. Further work is required to support carers via HSCP locality planning groups.
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Key achievements

- Building upon positive relationships with the Community Council the Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village Communication and Engagement Group has developed into a network of contacts that can be engaged when required. For example, local groups applying for the Meliora fund or 278 community members having their say with regards shaping an allocation of funds for outdoor spaces at Birkmyre Park.
- The Kilmacolm Community Council invited community members to join in the 2022 Kilmacolm Community Council Clean-up for an hour or two on Saturday 30 April to clear the litter from the verges of the roads and pathways in and out of the village.
- Three community organisations within the locality received Meliora funding after undertaking a participatory budgeting process. Kilmacolm Community Council, Kilmacolm & Port Glasgow Agricultural Society Ltd and The Ark on the Clyde CIC, Abbeyfield Strathgryffe Society, hosted community events to enhance the range of Meliora Festival events including the local celebrations around the Queen's Platinum Jubilee across Inverclyde in June 2022.
- The gate to the cycle track at Whitelea Crescent in the village now has a padlock to prevent illegal access.
- One of the key priorities within the locality action plan was improved access to transport, one of the key challenges that the community faced was maintain the current bus service in response to a planned service reduction. Responding to the needs highlighted by the community and the community council, local elected members managed to secure the exiting bus provision.
- To progress the implementation of Inverclyde's PB model in 2022/23, a PB exercise was carried out in November 2022 focusing on Outdoor spaces for Birkmyre Park Kilmacolm. Members of the public were given a list of options including additional play area and a dog park and were asked to prioritise them from 1-6. The results of the PB exercise informed Inverclyde Council how to best allocate £85,000. 296 community members from Kilmacolm engaged with this PB exercise. The engagement method primarily involved displaying large posters in the park with QR code linked to the digital consultation.
- Since January 2019 funding was secured from the Scottish Government to provide additional intensive support to all new mums postnatally to help with breastfeeding. Initially an Infant feeding advisor had a breastfeeding support service in the Hub, but it was only really utilised for baby weights, so it was decided to move this to Port Glasgow at the Waterwheel which many of the Kilmacolm mums attended. All the mums in Kilmacolm and quarries

are given our number and all the national support lines. We also offer an antenatal service so mums can learn breastfeeding techniques antenatally. Local health visitors provide antenatal support to new mums along with intensive support postnatally. Generally in Inverclyde we have seen rates of breastfeeding at 6 weeks rise from 19% in 2019 to over 30% in 2023 with this project. In Kilmacolm and quarriers I would estimate breastfeeding rates are about 80%.

<https://www.greenocktelegraph.co.uk/news/23991370.breastfeeding-group-christmas-jumper-day-womens-aid/?ref=socialflow&fbclid=IwAR1wTsPIZ77HdtR3LGBemijfn4miCA2eY5fxCFtdWQ5gNyeQg-cv4yiNfMk>

- Kilmacolm community centre provide a range of activities of older people within the locality, ranging from Pensioners lunch, arts and crafts, embroidery and bridge.

Port Glasgow

What do we want to achieve?	LOIP Priority	Link to HSCP Six Big Actions	Actions to take this forward	Lead	Update/Progress
<p>Children and young people living in Port Glasgow will have activities and facilities that meet their needs.</p>	<p>Repopulation Inequalities</p>	<p>A nurturing Inverclyde will give our children and young people the best start in life.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure good communication about all activities and facilities for children and young people is in place. • Review the provision of activities available in Port Glasgow for children and young people to participate in. • Engage with young people in Port Glasgow. 	<p>CLD – Youth Work</p>	<p>There are a variety of venues across Port Glasgow offering activities and facilities to meet their needs, ranging from churches that offer provision from organised groups such as Boys Brigade to Inverclyde Youth services.</p> <p>Pg IZone offer a variety of activities for 12+, Youth work staff regularly engage with the young people of PG and adapt the activities to reflect need.</p> <p>There has been an increase in the number of toddlers groups in PG, for example Clune Park/salvation Army, and the New Parish church.</p>
<p>Improve health and wellbeing for people living in Port Glasgow.</p>	<p>Inequalities</p>	<p>Reducing inequalities by building stronger communities and improving physical and mental health.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure communication with support groups for issues that are currently in place for mental health and wellbeing. • Groups that provide support to improve wellbeing are supported. 	<p>HSCP Community and Third Sector Organisations.</p>	<p>Thrive under 5 project aims to overcome a range of barriers which can prevent families and carers from ensuring that their children achieve a healthy weight, including family income, accessibility of affordable fresh foods, knowledge/information to cook using fresh ingredients, and access to wider community support, by working with local organisations and affected families.</p> <p>Clune Park Community Centred provided a variety of activities to support and</p>

<p>People living in Port Glasgow are involved in local democracy and decision making.</p>	<p>Inequalities</p>	<p>We will build on the strengths of our people and our community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the processes that currently exist. • Residents can have their say on the key issues in their community and influence what action is taken. • Information and opportunities to take part in participatory budgeting is available to residents. • Improved communication and information available to residents on what events and activities are available locally. 	<p>HSCP Community and Third Sector Organisations</p>	<p>improve health and wellbeing, for example the Meliora funding was used to provide a variety of events themed around health and wellbeing. Local toddler groups link in with key HSCP service.</p> <p>Local tenants and residents' groups help raise issues that impact on residents health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Your Voice Community Connectors and CVS Community Link workers actively promote services available within PG and encourage community members to access services.</p> <p>Within PG there are a variety of platforms for community members to have their say, for example, the PGWCC, tenants and residents' groups and the Communication and Engagement group.</p> <p>RCH and CLD worked in partnership with the tenants and residents of the Chapleton area, focusing on improvements to the area. This involved various face to face meetings and a community consultation. This engagement has led to investment being brought into the area for development.</p> <p>In 2022 community consultation took place to gather responses about a proposed 20mph zone in Port Glasgow. On the 27th October 2022 it was agreed</p>
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<p>People living in Port Glasgow will be able to access local community centres for learning and development opportunities.</p>	<p>Inequalities</p>	<p>We will build on the strengths of our people and our community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Users of community centres are consulted on the courses and classes they would like to be provided. • Activities that help people to connect with their community and increase confidence and self-esteem are provided. 	<p>Environment Regeneration and Resources Community Learning and Development</p>	<p>by the Environment and regeneration committee to approve the 20mph zone in PG. There are various tenants and Residents groups within Port Glasgow, Slaemuir, Park Farm, Chapleton and Broadstone Gardens.</p>
<p>People living in Port Glasgow with health challenges or are on a low income will be able to access</p>	<p>Repopulation, Inequalities, Environment, Culture and Heritage</p>	<p>We will support more people to fulfil their right to live at home or within a homely setting and promote independent</p>	<p>The following will be explored;</p>	<p>HSCP Environment, Regeneration and Resources,</p>	<p>Inverclyde Council secured almost £1.2 million to transform one of the oldest buildings in Port Glasgow into a new community hub. The local authority secured funding from the national Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF) for the town's historic King George VI (KGV1) building, which dates to the 1700s. PG I youth zone is used on a regular basis to support youth work activities to reflect the needs of the young people. Inverclyde Community Development Trust host a variety of employability projects from their premises at JWS and Devol. JWS is used by various groups and organisations to support learning and development such as Adult Literacies.</p>
<p>People living in Port Glasgow with health challenges or are on a low income will be able to access</p>	<p>Repopulation, Inequalities, Environment, Culture and Heritage</p>	<p>We will support more people to fulfil their right to live at home or within a homely setting and promote independent</p>	<p>The following will be explored;</p>	<p>HSCP Environment, Regeneration and Resources,</p>	<p>The Communication and engagement group and the Port Glasgow West Community Council worked together to host a public meeting in relation to public</p>

transport.	living.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing public transport provision in the evenings and compliance with Strathclyde Passenger Transport Policy. Opportunities to subsidise travel for people on low incomes and the effectiveness of “my bus” with respect to supporting people with health issues. Constraints on access to services and jobs for people on low income. 	<p>transport for hospital appointments and allocation of appointments.</p> <p>Representatives from GGCNHS attended the meeting and listened to the concerns of the community. This has resulted in a change in relation what information is provided when appointments are being scheduled and what support is provided in relation to patient transport.</p>
Key Achievements			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The communication and engagement group continues to meet/connect monthly, the group has continued to work on collation of information on “What’s on in Port Glasgow” (venues) to highlight what is available for children, families, older people etc in the locality, with work being shared across the group. This information has already been shared with Thrive Under 5 project. Work of group has been and continues to be linked to Locality Priorities. The CLD worker for PG continues to engage and support a wide range of groups across the local community and acts as conduit between the CEG and local groups. The group is made up of members across the community including representation from the Port Glasgow West Community Council The Communication and engagement group and the Port Glasgow West Community Council worked together to host a public meeting in relation to public transport for hospital appointments and allocation of appointments. Representatives from GGCNHS attended the meeting and listened to the concerns of the community. This has resulted in a change in relation to what information is provided when appointments are being scheduled and what support is provided in relation to patient transport. Four community organisations within the locality received Meliora funding after undertaking a participatory budgeting process. Clune Park Committee and Toddlers’ Group, Charm Group and Upper Port Family Group, Parklea Branching Out and Comet Festival, hosted community events to enhance the range of Meliora Festival events including the local celebrations around the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee across Inverclyde in June 2022. Port Glasgow was chosen to deliver a pilot service of affordable and flexible after school care for primary school aged children who live in and attend the mainstream primary schools in Port Glasgow cluster area. Using an online consultation, the Port Glasgow Community provided information to help the local authority to understand what challenges families face in accessing childcare. The consultation then helped shape the model implemented to provide the service at a cost of £131,000. 			

- The Thrive under 5 projects in Port Glasgow is providing a place-based support service to families to upskill their knowledge around food and nutrition especially for families living on a tight income. This provides parents with information and opportunities to learn about effective ways to feed their families to prevent obesity and malnutrition. A full evaluation from NHS GGC will be available mid-way through 2024.
- A new 20mph speed limit zone in upper Port Glasgow was given the green light by councillors. On the 27th October 2022 Members of Inverclyde Council's Environment and Regeneration committee unanimously agreed to the change for parts of Slaemuir, Bardrainey and Mid Auchinleck, which was put forward in response to safety concerns. The 20mph zone idea was developed in partnership with active travel organisation, Sustrans Scotland, and is part of a wider plan that will also see the introduction of traffic calming measures, including speed bumps, lines and signage along Auchenbothie Road, widening of pavements and rerouting of the National Cycle Network 75 (N75). Feedback from the community consultation allowed residents the opportunity to have their say
- Port Glasgow High School have established a focus on outdoor learning in conjunction with the idea that nature is for nurture. Work is on-going to further develop its focus on the improvement of mental health among our community, tackling discrimination and school engagement, resourcing the school sufficiently to ensure we are meeting the emotional, social and behavioural needs of our learners in an outdoor setting.
- PG Izone: 3 drop in nights running with the age range from 11-17 (S1+). As well as a girl group running 1 night a week. Within these drop in nights there are varied activities including arts, sports, team building games, quiz nights and many more. The young people who attend these nights and use our services can at times be faced with many varied issues within their lives. As such we try and provide a safe and informative environment in which they can be at ease and build good relationships with staff and be able to talk about these issues and access help. We try to be as pro-active as possible in supporting the young people and try to tie in with as many external agencies as possible who are experts in their field to try and offer guidance and support to the young people. We also try to encourage our young people to be active members of their own communities and strive to break down many of the barriers in existence which hinder this. Some of this work has included building relationships with the young people and local services bringing in the local fire service, the wardens service and also the community police as a way to enhance community relations as well as our detached team. We currently have an average of 20 young people per night at drops in.
- Inverclyde Community Development Trust, in partnership with Inverclyde Council opened a community Pantry at 7 ½ John Wood Street. The primary aim is to reduce food waste and surplus, however community members benefit from accessing food at a low-cost price. Fruit and Veg are often available.

Greenock East and Central

What do we want to achieve?	LOIP Priority	Link to HSCP Six Big Actions	Actions to take this forward	Lead	Update/Progress
<p>People living in Greenock East and Central have improved wellbeing</p>	<p>Inequalities</p>	<p>Reducing inequalities by building stronger communities and improving physical and mental health.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope community assets including local support groups • Identify gaps in support groups and support the community and third sector organisations to develop groups • Identify training opportunities for community members on health and wellbeing. 	<p>HSCP - Third sector organisations</p>	<p>Four community organisations within the locality received Meliora funding after undertaking a participatory budgeting process.</p> <p>Belville gardens continue to expand the various activities on offer ranging from community gardening to cooking classes.</p> <p>An East end action group has been formed with the view of developing into a Community Council. One of the key issues raised at the meetings has been in relation to community safety and dog fouling.</p> <p>Two groups have also been setup in Greenock Central to ensure that communities can have a voice, Greenock Central residents group and the Broomhill TARA.</p> <p>Man on Inverclyde are continually developing their provision to support mental health and suicide prevention. Although their premises are based within Greenock East and Central the service is Inverclyde wide.</p>

<p>People in Greenock East Central are more connected with each other and able to access services.</p>	<p>Inequalities Repopulation</p>	<p>We will build on the strengths of our people and our community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure good communication and engagement with communities through developing communication and engagement mechanisms. • Improve access to support carers by promoting the local carers centre • Improve access to support for families through new Scot's community, Barnardo's etc. 	<p>Environment Regeneration and Resources Third sector organisations</p>	<p>The new Inverclyde Shed in East Blackhall Street was officially opened on Friday 31st March 2023. Inverclyde Shed aim to reduce isolation for community members in the area thus contributing to their physical and mental wellbeing.</p> <p>Morton in the Community continue to provide a variety of activities to support, employability, health and wellbeing, such as walking football, Team talk, bowl and beither and events funded via the warm hands of friendship fund.</p> <p>There are various Centres in which community members can access services, such as Auchmountain halls, Gibshill Community Centre, Bank St Hub, Your Voice, Craigend, Belville community gardens and various faith-based organisations across the locality.</p> <p>Community Centre staff have ongoing informal discussions; however a formal locality meeting would be beneficial.</p> <p>As part of the warm spaces funding a flyer was produced promoting the various warm spaces across Inverclyde.</p> <p>A new Community Centre was built in the East End of Greenock, replacing the existing Craigend centre. Funding was secured via the RCGF fund, National lottery and Roberston Trust.</p>
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<p>People living in the Greenock East/Central will have access to employment and training opportunities.</p>	<p>Repopulation Inequalities</p>	<p>We will support more people to fulfil their right to live at home or within a homely setting and promote independent living.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and engage with people on further education, employment and, training opportunities they would like to see within their locality. Explore new learning, employment and training pathways for people who can access them. 	<p>Environment Regeneration and Resources Community Learning and Development</p>	<p>3 new community groups have been established within this locality, East End action group, Greenock Central action group and the Broomhill TARA. This will help ensure that community members within Greenock East and Central are represented and have platform to have their say.</p>
<p>Children have access to good quality, clean, tidy natural space/ parks and play areas</p>	<p>Repopulation Inequalities</p>	<p>A Nurturing Inverclyde will give our children and young people the best start in life.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Link the provision of play parks to the Inverclyde Play Park Strategy Identify if there is a need to install any new play equipment in the play areas across Greenock East and Central Identify action that could be taken to make the current play parks safer for use. 	<p>Environment Regeneration and Resources Third sector organisations</p>	<p>Community Learning and Development provide a range of services in Greenock East and Central. Delivery of services takes place primarily but not exclusively in Auchmountain Halls Community Centre, Central Library and Greenock I youth Zone. CLD also work in partnership with West College Scotland to co-ordinate Community College provision.</p>
<p>Children have access to good quality, clean, tidy natural space/ parks and play areas</p>	<p>Repopulation Inequalities</p>	<p>A Nurturing Inverclyde will give our children and young people the best start in life.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Link the provision of play parks to the Inverclyde Play Park Strategy Identify if there is a need to install any new play equipment in the play areas across Greenock East and Central Identify action that could be taken to make the current play parks safer for use. 	<p>Environment Regeneration and Resources Third sector organisations</p>	<p>As part of a £200,000 investments in playparks across Inverclyde, the play park at the Wellpark was upgraded.</p> <p>As part of the development of Craigend community centre a new playpark was installed.</p> <p>The Auchmountain Glen project continue to develop and maintain the area, to ensure that the community can safely access it.</p> <p>Belville gardens continually to maximise their resources by providing a variety of</p>

				events to support outdoor learning and outdoor spaces Broomhill have invested in their community gardens and growing spaces.
Key Achievements				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four community organisations within the locality received Meliora funding after undertaking a participatory budgeting process. Man on Inverclyde, Auchmountain halls, Youth Connections and Crown Care Centre hosted community events to enhance the range of Meliora Festival events including the local celebrations around the Queen's Platinum Jubilee across Inverclyde in June 2022. • In the past 6 months, 3 new community groups have been established within this locality, East End action group, Greenock Central action group and the Broomhill TARA. This will help ensure that community members within Greenock East and Central are represented and have platform to have their say. • The new Inverclyde Shed in East Blackhall Street was officially opened on Friday 31st March 2023 Utilizing Scottish Government for a Regional Capital Grant Fund, the Inverclyde Shed partnered with Inverclyde Council on a successful application for £500,000 to develop an used building at East Back in 2019, the team at the Shed submitted a community asset transfer application to Inverclyde Council, which was agreed by the environment and regeneration committee in March 2020. • Homestart Inverclyde was commissioned to provide mentoring and coaching support for 25-30 families with children younger than 5 years, living on low income, and who have challenges with mental health and anxiety. Homestart Inverclyde has supported more than 170 families with a range of early intervention support including income maximization, cooking for families on a budget and wellbeing and coping with anxiety. The development of the Homestart Inverclyde Project has empowered parents: 36 parents have become trained volunteers within the service, 23 engaged parents received Stepwell Cooking training, 18 participated and engaged in support and financial advice training (CAP). 11 parents have moved into employment or started their employability journey and 8 people from Black and minority ethnic communities have come together to receive support settling into Inverclyde. • Building resilience and participation for people facing the greatest inequalities is the aim of many of the services that have been established in Inverclyde recently including the continuation of the IRISE project for men living in deprivation, with alcohol or drug challenges and mental health issues. The men are offered a wellbeing worker to support them with whatever challenges they face including housing, substance use and employability. The support is continued beyond the first level of training and into employment. • The library service was awarded the IROC Award in 2022. The strategic library service plan aligns to the relevant articles showing how important this is within the service. This year the Young People's Services team expanded programmes given suggestions directly from young adults and now include a study group and dungeons and dragons club (54 young adults attended the study groups 2022-23; 31 young people D&D Club during Summer 2023 and the club is now ongoing) • Morton in the community provide a wide a variety of activities to support health and wellbeing within the locality, ranging from youth football to community groups focused on improving mental health. 				

- An innovative CLD/DWP partnership has been developed to support those furthest from the labour market who have physical and mental health issues and longer term unemployed. In two months from May to June 2023, 11 learners have tracked into CLD provision from this work.

