



Inverclyde Alliance

AGENDA ITEM NO: 6

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Subject:	Inverclyde Partnership Plan Biannual Progress Report April 2024 to September 2024		

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 September 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; Tackling Inequalities and Improving People's Lives; Economic Board; and Place Partnership.
- 2.3 This report presents a progress update for the past six months for the Thriving Communities, Safe and Supported Communities, and Children's Services thematic groups. Updates on the work of the other three thematic groups were brought to brought to the October 2024 Alliance meeting.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Alliance Board notes the progress updates and considers any additional action required.

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Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development

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. Updates on the work of each group and progress against the outcomes are brought to the Alliance Board on a six monthly basis. At the October 2024 meeting information was provided in relation to Tackling Inequalities and Improving People's Lives; Economic Board and Place Partnership. This report provides a progress update for the past six months for the Thriving Communities, Safe and Supported Communities, and Children's Services thematic groups.

4.3 The appendices to this report provide detail of work against the Partnership Plan outcomes. The differing formats relate to the preexisting delivery group arrangements, and this will be made more consistent as the plans and reports develop. To support discussion at the Alliance meeting the three lead officers will each provide a short presentation covering:

- Key areas of progress over the past six months/impact/case studies,
- Areas of challenge and opportunities, and
- Future plans.

5.0 COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP DELIVERY GROUP UPDATES

5.1 Children's Services Partnership

The Children's Services Partnership has oversight of the Children's Services Plan, which also includes the partnership work of the Attainment Challenge and The Promise. The Partnership last met in August 2024 where an update of progress against the Children's Services Plan was discussed and agreed. The full progress report is included at Appendix 1.

5.2 Thriving Communities Update

The Thriving Communities group delivers on the CLD Partnership Plan along with other plans and strategies which strongly link into the overall CLD Partnership Plan, including Active Inverclyde Strategy, Community Food Growing Strategy, and Locality Plans. Progress against actions is presented within Appendix 2.

5.3 Safe and Supported Communities Update

The Safe and Supported Communities group has oversight of four distinct and established multi-agency partnerships who each have separate strategies and action plans. These are the:

- Community Justice Partnership – Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan 'Community Matters' approved at June 2024 Alliance Board.
- Community Safety Partnership – Community Safety Strategy 2023-26 'Keeping Inverclyde Safe Together' was approved by the Alliance Board in June 2023. The strategic priorities are to reduce violence and antisocial behaviour, reduce serious accidents, safeguard the public, and develop joint working arrangement across the Community Planning Partnership to promote a holistic approach to community safety.

- Violence Against Women and Girls Partnership (VAWG) – VAWG Strategy 2023-26 was approved by the Alliance Board in June 2023. The strategic priorities align to the national Equally Safe strategy for VAWG.
- Alcohol and Drugs Partnership – The recent work of the partnership has centred around four main themes, strategy development, commissioned support services, MAT standards implementation, and residential rehabilitation.

Progress against actions is presented within Appendix 3.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Legal: None
Finance: None
Human Resources: None
Equality and Diversity: None
Alliance Partnership Plan: The progress updates within this report relate to outcomes within all five themes of the Partnership Plan.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 None.

Inverclyde Children’s Services Plan 2023-26

Progress update as of July 2024

RAG: RED = Off Track/ areas of concern AMBER = Slightly off-track, being managed GREEN = Progressing Well/ On-Track

Outcome 1- Children, young people and families are listened to and their views are instrumental in designing and delivering services

No.	WHAT IS IT WE WANT TO DO	HIGH LEVEL ACTIONS	LEAD OFFICER	PROGRESS (July 24)	RAG
1.1	<p>Our children, young people and families will help to shape their plans and their views will influence how we deliver services with them.</p> <p>Our care experienced children and young people will be fully involved in decisions and there will be nothing decided about them without them.</p>	<p>With children, young people and families, we will develop an engagement plan to ensure their views are (a) reflected in individual plans and (b) help shape our future delivery model.</p> <p>We will deliver training and engagement with multi-agency staff and managers to improve their effective communication with children, young people and families</p> <p>Our strategic and delivery plans and policies will demonstrate how we are delivering on the UNCRC.</p>	<p>Susan Chambers (with support from Lesley Ellis/ Caroline McCahill)</p>	<p>The engagement document is still in progress as it was requiring work and further updates from health and 3rd sector. Again, this is to provide a fuller picture. In addition the information will now include the extended network of our care experienced young people from the extensive work completed through the Columba 1400 leadership programme and preparation for the Connected2Care Young person led conference. The ambition from the leadership programme was to extend the network of young people and this has been achieved and going forward the creation of care aware schools. This will also be included within the Engagement Document.</p> <p>With regards to communication and feedback from our families there has been further opportunities to connect engage with families including kinship and fostering throughout the summer months in a more informal setting to which our families and further young people have agreed to engage monthly again both formal and informal basis.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">APPENDIX 1</p>

