



Inverclyde Alliance

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1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Alliance Board with a progress report on the implementation of the Partnership Plan 2023-2033.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Inverclyde's Partnership Plan was formally agreed by the Alliance Board on the 13 March 2023. This progress report provides details of the progress that has been made towards the Partnership Plan outcomes during the period April 2024 to October 2024.
- 2.2 Oversight and delivery of the Partnership Plan outcomes sits with the following thematic groups:
- Children's Services Partnership;
 - Thriving Communities;
 - Safe and Supported Communities;
 - Inequalities Partnership;
 - Economic Board; and
 - Place Partnership.
- 2.3 This report provides an update in relation to the newly formed Economy, Place and Tackling Inequalities to Improve People's Lives thematic groups. Progress updates for the past six months have been provided. Each group has drafted action plans and following review and refinement these will be shared with the Alliance.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Alliance Board:
- a. Notes the approach to the thematic group action plans.
 - b. Notes the progress updates.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Inverclyde’s Partnership Plan 2023-33 was formally agreed by the Alliance Board on the 13 March 2023, with a focus on the themes of Empowered People, Working People, Healthy People and Places, A Supportive Place, and a Thriving Place. These themes are all associated with further high-level outcomes.
- 4.2 The Alliance Board Terms of Reference and proposed delivery structure grouping under the new Partnership Plan were agreed by the Alliance Board on 18 March 2024.
- 4.3 While all delivery groups contribute to the Partnership Plan's five themes, the table below details the primary focus high-level outcomes for the three groups presented in this report.

Partnership Delivery Group	Partnership Plan Linked Outcomes
Tackling Inequalities and Improving People’s Lives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poverty related gaps are addressed, so young people can have the skills for lifelong learning, life and work. • Gaps in outcomes linked to poverty are reduced. • People live longer and healthier lives. • We recognise where people are affected by trauma and respond in ways that prevent further harm and support recovery. • Increased use of active travel and sustainable transport options.
Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 lifelong learning, life and work. • Businesses are supported and encouraged to reduce their carbon footprint and develop green jobs.
Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Businesses are supported and encouraged to reduce their carbon footprint and develop green jobs. • 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 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.

- 4.4 Due to collaboration in multi-agency partnership work across the Community Planning Partnership, reports and action plans from different groups may cover similar ground.

5.0 THEMATIC GROUP UPDATES

5.1 Tackling Inequalities and Improving People's Lives update

The Tackling Inequalities thematic group has oversight of four established multi-agency partnerships who each have separate strategies and action plans. These are the

- Trauma Informed Steering Group – Inverclyde Council is rolling out the National Trauma Transformation Programme (NTTP) in collaboration with partners from the 3rd Sector, Police Scotland and HSCP. The strategic group continues to generate plans and coordinates actions. One example of this was the session delivered to elected members via Man On Inverclyde, Police Scotland and Inverclyde Educational Psychology Service that took place in April 2024.

Future activity includes an interface with Education Scotland to support our education establishments, ongoing training for staff who engage with the public through providing customer care and training for library staff. As well as this there is the ongoing roll out of the programme across agencies.

- Inverclyde Cares – further to their report in June, the group will reconvene under the new Alliance reporting structure and align to the revised priorities and themes. A new action plan will be drafted for the next update in April 2025.
- Financial Inclusion Partnership – a report on the last strategy will be finalised in autumn 2024 and presented for the next update in April 2025.
- Child Poverty Action Group – the Child Poverty Action Plan Report 2024 is now complete and included in Agenda Item 9.

An action plan has been drafted which forms a high-level summary of the development or progress of these four plans. This Action Plan will be reviewed by the group and subsequently shared with the Alliance. Terms of Reference for the group continue to developed.

5.2 Economy update

The Economy thematic group has oversight of three established multi-agency partnerships who each have separate strategies and action plans. These are the

- Local Employability Partnership – The LEP delivery plan is well established and the LEP meets frequently. Progress is being made and partnership approaches are developing and establishing focused on employability as part of a whole system approach to social wellbeing and tackling inequalities.
- Regeneration Forums – Progress is being made on a range of key capital investment programme at regional and community level, with Inverkip City Deal full business case completed. The Economic Growth Plan has been commissioned and targeted completion by end 2024. Shared prosperity funding is progressing to completion by end 24/25 financial year.
- Senior Phase Action Plan – The Senior Phase Action Plan is now in its third year. The priorities this year are:
 1. To continue to improve the overall percentage of young people achieving a positive destination and sustaining this.
 2. Ensure all young people with an additional support need, are care-experienced or have another barrier are appropriately supported to enter a positive and sustained destination.
 3. To raise awareness of employability skills necessary to enter the world of work and different pathways that are available to them.
 4. A governance group oversees the progress of this plan and met on 2 September 2024.
- Locality plans – these plans provide input from other related thematic groups.

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5.3 Place update

The Place thematic group (Place Partnership) has oversight of four distinct and established multi-agency partnerships who each have separate strategies and action plans. These are the

- Net Zero Group - Inverclyde Council's Net Zero Strategy sets out a route map to achieving net zero direct greenhouse gas emissions from its operations by 2045, including an interim 2031 target. The primary focus is reducing emissions from the council's buildings, transport, street lighting, water and waste, before considering options for offsetting emissions that cannot be eliminated.

Working with partners, the subgroup supports the implementation of the Strategy through a series of Action Plans. A detailed progress paper will be provided at the next bi-annual update of the Place thematic group in April 2025.

- Housing Strategy Group - The LHS themed working groups have been established and meeting frequently. Recognition that baseline data and development of networks for delivery of LHS will be critical. Actions set will be reviewed dynamically to ensure they remain fit for purpose.
- Culture and Heritage Group - The Inverclyde Cultural Partnership (ICP) is an established group that continues to meet quarterly. The ICP Action Plan has recently been updated to reflect the thematic approach of the Inverclyde Alliance. Progress against ICP actions will be further supported by a refreshed Arts and Creativity Action Plan and delivery against the Inverclyde Heritage Strategy via the NLHF-funded Connecting Inverclyde Project. Defined ICP actions will be revised and updated as these parallel strands of activity continue.
- Local Development Plan - The LDP is progressing with work underway to develop an Evidence Report. The right to produce Local Place Plans has been publicised, providing communities opportunity to influence quality of place through local democracy. The LDP timeline is established through the Development Plan Scheme.

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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 progress updates within this report relate to outcomes within three themes of the Partnership Plan.

7.0 **CONSULTATIONS**

7.1 None

8.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 Inverclyde Alliance Board 13 March 2023 – 08 Inverclyde Alliance Partnership Plan 2023-33
<https://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/assets/attach/15926/08-Inverclyde-Alliance-Partnership-Plan-2023-33.pdf>

Inverclyde Alliance Board 18 March 2024 – 07 Inverclyde Partnership Plan - Delivery of Structure and Terms of Reference <https://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/assets/attach/16972/07-Inverclyde-Partnership-Plan.pdf>