CLD ICT and Employability provision.		
Service	Description of Service	Delivery Details
ICT Beginners – 48 weeks per year	Tailored individual support as part of a group with a focus on key ICT employability skills including building basic skills for internet job searching and maintaining UC claim	Central Library
Work Club – 48 weeks per year	Tailored individual support as part of a group for CV creation, job application support, interview skills and personal development.	Auchmountain Halls, Central Library
English for Speakers of Other Languages – 38 weeks per year	Support for learning English as an additional language for New Scots, Refugees and Asylum Seekers. Support with reading, writing, listening and speaking	Auchmountain Halls, Greenock iZone
Adult Literacies – 48 weeks per year	Literacy and numeracy programmes to develop confidence and skills in reading, writing, numbers and IT for everyday activities. Support can be offered 1:1 as part of a group or in small groups.	Greenock iZone, Auchmountain Halls, The Trust -Westburn Centre
Multiply – 48 weeks per year	Support with everyday numbers for adults aged 19+ including SQA accreditation	Greenock iZone
DWP Engagement – 48 weeks per year	Outreach and Engagement sessions held in Greenock DWP to directly engage with Inverclyde residents, support them on site and refer on to appropriate CLD service	Greenock DWP

Greenock South and South West

What do we want to achieve?	LOIP Priority	Link to HSCP Six Big Actions	Actions to take this forward	Lead	Update/Progress
Children have access to good quality parks and play areas.	Repopulation and Environment	A Nurturing Inverclyde will give our children and young people the best start in life.	<p>Interested parties to take forward the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link the provision of play parks to the Inverclyde playpark strategy. • Identify if there is a need to install any new play equipment in play areas across Greenock South and South West. • Identify actions that could be taken to make the current play parks safer for use. 	CLD/ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION	Greive Rd community centre is scheduled to receive an upgrade early 2024
Children and young people are engaged in activities in Inverclyde that promote wellbeing	Inequalities	A Nurturing Inverclyde will give our children and young people the best start in life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that good communication about all activities and facilities for young children and teenagers is in place • Review the provision of youth clubs for teenagers in the area • Identify the activities available for pre-school children 	CLD - YOUTH WORK	<p>Branchton Community Centre and youth connections provide weekly activities for young people.</p> <p>There has also been additional mothers and toddlers activities available across the locality, see key achievements for more details.</p> <p>In partnership with bluebird nursey, the Grievie Committee and South West Community Council have provided a</p>

<p>Improve health and wellbeing for people of Greenock South and South West</p>	<p>Inequalities</p>	<p>Reducing inequalities by building stronger communities and improving physical and mental health.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If required – adapt or increase the current provision • Ensure communication for support groups for issues such as bereavement is in place • Identify what social groups the community would like to see established. • Establish groups to support health and wellbeing such as walking groups and exercise classes if necessary. 	<p>HSCP - 3rd Sector</p>	<p>variety of seasonal family events at the South West hub, with activities themed around health and wellbeing.</p> <p>The Grieve Rd Committee and South West Community Council, host a weekly community drop -in with an average attendance of 75 attendees per week. Community partners such as i: heat attend the drop in to provide advice and support.</p> <p>Branchton Community centre provide a variety of activities and groups such as toddlers groups, youth groups and pensioners clubs. Branchton have also developed their community garden providing further opportunities to support health and wellbeing.</p> <p>The Grieve Rd Pantry continues to exceed expectations with an ever-increasing membership.</p>
<p>People of Greenock South and South West are able to access transport to ensure easy transport and parking</p>	<p>Repopulation and Environment</p>	<p>We will support more people to fulfil their right to live at home or within a homely setting and promote independent living.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate transport links between GS&SW and the rest of Inverclyde and identify any appropriate actions. • Identify the transport related issues that the community would like to see addressed. • Evaluate parking in Greenock South and South West 	<p>HSCP COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP</p>	<p>Transport links are intermittent across the locality, the main issue has been the reduction in bus services. This is an Inverclyde wide issue that is being discussed by the Association of Inverclyde Community Council.</p> <p>There has been an increase in the frequency of trains to Glasgow via the Wemyss Bay line.</p>

People of Greenock feel safe to go out at night	Repopulation and Inequalities	Together we will protect our population.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the Community Safety Partnership to identify the specific issues for Community safety in Greenock South and South West • Members of the community need to feel safe going out in GS&SW particularly in the evening. • Work with agencies to identify and tackle drugs misuse in the area 	COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP	<p>Inverclyde Community Wardens continue to serve the locality and attend the relevant Community Council meetings to provide an update on reports of anti-social behaviour and listen to any concerns.</p> <p>Community Police previously attended the community council meetings; however they attend when possible. Community Police still engage with local groups and schools.</p>
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Key Achievements

- Focused on supporting community members in smaller cohorts as there was low levels of response to wider engagement. Greive Road (South West) was highlighted as an area of focus as areas such as Branchton and Larkfield have organisations based within the area. There is now a fully established Grieve Rd Committee who work closely with the local Community Council. The Grieve Rd Committee run weekly community drop-in, seasonal events such as summer family sessions and Halloween parties that contribute to health and wellbeing. Over the past 12 months the group have secured over £20,000 to fund events and activities for the local community. CLD staff continue to visit and engage with Community partners across the locality.
- Branchton Community Centre have established a community gardening club and have redeveloped grounds surrounding the centre as a space for community growing. The group developed as result of community members undertaking a horticultural course delivered in partnership with West College Scotland and Community Learning and Development. Branchton Community Centre have also expanded the communities access to affordable food via their community shop and community fridge, supported by community volunteers.
- Four community organisations within the locality received Meliora funding after undertaking a participatory budgeting process. Branchton Community Centre Youth Connections, Ravenscraig Sports Hub, Cowdenknowes Residents' Association hosted community events to enhance the range of Meliora Festival events including the local celebrations around the Queen's Platinum Jubilee across Inverclyde in June 2022.
- Cowdenknowes Residents Association undertook a variety of litter picks across the locality for example on the 2/10/22 9 adults and 3 young people collected 8 bags of litter from the Murdieston Dams area.

Greenock West and Gourcock

What do we want to achieve?	LOIP Priority	Link to HSCP Six Big Actions	Actions to take this forward	Lead	Update/Progress
<p>People living and working in Greenock West and Gourcock will have parking that meets their needs</p>	<p>Environment Repopulation</p>	<p>We will support more people to fulfil their right to live at home or within a homely setting and promote independent living.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the parking related issues that the community would like to see addressed. Identify actions to address the parking related issues in Greenock West and Gourcock. 	<p>ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION/CLD Greenock West and Gourcock Communications and Engagement Group</p>	<p>There has been changes to parking within Gourcock. In October 2022 parking charges were introduced in Kempock Street car park (whole car park adjacent to Lower Kempock Street).</p> <p>Parking is also free on-street where vehicles can park on Kempock Street, Kempock Place and Shore Street for up to 1 hour and on Lower Kempock Street for up to 3 hours, Monday to Saturday from 8am to 6pm. Parking discs must be displayed.</p> <p>Electric car charging points are available in the Town centre and Gourcock train station and the battery park.</p>
<p>Residents in Greenock West and Gourcock are able to access improved transport that will meet their needs.</p>	<p>Environment Inequalities Repopulation</p>	<p>We will support more people to fulfil their right to live at home or within a homely setting and promote independent living.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate transport links between Greenock West and Gourcock and the rest of Inverclyde and identify any appropriate actions. Identify the transport related issues that the community would like to see addressed. 	<p>HSCP/ ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION Greenock West and Gourcock Communications and Engagement Group</p>	<p>In 2023 the local bus company withdrew services of 540 bus which serves parts of Gourcock. A reduced train service was temporary introduced however this has now led to an improved service for Glasgow to Gourcock.</p> <p>The newly installed Cycle track provides an opportunity for community members to access a safe travel route linking to other areas of Inverclyde.</p>

<p>People living in Greenock West and Gourock will have roads, pavements and pathways that meet their need.</p>	<p>Environment Repopulation</p>	<p>We will support more people to fulfil their right to live at home or within a homely setting and promote independent living.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the roads, pavements and pathways that local residents are concerned about. Communicate to local residents the work being undertaken by the Council regarding the maintenance of roads, pavements and pathways. 	<p>ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION CLD Greenock West and Gourock Communications and Engagement Group</p>	<p>906 community members took part in a PB exercise around additional funding for roads and footpaths. In response to the community engagement the following work was funded: Footpath: Shore Street, Gourock: From access to Health Centre car park to opposite tech shop Footpath: Shore Street, Gourock; Planned work: St Johns Road to John Street (fronting shops) Footpath: Eldon Street, Esplanade to Wood Street (south side) and Esplanade and North Street (north side)</p>
<p>Children and young people are engaged in activities in Inverclyde that promote wellbeing.</p>	<p>Inequalities</p>	<p>A nurturing Inverclyde will give our children and young people the best start in life. Reducing inequalities by building stronger communities and improving physical and mental health.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that good communication about all activities and facilities for young children and teenagers in place. Review the provision of youth clubs for teenagers in the area. Identify the activities available for pre-school children. If required – adapt or increase current provision. 	<p>CLD Youth Work</p>	<p>A variety of sports clubs and activities are available throughout the locality ranging from athletics, water sports, tennis, football and Rugby. Gourock Community sports hub have produced a map of activities that promote health and wellbeing across the locality.</p>
<p>Older people living in Greenock West and Gourock are able to participate in their local community.</p>	<p>Inequalities</p>	<p>We will support more people to fulfil their right to live at home or within a homely setting and promote independent living.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate the current services and schemes in place to tackle isolation amongst the elderly. Engage with elderly people living in Greenock 	<p>Third Sector / HSCP CLD – Community Work / HSCP</p>	<p>The two Community Council's in the locality continue to provide a platform for community members to have their say and raise any concerns.</p>

	Reducing inequalities by building stronger communities and improving physical and mental health.	West and Gourock to identify the services and support that they would like to access.	Gourock Community sports hub have produced a map of activities that promote health and wellbeing across the locality Greenock West and Gourock Communication and engagement group, host a monthly Bowl and blether, they also have mapped out the various warm spaces and promoted this across the locality.
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Key Achievements

- Literati Guide Inverclyde supported by 1012 volunteers, hosted 109 events, collected 1411 bags of litter resulting in 11,700 kg litter collected throughout Inverclyde. Many of the litter pick up events were located in the Greenock West and Gourock locality
- Six community organisations within the locality received Meliora funding after undertaking a participatory budgeting process. 1st Gourock Scouts, Gourock Primary PTA, Lyle Gateway and Your Voice, Inverclyde Cricket Club St Columba's and Greenock Medical Aid hosted community events to enhance the range of Meliora Festival events including the local celebrations around the Queen's Platinum Jubilee across Inverclyde in June 2022.
- Expanding Mental Health Ambassadors in St Columba's High School to continue a culture of recognising and supporting the Mental Health of our school community through working with staff and pupil Mental Health Ambassadors (MHA). MHA will involve supporting young people, parents and staff to reduce the stigma and discrimination in relation to Children and Young People's Mental Health.
- The Community Engagement Group (CEG) has continued to meet monthly, focusing on promoting the various warm spaces and sports hubs in the community over the past 12 months. They have created posters and community maps to highlight the various "bowl and blethers", sports clubs, and have organised dementia-friendly training. They are also working to arrange first aid training for groups across the community. In addition, the CEG regularly hosts a monthly bowl and blether and the Gourock Farmers Market, which has now become self-sustaining.
- Participatory budgeting was used to determine the films that would be shown at the 2022 summer pictures in Battery Park. Over 1,321 community members participated in the process, allocating £20,000 for the event.
- In response to a 2021-22 community consultation on public spaces, activities, and women's safety, a proposal was submitted to the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) for funding to improve lighting at Battery Park in Greenock's west end. The bid was approved this year, and work on improved lighting in the park will commence in 2023-2024.

Inverkip and Wemyss Bay

What do we want to achieve?	LOIP Priority	Link to HSCP Six Big Actions	Actions to take this forward	Lead	Update/Progress
Residents in Inverkip and Wemyss Bay can access improved transport	Repopulation and Environment	We will support more people to fulfil their right to live at home or within a homely setting and promote independent living.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate transport links between Wemyss Bay and Inverkip and the rest of Inverclyde and identify appropriate actions. Identify the transport related issues that the community would like to see addressed. 	Environment, Regeneration and Resources Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Communications and Engagement Group	<p>In response to community engagement in 2021 SPT were invited to a meeting with the Communications and Engagement group to discuss improving an improved bus service to wider locality.</p> <p>Unfortunately, no progress has been made regarding this as it would require interested parties to tender for the route.</p>
Parking related issues in Inverkip and Wemyss Bay will be addressed.	Repopulation and Environment	We will support more people to fulfil their right to live at home within a homely setting and promote independent living.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the parking related issues that the community would like to see addressed. Identify actions to address the parking related issues in Inverkip and Wemyss Bay. 	Environment, Regeneration and Resources/ CLD Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Communications and Engagement Group	Parking continues to be challenge in the main village for residents. Parking is available at the local shops and community centre.
Improve health and wellbeing for residents in Inverkip and Wemyss Bay	Inequalities	Reducing inequalities by building stronger communities and improving physical and mental health.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure communication and promotion of activities available in Inverkip and Wemyss Bay is in place. Identify actions related to health and wellbeing that the community would like to see implemented. 	CLD/ HSCP Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Communications and Engagement Group	A variety of events and activities has been provided within the locality to help improve Health and Wellbeing, please see key highlights.
People living in Inverkip and Wemyss Bay have improved road infrastructure.	Repopulation and Environment	We will support more people to fulfil their right to live at home within a homely setting and promote independent living.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with the local community to identify the issues associated with road infrastructure that they would like to see addressed. 	CLD/ Environment, Regeneration and Resources/ CLD Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Communications	As part of the Roads & Transportation – Proposed RAMP/Capital Programme for 2023/24. Innellan Road & Toward Road Wemyss Bay will receive Full Lengths resurfacing along with along with Main

Young people living in Inverkip and Wemyss Bay have access to a range of sporting activities.	Inequalities	A nurturing Inverclyde will give our children and young people the best start in life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify actions to address the issues related to parking infrastructure with Inverkip and Wemyss Bay. Review current provision of sporting activities available for young people. Identify the sporting activities and facilities that the community of Inverkip and Wemyss Bay would like to see introduced. 	and Engagement Group.	Street in Inverkip, Station Road South to Access to A78.
Inverkip hub, Wemyss Bay Community Association, Morton in the Community, and the scouts, provide a variety of activities for the community. The football pitch at the Inverkip centre is used on a regular basis by a variety of community members and groups.	CLD Youth Services	Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Communications and Engagement Group			

Key Achievements

- Two community organisations within the locality received Meliora funding after undertaking a participatory budgeting process. Inverkip Community Initiative and Inverkip Church: The Kip Fest 2022, Wemyss Bay Community Association Gala Day hosted community events to enhance the range of Meliora Festival events including the local celebrations around the Queen's Platinum Jubilee across Inverclyde in June 2022.
- The organisers of Kipfest have successfully hosted two events that have brought the community together. A dedicated steering group, representing various organisations like sports groups, Scouts, churches, and the community hub, plans and coordinates the event. In 2023, the group sought feedback from the wider community, encouraging more members to join the steering group. Kipfest provides a platform for local organisations to showcase their offerings.
- Inverkip Church Eco Group, a community-based initiative, organised numerous litter-picking events throughout 2022, collaborating with organisations like the 85th Scout group to target areas such as Inverkip Beach and the village.
- Blooming Inverkip, an inclusive community gardening group based at Inverkip Community Hub, has been actively cultivating the grounds at the Hub since its inception in 2019. The group has developed its skills, knowledge, and well-being through its gardening endeavours. Additionally, it has partnered with local groups like Inverkip Primary to share gardening expertise. For instance, in February 2023, Inverkip Primary students visited the Hub to plant herbs for the community and create a personalized planter with spring and summer greenery.

Wemyss Bay Community Association

- hosted a Gala day in May 2022 which was a huge success, with a record amount of people attending using £5,000 Meliora funding from Inverclyde Council, this enabled the group to offer lots of free activities at the gala to local families, such as a free ice cream for everyone!, fairground rides, face painting, silent disco and VR headset. We had a variety of local crafters selling their own creations and a very busy social area for people to reconnect with each other after a difficult couple of years. The feedback was all positive and we feel this event was a great way to bring the community back together post pandemic.

- The Christmas lights switch on in December was another successful night It was lovely having people back at the centre for this night, previous year had to be held outside. We moved Santa's grotto to the backroom to give more space in the hall and a quieter and calm environment for the families visiting Santa.
- During this year we welcomed a few new regular lets such as a craft group and cookery class and had our busiest year ever for children's birthday parties, this has been a great boost to funds, but can also be challenging to coordinate volunteers to support open and close of the centre, we reached out to the wider community for more volunteers to join us in supporting these events.
- We also held a very well attended Ladies night, Race night and family Halloween night again bringing in much needed funds to keep the centre running and replace some equipment like broken chairs.

Inverkip Community Hub

New groups in 2022/23

- **Get Fit in Thirty:** Two new keep fit Classes running in 2020/21 by GFT a bootcamp and a Piyo class which is a cross of Pilates and yoga ran by Gillian Adams giving her four Classes over the week.
- **Friday Social group:** runs every Friday and was set up by a university placement for over 50s who take part in classes and organise activities and days out for lunch and visits to local libraries museums and events.
- **Kip Book Club:** runs once a month and the group discuss chosen books and topics from a wide range of authors and writer

GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

- Christmas light switch on went really well estimated that over 350 people attended on the night inside or outside enjoying the festivities live music from Graham and his band, Santa's grotto , Face painting and the light switch on along with the freebies coffees ,teas ,mince pies ,biscuits and juices and selection boxes for every young person attending.
- Festive Friends was again a great success running in partnership with Ardgowan Hospice, IRH and River Clyde Homes making up over 400 Jolly Boxes for IRH and elderly residents across Inverclyde .The hub again played a major part being used for a base to make up the boxes store them and help get them delivered in time for Christmas this year we also donated some chocolate Santa's and Christmas tea lights for the boxes .
- LJ dance show had 180 attending in staggered times to allow all the parents to get to see the show
- Baby & Toddlers going well now with two sessions along with book bug which has seen an increase in numbers since Christmas.
- All other groups are running well numbers are great across the community groups and commercial groups making great progress.
- Kids parties going well fully targeting at least two a month which is the case up until July.
- Kipfest 2022 funded by the Melora was a huge success with over 800 people attending the festival over three venues supported by the new village partnership set up by Inverkip Hub and local organisations with lots of great plans for the future
- Ladies night themed for Spice Girls movie went down a hit with 100 attending and raising over £1000 for the hub.



Inverclyde Alliance

AGENDA ITEM NO: 9

Report To: Inverclyde Alliance Board **Date:** 18 March 2024

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Subject: Locality Plans Review

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present to the Alliance Board a proposed new approach to community engagement in the review and development of revised Locality Plans.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 As part of the community planning element of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, Inverclyde Alliance has a responsibility to develop locality plans for those areas of Inverclyde which experience the greatest inequalities.

2.2 Six Locality Plans were produced in 2020 highlighting key priorities for each locality derived from various methods of community engagement. Although there is only technically a requirement to have Locality Plans for three of Inverclyde's locality areas (those that face the most inequality), Inverclyde opted for all 6 localities to have action plans because significant challenges exist across all six localities. This means many community efforts and organisations addressing inequalities operate throughout the entire authority area. Inverclyde Alliance are required to keep these Locality Plans under review.

2.3 While launched in 2020 to support engagement on Locality Plans, establishing Communication Engagement Groups (CEGs) across all six localities has faced challenges. Perceived complexity in locality planning arrangements, difficulty in securing consistent and broad participation at meetings, and overlap with existing community groups has hindered the success of this model.

2.4 This report contains a proposal in which to redesign the Locality Plan community engagement model. The aim is to create an Inverclyde-wide engagement network, based on a mixture of online and face-to-face engagements, that will drive the priorities in 6 revised locality plans. This model would be branded as the "Inverclyde People's Network" and would support and compliment the work of existing formal and informal community groups, community planning partnership groups, and Inverclyde Alliance Board.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that the Alliance Board:

- a. approve the changes in relation to community engagement on Locality Plans; and
- b. approve the timetable/plan to take forward the development of revised Locality Plans; and
- c. agree that each partner will provide a representative to act as a locality sponsor.

Ruth Binks
Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 As part of the community planning element of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, Inverclyde Alliance has a responsibility to develop locality plans for those areas of Inverclyde which experience the greatest inequalities.
- 4.2 Locality Plans aim to address specific needs within a local authority by targeting areas with considerably poorer outcomes compared to other areas within the same authority area or Scotland as a whole. While three of Inverclyde's six locality areas may seem to face greater inequality, it's crucial for Inverclyde Alliance to recognise that individuals experiencing significant challenges exist across all six localities. This means many community efforts and organisations addressing inequalities operate throughout the entire authority area. It remains the preference to keep 6 locality plans for this reason.
- 4.3 Locality Plans serve as guides for addressing key issues within specific areas. By analysing local data and actively engaging with communities, these plans distinguish priority concerns. Crucially, Locality Plans also outline collaborative actions that both Inverclyde Alliance and local residents will undertake to tackle these challenges.
- 4.4 Six Locality Actions plans were produced in 2020 highlighting key priorities for each locality derived from various methods of community engagement. Section 11 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 requires that each community planning partnership keep under review the question of whether it is making progress in improving the achievement of each local outcome in the locality plan. It must also from time to time review the locality plan itself and must publish any revised locality plan which results from such a review.
- 4.5 Progress against current Locality Plans during the period 2020 to 2023 has been reported to Inverclyde Alliance on 18 March 2024.

5.0 LOCALITY ACTION PLANS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: MOVING FORWARD

- 5.1 Community Engagement Groups (CEGs) were setup in 2020 to help provide a structure for engagement on the priorities highlighted within the six Locality Plans. However, this approach to community engagement, primarily through CEGs requires revision. Only a minority of CEGs attract consistent participation, raising concerns about their effectiveness and there is a perceived overlap with existing Community Council functions. The rigid format of monthly meetings hinders broader involvement, as many residents find them inconvenient. Additionally, many priorities identified in the Locality Plans are already being addressed by other groups. Finally, community members themselves express a clear desire for more flexible engagement options beyond fixed monthly gatherings. These combined factors necessitate a new model that maximises participation and offers diverse ways for residents to contribute to shaping Inverclyde's future.
- 5.2 Based on an evaluation of the challenges in forming successful CEGs, it is proposed to shift towards a new Locality Plan engagement model that embraces technology, accommodates diverse preferences, and empowers residents to actively shape Inverclyde's future, which will facilitate broader community participation in shaping Locality Plans. This report contains a proposal in which to redesign the Locality Plan engagement model towards an Inverclyde-wide engagement network, based on a mixture of online and locality-based face-to-face engagement. This model would be branded as "Inverclyde People's Network".
- 5.3 The Inverclyde People's Network (IPN) is proposed as an answer to the challenges identified in paragraph 5.1 of this report. This concept cuts across the limitations of the current CEG method and encourages more inclusive, flexible, and impactful community engagement. The IPN proposal is to replace a reliance on the CEG model as the primary method for community engagement on Locality Plans with a model based on a mixture of online and targeted face-to-face engagement methods. The IPN can be summarised as:
 - Creating an Inverclyde-wide online engagement network utilising both social media groups and the Inverclyde Community Choices Platform, which will facilitate dialogue on both authority-wide and locality-based issues through ongoing community conversations.

- Under the banner of Inverclyde People’s Network, each of the 6 locality areas will host community conversation week once per year to reflect on and co-produce their own Locality Plans, which would be supported by both digital engagement and a range of face-to-face engagement.

5.4 The Inverclyde Community Choices platform is Inverclyde’s localised version of Consul, which is the recommended platform from COSLA in relation to community engagement. The Consul Democracy platform is a complete citizen participation tool for an open, transparent, and democratic government, with features such as community proposals, participatory budgeting, debates, and collaborative legislation. The platform has already been successfully trialled within Inverclyde for community engagement around the Meliora Festival in 2022.