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				<p>During the summer our Children Rights Officer facilitated a celebration event within our community in relation to the UNCRC being enshrined in Scots law. This event was well attended and increased the awareness of children's rights and linking to The Promise and Stop and Go Pledges particularly in relation to nothing about me without me.</p> <p>Parents have continued to be involved in the codesign process of the Early Adopter Community for Affordable Childcare with a codesign event taking place in May and a celebration event with parents and children in the Soft Play area of Bogelstone Community Centre. Both sessions were particularly well attended with parents advising what they require from Childcare. The partners services including DWP, Advice and Information and Community Development were also in attendance to support the parents.</p> <p>The Child Poverty Accelerator Funding is provided financial support to Home Start Inverclyde to provide a whole systems service to families who have children under the age of 5, where the parents are living in poverty and have a low mood, anxiety or mental health challenges. The service is currently engaging 45 families. Pathways are being created with Advice Services to ensure families received the social security benefits they are entitled and to discuss any challenges around debt and/or credit and also to discuss the impact of employment or additional hours on their benefits or household income.</p> <p>The Child Poverty Accelerator Fund has also enable the commissioning of Urban Foresight to conduct an evaluation of the whole systems approach to child poverty by</p>	

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1.2	<p>We will ensure planning for children, young people and families is strengths-based and outcome-focussed and reflects the national refresh of GIRFEC</p>	<p>We will develop and deliver a training programme for all children's services staff on GIRFEC</p> <p>In partnership, we will develop quality assurance actions that evaluate our progress and share learning from individual plans.</p> <p>We will audit plans for care experienced children and young people to ensure our services have positive impact to support positive, ambitious outcomes</p>	Molly Coyle	<p>monitoring the impact of Home Start, Thrive Under Five, Early Adopter Community, and IRISE.</p> <p>3 Meetings have taken place offering oversight of 7 families. A number of themes have been identified which will be taken forward by our Improving Outcomes Sub Group (which replaced the Quality Improvement and Learning SG)</p> <p>Multiagency audit of IRDs is a quarterly meeting. Since April we have seen further improvement in the speed at which completed IRDs are shared with partners. A best practice session with SSW took place and has led to agreement to redraft aspects of the IRD report template which are not as clear as they might be. A test of change is underway re improving the time between NOC and IRD.</p> <p>Parental Mental Health training and a session of Assessing Parental Mental Health in relation to parenting capacity was delivered in May. Further sessions are planned for early Spring 2025.</p>	
1.3	<p>We will work in truly trauma-informed ways with children, young people and families</p>	<p>We will deliver multi-agency Trauma Informed Practice training and awareness across Inverclyde and embed measurable trauma informed approaches that reflect our diverse communities</p>	Laurence Reilly	<p>The Trauma Lead post has been continued for one more year as a result of Scottish Government funding. The Trauma Strategic group continues to meet to ensure that the NTTP agenda maintains momentum across agencies.</p>	

Outcome 2 Children and young people's health and wellbeing is promoted and improved

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2.1	We will ensure children and young people have access to appropriate mental health supports	<p>Continue to commission and deliver the Wellbeing Service for Children and YP</p> <p>The National Trauma Training Programme will be rolled out across Inverclyde.</p> <p>Continue to deliver the Inverclyde Emotional Wellbeing Triage meetings (IEWTM)</p> <p>Continue to ensure delivery of 18-week referral to treatment timescales for CAMHS</p>	<p>Laurence Reilly</p> <p>Lynn Smith</p>	<p>As before we are implementing the 24-25 plan. The annual report has been submitted to SG in July 2024.</p> <p>IEWTM continues to meet on a two weekly basis</p> <p>Inverclyde CAMHS continues to meet the 18-week RTT. Currently Inverclyde RTT is at 8 weeks. Inverclyde CAMHS is also committed to reducing the wait to allocation of treatment</p>	
2.2	We will ensure children, young people and families have opportunities to improve physical health and development	<p>Continue to support breastfeeding.</p> <p>Continue to support high of immunisations across Inverclyde.</p>	Lynn Smith	<p>Joint art project with Rig arts in June for national breastfeeding awareness week went well, good publicity throughout Inverclyde. Posters and leaflets using image from mermaid Mural being developed with permission from the artist by the Graphic team at Inverclyde Council to go to all antenatal women, community groups, GP surgeries. Project with Dr Dooley looking at the health of breast versus formula fed children in Port Glasgow underway.</p> <p>Test of change giving additional antenatal and postnatal support to women with additional health needs including diabetes and high blood pressure. Stats are encouraging with 73% of the women breastfeeding at birth and 53% at 10 days.</p> <p>Most babies in Inverclyde are weaned at 6 months so weaning fayres and information given by all the health visiting team proving a success. Formula however continues</p>	RAG

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				<p>to be given past 13 months by 26 % of families in the most deprived areas. Fiona Miller taking this to the poverty group and will take forward as an action for health visiting teams.</p> <p>Thrive Under 5 (TU5) is an innovative whole systems approach to support healthy weight in the early years. The project recognises that a range of barriers 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. The project aims to overcome these by working with local organisations and affected families. Crucially, this has involved establishing a TU5 network in the three chosen neighbourhoods to support the delivery of a project plan and to address any gaps in the provision of support for local families. Mitigating poverty has always been at the heart of the project, but the recent impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and now the cost-of-living crisis have further highlighted the necessity to support people's basic needs. The project has taken a population based approach which aims to promote healthy lifestyles in Port Glasgow through working in partnership with all 4 nurseries in Port Glasgow and local parent and toddler groups with, social media campaigning, and a range of events/ activities for families with children under 5. This pathway, as well as maximising income, offers practical support through free meal packs with recipes, local pantry vouchers and monthly Aldi vouchers to the value of £20 for 3 months. TU5 also offer free physical activity programmes for parents and children under five. Including Zumbini and Dinky Diggers. TU5 has a steering group made up of local partners including, Health visitor lead, Pantry, local G.P, Homestart,</p>	

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		Encourage participation in sports and activities.	Hugh Scott	<p>Barnardos, Family Nurse Practice, Link worker and staff representatives from local nurseries. So far we have had 150 referrals (58 are one parent families, 39 are larger families with 3+ children, 14 Ethnic Minorities, 37 families with a child under 1, 5 mothers under 25.</p> <p>Delivered 1700 flat pack meals to families given out 380 x £10 Aldi vouchers free pantry - 18 referrals (there is still a stigma for this service even although we promote as reducing waste and tried open days at the Pantry but are still working to improve numbers.</p> <p>Dinky Diggers have been delivered monthly to all 4 nursery schools, family centres and parent and toddlers with very good attendance and waiting lists in some venues. It has become so popular we are now training staff to deliver in house with training being delivered by Belville.</p> <p>Morton in the Community have delivered each week in community venue although we have had low numbers. The community holiday Play and Stay sessions that we provided this summer have had better attendance.</p> <p>Zumbini sessions have just started in June with taster sessions that have all been popular and plans are in place to deliver monthly again in the 5 childcare venues in Port Glasgow.</p> <p>To achieve the club aspect of the service there is a requirement for clubs to be accredited through the local Active Schools/Sports Development safe club accreditation scheme to ensure club governance of clubs which are linked to education provision. To keep within the partnership agreement with Sportscotland on this matter the service</p>	

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		Implement the thrive under 5 programmes across Inverclyde		<p>require the support from committee to enhance and underpin the process amongst partners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The % of total school roll participating in extra-curricular activities in 23/24 has increased to 51% from 50% in 22/23. Local participation is well above the national average of 40%. The % of females participating in extra-curricular activities in 23/24 has remained at 49%, which is sitting above the national average of 46%. <p>To continue to develop this aspect of work it is essential there is support given to the safe club accreditation process.</p>	
		Improve uptake in the Young Peoples H&W survey	Hugh Scott	<p>Officers have been made aware through SG channels that the original H and WB survey will not proceed in its previous form. Ourselves and other authorities in the West partnership are working together to devise a survey for H and WB. This will be slightly different in focus in that it will track the HWB of our young people, rather than give high level data on risk taking behaviour. This type of tracking was recently identified by HMle as excellent practice.</p>	
2.3	We want to reduce rate of 27- 30 ^{month} developmental concerns being identified.	Roll out of PALS- Play Assisted Language skills across health and education.	Lynn Smith	<p>PALS programme is ongoing within the HV teams and SLT with further development to take place once information gathered from Community planning event has been considered.</p>	
	Implement Psychology of Positive Parenting (POP) delivered to parents			<p>Not yet implemented in Inverclyde due to challenge in staffing levels within Children and Families Health Services (School Nursing / Health Visiting). We are unable to take on any new development programmes at this stage.</p>	

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2.4	Provide evidence-based intensive home visiting programme to all young women.	<p>We will continue to resource and sustain the concurrent model of Family Nurse Partnership programme delivery alongside delivery of the Revised Universal Pathway.</p> <p>We will explore the potential to deliver programme to all eligible young women under 21 years old as per Best Start Bright Futures vision.</p>	Lynn Smith	The concurrent model FNP programme continues to be delivered to all eligible young women up to the age of 19 years at last menstrual period. Development of the care experienced pathway within Inverclyde	
2.5	We want young people to have access to appropriate sexual health services and advice	Deliver the Inverclyde Sexual health Local Implementation Group (SHLIG) Action Plan	Lynn Smith	Action Plan signed off at the group in June 2024 with supporting terms of reference also agreed. All staff in Children's House have undergone training in RSH Programme with very positive feedback. Group will devise comms strategy rather than a plan. Various nations campaigns have been shared. New 2-year service plan for Sandyford is imminent. Group will work to respond to and deliver on this. Films addressing what's important for sexual health for people who live in prison were launched in July 2024. Work is underway to increase free condom provision, both in terms of provision of outlets and in type of access. Encouraging open access across most outlets. Inverclyde Youth Council received funding to increase awareness of YP Sandyford clinics, the services on offer and how to access them.	
2.6	Support Young people's knowledge and awareness of alcohol and drugs	We will develop substance use programmes in schools that develop personal & social skills and increase knowledge of substances and related issues.	Hugh Scott	From June 2024 - The Team continued to engage with both schools and with Youth Team groups to deliver bespoke targeted work to at-risk young people until the end of the school term in June 2024.	