5.5 This flexible model of an Inverclyde-wide online community engagement network, supported by locality-based community conversation weeks, could act as a central hub for information sharing, collaboration, and outreach. Community groups could showcase their work, attract new members, and avoid duplication of effort. Residents could find relevant support, connect with others, and participate in discussions. The network could also offer training, resources, and connect groups with volunteers.

5.6 The IPN would directly support the work of community groups and multi-agency partnerships by providing engagement opportunities on the development and delivery of the priorities within Locality Plans. This would include, but not be limited to, groups such as:

- CLD Partnership
- HSCP Locality Planning Groups
- Community Councils
- Parent Councils
- Pupil Councils / Youth Council
- Community Groups and TARA’s

5.7 A proposed timetable is provided below to update Locality Plans:

Stage One

Use existing data from recent consultations to create mock up draft plans that would create the platform to stimulate conversation and community engagement at stage 2.

Stage Two

Each locality will host a Community Conversation Week, this will be an opportunity for communities to reflect on the progress made in relation to the locality action plan and co-produce an updated plan that reflects the needs of the locality. The community conversation will also be supported by digital engagement to capture wider community need and to maximise inclusion. All six locality action plans will be updated to reflect feedback from the Community Conversation. The intention would be to repeat this process every year.

Potential timeframe

- Dec – Feb 2024: Update the existing plans in relation to progress made.
- March – April 2024: draft “mock up” locality plans in relation to current data.
- April – May 2024: Host community conversation events to capture community feedback.
- June 2024: Alliance Board approval and publication of plans.

5.8 While some overlap exists between locality areas and political boundaries like council wards and community councils, it’s important to streamline involvement to avoid duplicated efforts and meeting attendance. This can be achieved by focusing on areas where a significant degree of relevant crossover is identified. The proposed alignment of localities with Council Wards and Community Councils is presented within Appendix 1. This table also provides the suggested representative of Inverclyde Council and/or an Alliance Board partner who will act as a sponsor for their locality. By linking the locality engagement into the partnership, the sponsor(s) can help to ensure that the voices of the local community are heard in the community planning process. The sponsor arrangements will be reviewed on an annual basis.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Legal: Section 11(2) of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 places a duty on the community planning partnership to review each locality plan it has published and following such a review, may consider revising the plan.

Finance: none at present

Human Resources: none at present

Equality and Diversity: none at present

Alliance Partnership Plan: The development of revised Locality Plans cuts across all themes of the Partnership Plan but has particular relevance for Theme 1 – Empowered People as they aim to provide a platform to give communities a voice and influence.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 None

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None

Mapping localities to Community Council Areas, Ward Areas, Council sponsor, CPP sponsor, and community groups/facilities

Locality	Council Ward Areas*	Community Council Areas*	Council Sponsor	CPP Sponsor	Community groups and facilities
Kilmacolm & Quarrier's Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inverclyde East [1] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kilmacolm and Quarrier's Village 	Head of Culture, Communities, and Educational Resources	To be confirmed	<u>Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kilmacolm Community Council Kilmacolm CEG Kilmacolm Residents Association Kilmacolm Civic Trust <u>Facilities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kilmacolm Community Centre Birkmyre Park Fitness Gym Kilmacolm Library
Port Glasgow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inverclyde East [1] Inverclyde East Central [2] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Port Glasgow East Port Glasgow West 	Chief Officer IJB	To be confirmed	<u>Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Port West Glasgow Community Council Port Glasgow CEG Slaemuir TARA Chapleton TARA Parkfarm TARA Broadstone Gardens Residents Association <u>Facilities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> King George V building 7 ½ John Wood Street The Pantry I-Youth Zone (Port Glasgow) Boglestone Community Centre Port Glasgow Town Hall PG Library Parklea
Greenock Central and East	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inverclyde Central [3] Inverclyde North [4] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greenock Central Greenock East Greenock West & Cardwell Bay 	Chief Executive	To be confirmed	<u>Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> East End Working Group Broomhill TARA Greenock Central Association Auchmountain Committee Craigend Committee

Locality	Council Ward Areas*	Community Council Areas*	Council Sponsor	CPP Sponsor	Community groups and facilities
Greenock South & Southwest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inverclyde South [7] • Inverclyde Southwest [6] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenock Southwest • Holefarm and Cowdenknowes • Larkfield, Braeside, and Branchton 	Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development	To be confirmed	<p><u>Facilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craighend Resource Centre • Auchmountain Resource Centre • Crawfordsburn Community Hall • Gibshill Community Centre • I-Youth Zone (Greenock) • Inverclyde SHED • Broomhill Gardens and Community Hub • Belville Community Gardens • Greenock Town Hall • Bank St Hub • Man On • Central Library <p><u>Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenock South West Community Council • Larkfield, Branchton and Braeside Community Council • Cowdenknowes Association • Greive Rd Committee • Branchton Committee <p><u>Facilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Connections • Branchton Community Centre • Grieve Road Community Hall • Larkfield Tenant's Hall • Meadowlark Hall • South West Library
Greenock West & Gourock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inverclyde North [4] • Inverclyde West [5] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gourock • Greenock West & Cardwell Bay 	Director Environment & Regeneration	To be confirmed	<p><u>Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gourock Community Council • Greenock West and Cardwell Bay CC

Locality	Council Ward Areas*	Community Council Areas*	Council Sponsor	CPP Sponsor	Community groups and facilities
Inverkip & Wemyss Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inverclyde Southwest [6] • Inverclyde West [5] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gourock • Inverkip & Wemyss Bay 	Head of OD, Policy & Communications	To be confirmed	<p>• Greenock West Comms and Engagement Group</p> <p><u>Facilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gamble Halls • Kirn Drive Community Hall • Shore Street Gardens • Gourock Library <p><u>Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blooming Inverkip • Wemyss Bay association • Inverkip and WB Community Council • Inverkip hub committee <p><u>Facilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inverkip Community Hub • Inverkip Library • Wemyss Bay Community Hall

*Community Council and Ward areas have been matched to localities with >10% residential dwellings within their boundary



AGENDA ITEM NO: 10

Report To: Inverclyde Alliance Board **Date:** 18 March 2024

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Subject: Community Food Growing Strategy: Year One Progress

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Alliance Board on progress made in relation to year one actions contained within the Inverclyde Community Food Growing Strategy and to highlight year 2 actions and priorities.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 requires each local authority to prepare a food growing strategy for its area, to identify land that may be used as allotment sites, identify other areas of land that could be used for community growing, and describe how the authority intends to increase provision for community growing, in particular in areas which experience socio-economic disadvantage.

2.2 A draft Food Growing Plan was developed in June 2020 and was intended to be a holding statement that set out the Council's intention to produce a fully developed Community Food Growing Strategy for Inverclyde. A fully developed Community Food Growing Strategy was approved in March 2023.

2.3 The Community Food Growing Strategy outlines the vision for food growing in Inverclyde, which is to increase opportunities for communities to grow their own food and contribute towards a reduction in food poverty. This vision will be achieved by:

- Building capacity within communities to ensure they have the skills and knowledge to take part in food growing.
- Creating strong partnership working between communities, the Council and housing associations.
- Ensuring communities have the resources they need to be able to take part in food growing.
- Contributing towards a reduction in poverty through strong partnership working.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that the Alliance Board

- notes the progress made in the first year of the Inverclyde Community Food Growing Strategy; and
- notes the priorities/actions for year two.

Ruth Binks
Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act (2015) requires each local authority to prepare a food growing strategy for its area, to identify land that may be used as allotment sites, identify other areas of land that could be used for community growing, and describe how the authority intends to increase provision for community growing, in particular in areas which experience socio-economic disadvantage.

4.2 A draft Food Growing Plan was developed in June 2020 and was intended to be a holding statement. The statement set out the Council's intention to produce a Community Food Growing Strategy for Inverclyde that would meet the requirements of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and contained details of:

- The legislative requirements,
- Food growing contributes to the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) 2017-22;
- Links to key Council policies
- Information in relation to allotments; and
- How community groups can access assistance.

4.3 A fully developed Community Food Growing Strategy was approved by the Alliance board on the 13th March 2023 incorporating the following vision:

“To increase opportunities in Inverclyde for communities to grow their own food and contribute towards a reduction in food poverty. We want these opportunities to be well used by communities and for it to result in more local residents growing and using the food they grow.”

4.4 To achieve this vision, the Food Network have identified the following four priorities:

Priority 1: Build capacity within communities to ensure they have the skills and knowledge to take part in food growing.

Priority 2: Create strong partnership working between communities, the Council and housing associations.

Priority 3: Ensure communities have the resources they need to be able to take part in food growing.

Priority 4: Contribute towards a reduction in poverty through strong partnership working.

5.0 PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN YEAR ONE

5.1 In March 2023 Inverclyde Council was successful in receiving UK Levelling up funding to implement the Invergrow project. This funding will be used to help the development of growing spaces across Inverclyde and support the implementation of the Inverclyde Community Food Growing Strategy.

5.2 The Inverclyde Community Food Strategy, appendix 1 of this report provides an update on the progress that has been made in achieving the four priorities during year one. The report provides information on the progress made under each action and the status of the action. In addition, each template contains details of key achievements made by the Inverclyde Community Food Growing Network. Highlights include:

- Appointment of the Invergrow worker November 2023.
- 50 community have been trained in community cooking
- Facilitation of Community Food growing planning event
- Planning and delivery of events to promote food growing such as Potato week moveable feast.
- Establishment of the Food Network Strategy group
- Establishment of Community fridges.
- Development of food growing sites by partners such as Branchton Community Centre and Inverclyde Shed
- Development of small community sites such as Craig End, PG Health Centre.
- Increased membership of the Community Pantries

6.0 YEAR TWO PRIORITIES/ACTIONS

6.1 Year two priorities and actions can be seen in appendix 1, below is a summary of key actions that will be priority during year 2:

- ICFN members undertake a training needs analysis to help developing the relevant training.
- Develop an events calendar to help co-ordinate a structured approach to growing across the ICFN.
- Maximise the additional funding and resource from the Invergrow project funded via the UK Levelling up fund.
- Invergrow worker to create a robust recording process to capture the number of community members involved in growing across the ICFN.
- Continue to explore opportunities to encourage community members take part in community growing.
- Development of growing spaces as a result of the Invergrow fund.

7.0 GOVERNANCE

7.1 The following governance arrangements will ensure the successful development, implementation and monitoring of the strategy: The development of the Community Food Growing Strategy is led by the Council's Communities Service:

- The Food Network will be responsible for the implementation and monitoring of the strategy.
- Progress will be reported to the appropriate Alliance thematic group in the new structure on a quarterly basis and will inform the Partnership Plan quarterly progress report; and
- An annual progress report will be submitted to the Alliance Board.

An Equality Impact Assessment was completed on the Community Food Growing Strategy and approved by the Council's Corporate Policy Team.

8.0 IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Legal: none at present
Finance: none at present
Human Resources: none at present
Equality and Diversity: An equality impact assessment of the Community Food Strategy is being carried out.
Alliance Partnership Plan: The Community Food Strategy contributes to Theme 3 – Healthy People and Places and Theme 1 – Empowered People.

9.0 CONSULTATIONS

9.1 Ongoing consultation and engagement with both communities and partner organisations has taken place out to inform the development of the Community Food Growing Strategy.

10.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None

Inverclyde's Community Food Growing Strategy



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FOREWORD

Councillor Elizabeth Robertson, Chair of Inverclyde Alliance

As Chair of the Inverclyde Alliance, the Inverclyde Community Planning Partnership, I am delighted to introduce Inverclyde's Community Food Growing Strategy. The strategy sets out how Inverclyde Council and its community planning partners will support community food growing across Inverclyde.

In the 2023-33 Inverclyde Alliance Partnership Plan our outcomes include:

- Development of strong community-based services that respond to local need;
- Communities can have their voice heard, and influence the places and services that affect them;
- Gaps in outcomes linked to poverty are reduced; and
- Easy access to attractive and safe public spaces, and high quality arts and cultural opportunities.

The Community Food Growing Strategy will help us to achieve these. There is community support for local food growing as evidenced through the consultation on the Strategy and the Inverclyde Community Food Network has shaped the vision and actions within the plan. Our approach aims to use community food growing to help address poverty in our communities, and reduce the barriers to people accessing low cost and nutritious food. It will help establish more spaces and places for food growing.

Community food growing enables people to get involved in their local community, meet new people, enjoy the outdoors and take part in growing. It is the combination of these elements that makes it so appealing. Indeed, there has been an increase in the number of people who are keen to participate in outdoor activities such as gardening and food growing. This is partly due to the Covid-19 pandemic and also the many benefits of food growing. The Community Food Growing Strategy will help us to provide more opportunities for local people to get involved in food growing and enjoy the benefits that it has to offer.

Inverclyde has a network of green spaces, community gardens and allotments, as well as a Food Network which brings together all partner organisations that are involved in food growing. This, combined with a strong voluntary sector with knowledge and expertise in food growing and an abundance of local people who are keen to get involved, means that we have the foundations upon which to build a successful approach to community food growing.

Inverclyde Alliance is committed to providing local communities with more opportunities to get involved in food growing and the Community Food Growing Strategy will help us to achieve that.

WHY ARE WE DEVELOPING A FOOD GROWING STRATEGY?

A Community Food Growing Strategy for Inverclyde has been developed to meet the requirements of national policy and legislation, contribute towards the achievement of local priorities and ensure that Inverclyde benefits from a wide range of benefits associated with food growing.

National Policy

The Scottish Government has set out a vision that by 2025 Scotland will be "a Good Food Nation, where people from every walk of life take pride and pleasure in, and benefit from, the food they produce, buy, cook, serve, and eat each day."

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act (2015) requires each local authority to prepare a food growing strategy for its area, to identify land that may be used as allotment sites, identify other areas of land that could be used for community growing, and describe how the authority intends to increase provision for community growing, in particular in areas which experience socio-economic disadvantage.

Local Policy

The Community Food Growing Strategy has a key role to play in helping Inverclyde Alliance, the area's Community Planning Partnership, to achieve its vision and priorities for Inverclyde. The development of the Community Food Growing Strategy has therefore been informed by the 2023-33 Inverclyde Alliance Partnership Plan.

The Community Food Growing Strategy will make a significant contribution to the achievement of all four outcomes in the 2023-33 Inverclyde Alliance Community Plan.

- Development of strong community-based services that respond to local need;
- Communities can have their voice heard, and influence the places and services that affect them;
- Gaps in outcomes linked to poverty are reduced; and
- Easy access to attractive and safe public spaces, and high quality arts and cultural opportunities.

Benefits of Community Food Growing

The Scottish Government has identified a wide range of benefits associated with community food growing. For example:

Food – Food growing provides communities with access to environmentally sound, healthy and locally sourced food. It also offers monetary savings in comparison to buying produce from retail outlets.

Health & Wellbeing – There are many health and well-being benefits to food growing. Not only do people who grow their own food tend to eat more healthily but



Figure 1 Variety of fruits and vegetables grown at Shore Street Garden. (cc) Inverclyde Shed

gardening activities can provide low-impact exercise and help to improve physical health. Community growing can lower stress levels, offer mental health benefits and a supportive social environment. Creating green space in built up areas improves air quality and provides recreational opportunities that encourage socialising, decreases isolation and leads to improved confidence and self-esteem.



Figure 2 Group from Belville Street Community Garden visiting Muirshiel Gardens

Community – Food growing can help to improve the quality of life of local residents by bringing vacant or derelict land back into use. Participation in food growing also helps to foster a sense of community as it brings communities together and provides volunteering opportunities. Food growing can also help to reduce social isolation and loneliness amongst older people and more vulnerable groups who are socially isolated.

Biodiversity - Community growing spaces can improve biodiversity as well as create important green corridors for wildlife. The Community Food Growing

Strategy will help to meet the objectives of the Scottish Biodiversity Strategy and Local Biodiversity Action Plans, as well as the Pollinator Strategy for Scotland.

Climate Change - Community growing sites can help to alleviate climate change through good soil management and appropriate ground cover management via healthy and appropriate plant cover. Community food growing spaces contribute to mitigating and adapting to the effects of climate change through carbon reduction and sustainable design. Other sustainability benefits can be considerable, such as reduction in air miles, reduction in carbon emissions and improvements to air quality through locally grown food.

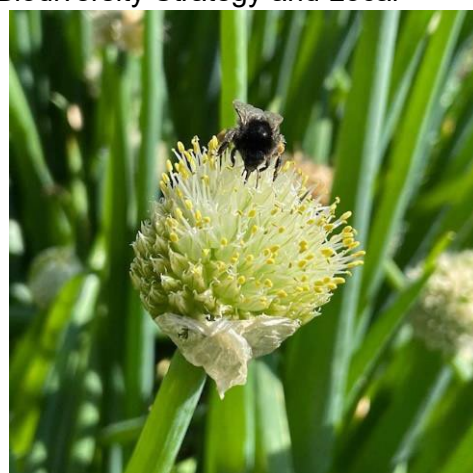


Figure 3 Bee pollenating flower at Shore Street Garden. (cc) Inverclyde Shed

Recycling & Food Waste - Community growing can

lead to a reduction in food waste through composting and reduced food packaging. People are also less likely to waste the food that they grow, and are more likely to put grow-your-own waste into the compost, thereby returning nutrients to the soil. Community food growing spaces can also make positive contributions to sustainable drainage through the permeable surfaces of food growing spaces and the harvesting of rainwater.



Figure 4 Composting at Shore Street Gardens. (cc) Inverclyde Shed

Soil Management - An organic approach to community growing can help to reverse soil degradation. Reversing this trend will help to address the loss of organic matter from the soil, reduce soil compaction and erosion, and help to reverse the trend in mineral decline in vegetables.



Figure 6 Weekly tasks delivered by Parklea Association Branching Out

Education & Training - Food growing spaces provide a learning environment, where young and old can learn about a wide range of topics, including: biodiversity; skills to grow-your-own; botany; climatology; cookery; geography; recycling/upcycling. Food growing programmes in schools can have positive impacts on pupil nutrition and attitudes towards healthy eating, specifically related to the willingness to try new foods; and allows pupils to learn about their natural environment, how to grow and harvest food, and to be less wasteful of natural resources. Taking part in community growing activities can develop 'soft' skills such as communication skills, problem solving, and team working etc. that help to increase employability.

Local Economy - Community growing can contribute to the local economy and encourage enterprising activity. For example, from selling produce such as fruits and vegetables and jams and chutneys, providing training and contributing to personal development opportunities.



Figure 5 Inverclyde Shed produce stall at Walled Gardens pop-up market. (c) Inverclyde Shed



FOOD GROWING IN INVERCLYDE

Community food growing is already well established in Inverclyde and the area possess a number of assets that we will utilise to help us increase the opportunities that are available for local communities to participate. These assets are detailed below.

Inverclyde Community Food Network - is a group of local partner organisations and volunteers who support and encourage food growing and food sharing across Inverclyde by:

- Encouraging and supporting local people to get involved in food growing activities;
- Raising awareness of what support services are available around food insecurity and food waste;
- Enabling communities to access food and surplus food, and
- Reducing food waste.

Some of the group's achievements so far include:

- 50 local people have been trained in community cooking;
- Running events such as a moveable feast to which new Scots were invited;
- Belville Community Garden set up "soup and a bleather" which runs every week;
- The distribution of excess food from supermarkets;
- The establishment of community fridges; and
- The delivery of food boxes during the pandemic, as well as gardening boxes and the establishment of soup sheds.

The Community Food Network was widely consulted during the development of the Community Food Growing strategy and will play a key role in its implementation.

Community Gardens – Inverclyde has a number of community gardens and allotments where local people can participate in community food growing. The community gardens are all very welcoming and offer a great way to make friends, improve physical and mental health and enjoy the outdoors. There are regular clubs and more informal drop-ins and events, details of which can be found at www.icfn.org.uk

Parklea Branching Out

Parklea Playing Fields, Greenock Road, Port Glasgow PA14 6TR. Telephone: 01475 744516 Email: admin@parkleaassociation.org.uk Informal garden drop-in usually Tuesdays and Fridays. Please call for more information.

Belville Community Garden

53 - 57 Belville St, Greenock, PA15 4UN Telephone: - 01475 726034 Email: info@belvillecommunitygarden.org.uk Gardening Club Mondays 1.00-3.00 Come along or call for more information. Raised bed allotments including disabled access beds available at small annual cost

Branchton Community Centre

78 Branchton Rd, Greenock, PA16 0XX Telephone: 01475 638481 Email: branchtonmanager@gmail.com Gardening club Tuesday mornings. Please call for more information.

Shore Street Garden –

Shore Street, Gourock Email: contact@inverclydeshed.co.uk Gardening club Mondays 10.00-12.00 weather dependent. Please call for more information

Muirshiel Lane Market Garden

Muirshiel Ln, Port Glasgow PA14 5XS Email: contact@inverclydeshed.co.uk Informal volunteering. Please get in touch for more information.

The Drying Green Garden

South West Library - 159 Inverkip Rd, Greenock PA16 9HG Telephone: 01475 715667. Informal volunteering, with a view to regular garden club. Please get in touch/check social media for more information.

Blooming Inverkip

Kip Park Main Street, Greenock PA16 0FZ Telephone: 01475 520740. Informal volunteering on Saturday mornings with a view to regular gardening club in 2023. Please call for more information.

Wellington Allotments

Wellington street, Greenock Telephone: 0785 1454042 Email: alison.duncan@ntlworld.com Allotments available on waiting list basis.



Inverclyde Food Map – Inverclyde Community Food Network has produced a food map of Inverclyde which provides details of where communities can access the following:

- Community food growing sites;
- Food banks, cafes and pantries;
- Excess food donations;
- School gardens;
- Allotments; and
- Cooking sessions.