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		<p>We will provide initiatives that tackle normative beliefs around prevalence of substance use.</p> <p>We will develop initiatives that involve families and communities to encourage development of healthy attitudes towards substances.</p> <p>We will provide targeted/indicated prevention work with Young People at risk of harm from substance misuse.</p>		<p>The Team was reduced two officers, who will have updated and developed bespoke lessons for each year group focusing on four topics: alcohol, drugs, risky behaviours and vaping building on the feedback and participation of the young people who received the input in the class. Each year group will receive unique lessons so there is progression each year. Learning from year 1 has changed input to deliver to Senior phase pupils from September to the Christmas holidays 2024.</p> <p>A full evaluation report has been written detailing the progress and success of the first year of the framework and is due to be presented to the ADP in September 2024.</p> <p>Over the summer, the Team engaged with the young people in the community working in partnership with the detached youth work and within the iZones and community events.</p>	

Outcome 3 Children and Young people feel safe and loved and are supported to stay in their families

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3.1	We want our children and young people to be safe and remain in their own home and community	Work with key partners for more children and young people who are looked after away from home to remain in Inverclyde.	Emma Bisland	<p>Outreach Service Continue to receive referrals and the service responds where able to provide evening and weekend support to vulnerable families.</p> <p>Throughcare Team, Evening and Weekends There has been a steady increase in the number of children over the age of 12 supported by the Throughcare Team. This additional support is targeted at children on the edge of care and has proven successful in preventing some children being received into care. A summer programme of events has taken place over the summer break to provide opportunities and diversion to children and young people who are on the edge of care.</p> <p>The Lens The monthly meetings continue to monitor progress of the projects</p> <p>The Practice Pad Was successfully launched on 28th June and was attended by all stakeholders. It is now ready to resume offering vital support and skills to young people as they prepare for adulthood and independent living.</p> <p>The Feel-Good Fund – Has enabled 1 young person to have dream trip see the sights of New York. He has shared a detailed account of his experience, and developed an ambition to travel.</p> <p>Another young person in our children’s house attend the Euros to support Scotland.</p>	<p>Yellow</p> <p>Green</p> <p>Yellow</p> <p>Green</p> <p>Green</p>

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				<p>He has a keen interest and football, and it also has helped him manage the loss of 2 significant family members earlier this year.</p> <p>The children's houses are currently supporting young people with applications to the fund.</p> <p>Home From Home Considerable progress made since May. A tenancy has now been provided by a local provider and plans are underway to carry out the necessary work to turn it into a suitable family time venue.</p> <p>Throughcare Hub Despite consulting with young people and having a development day involving all stakeholders uptake continues to be poor.</p> <p>The next step will be to arrange a development day with young people who use our services and to review the current model in place.</p> <p>Recruitment of Foster Carers The team are currently undertaking 3 assessments for short break carers. Going forward a campaign will be launched inviting our workforce to consider becoming short break carers. This also includes plans to place an advert in the Police magazine which goes out to local serving and retired officers.</p> <p>We are also considering other ways to reach the wider workforce.</p>	<div style="background-color: green; width: 100%; height: 100%;"></div> <div style="background-color: yellow; width: 100%; height: 100%;"></div> <div style="background-color: red; width: 100%; height: 100%;"></div> <div style="background-color: red; width: 100%; height: 100%;"></div>

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				<p>There is also one foster care assessment about be undertaken.</p> <p>Plans are underway to arrange Skills to fostering sessions as part of the assessment process.</p> <p>2 new members of staff have recently been appointed and will increase capacity in the team to undertake this work</p> <p>Review of Balance of Care</p> <p>We continue to hold regular Service Manager level tracking meetings.</p> <p>We continue to look at ways to bring children back to Inverclyde where this is safe to do so – this does come with challenges, and there is drift and delay in some cases. We are considering ways to resolve this.</p> <p>No significant update for July.</p>	
3.2	Develop our multi-agency Whole Family Wellbeing model to provide targeted interventions that reduce risk of harm and build and strengthen family capacity.	<p>Work with key partners to review the service and provision offer around Lomond View Academy to ensure less young people need to be educated away from Inverclyde.</p> <p>Deliver on the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund through service redesign by creating early intervention hub and additional intensive family support</p>	Michael Roach	The Annual Report was submitted to SG in July 2024. A governance structure is also in place to provide scrutiny on activities within the WFWF arena.	
3.3	Young People feel safer and experience less harm within the wider community	Informed and influenced by the experiences of our young people, we will work together to co-design interventions and	Hugh Scott	Inverclyde Community Learning and Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport Service appointed a Community Safety Development and Engagement Officer in July until the end of March 2025, who will be engaging	