The food map can be accessed via the Inverclyde Community Food Network website at www.icfn.org.uk/food-map

What land is available in Inverclyde for food growing?

Allotments - Inverclyde Council has one official allotment site located in Wellington Street, Greenock. The allotment has 35 plots ranging from full size, half quarter and raised beds. The allotments are managed by an elected committee.

Other land - In terms of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, Inverclyde Council is required to publish a register of all land which, to the best of the Council's knowledge and belief, is owned or leased by the Council. Below is a link to the Land Register. Please note that this list has not yet been finalised and therefore may change.

<https://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/council-and-government/asset-transfer-requests/register-of-land>

What local organisations are involved in community food growing?



The Inverclyde Shed create places for people to meet, make, grow and share. Their primary aim is to tackle poor mental & physical health, addressing loneliness and particularly but not exclusively amongst older men, often a hard-to-reach group. Their spaces include an established community garden in Gourock, a new fruit orchard space in Port Glasgow and a network of school / nursery 'small growing spaces'.



Parklea 'Branching Out' is a voluntary organisation established in 1997 to help develop local individuals with support needs so that they can reach their potential. Parklea use horticulture as a vehicle to provide a variety of different training, work experience, supported employment, recreational and social facilities for a variety of clients including adults and children with learning and/or physical disabilities, those with mental health problems, school leavers, young and long term unemployed, elderly groups and community groups. Parklea also provide training to SVQ level in horticulture and employability programmes.



Belville Community Garden Trust is a registered Scottish charity formed in 2014 by local people to bring community groups and individuals together in the east end of Greenock. Belville promotes a safer, stronger community around improving lifestyles and health primarily through gardening, horticulture and healthy eating. Since opening in 2014, Belville Community Garden have developed a status within the community as a central food growing hub, organising and co-ordinating community groups and schools in growing projects.



Inverclyde's Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) plays a key role in co-ordinating the work of the Food Network. It also supports all aspects of food, including food poverty, supporting Fairshare distribution and organises accredited training to train local people to delivery cookery classes. The HSCP also provides small amounts of money to purchase food for the cooking classes and further training.



Branchton Community Centre is an important community hub serving the Greenock South West area. Its main priorities are to provide classes, courses, services and activities to tackle social exclusion and all kinds of poverty. Over the last 2 years the Community Centre has added food growing and food distribution to its list of services. It has a community garden beside the Centre and has taken ownership from the Council of a plot of land near the Centre to expand its growing activities. This is supported by a strong volunteer growing group. Food distribution is also an important element of the work of the Centre and it collects and hands out food donated by local supermarkets to reduce food waste. The Centre also has a charity shop to hand out food and household goods.



Community Learning and Development (CLD) are responsible for the development of the Food Growing Strategy and work in partnership with West College Scotland to run local horticulture classes which helps to both grow interest in horticulture and develop skills within the community.



Bluebird Family Centre Organisation works in partnership with various local organisations to introduce food growing with staff and the children. Members of the community build planters and areas for planting to take place.



Consultation and Community Engagement

Extensive consultation and engagement with both communities and partner organisations was carried out to inform the development of the Community Food Growing Strategy.

Engagement with Communities

Feedback was gathered from local residents who either have an interest in or are involved in community gardening / growing and below is what they told us:

- Community food growing enables people to get involved in their local community, meet new people, enjoy the outdoors and take part in growing. It is the combination of these elements that makes it so appealing.
- The social aspect of food growing is one of the main reasons why people choose to take part.
- There is a lack of awareness of the food growing opportunities that are available across Inverclyde.
- There are a lot of older people who would like to take part but see their age as a barrier and perceive food growing to be labour intensive.
- There is a lack of knowledge of how to use the produce grown. To address this issue, local people would like to attend cookery classes to learn how best to use the produce grown.

Engagement with partners

The Food Network was consulted throughout the development of the strategy and below is the feedback they provided:

- A lack of skills and knowledge is one of the key barriers that prevents local communities from taking part in community food growing. The first step is to increase the capacity of individuals to grow their own food before looking at increasing the amount of land that is available for food growing.
- There is a lack of awareness amongst the public of the food growing sites that are available in Inverclyde.
- Communities find it difficult to access information about community asset transfer and find the process to be complicated. This is a barrier that prevents communities from accessing land for community food growing.
- Access to funding, tools and equipment, seeds and compost are barriers that prevent communities from taking part in food growing.



- Access to compost is one of the biggest problems and communities need access to a car to be able to access and transport it.
- There is a gap around how excess food is shared and distributed.
- It is important that the strategy contributes to addressing food poverty.
- Inverclyde does not currently have a grow your own facility.
- Work with schools and pre-5 establishments is an important element of providing access to food growing, increasing knowledge and skills and addressing food poverty.



OUR VISION AND PRIORITIES

Our vision for community food growing in Inverclyde is:

To increase opportunities in Inverclyde for communities to grow their own food and contribute towards a reduction in food poverty. We want these opportunities to be well used by communities and for it to result in more local residents growing and using the food they grow.

We have identified four priorities that will help us to achieve this vision. The identification of these priorities has been informed by extensive consultation with communities and organisations who are involved in food growing locally.

Priority 1: Build capacity within communities to ensure they have the skills and knowledge to take part in food growing.

Priority 2: Create strong partnership working between communities, the Council and housing associations.

Priority 3: Ensure communities have the resources they need to be able to take part in food growing.

Priority 4: Contribute towards a reduction in poverty through strong partnership working.



Priority 1: Build capacity within communities to ensure they have the skills and knowledge to take part in community food growing.

Why is this a priority?

This is a priority because one of the main barriers that prevents local communities from taking part in community food growing is a lack of skills and knowledge. Building capacity within communities through training and skills development is therefore vital in enabling communities to be able to grow their own food.

Where do we want to be?	How will we get there?	When will we get there?	What will success look like?	Who is responsible?	Progress Year 1 On track Progress made No action taken
<p>The Invergrow project will provide training to increase the capacity of individuals to grow their own food. (Please note this action is dependent on a successful funding application).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If funding is awarded, the first step will be to recruit and appoint a Project Officer. - The Project Officer will work with the Food Network to assess training requirements and develop suitable training. 	<p>Year 1 – recruitment of Project Officer.</p> <p>Year 2 – A training needs analysis will be undertaken with the Food Network and community groups. Pilot training courses will also take place during year 2.</p> <p>Year 3 – a programme of training will be developed and implemented.</p>	<p>Communities will be able to access training courses to help them develop their skills and knowledge to be able to grow their own food.</p>	<p>Invergrow Project Officer</p>	<p>The Invergrow worker was appointed November 2023 G</p> <p>Blooming Inverkip have developed various how to videos which are hosted on the ICFN website. G</p> <p>Initial conversations have taken place during the November planning event in which training around risk</p>



					<p>assessment and health and safety were raised. A</p> <p>A training needs assessment will be carried out by ICFN members by March 2024 A</p>
<p>Engage with children and families to find out how best to go about providing access to growing opportunities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop a resource booklet for schools and nurseries on what to grow and when. - Undertake a mapping exercise of food growing currently taking place in schools and nurseries. - Share case studies and visits to schools and nurseries so that establishments can learn from what others have done. - Apprentices provide support to schools and nurseries to prepare sites for food growing. 	<p>Year one</p> <p>Year one</p> <p>Year two</p> <p>Year two/three</p>	<p>Food growing opportunities will be developed tailored to the needs of children and families.</p>	<p>Food Network</p>	<p>A resource booklet has been developed and can be accessed via the ICFN website. G</p> <p>Inverclyde Food growing map can be accessed via the ICFN website. G</p>



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<p>Create a section for food growing on the online learning platform Moodle.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make informal learning available on Moodle. For example, quizzes and case studies on volunteers. - Develop “How to videos”. For example, how to plant seeds, harvest, cook etc - Develop an SQA course on food growing in conjunction with West of Scotland College. 	<p>Year one</p> <p>Year one</p> <p>Year two/three</p>	<p>Create a section for food growing on the online learning platform Moodle.</p>	<p>Make informal learning available on Moodle. For example, quizzes and case studies on volunteers.</p>	<p>Ongoing conversations are taking place with ICFN in relation moodle being a suitable platform as opposed to h A</p> <p>resources on ICFN website with links to external free resources.</p> <p>Blooming Inverkip have developed variuos how to vidoes hosted on the ICFN website. G</p>
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Key Achievements

- ICFN Partnership event held in November which allowed all members of the Inverclyde Community Food Network (ICFN) to engage with each other.
- ICFN Launched Potato Week & Harvest Week
- Facilitated planting/growing harvesting sessions across various growing sites
- Establishment of a Mentor Network includes active knowledge & skills sharing via:
- ICFN monthly meetings
- Community Garden meetings & What’s App Group
- Kidron Community Garden What’s App Group
- Parklea Volunteers What’s App Group
- WCS have provided various Horticultural courses across Inverclyde
- Shared ICFN information at Food Growing and Community Garden Networking Event at Hub Grub Food Bank in Dunoon



- Enabled a diversity of volunteers from across Inverclyde to participate in a research study facilitated by Trainee Health Psychologist Caledonian University.
- The creation of regular networking / learning events & training opportunities has enabled a diversity of people from across Inverclyde to enhance their knowledge & skills, get involved in community gardens and grow their own food.

Priority 2: Create strong partnership working between communities, the Council and housing associations

Why is this a priority?

This is a priority because a successful approach to community food growing is dependent on communities, the Council and housing associations working together to ensure that communities are aware of how they can get involved in community growing and the food growing sites that are available across Inverclyde.

Where do we want to be?	How will we get there?	When will we get there?	What will success look like?	Who is responsible?	Progress Year 1 On track Progress made No action taken
Further develop the Food Network's map of Inverclyde to include all sites available for food growing and community assets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update the map to include schools and nurseries. - Uptake the map to include food sharing across Inverclyde. 	<p>Year one</p> <p>Year one</p>	Communities will be able to easily access an interactive map to find out what sites are available for growing food in Inverclyde	Food Network	<p>Inverclyde Food growing map can be accessed via the ICFN website. G</p> <p>Inverclyde Council provide an asset list available. Accessibility of the existing list is being reviewed. A</p> <p>Inverclyde Shed have created an interactive map. G</p>



					ICFN website hosts an up to map of food share locations across Inverclyde that is regularly updated.
Develop a promotional campaign to promote the opportunities available within Inverclyde for growing food.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide information to support people to be able to grow at home. - Develop and distribute a "growing kit". - Promote the food map and all the partners that are involved in food growing in the Greenock Telegraph. - Run themed promotions, e.g. food growing, cooking 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Year one</p> <p>Year two</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Communities will have greater awareness of how they can get involved in community food growing and how they can access training.</p> <p>Communities will have increased knowledge about how to grow food at home, leading to more people growing food at home.</p>	Food Network	<p>Work has been undertaken by ICFN to maximise digital engagement opportunities such the Facebook page and the Website with resources.</p>
Develop and share a calendar of food events taking place across all partner organisations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop and populate a calendar and create a process to keep it updated. - Promote the calendar. 	<p>Year one</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	Food events will be coordinated and promoted across all partner organisations which will lead to increased attendance and participation.	Food Network	Initial conversations around creating a calendar of events and activities was discussed at the November planning event. This will be in place by April 2023



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<p>Develop guidance and support for communities to help them with the asset transfer process.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop and publish case studies of successful community asset transfers. - Revise and update guidance for communities on asset transfer. - Review and update information on asset transfer on the Council's web site. - Run events to provide communities with information about asset transfer and how to go about it. 	<p>Year one</p> <p>Year one</p> <p>Year one</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>It will be easy for communities to access information about how to apply for an asset transfer with information available via the Council web site and support available from the Communities Service.</p>	<p>CLD Services</p>	<p>The current process and guidelines are being reviewed and developed by the asset transfer working group. This includes, an initial interest form, road map and an are asset transfer ready checklist. The new process and guidelines will be subject to approval.</p>
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Key Achievements

- ICFN Food Map updates ongoing – interactive map on website - [Inverclyde Community Food Network | Atlist](#)
- Collated information and produced flier on food access / sharing / distribution across Inverclyde.
- Ongoing community engagement to find out what is in place/what is required.
- Communities now have access to an interactive map / information to find out what sites are available for growing / accessing food in Inverclyde.
- ICFN have developed the Website, Social media – Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Posters
- Range of networking events and pop up shops - [McGilp's Pop Up Shop — Inverclyde Community Food Network \(icfn.org.uk\)](#)
- Communities have a greater understanding of how to access training and get involved in community food growing.
- Communities have access to information to increase their knowledge on how to grow food at home, leading to more people growing food at home.
- Asset transfer guidance and support information is currently being reviewed by the Asset Transfer working group,
- Inverclyde Shed have launched an interactive asset map using google maps: [CAT IC Assets – Google My Maps](#)
- Due to ICFN co-ordination and promotion of Food Events by partners there has been increased attendance and participation.
- PBO provided veg & herbs & ICFN supported individuals and groups to grow their own food.
- Due to ICFN co-ordination and promotion of community gardens & food growing opportunities there has been an increase in the number of people growing food at home / in community gardens / in nurseries & schools.



Priority 3: Ensure communities have the resources they need to be able to take part in food growing.

Why is this a priority?

This is a priority because access to funding, equipment, tools and compost is currently a barrier that makes it difficult for community groups to take part in food growing.



Key Actions?	How will we get there?	When will we get there?	What will success look like?	Who is responsible?	Progress Year 1 On track Progress made No action taken
<p>The Invergrow project will establish 6 pop up sites and 10 new food growing sites across Inverclyde. (Please note this action is dependent on a successful funding application).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The identification of possible pop up sites and good growing sites. - Engagement with communities regarding the location of sites. - Establishment of pop- up site - Establishment of food growing sites. 	<p>Year one</p> <p>Year one</p> <p>Year two</p> <p>Year three</p>	<p>There will be more opportunities for communities to take part in food growing and this will lead to an increase in the tonnage of locally grown food</p>	<p>Invergrow Project Officer</p>	<p>The Invergrow worker started in November 2023, to support the development of additional food growing activities a community grant fund was launched on with a closing date of February 22nd 2024. The aim of this grant to provide funds for community groups develop/expand existing growing spaces.</p> <p>A pilot project in partnership with ST Stephens High School has begun,</p>



				<p>looking to maximise the open space within the school campus. G</p> <p>Invergrow will work in partnership with RCH to install raised growing spaces across the various sheltered/residential accommodation. The starting point will be community engagement with current residents. A</p>
<p>Develop a food growing library that will provide community groups with access to tools, seeds and book/websites.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishment of a seed library at South West Library. - Set up an ask and offer site for community groups through mechanisms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish a seed library at South West Library. - Establish an ask and offer site for community groups through mechanisms such as Facebook. 	<p>Year one</p> <p>Year one</p>	<p>Community groups will find it easy to access the tools and seeds they need to be able to participate in food growing, as well as information to encourage further learning.</p>	<p>Food Network</p> <p>A representative from CCA Glasgow held a Sow and Grow event at South West Library that provided more information on seed libraries to volunteers and other members of the Food Network. There is a small seed library at the</p>



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<p>such as Facebook.</p>					<p>Sout West Library that requires expansion.</p> <p>ICFN staff have engaged with local food growers and explored using various digital platforms, it was agreed that what's App was the most practical tool to use in order share information and resources.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p>
<p>Actively explore options to enable community groups to access a starter fund.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop eligibility criteria, spend deadlines and feedback and evaluation processes to support the distribution of the Food Network's £15k growing fund. 	<p>Year one</p>	<p>Community groups will receive funding to enable them to begin growing their own food.</p>	<p>Food Network</p>	<p>ICFN have provided financial starter funds to 6 community groups.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p>
<p>Investigate the possibility of local businesses providing sponsorship / in kind support.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investigate the possibility of local businesses providing sponsorship / in kind support. 	<p>Year one</p>	<p>Local businesses provide sponsorship or a discount for the materials required by</p>	<p>Food Network</p>	<p>Various business within Inverclyde have supported growing spaces by</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish links with local businesses to obtain a discount on compost. - Explore the possibility of bulk buying compost. 	<p>Year One</p> <p>Year One</p>	<p>community groups to be able to participate in food growing.</p>		<p>allowing staff to volunteer within the sites. For example staff from EE helped out at the Muirshields Growing space. Further work is required to build stronger links with local business.</p> <p>Compost is now delivered to the various growing spaces across Inverclyde by HSCP's unpaid work team, using soil provided by Inverclyde Council.</p>
<p>Establish links with the Council's apprenticeship programme to investigate the possibility of apprentices providing assistance at growing sites.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Utilise apprentices to help with planting bulbs, supporting schools and nurseries and planting orchards. - Work with West College Scotland to link in with their horticulture courses. - Investigate the possibility of the 	<p>Year one</p> <p>Year two</p> <p>Year one</p>	<p>Partner organisations will receive assistance with site maintenance and apprentices will gain new skills and knowledge which will help them to access employment.</p>	<p>Food Network</p>	<p>As part of Inverclyde Council apprentice program, apprentice's were recruited to support various growing space such as Parklea Branching out. 12</p>



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	<p>Scouts/Girl Guides etc providing support at food growing sites.</p>				<p>are in year 2 and 6 in year 1. G</p>
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Key Achievements

- South West Library – hoping to provide a seed bank, seed collection for next year – [Sow and Grow Facebook Promotion](#)
- Ad hoc - across ICFN partners there has been a range of seeds/plugs (PBO) shared with a diversity of communities for herbs, veg and flowers.
- South West Library – provide access to gardening / growing books
- Branchton & Belville – have books for people to take away.
- Easy access to seeds & plugs seeds (of choice), alongside information sheets and demonstrations has enabled more people to participate in food growing encouraged further learning.
- EE have collaborated with The Inverclyde Shed by volunteering at Muirsheil Gardens in Port Glasgow by filling up leaf bays and moving wood chips - [facebook.com](#)
- CFN has allocated funding to: 6 x community groups , to enable this to happen ICFN produced / disseminated application forms, progress & process system now in place, shared information on other funding opportunities. 6 Community groups have received funding to enable them to grow their own food.
- ICFN Facilitated collaborative working between Inverclyde Council & the Unpaid Work Team, enabling compost to be delivered to community gardens Community groups now have access to compost to reduce costs and make it easier to partake in food growing.
- ICFN letters / posters information disseminated to a range of businesses.
- For the most part the apprentices have assisted their designated organisations, and ICFN network



Priority 4: Contribute towards a reduction in food poverty through strong partnership working.

Why is this a priority?

Providing communities with opportunities to grow and cook their own food and distributing food that would otherwise go to waste are two ways in which we can contribute towards a reduction in food poverty.

Key Actions?	- How will we get there?	When will we get there?	What will success look like?	Who is responsible?	Progress On track Progress made No action taken
Actively explore the possibility of establishing a local grow your own facility in Inverclyde.	- Conduct a feasibility study regarding the potential establishment of a grow your own facility.	Year three	Local residents will be able to access a grow your own facility in Inverclyde where they can obtain fresh fruit and vegetables.	Food Network	
Work with schools and pre-5 establishments to create an orchard and / or growing space within each school / pre-5 establishment.	- Establish links with the Health and Wellbeing Network within Education to develop a project plan	Year one	Every school and pre-5 establishment will be offered the opportunity to develop an orchard and / or growing space that will enable pupils to help themselves to food.	Food Network	The Inverclyde Shed and Belville Gardens have created growing spaces for St Andrews Primary School. ICFN will continue to engage with pr-5 establishments. <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"> G </div>





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<p>Work with partners to help the Food Network distribute food that would otherwise go to waste.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish a method to promote and share food that is available. - Develop a bank of recipes 	<p>Year one</p> <p>Year one</p>	<p>Supermarket food near the end of its "Use By" and "Best Before" dates will be donated to local charities to distribute and use.</p>	<p>Food Network</p>	<p>Community centres and groups receive donations from local supermarkets on a regular basis. The information is shared across social media and a dedicated Whats App group.</p> <p>The Inverclyde Pantry membership continues to and access to the Pantries is promoted by the various partners.</p> <p>Belville Community Gardens have a variety of recipes hosted on their webpage, there are also recipes available on the ICFN webpage.</p>
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					Initial conversations have taken place with HSCP unpaid work in relation to distributing surplus food, further development of this is required. 
Undertake a campaign to change the rules around food "Use By" Dates.	- Promote the petition to extend "use by" dates by one day.	Year one	Supermarket food is currently donated to local organisations on the day of its "Use By" date. The campaign will ensure that charities receive this food 1 day earlier ensuring that no food goes to waste and that food is given to people in need.	Food Network	The Inverclyde Community Food Network has launched a Change.org campaign to try and change the way Use-by Dates are treated by supermarkets. 

Key Achievements

- The Inverclyde Community Food Network has launched a Change.org campaign to try and change the way Use-by Dates are treated by supermarkets. Currently our food banks and food shares are having to throw away mountains of food that they get late on the day of the Use-by date. If the supermarkets released the food on the evening prior to the Use-by date then that food could be given away for free the next day to those in need and to prevent it ending up in landfill. greenocktelegraph.co.uk
- Exploration continues – currently mapping what is available and in the process of creating an ICFN (Eatwell) Plate
- Inverclyde Shed & Belville Community Gardens involved in work with schools and pre-five establishments



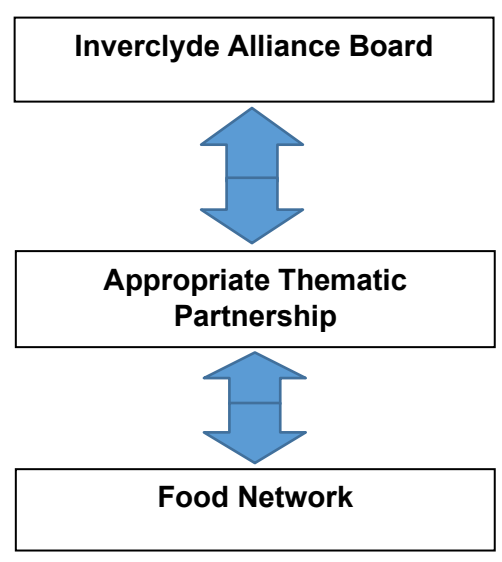
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- St Andrews Primary School received a new growing space - [Greenock school is 'growing places'](#)
- Enabled better working links & food sharing between partners and the broader community.
- Cookery classes: various cooking classes have been provided in Inverclyde for example; WCS cooking on a budget, Community cooking sessions, Belville – Carers cooking classes and WCS Flat Plack Meal demos



GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The governance structure for the delivery of the Community Food Growing Strategy is set out in the diagram below. Please note that community planning governance structures will be under review in 2023 and therefore the governance arrangements may change.



Role of Inverclyde Alliance Board

The Alliance Board is Inverclyde’s Community Planning partnership (CPP). It has overall responsibility for the implementation of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act (2015), including the development and implementation of a Community Food Growing Strategy. A report on progress made on the actions contained within the plan will be submitted to Inverclyde Alliance Board on an annual basis to enable the Community Planning Partnership to scrutinise performance.

Role of the appropriate Thematic Group

Following a review of the Alliance delivery structures in line with the new 2023-33 Partnership Plan, the governance of the Food Growing Strategy will be allocated to the appropriate thematic group. The appropriate thematic group will have the Food Growing Strategy as an action within their delivery plan and will report on progress with the implementation of the strategy to the Alliance in their quarterly progress report.

Role of the Food Network

Responsibility for the delivery of the Community Food Growing Strategy will lie with the Food Network. The Food Network brings together all partner organisations that are involved in either growing food, distributing food, food poverty or cookery classes. This strong partnership approach will enable the Food Network to co-ordinate food growing across Inverclyde and to report progress to the Environment Partnership and the Alliance Board.



Inverclyde Alliance

AGENDA ITEM NO: 11

Report To: Inverclyde Alliance Board **Date:** 18 March 2024

Report By: Ruth Binks
Corporate Director Education,
Communities & Organisational
Development, Inverclyde Council **Report No:**

Contact Officer: Hugh Scott
Service Manager
Community Learning &
Development, Community Safety
& Resilience and Sport **Contact No:** 01475 715450

Subject: Active Inverclyde Strategy – Public Consultation Key Findings

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the key findings from the Active Inverclyde public consultation to the Alliance Board.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 The purpose of the Active Inverclyde Strategy is to provide a framework for community planning partners in Inverclyde to work together to increase participation in physical activity, including sport.

2.2 The Active Inverclyde Strategy is accompanied by a more detailed action plan that has been developed in consultation with local communities and other stakeholders. The action plan ensures that the actions taken to increase participation on physical activity, including sport, meet the needs of communities.

2.3 A key action within the action plan was to complete a public consultation to establish a baseline of activity levels amongst Inverclyde residents. The results of this consultation will further shape the action plan and the focus of the implementation group moving forward.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that the Alliance Board:

- a. Notes the key findings of the Active Inverclyde public consultation exercise

Ruth Binks
Corporate Director of Education, Communities & Organisational Development

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The purpose of the Active Inverclyde Strategy is to provide a framework for community planning partners in Inverclyde to work together to increase participation in physical activity, including sport. A range of key stakeholders have been engaged in the development of the strategy including local Elected Members, local communities, Inverclyde Leisure, Inverclyde HSCP, **sportscotland**, and other local services.
- 4.2 The level of deprivation in Inverclyde is a particular challenge as those living in deprived areas have a much lower life expectancy when compared to those living in the least deprived areas. In addition, evidence shows that adults who live in the most deprived areas of Scotland are less likely to meet physical activity recommendations, compared with the least deprived areas.
- 4.3 Physical inactivity is one of the leading causes of premature death in Scotland. Evidence shows that even small increases in activity can help to prevent and treat chronic diseases and improve quality of life. The Active Inverclyde Strategy therefore has a key role to play in improving the health and well-being of the population of Inverclyde.
- 4.4 Physical activity and sport can also play a major role in improving outcomes and tackling inequalities across many different aspects of our lives and society. Physical activity and sport are a powerful force in transforming lives. There is clear and growing evidence of the health, economic and social benefits physical activity and sport can bring (**A More Active Scotland: Scotland's Physical Activity Delivery Plan**).
- 4.5 The Active Inverclyde Strategy concentrates on four main themes that reflect the areas we believe are pivotal to achieving a reduction in health inequalities and an increase in levels of physical activity. These are:
- Active People
 - Active Communities
 - Active Partnerships
 - Active Environment
- 4.6 To develop an action plan in relation to the Active Inverclyde Strategy, an implementation group was established. The group is made up of local clubs and Community Sports Hubs, young people, Inverclyde Leisure, Inverclyde HSCP, **sportscotland**, and other local services.
- 4.7 The action plan contains greater detail of the actions and initiatives that will be implemented by partner organisations. The action plan focusses on the four active Inverclyde themes to identify gaps and future areas for development.
- 4.8 A key theme in the action plan is public consultation to establish baseline activity levels. This interim report will share the key findings which in turn will shape the plan going forward.

5.0 ACTIVE INVERCLYDE PUBLIC CONSULTATION

- 5.1 A need for public consultation was agreed by the implementation group to gain a clear understanding of activity levels amongst residents.
- 5.2 The survey was developed through the implementation group with the support of the service data analyst. The structure of the questionnaire enabled alternative questions to be asked based on if participants were active/inactive at time of completion. This ensured that as much data as possible was gathered through the survey to establish the baseline.
- 5.3 The consultation was open for an 8-week period. During which time online and paper versions were available. A prize draw incentive was attached to the survey with local partners donating prizes.

- 5.4 During the consultation, a key focus was on identifying activity trends amongst individuals aged 11 and above. 1086 people completed the survey with 70.7% being female and 28% male. Notably, 20.1% of respondents stated they had a disability and/or underlying health condition.
- 5.5 The findings showed that of the participants 74.7% (over 800) are currently meeting the NHS activity guidelines. The most common activities were walking (51%), active living (46.1%), going to the gym (30.9%), playing sports (20.1%), running (18.2%), swimming (13.9%), cycling (10.5%) and wheeling (1.8%). A highlight for the implementation group being that the most popular activities are ones which are readily available.
- 5.6 With a key focus for the implementation group to get more people active there is a real drive to look in to the 25.3% of those surveyed that are not meeting the recommendations, (NHS activity guidelines). This will allow the implementation group to understand the factors influencing this group's desire and ability to engage in physical activity and how Active Inverclyde could increase their participation levels.
- 5.7 21.8% of the non-active participants have been active in the past. Reasons for falling away from activity include health issues, work/family commitments, cost, and busy lifestyle. The top 4 factors which currently stop them from being active are time (14.7%), cost (12.2%), confidence (9.4%) and childcare (9.0%). 24.1% of those surveyed would like to become more active.
- 5.8 For those who would like to become more active, activities they would like to do include walking, gym, fitness, swimming, cycling, team sports and gardening. They indicated that things which would support them to be more active would be cost, information and facilities. At present 25.9% of respondents feel that they don't have access to opportunities in their local area to be more active.
- 5.9 Through Active Inverclyde the implementation group would like to create opportunities to support people to be more active as well as continuing to be active. A significant outcome for the steering group from the public consultation is a distinct need for more information to be available to the public regarding areas of activity within the local area. This links in with some of the key work in the action plan to create a resource for people to access regarding activities and how they can be more involved.
- 5.10 Significant 'next steps' for the Implementation Group include further review of the findings from the public consultation, which may also produce additional actions, ensuring that they are all embedded in and key in driving forward the Action Plan.
- 5.11 To take forward the work of the implementation group, over the coming months an Active Inverclyde committee will be formed. At present the chair of Sport Inverclyde, who is a well-known sporting advocate within Inverclyde, has been nominated as the chairperson of the committee, with Inverclyde's community sports hub officer for the authority acting as secretary.
- 5.12 The survey questions and headline summary results are presented within the appendices to this report.
- 5.13 A further report on the Active Inverclyde Strategy Action Plan will be presented to a future meeting of the Alliance Board.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Legal: None at present
 Finance: None at present
 Human Resources: None at present
 Equality and Diversity:
 Alliance Partnership Plan: The actions contained within this report will contribute to the following Partnership Plan outcomes:
- People live longer and healthier lives
 - Communities can have their voices heard, and influence the places and services that affect them

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 There have been no other consultations outside of the public consultation presented within this report.

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 Inverclyde Alliance Board Meeting 19 June 2023 – Agenda Item 5 - Active Inverclyde Strategy 2021-24 Action Plan

Active Inverclyde Survey

Generic Questions for all respondents:

1. What Age are you? (tick box)

11-17 18-25 26-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65+

2. What gender are you? (tick box)

Male Female Trans-gender Non-binary Prefer not to answer
Other (with dialogue box)

3. Do you have a disability or underlying health condition?

Yes No Prefer not to answer

4. What is your postcode? (generic box to type in)

We will add in information about guidelines for being active from NHS Inform here.

5. Based on the above definition/guidance on being active, do you consider yourself to be active? YES/NO (tick box)

Respondents will skip questions based on their response Yes to Q6 and No to Q11**Active Questions**

6. How many days are you active per week? (tick box)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

7. How many minutes per day are you active? (tick box)

5-10 15-30 30-45 45-60 60+

8. Do you track the activity that you do?

YES/NO (tick box)

If YES please detail how (dialogue box)

9. What nature of activity do you do? (tick boxes)

Active living (housework, walking to get places, gardening) Play sports/member of club
Go to the gym/fitness class Walking Running Other (dialogue box)

10. As an active person, what are the barriers to being active for those who are not? (tick boxes)

Cost Transport Time Childcare Disability Confidence

Don't know what is available. Don't have access to facilities

Other (dialogue box)

Skip to Q16

Inactive Questions

11. Have you ever been active Yes/No

If yes what changed for you? (dialogue box)

12. What is the main reason that stops you being active? (tick box)

Cost Transport Time Childcare Disability Confidence
I don't see people like me taking part Don't know what is available
Don't have access to facilities in local area
Other (dialogue box)

13. Do you want to become more active? (tick box)

YES/NO

14. Do you think increasing your activity levels would? (tick boxes)

Improve your confidence Improve your health & well-being
Make you feel included in the community?
Other, please detail (dialogue box)

15. What would encourage you to increase your activity levels? (dialogue box?)

Generic questions for all respondents

16. What would be a reasonable amount to pay for sport/ physical activity per session? (tick box)

Free £1-2 £3-4 £5+
Other (dialogue box)

17. Do you feel that you have access to opportunities to be active within your local community (tick box)

YES/NO

18. Any other comments (dialogue box)

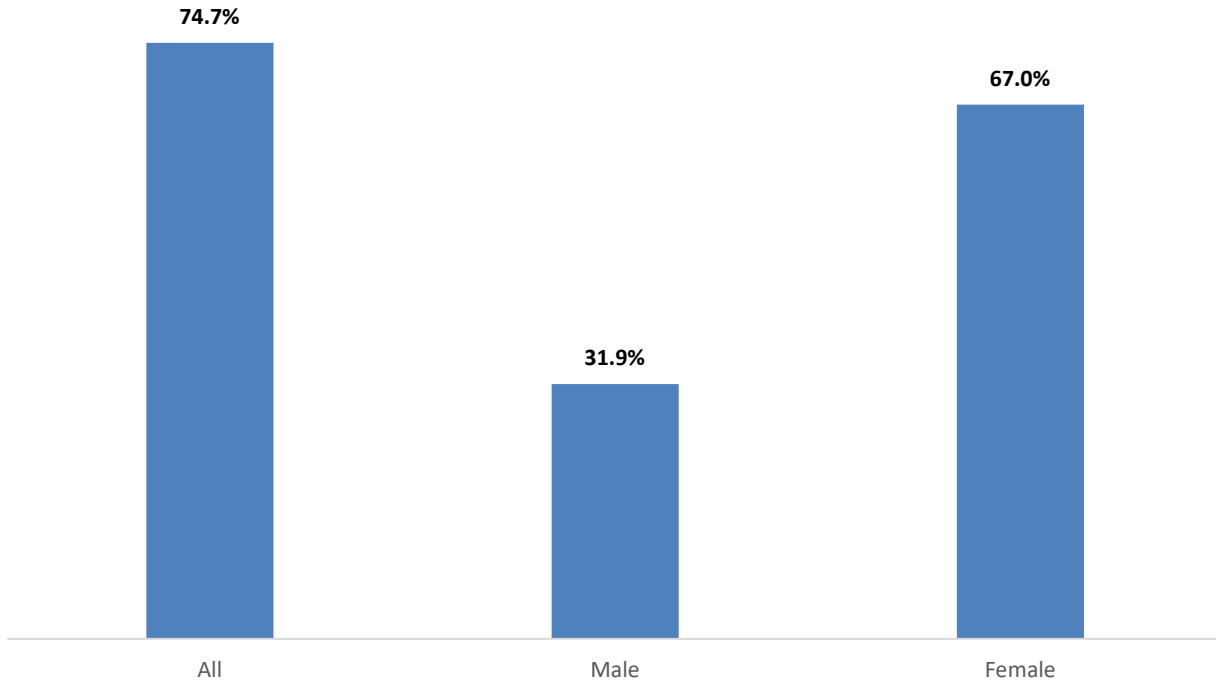
19. Thank you for taking part in the survey!

If you wish to be added into the prize draw and be kept informed about Active Inverclyde please leave your name, address, phone number and email address below (dialogue box)

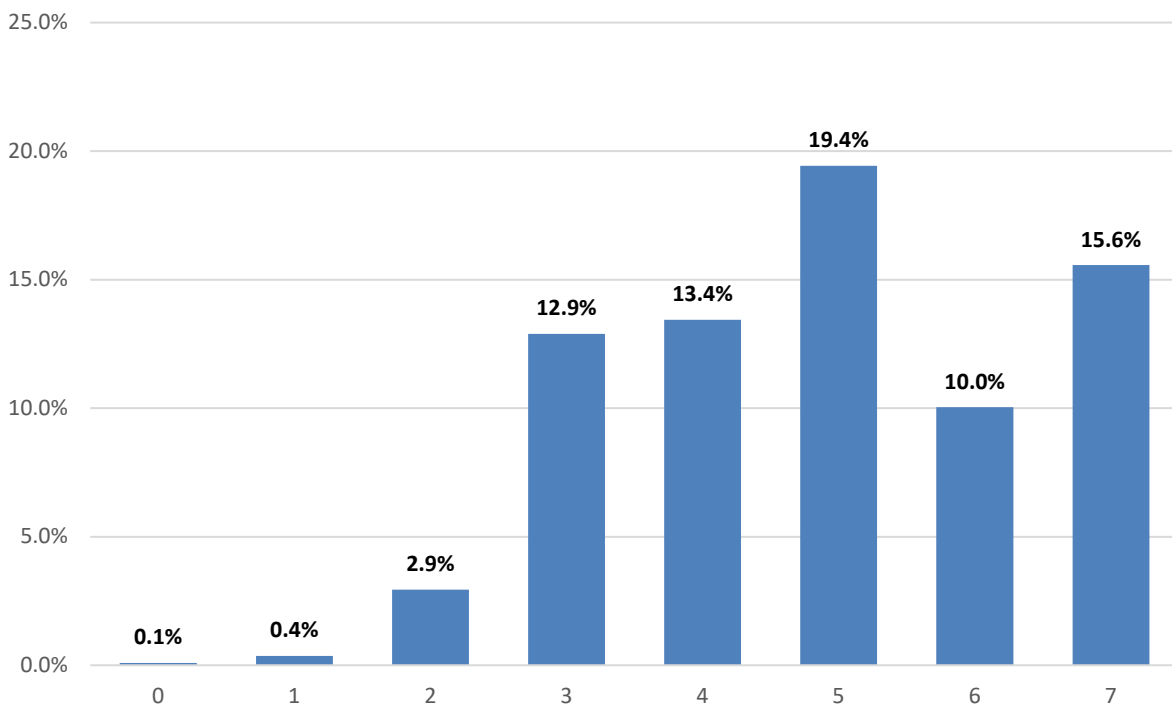
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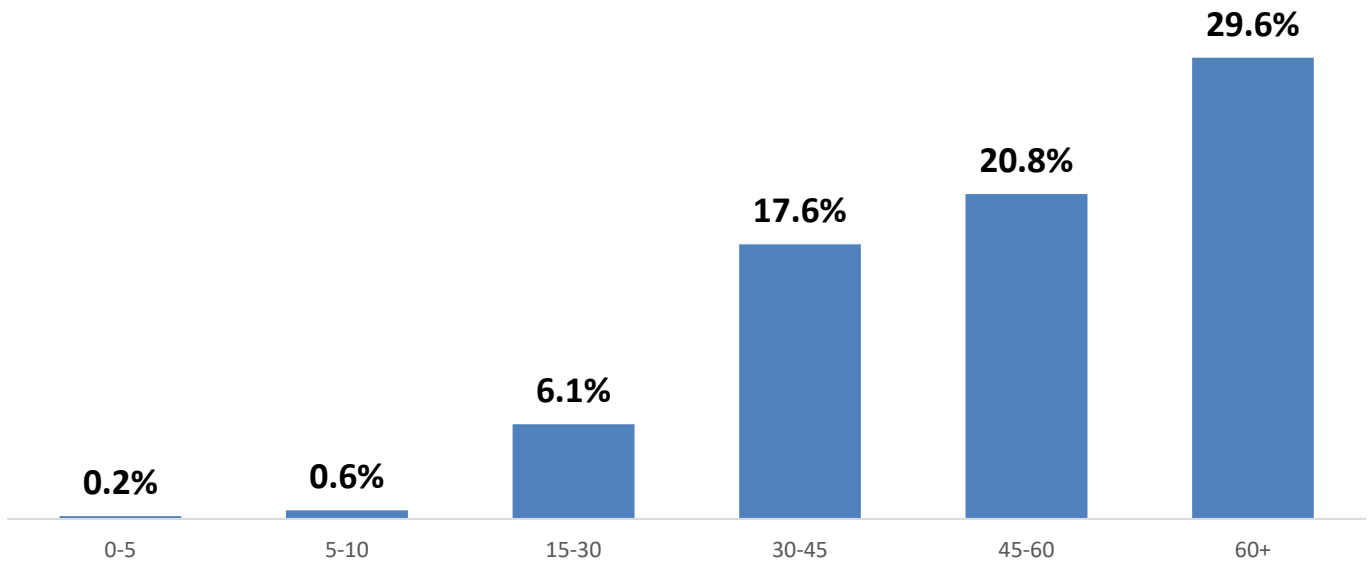
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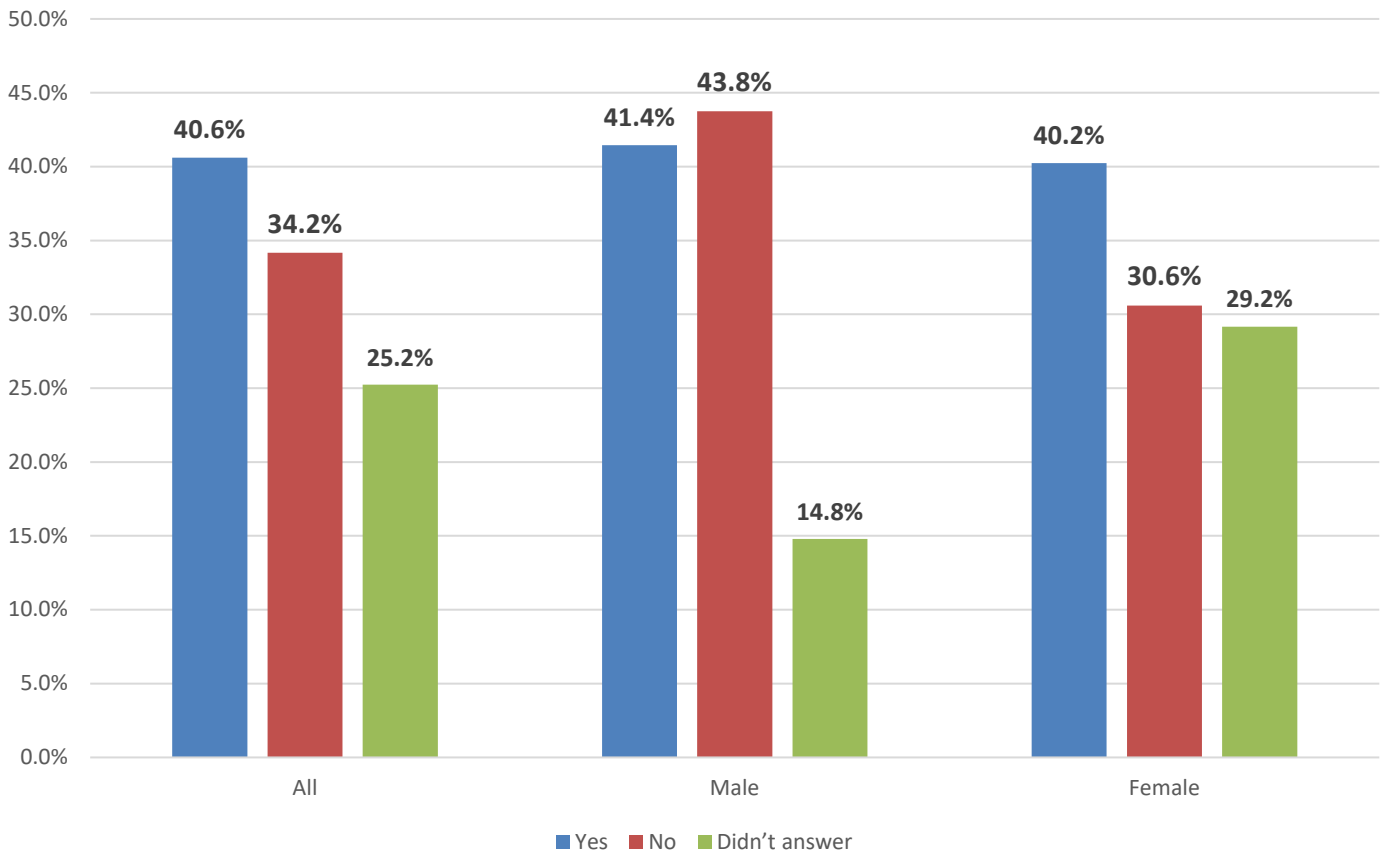
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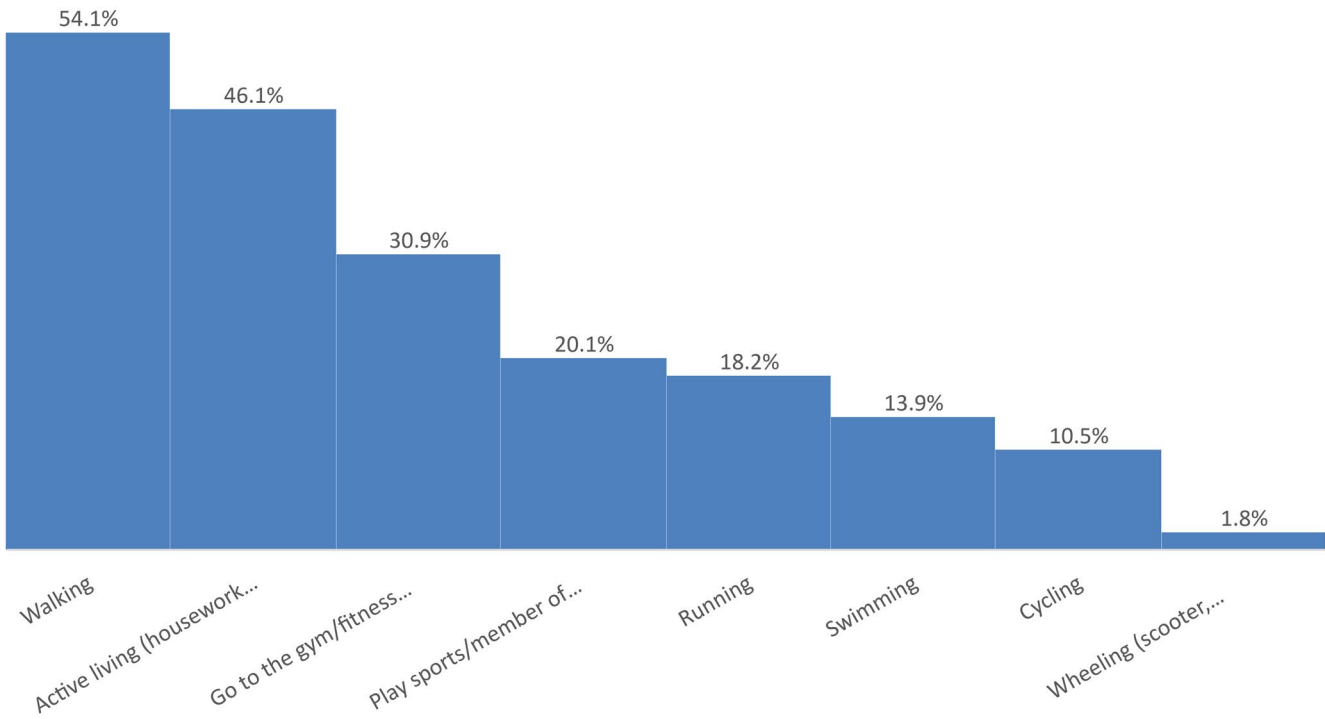
Q.7 Active - Minutes Per Day