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		<p>supports which improve young people's feelings of safety, inclusion, belonging and ambition in the local community. Continue to resource the delivery of community-based youth work opportunities, which meet the needs of young people, offering universal and targeted provision.</p> <p>Work in partnership with key partners to promote campaigns and deliver programmes to children and young people with a focus on safety.</p>		<p>with young people on risky-behaviour and raising awareness of children and young people's safety with parents.</p> <p>Inverclyde Community Learning and Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport Service met with representative from Fearless to discuss a project in Inverclyde to promote the anonymous crime reporting service to young people.</p> <p>Scottish Fire & Rescue carried out educational inputs to St Columba's High School in response to a water-safety related incident at Coves Reservoir in June.</p> <p>Police Scotland's Preventions & Interventions team, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Water Safety Scotland, and the Sea Cadets held a water safety event targeted at young people at the Gourock Outdoor Swimming Pool in July.</p> <p>Inverclyde Council Social Protection Team continue to carry out parent alert visits to the parents/carers of young people who are known to be either engaging in risky behaviour or being in areas/groups where risky behaviour is known to have taken place. Ten visits were carried out in the period between May and July.</p> <p>Inverclyde Council Community Warden service have increased their presence within the Clune Park housing estate in response to the increasing number of reports of people, including young people, travelling from within and outside of the authority to area to visit the site, following a</p>	

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				<p>number of social videos circulating promoting the derelict buildings at this location.</p> <p>Inverclyde Partnership Hub meetings have continued to provide an effective forum for information sharing between local partners in relation to identifying and supporting young people engaging in risky behaviour within the community, providing increased opportunities for early intervention and prevention activity. A multi-agency risk meeting between HSCP, Education, and Police Scotland also takes place every 4 weeks to discuss supports for young people displaying risky behaviour and any public safety implications.</p>	

Outcome 4 Children, young people, families and services work together to reduce inequalities

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4.1	We want to reduce inequalities of educational outcomes linked to deprivation	<p>Deliver the Scottish Attainment Challenge Plan for Inverclyde</p> <p>Deliver the Education Services Senior phase action plan</p> <p>Deliver the Education Services Directorate Service plan</p>	Michael Roach	<p>The SEF plan for 24/25 has been agreed and is now being implemented with a sig reduction in staffing i.e. by 15.4FTE to appx 5FTE. The key capacity now is to provide core central support with data analysis tools, the literacy toolkit alongside the development of a similar document for numeracy and 3 full time Pedagogy leads to support a focus on high quality learning and reaching. An amount of funding remains committed to the Barnardo's contract.</p> <p>Initial analysis of the 2023/24 ACEL outcomes shows a broadly similar picture to 22/23 in primary with improvement for the attainment of SIMD1 pupils. There have been good improvements over all at the end of S3 in both literacy and numeracy.</p>	
4.2	We will ensure that cost of living doesn't act as barrier for children, YP and families in Inverclyde	Continue to deliver the Child Poverty Plan for Inverclyde	Ruth Binks	<p>The EAC continues to build on the success of the after school and holiday childcare services in Port Glasgow for the 33 families and 43 children the majority of which are still living on a low income, all of the families meet at least one of the child poverty priority groups. The EAC support continues to ensure the families receive a wellbeing assessment to identify the social security benefits entitlement, discuss challenges around both credit and debt. Pathways are being established to encourage families to engage with local employability services.</p> <p>A celebration/codesign event was held with children and their parents at the end of June, to thank the parents for their continued to support and to ensure the service still meets their needs. This event started with the children hosting a radio station and talking about what they like about the after-school care, the children and parents were invited to attend the soft play centre for some food and a</p>	

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				<p>play. Parents then advised that they rely on the afterschool care, one mum explained that after a serious illness she finds it difficult to collect her child from school therefore the service supports her family and reduces the family stress and enables her husband to continue with his employment.</p> <p>The summer holiday childcare was delivered by KLASS childcare, a Renfrewshire social enterprise for a four-week period. KLASS has experience of delivering holiday childcare for children who have a wide range of additional needs, including ASD, ADHD and social and emotional needs. KLASS supported 50 children during the summer holiday period, more than 20% of those who applied had registered an additional support need either awaiting a diagnosis or have a diagnosis.</p> <p>In early July Scottish Government confirmed that funding would continue for Inverclyde to provide after school childcare, holiday childcare, consistent breakfast clubs, increasing childminding provision in Port Glasgow. The SG funding also expects the successful services to upscale and spread to two further communities in Inverclyde. There will be mapping and exploration into developing childcare for children under the age of 5 years.</p> <p>Centre to the funding will be the continued engagement and participation to encourage parents and children to be involved in the codesign in the service as it progresses.</p> <p>In addition to the four-day afterschool childcare in Newark Primary School, collaboration with Morton in the</p>	

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				<p>Community has extended provision for 25 children to football and multi sports in St Frances Primary School on a Friday. This service is free of charge and children who meet the child poverty priority groups were given the opportunity to uptake the service first. The EAC provides funding for the transport and the school lets.</p> <p>The Child Poverty Local Action Report will be reported to the Alliance Board in October 2024.</p> <p>The Child Poverty Accelerator Fund is supporting 45 families who have children under the age of 5 years, parents have high levels of anxiety, low mental health and low anxiety to create support and pathways to Advice Services and Employability Services. The Child Poverty Accelerator Fund has also been used to commission Urban Foresight to conduct an evaluation in the theory of change of a whole systems approach to child poverty. This will include light touch evaluation for IRISE, THRIVE UNDER 5, EAC and Homestart.</p>	
4.3	We will have an ensure inclusive curriculum and methods of working to embrace cultural differences	Deliver resources and training as identified by the Inclusive Curriculum Group	Michael Roach	No significant update in July 2024.	

Thriving Communities Action Plan 2024-25 – Progress Update (April 2024 to September 2024)					
Ref	Action / Outcome	Relevant Strategy / Plan	Lead Person / Partner	Target date	Partnership Plan Links
1. Systematic approach to Locality Action Plans					
1.1	Update existing Locality Plans	Locality Action Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Learning and Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport (IC) 	June 2024	1.1
<p>Progress update: <u>Complete</u>. 6 new locality actions plans were presented and approved at the June 2024 Alliance board. The 6 new locality actions plans can be located https://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/council-and-government/community-planning-partnership/localities</p>					
1.2	Configuration and launch of CONSUL system as the online tool for community engagement	Locality Action Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Learning and Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport (IC) 	March 2025	1.1
<p>Progress update: <u>Complete</u>. CONSUL system configured and launched as part of the Community Conversation weeks. Platform available at https://inverclyde.communitychoices.scot/</p>					
1.3	Develop an annual partnership engagement calendar	Locality Action Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Community Learning and Development Partners 	June 2024	1.1
<p>Progress update: <u>Ongoing</u>. To be developed as a follow on from the community conversation weeks pilot. Change target date to March 25</p>					

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2. Development of Community Councils

2.1	Development of Community Councils within areas they are not currently operating	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Learning and Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport / Legal Services (IC) / Community Councils 	March 2025	1.1
<p>Progress update: <u>Ongoing</u>. A task has been assigned to the Corporate Communication team to support a campaign from September to December, focusing on vacant seats and regions lacking community councils. The legal team is seeking funding to finance the publicity efforts. During the Community Conversation weeks, the theme of empowering communities will be emphasised to promote the role of Community Councils. Greenock Central Residents group are hosting a meeting on the 24th of September focusing on Town centre planning/regeneration. The Broomhill TARA are focusing on housing issues and potentially leasing or/an asset transfer for an asset at Broomhill way.</p>					
2.2	Support Community Councils to be more confident through different modes of training	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Learning and Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport (IC) / Community Councils 	March 2025	1.1
<p>Progress update: <u>Ongoing</u>. The Association of Inverclyde Community Councils is moving towards becoming an independent constituted group, with a meeting scheduled for October to further this aim. At the recent AICC meeting, there was a discussion on joint training focusing on planning and the disciplinary process related to the code of conduct. Facilitating joint training has become a priority for the AICC. Additionally, the Moodle platform has been updated to include feedback and now features links to training available on the Scottish Community Council's website.</p>					

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3. Development of CLD Partnership Plan 2024-27					
3.1	Analysis of recent community consultations	CLD Partnership Plan 24-27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Learning and Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport (IC) 	Jan 2024	1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 5.2
Progress update: <u>Complete</u>. Analysis of community engagement carried out in preparation of Locality Plans and this will also feed in to the CLD Partnership Plan.					
3.2	Partnership consultation and audit	CLD Partnership Plan 24-27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Community Learning and Development Partners 	May 2024	1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 5.2
Progress update: <u>Complete</u>. Consultation with working group and wider partnership as part of plan development.					
3.3	Draft CLD Partnership Plan to Alliance Board	CLD Partnership Plan 24-27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Learning and Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport (IC) 	June 2024	1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 5.2
Progress update: <u>Complete</u>. Draft Plan presented to Alliance Board at June 2024 meeting.					