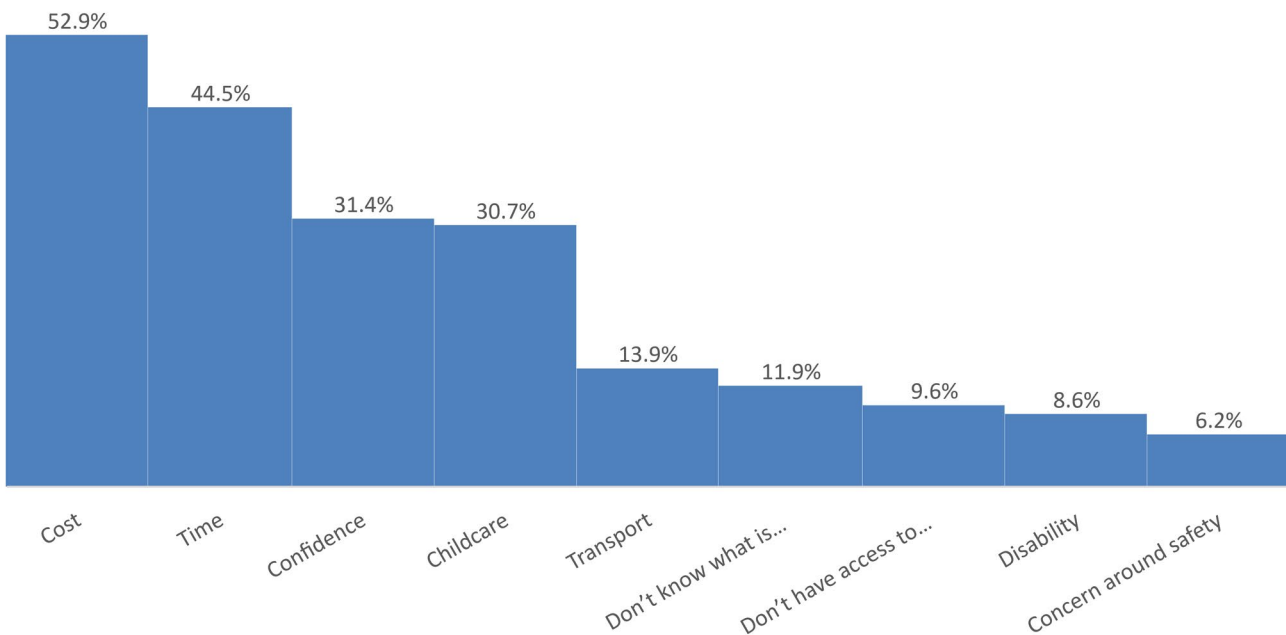
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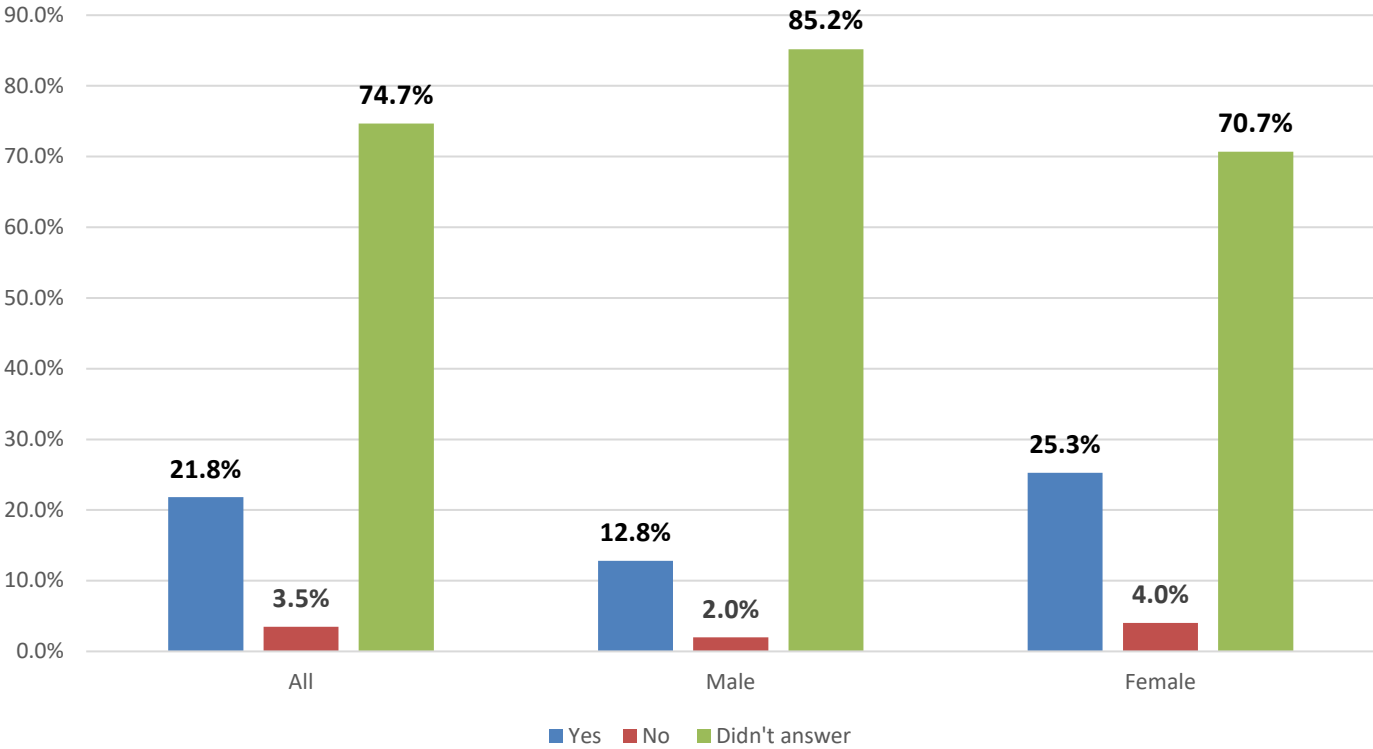
Q9. What nature of activity do you do?



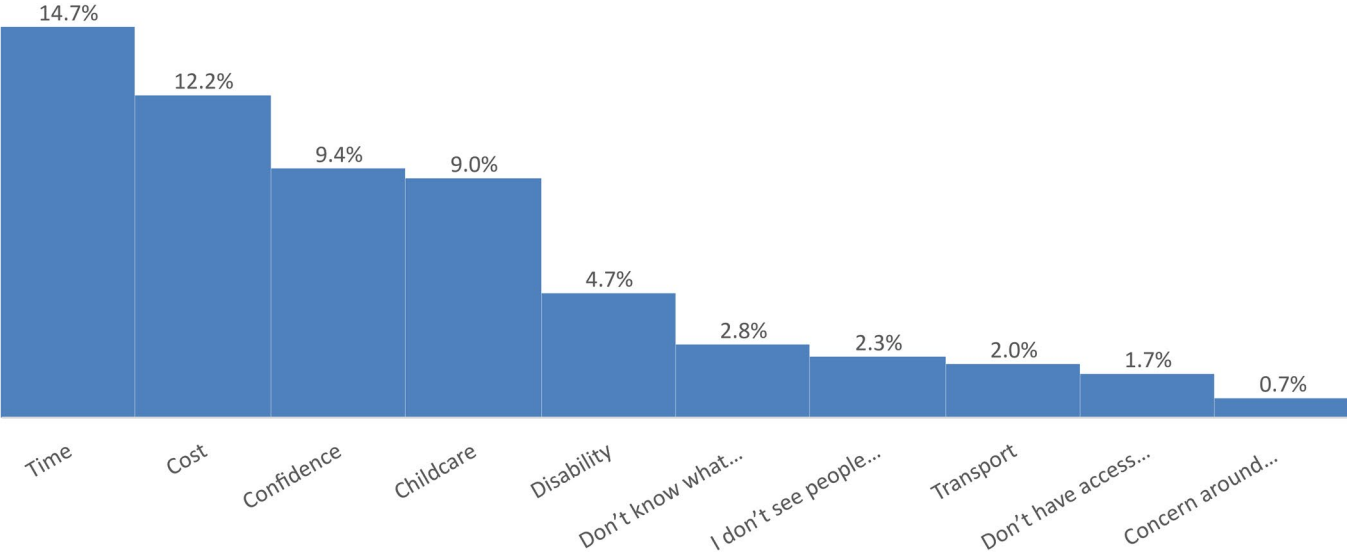
Q10 As an active person, what do you think may be the barriers to being active?



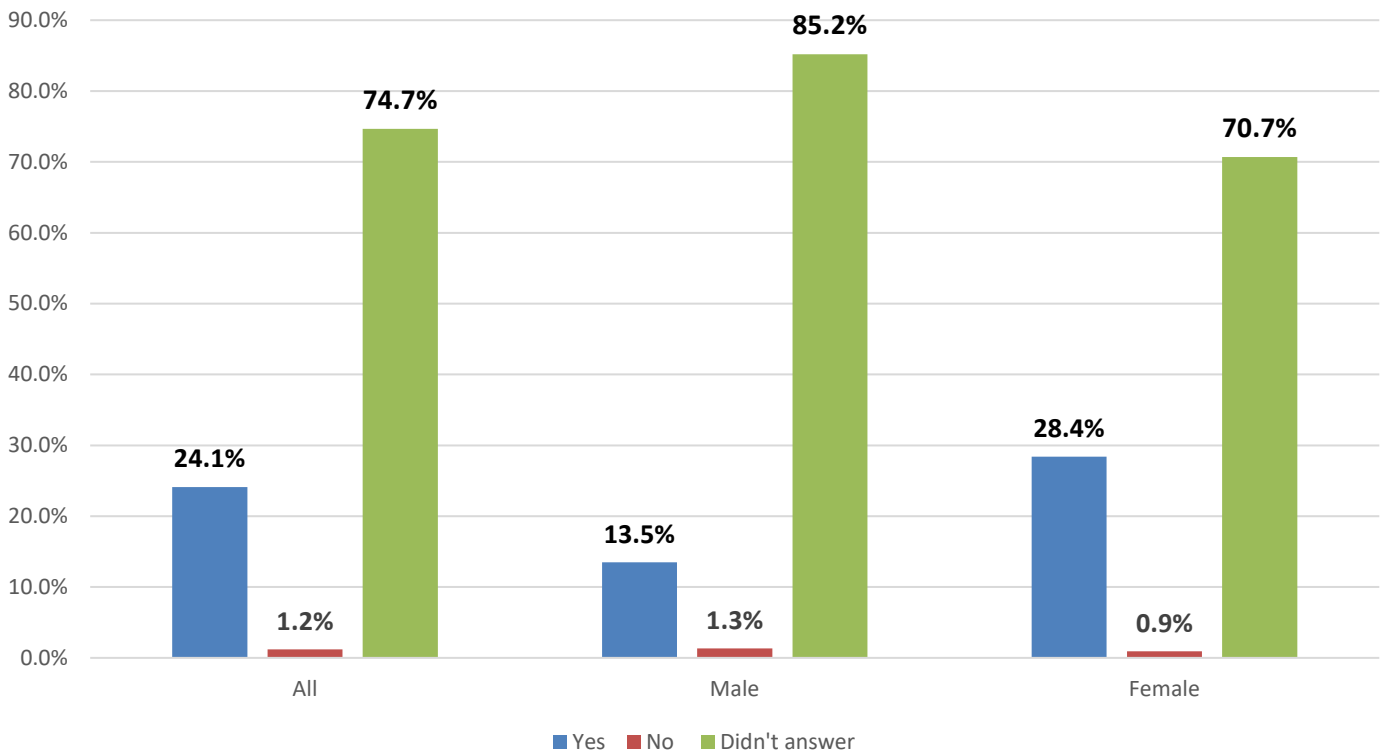
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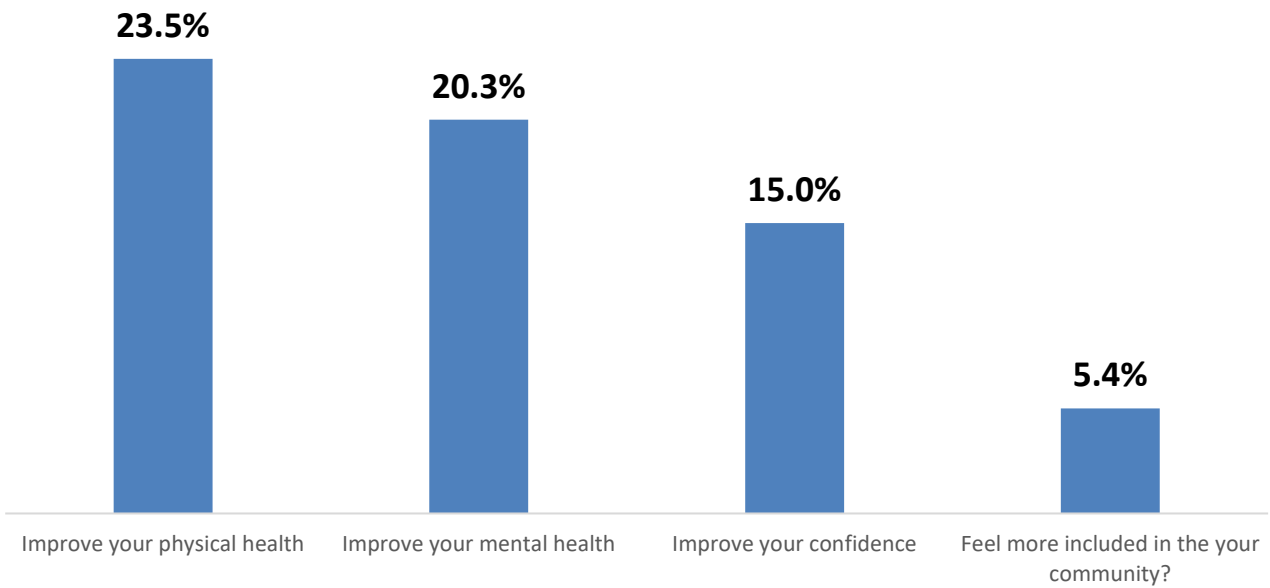
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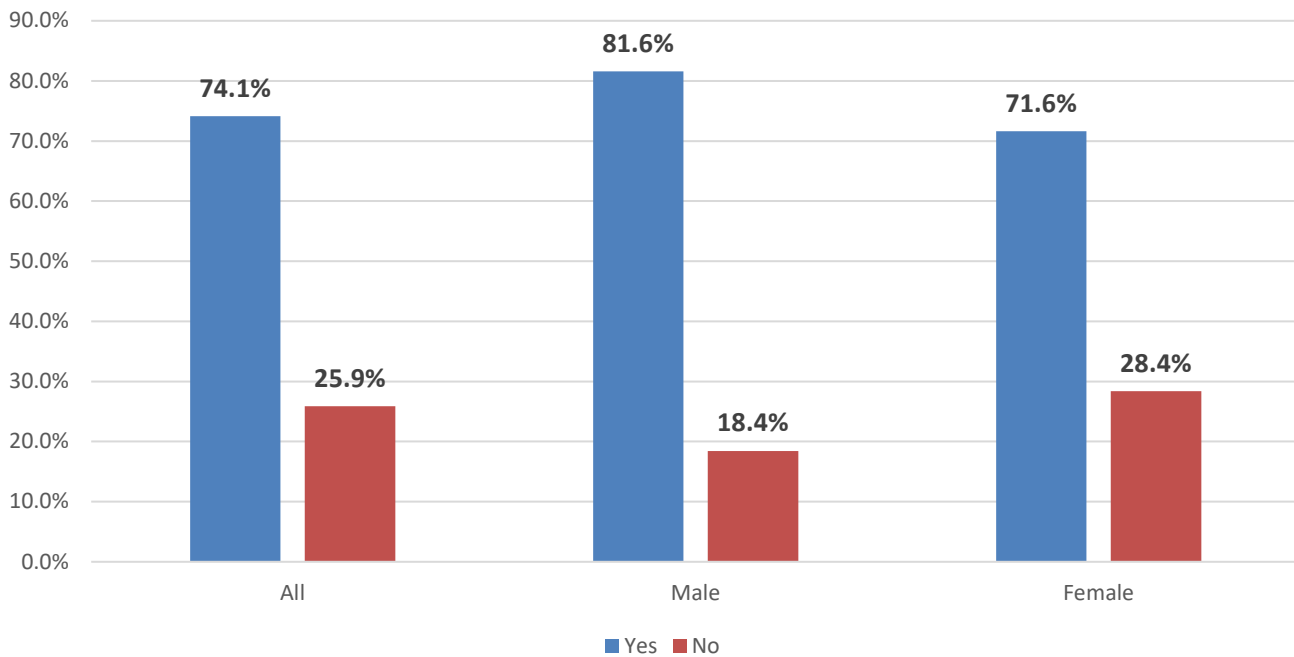
Q13. Do you want to become more active?