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3.4	Community consultation on proposed priorities	CLD Partnership Plan 24-27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Community Learning and Development Partners 	Aug 2024	1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 5.2
Progress update: <u>Complete</u>. Carried out in Spring/Summer 2024 through Locality Plan consultation.					
3.5	Plan complete, approved by Alliance Board and submitted to Scottish Government	CLD Partnership Plan 24-27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Community Learning and Development Partners 	Oct 2024	1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 5.2
Progress update: <u>Complete</u>. Plan approved at Alliance Board October 2024 meeting and now available in draft at https://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/community-life-and-leisure/community-learning-development/community-learning-development-3-year-strategy					
Some minor work still be done on the final published version by corporate communications.					
4. CLD Partnership Plan (2021-24) – Year 3					
4.1	Delivery of the Community Empowerment high level actions	CLD Partnership Plan 21-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Community Learning and Development Partners 	Aug 2024	1.1, 5.1
Progress update: <u>Complete</u> The Thriving Communities group will take the lead in developing the CLD Partnership Plan, which will clarify the connection between Locality Plans and Locality Groups.					

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<p>Your Voice is actively empowering residents to influence decisions related to the HSCP strategic plans and outcomes, in alignment with the empowerment actions outlined in the CLD Partnership Plan. Their initiatives support locality priorities through peer support groups, Lived Experience Networks, person-centred services, the Living Well initiative, and volunteer opportunities.</p> <p>Out of the 11 community councils, 9 have been established, with active TARA groups in the two areas without community councils.</p> <p>Locality plans for all six localities have been updated and refreshed.</p> <p>A pilot "community conversation week" initiative is planned from October 24 to February 25. This approach is designed to foster community engagement, minimize duplication, and make the best use of resources. It will also highlight the role of existing community groups while supporting broader engagement.</p> <p>This pilot aims to create a framework for a wider CLD sector engagement plan.</p>					
4.2	Delivery of the Digital Services high level actions	CLD Partnership Plan 21-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Community Learning and Development Partners 	Aug 2024	1.2, 2.1, 5.1
<p>Progress update: <u>Completed</u></p> <p>Inverclyde Libraries will offer standalone workshops from October 2024 to provide digital skills training on specific topics, aimed at promoting digital inclusion and helping participants achieve SCVO's Foundation Level Digital Skills.</p> <p>Additionally, the "Living Well" project by Your Voice is testing a digital self-management intervention, using pre- and post-participation WEMWBS assessments to measure its impact on wellbeing. The project has secured funding for the necessary licenses and provides access to licensed devices, along with support for local residents to build confidence and access online resources like NHS INFORM and self-help guides.</p> <p>A digital access and inclusion survey was conducted with a sample of CLD learners.</p> <p>CVS continue to invest in the Inverclyde Life platform to improve functionality and ensure that the site is fit for purpose. Modifications are being made to include Active Inverclyde.</p>					

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<p>Inverclyde Council provided investment for the CLD module on the Hanlon information system which will provide a platform for improved delivery recording across the service and with potential for partnership activity recording.</p> <p>COSLA's Consul platform has been developed within Inverclyde and represents an opportunity for a partnership approach for coordinated digital engagement.</p>					
4.3	Delivery of the Workforce Development high level actions	CLD Partnership Plan 21-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Community Learning and Development Partners 	Aug 2024	5.1
<p>Progress update: <u>Complete</u></p> <p>The CLD Partnership Plan for 2024-2027 will prioritise workforce development, informed by the results of a Workforce Development Survey carried out during this plan. The partnership is considering using either Knowledge Hub or SharePoint for a shared workspace. An online Reflective Practice course, developed in collaboration with the CLD Standards Council, is available on the CLD Inverclyde Moodle website and will start in late October 2024. CLD has promoted the Standards Council through social media, and a staff member participated in creating national promotional videos. The Reflective Practice course is still being refined. Additionally, the Invergrow partnership project now offers a course and resources on the CLD Moodle, featuring content from West College Scotland (WCS) and community gardens.</p> <p>Volunteer Inverclyde strategy was developed and adopted by Alliance partners. The majority of the partnership actions have been completed with the exception of those which require external funding. This will carry forward and where appropriate, funding will be sought to create new opportunities to support and develop volunteering.</p>					
4.4	Delivery of the Health & Wellbeing high level actions	CLD Partnership Plan 21-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Community Learning and Development Partners 	Aug 2024	3.1

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Progress update: Complete
 A range of health and wellbeing (H&WB) initiatives are in place for both young people and adults in Inverclyde, with existing groups addressing substance use issues under the Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP). An adult H&WB survey, presented in June 2024, will inform future CLD Partnership planning. Although a national youth survey was not conducted, Clyde Conversations workshops focused on youth health and wellbeing. Public consultations have led to the development of an information portal to promote physical activity and sport opportunities for Inverclyde residents.

Inverclyde Libraries are actively involved in the Collective Force for Health and Wellbeing Initiative, providing health literature and supporting the Realistic Medicine initiative. They are also piloting an NHS app, with trained staff helping promote access to Realistic Medicine resources.

Further, national-level CLD research and conversations with SPIRU are guiding work related to poverty and inequalities. Inverclyde Council has been involved in research on asset transfer and the Community Empowerment Act with Glasgow Caledonian University, and the youth work service participated in a study on repeat violence with Glasgow University.