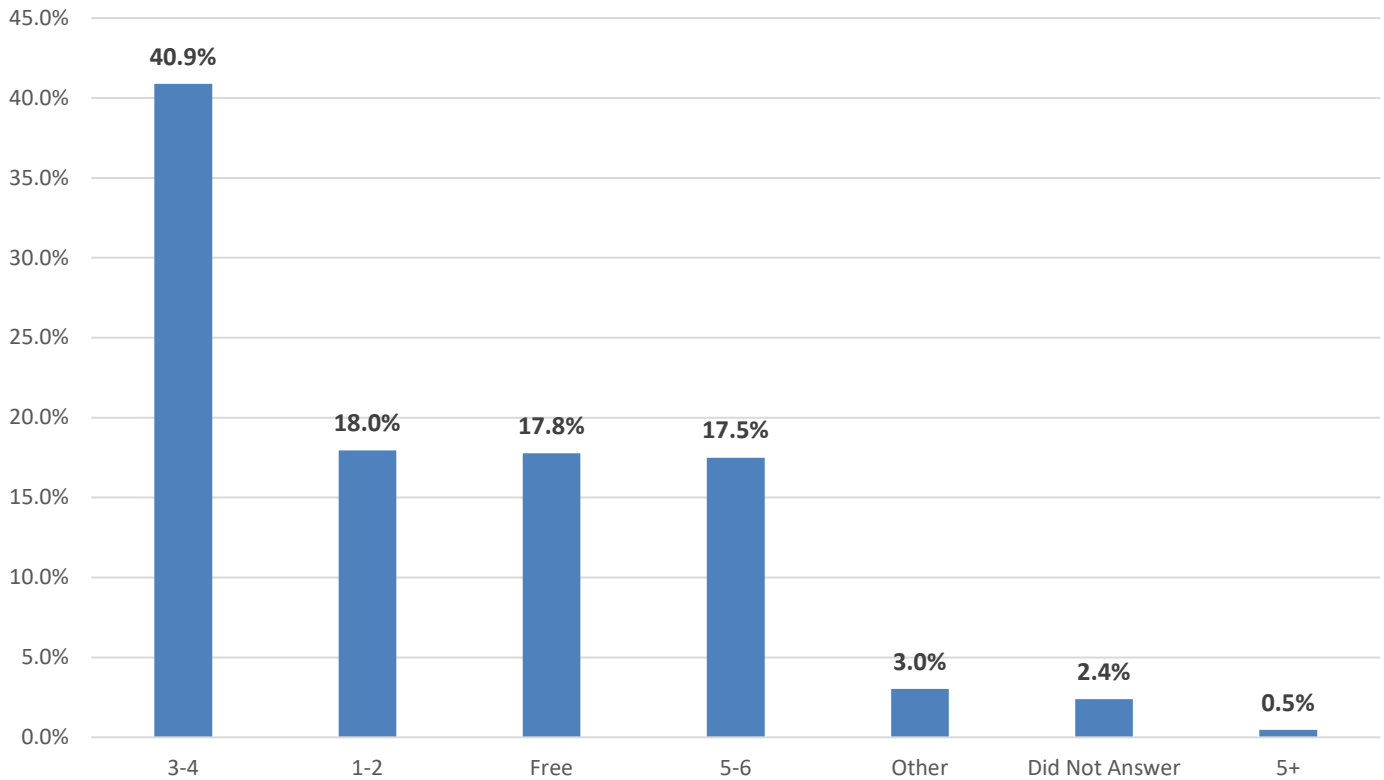
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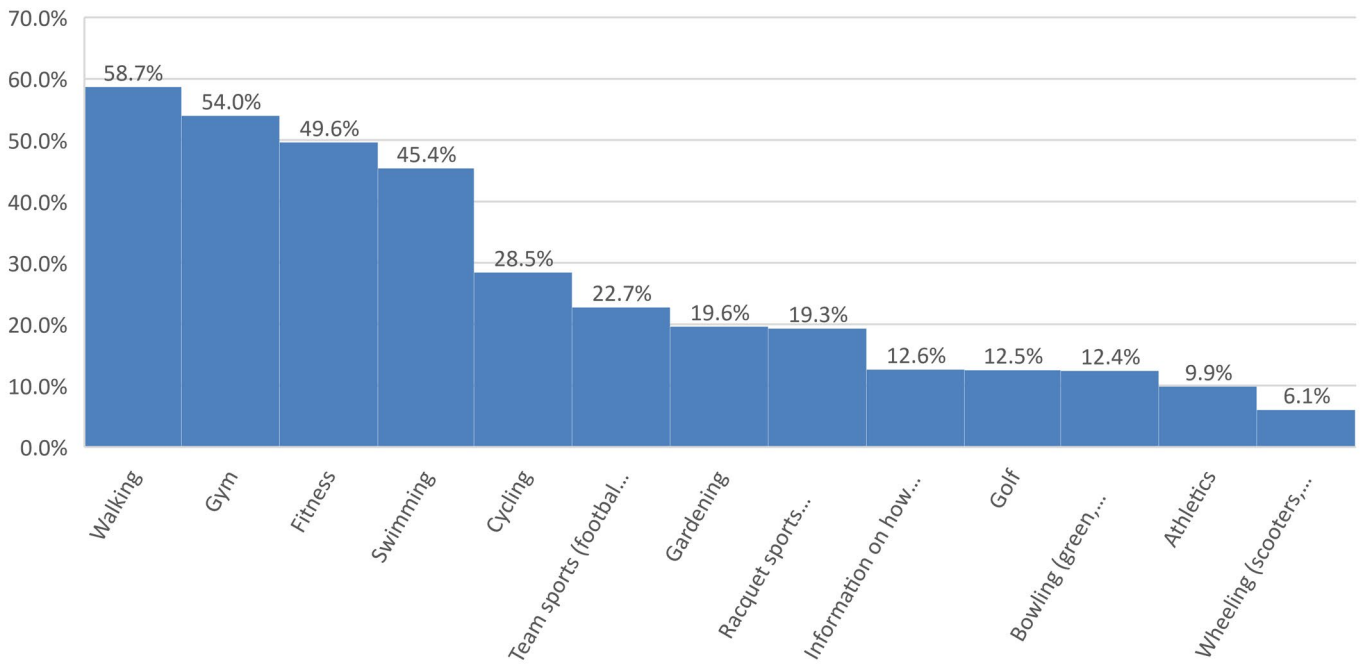
Q15. Do you feel that you have access to opportunities to be active within your local community



Q16. What would be a reasonable amount to pay per session, for activities/opportunities which encourage you to be more active (£)?



Q17 What activities and opportunities interest or appeal to you to help you be more active and/or maintain your activity levels?Chart Title





Inverclyde Alliance

AGENDA ITEM NO: 12

Report To: Inverclyde Alliance Board **Date:** 18 March 2024
Report By: Charlene Elliott, Chief Executive, CVS Inverclyde **Report No:**
Contact Officer: Charlene Elliott **Contact No:**
Subject: Remembering Together Project

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Inverclyde Alliance Board on the Scottish Government's Community Arts led project Remembering Together.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 Five labyrinths in park settings throughout Inverclyde are to be installed as part of the Remembering Together project, which is a Scottish Government backed initiative that seeks to co-create memorials which will honour the people we have lost, mark what has been lost and changed in our lives and preserve the best of what we have learned and created together during the Covid pandemic.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that the Alliance Board:

- a. Notes the activity associated with the Remembering Together project.

Charlene Elliott
Chief Executive, CVS Inverclyde

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 The Remembering Together Initiative is a Scottish Government backed initiative which seeks to co-create memorials which will honour the people we have lost, mark what has been lost and changed in our lives and preserve the best of what we have learned and created together during the Covid pandemic.

4.2 The Scottish Government have commissioned artists/creatives in every one of Scotland's 32 local authority areas to co-create Covid memorials with people and communities. They state that "Remembering Together" is a co-creation project because:

- Co-creation is a process that involves people working together to make something that means something to those people
- Covid has touched every life in Scotland
- Co-creating memorial projects helps to translate the personal experiences of Covid into something that holds meaning for a whole community
- Co-creating memorial projects with community members creates projects that are meaningful to those communities
- Using co-creation for Remembering Together means there is space for every kind of experience of Covid to be shared and understood
- Co-creation will be a powerful tool for us to create memorials, because when people experience difficult times, being together in community can help us heal."

4.2 In Inverclyde, Rig Arts have led the project through community consultation, and concluded that five labyrinths, the details of which are contained in Appendix 1, should be the memorial solution.

4.3 The labyrinths are to be formed at ground level delineated with setts and gravel with the only raised section being concrete seats containing mosaics, with the exception of the Lunderston Bay memorial which is proposed to be formed in sea cobbles and bark or gravel.

4.4 As well as permission to use the sites at the identified locations, whilst the project is funded to provide maintenance within the community for a period of five years and for the community in turn to take responsibility for the ongoing maintenance, there is the potential the maintenance of the memorials will default to the Council.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Legal: None at present

Finance: None at present

Human Resources: None at present

Equality and Diversity: None at present

Alliance Partnership Plan: The Remembering Together contributes to Theme 4 – A Supportive Place

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 None

7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

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Remembering Together

Square Labyrinth Gourock Park Gourock

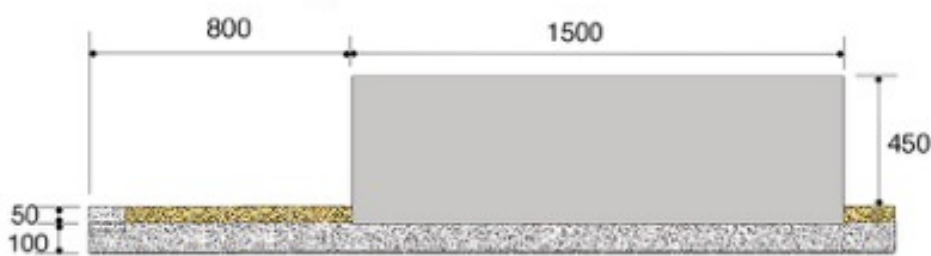
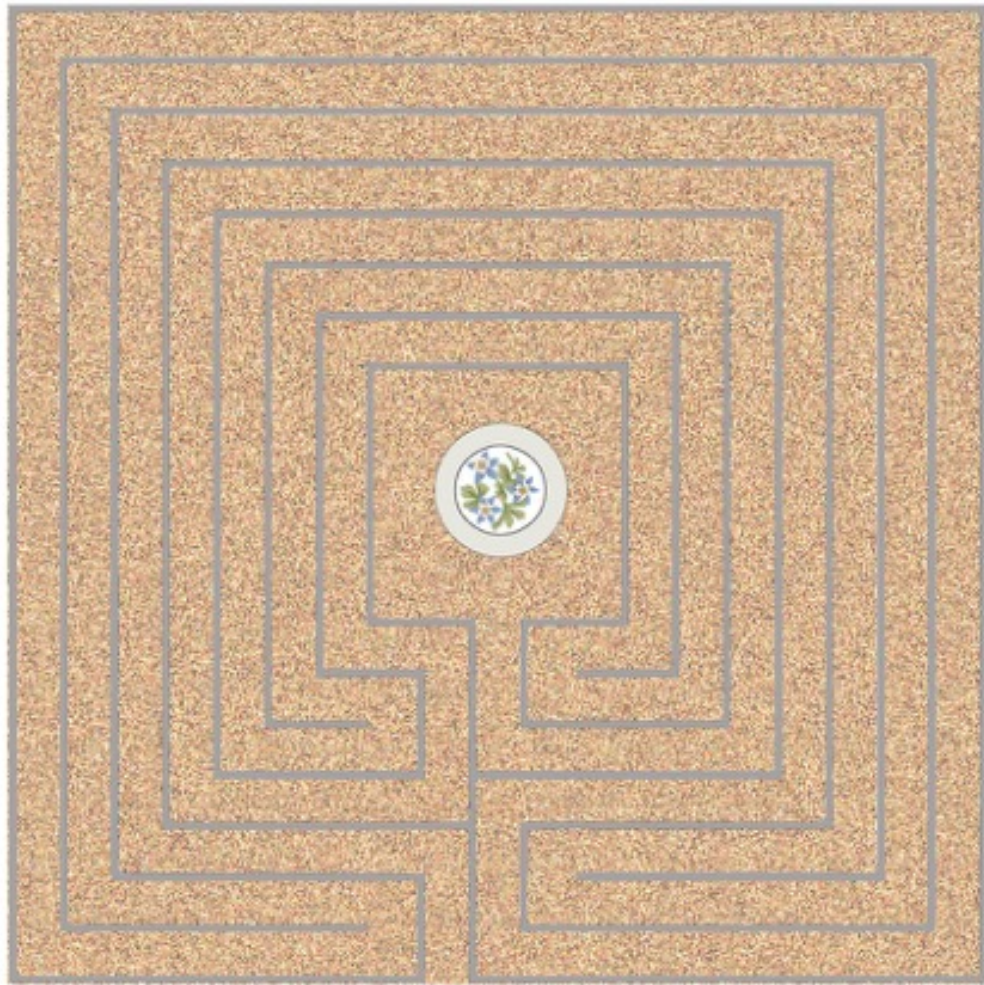
This Proposal takes the form of a labyrinth. Labyrinths have been used throughout history in many cultures to provide a space for reflection and contemplation. To remember loved ones and to meditate on events and circumstances.

Many people were and still are affected by Covid. The toll on lives and on health and well-being is enormous. The labyrinth is conceived as a place for quiet contemplation and to remember those who have passed. It is a place where people can meet and share their thoughts and feelings.

Many are still suffering from long covid as well as the trauma of dealing with the loss of friends and relatives under such terrible circumstances. It is hoped that walking the labyrinth can offer a time of calm and tranquillity.

The labyrinth has been designed to make minimal impact on the environment. It is visually unobtrusive being level with surrounding terrain apart from the small seating plinth at the centre, there to offer a resting spot for those who wish to spend time in reflection.

The pathway is designed to allow drainage using compacted gravel which reduces the chance of algae and ice forming in the winter months thus making them safer to walk on. The pathway is delineated using silver grey granite setts.



Section through mosaic icon/ seat.



Detail of mosaic icon.

Remembering Together

Square Labyrinth
 Gourock Park
 Larkfield Rd. Entrance
 Gourock

Alan Potter
 November 2023

Dimensions:
 11.4M wide x 11.4m.
 Path width 600mm.

Flush with surrounding
 ground level.

Materials:
 Base - Type1 compacted to a depth of 100mm.
 Top finish - Compacted CEDEC red and gold
 path gravel to a depth of 50mm.

Silver grey granite setts 100 x 100 x50mm to
 delineate pathway.

Forget-Me-Not Icon/seat - Porcelain mosaic on
 a C20 concrete base 1500mm dia. x 450mm high.

Design

The labyrinth takes the form of a classical square.

Seating Plinth

The seating plinth at the centre of the circle incorporates a porcelain mosaic depicting forget-me nots in remembrance.

Method Statement

Site to be enclosed by security fencing.

Labyrinth area to be marked out and excavated to a depth of 150mm and all spoil to be removed by groundworks contractor.

A base of MOT Type1 to be laid and compacted to depth of 100mm by groundworks contractor.

Labyrinth pathway to be marked out and delineated by 100 x 100 granite setts laid on a bed of mortar.

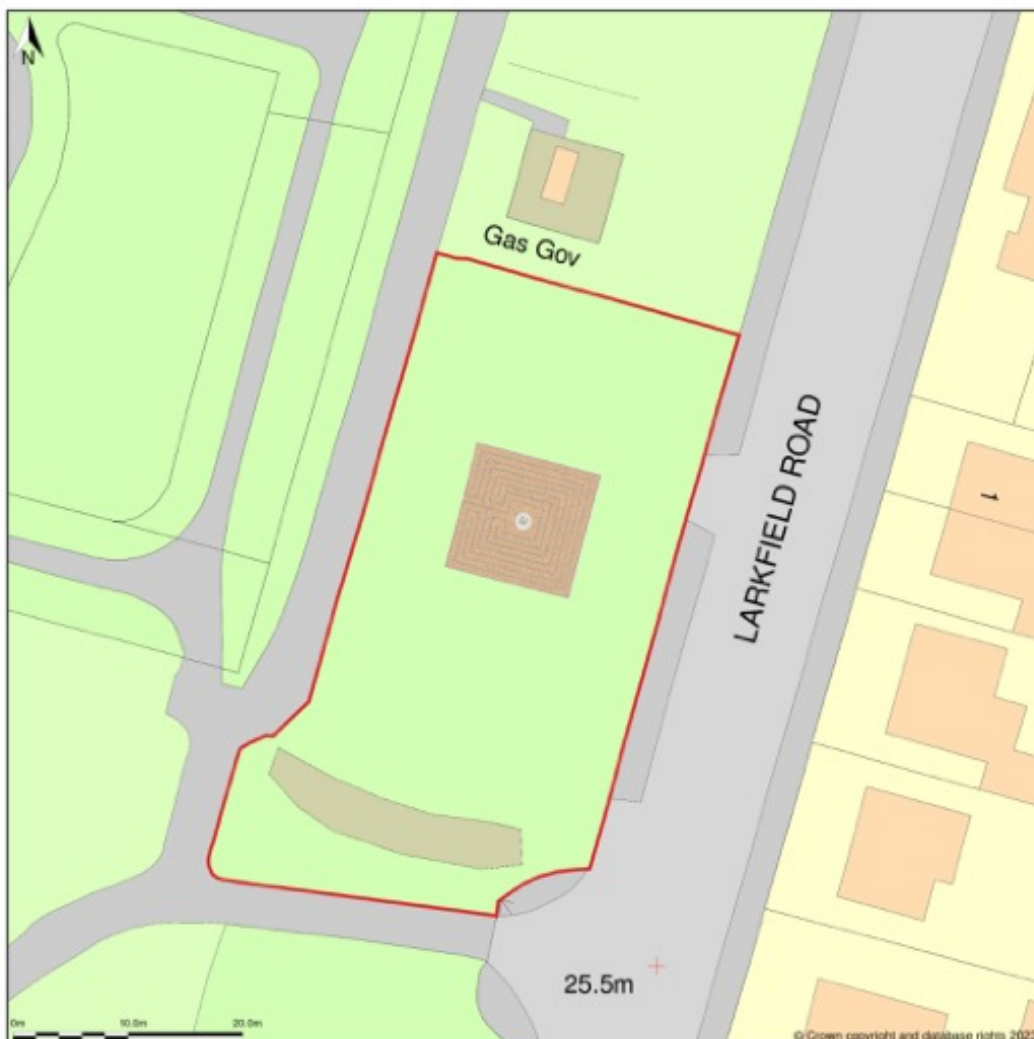
C20 concrete bases for Forget-Me-Nots mosaic/seat to be cast.

CEDEC pathway gravel to be laid on pathway and compacted until level with the granite setts at a depth of 50mm.

Porcelain mosaic icon fixed to concrete base and grouted.

Site cleaned and security fence removed.

1, Larkfield Road, Gourrock, Inverclyde, PA19 1XY



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Remembering Together

Heart Labyrinth Well Park Greenock

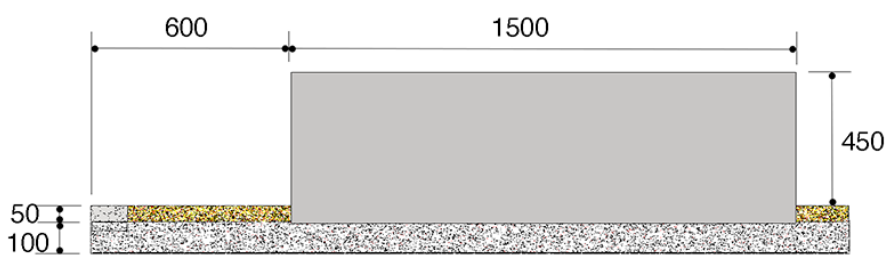
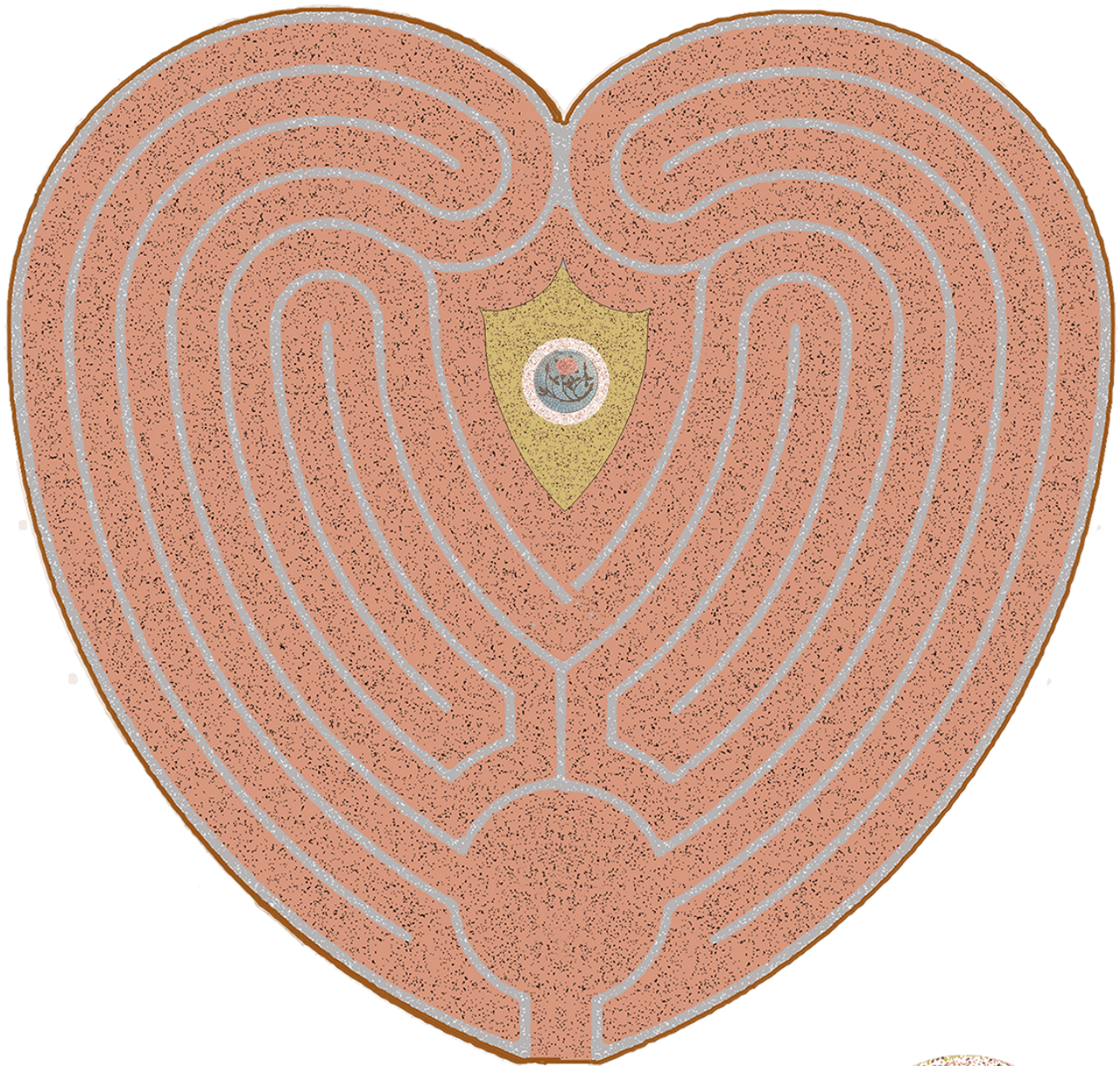
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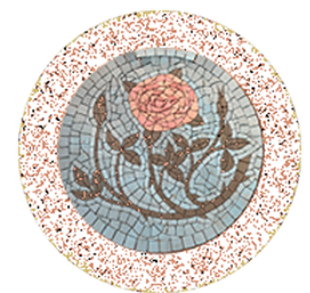
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Section through mosaic icon/ seal.



Detail of rose mosaic.

Remembering Together

Heart Labyrinth
Well Park
Greenock

Alan Potter
November 2023

Dimensions:
12M wide x 11.5m.
Path width 600mm.

Flush with surrounding
ground level.

Materials:
Base - Type1 compacted to a depth of 100mm.
Top finish - Compacted CEDEC red and gold
path gravel to a depth of 50mm.

Silver grey granite setts 100 x 100 x50mm to
delineate pathway.

Rose Icon - Porcelain mosaic on a C20 concrete
base 1500mm dia. x 450mm high.

Design

The labyrinth is in the shape of a heart, the traditional seat of our emotions and feelings.

Seating Plinth

The seating plinth at the centre of the Heart mosaic incorporates a porcelain mosaic depicting a rose of remembrance.

Method Statement

Site to be enclosed by security fencing.

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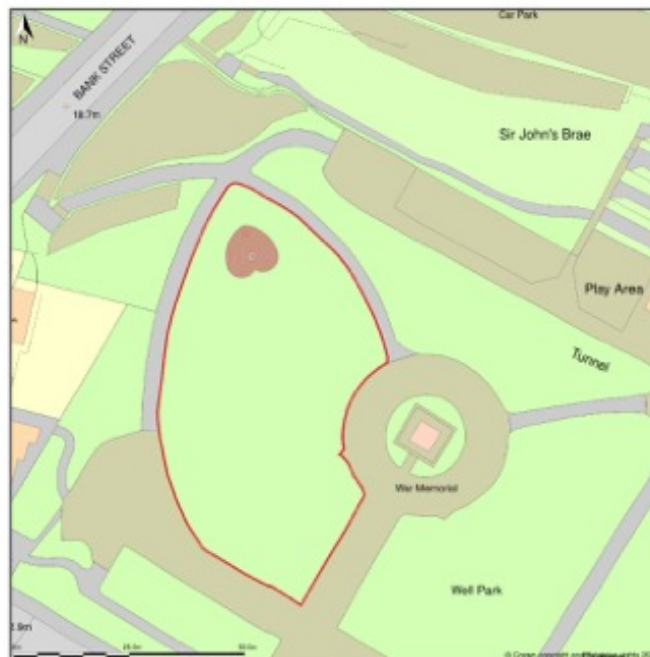
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Porcelain mosaic icon fixed to concrete base and grouted.

Site cleaned and security fence removed.

Inverclyde Chcp, The Wellpark Centre, 30, Regent Street, Greenock, Inverclyde, PA15 4PB



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Columba Labyrinth Birkmyre Park Kilmacolm

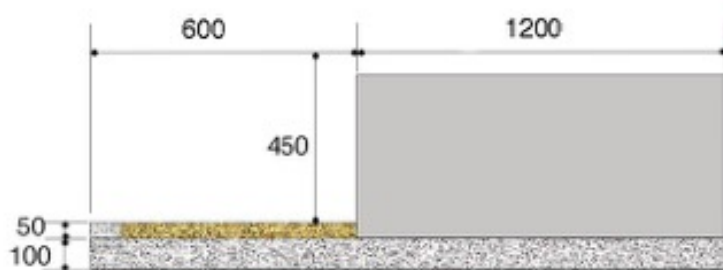
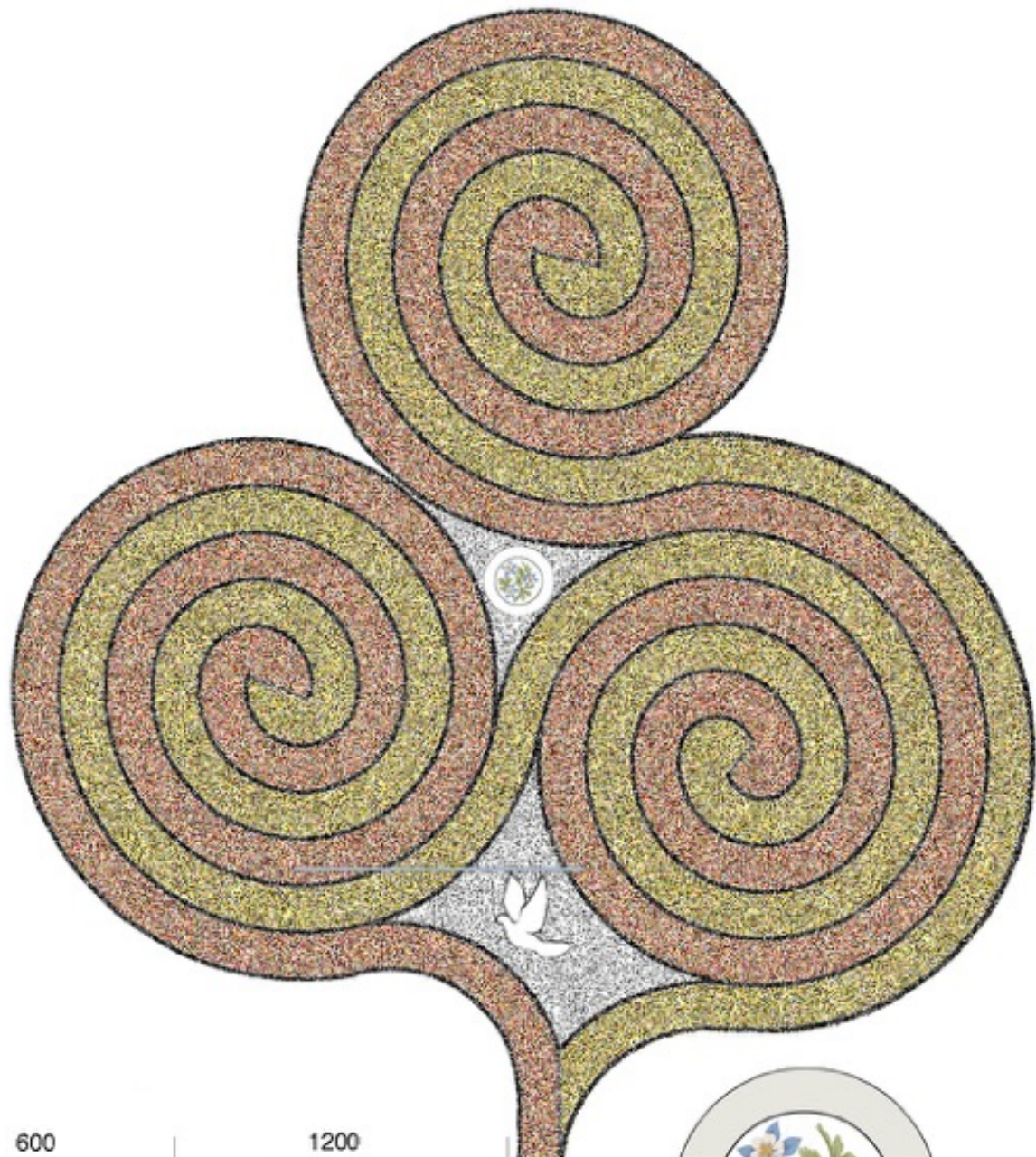
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Detail of columbine mosaic

Section through mosaic icon/seal.

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Columba Labyrinth
 Birkmyre Park
 Kilmacolm
 PA13

Dimensions:
 13M wide x 13m.
 Path width 600mm.
 Flush with surrounding
 ground level.

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Materials:
 Base - Type1 compacted to a depth of 100mm.
 Top finish - Compacted CEDEC red, gold and silver
 path gravel to a depth of 50mm.
 Silver grey granite setts 100 x 100 x 50mm to
 delineate pathway.
 Columbine Icon/seal - Porcelain mosaic on a
 C20 concrete base 1200mm dia.x 450mm high.
 Dove Icon - Porcelain mosaic on a concrete base
 1000 x 1100mm x 50mm

Design

The labyrinth takes the form of a triple Celtic spiral reflecting the origins of Kilmacolm and its connection with Saint Columba.

Seating Plinth

The seating plinth at the centre of the Columba mosaic incorporates a porcelain mosaic depicting Columbine while at the start of the labyrinth is a white dove as Columba is the Latin word for dove.

Method Statement

Site to be enclosed by security fencing.

Labyrinth area to be marked out and excavated to a depth of 150mm and all spoil to be removed by groundworks contractor.

A base of MOT Type1 to be laid and compacted to depth of 100mm by groundworks contractor.

Labyrinth pathway to be marked out and delineated by 100 x 100 granite setts laid on a bed of mortar.

C20 concrete bases for columbine mosaic/seat and dove mosaic to be cast.

CEDEC pathway gravel to be laid on pathway and compacted until level with the granite setts at a depth of 50mm.

Porcelain mosaic icons fixed to concrete bases and grouted.

Site cleaned and security fence removed.

Birkmyre Park, Broomknowe Road, Kilmacolm, Inverclyde, PA13 4JA



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Lunderston Bay Cloch Road Gourock

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The labyrinth has been designed to make minimal impact on the environment. It is visually unobtrusive being level with surrounding terrain and sits comfortably in its woodland setting.

The pathway is designed to allow drainage using compacted Type1 gravel covered by tree bark, or if preferred, compacted gold gravel. The pathway is delineated using Scottish beach cobbles.

OPTION 1

Materials:

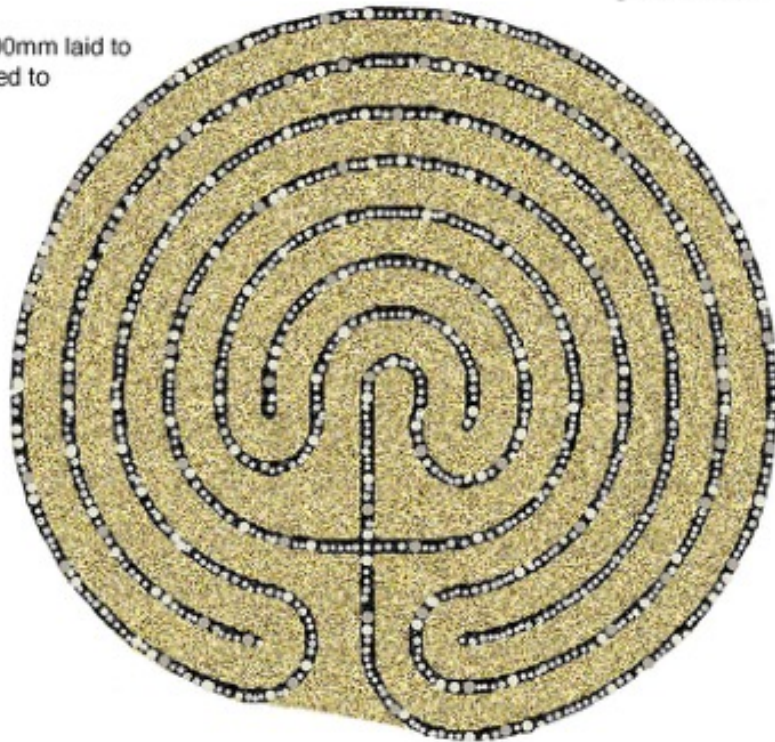
Base - Type1 compacted to a depth of 100mm.
Top finish - CEDEC Gold path gravel compacted to a depth of 50mm.

Scottish beach cobbles 100mm - 200mm laid to delineate pathway set in a mortar bed to prevent displacement.

Dimensions:

11.5M wide x 10.5m.
Path width 600mm.

Flush with surrounding ground level.

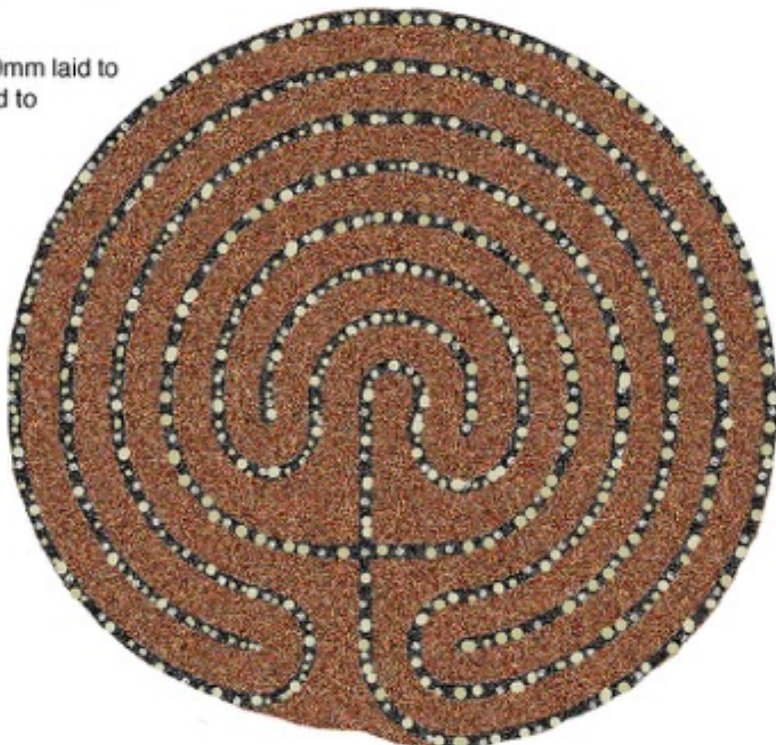


OPTION 2

Materials:

Base - Type1 compacted to a depth of 100mm.
Top finish - Tree bark and wood chips to a depth of 50mm.

Scottish beach cobbles 100mm - 200mm laid to delineate pathway set in a mortar bed to prevent displacement.



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Ancient Seven Circle Labyrinth
Lunderston Bay

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Design

The labyrinth is the ancient seven circle type.

Method Statement

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Labyrinth area to be marked out and excavated to a depth of 150mm and all spoil to be removed by groundworks contractor.

A base of MOT Type1 to be laid and compacted to depth of 100mm by groundworks contractor.

Labyrinth pathway to be marked out and delineated by beach cobbles 100 mm – 200mm laid on a bed of mortar.

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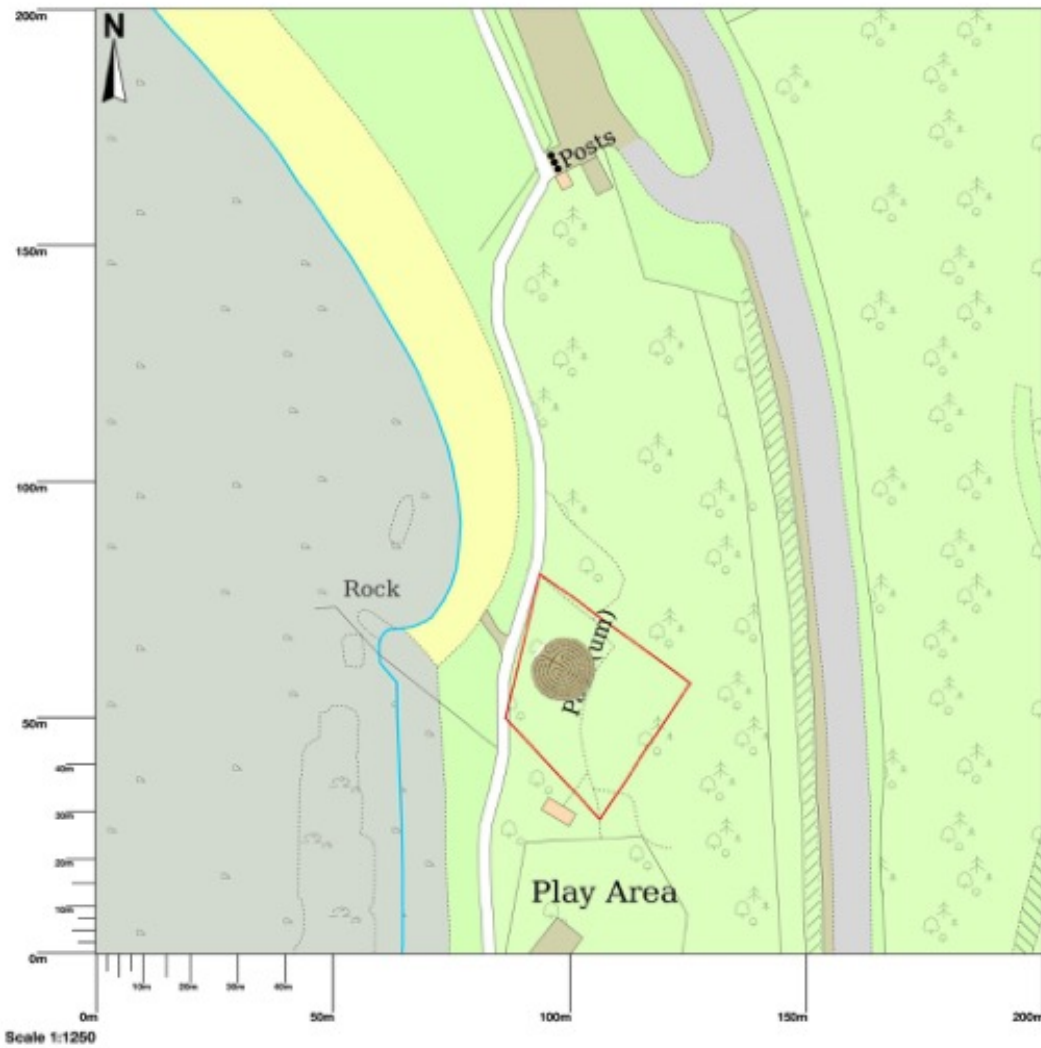
CEDEC pathway gravel to be laid on pathway and compacted until level with the granite setts at a depth of 50mm.

Option 2

Tree bark to be laid on pathway until level with the granite setts at a depth of 50mm.

Site cleaned and security fence removed.

Lunderston Bay, Cloch Road, Gourock, PA19 1BB



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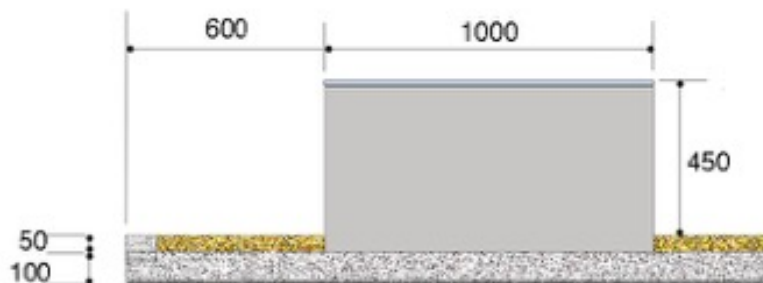
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Section through mosaic icon/seal.



Detail of snowdrop mosaic

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Circular Labyrinth
Coronation Park
Port Glasgow

Alan Potter
November 2023

Dimensions:

12M wide x 12m.
Path width 600mm.

Flush with surrounding
ground level.

Materials:

Base - Type1 compacted to a depth of 100mm.
Top finish - CEDEC gold path gravel compacted
to a depth of 50mm.

Silver grey granite setts 100 x 100 x 50mm to
delineate pathway.

Snowdrops icon/seal - Porcelain mosaic on a C20
concrete plinth 1000mm dia. x 450mm high.

Design

The labyrinth takes the form of a circle, a metaphor for the circle of life.

Seating Plinth

The seating plinth at the centre of the circle incorporates a porcelain mosaic depicting snowdrops symbolizing new beginnings and regeneration.

Method Statement

Site to be enclosed by security fencing.

Labyrinth area to be marked out and excavated to a depth of 150mm and all spoil to be removed by groundworks contractor.

A base of MOT Type1 to be laid and compacted to depth of 100mm by groundworks contractor.

Labyrinth pathway to be marked out and delineated by 100 x 100 granite setts laid on a bed of mortar.

C20 concrete base for snowdrops mosaic/seat to be cast.

CEDEC pathway gravel to be laid on pathway and compacted until level with the granite setts at a depth of 50mm.

Porcelain mosaic icon fixed to concrete base and grouted.

Site cleaned and security fence removed.

Coronation Park, Port Glasgow, PA14 5EQ