Lastly, "Your Voice" received funding to deliver a new lifestyle management initiative called "Living Well," which offers 10 weekly sessions focused on discussion, movement, and relaxation.

5. Active Inverclyde Strategy					
5.1	Delivery of the Active People high level actions	Active Inverclyde Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Inverclyde Implementation Group 	March 2025	1.2, 3.1, 3.3, 5.4

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<p>Progress update: <u>Ongoing with the development of the Portal on Inverclyde Life</u> Key group representatives will be invited to a central venue for information sessions, with efforts underway to map out clubs, organisations, and groups to be invited. A media campaign is being discussed to raise the profile of these sessions. Collaboration with CVS continues to ensure the portal is user-friendly, with a proposal sent to the web designer. An online video of the sessions will be available for those unable to attend, and the portal is set to launch in January 2025. A marketing campaign to boost public awareness of the sessions and the portal is also being planned.</p>					
5.2	Delivery of the Active Communities high level actions	Active Inverclyde Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Inverclyde Implementation Group 	March 2025	1.2, 3.1, 3.3, 5.4
<p>Progress update: <u>Ongoing.</u> The mapping of local sports and physical activity opportunities is underway, using data from grants, clubs, and groups to create an interactive map for the Inverclyde Life portal. A company has been contracted to build the portal, with ongoing communication to ensure proper information and governance requirements for contributors. A governance statement will be included on the portal, and a test sign-up will be piloted by working group clubs. Local case studies supporting the Active Inverclyde vision will be shared at the information session. Additionally, a media campaign and a flyer with a QR code for easy sign-up to the portal are being planned.</p>					
5.3	Delivery of the Active Environment high level actions	Active Inverclyde Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Inverclyde Implementation Group 	March 2025	1.2, 3.1, 3.3, 5.4
<p>Progress update: <u>Ongoing.</u> Active travel plan has been looked at however it outdated advised that new strategy will be looked at in 2025. IC rep will be invited to attend Active Inverclyde meeting do show/discuss how plans align</p>					
5.4	Delivery of the Active Partnerships high level actions	Active Inverclyde Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Inverclyde Implementation Group Community Learning and Development, Community 	March 2025	1.2, 3.1, 3.3, 5.4

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			Safety & Resilience and Sport (IC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sportscotland 		
<p>Progress update. <u>Ongoing.</u> Key individuals are being invited on an ad hoc basis to share local projects, helping to align them with the strategy and broaden the working group's reach. Reports, including an updated action plan, have been submitted to the alliance board. Efforts continue to promote inclusive practices, focusing on female participation and disability inclusion, with clubs beginning to view themselves as part of the wider community. Communication between Sports Governing Bodies (SGB) and local partners is happening on an ad hoc basis. Discussions with CVS are exploring funding opportunities for organisations, and the Community Sports Hubs (CSH) are sharing funding options with partner clubs.</p>					

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6. Inverclyde’s Community Food Growing Strategy

6.1	Delivery of capacity building high level actions - Building capacity within communities to ensure they have the skills and knowledge to take part in food growing.	Inverclyde’s Community Food Growing Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invergrow Project Officer Food Network 	March 2025	1.2, 3.1, 3.3
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Progress update: Ongoing.
 In 2024, Inverclyde launched several community food-growing initiatives aimed at promoting gardening and sustainability. Educational pamphlets were distributed during the Highland Games, raising awareness about local gardening efforts. On June 4, Blooming Inverkip and Wellington Allotments organised a sustainability event, further emphasising the importance of eco-friendly practices.

In August, Branchton Community Centre and Drying Green hosted open days that demonstrated how to grow and harvest produce, providing hands-on learning opportunities for residents. Additionally, gardening courses offered in collaboration with West College Scotland are being promoted at Branchton Community Centre, available with and without Invergrow funding, to enhance local gardening skills.

Invergrow funding has also facilitated the creation of new growing spaces at Auchmountain and Inverclyde Academy, expanding community gardening opportunities. To complement these efforts, weekly leaflets and educational videos are being distributed to increase awareness and knowledge about growing techniques. Ongoing projects involving schools and community gardens are further promoting collaboration and sustainability within the Inverclyde area.

6.2	Delivery of partnership working high level actions - Creating strong partnership working between communities, the Council and housing associations.	Inverclyde’s Community Food Growing Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food Network Community Learning and Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport (IC) 	March 2025	1.2, 3.1, 3.3
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Progress update: Ongoing
 The current ICFN map is accessible on the ICFN website and prominently featured on the Invergrow webpage of the council’s site. The map is continuously updated to reflect the latest information.

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6.3	Delivery of resources high level actions - Ensuring communities have the resources they need to be able to take part in food growing.	Inverclyde's Community Food Growing Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invergrow Project Officer Food Network 	March 2025	1.2, 3.1, 3.3
<p>Progress update: Ongoing.</p> <p>Auchmountain has successfully established a new growing space, planting orchards in collaboration with the local playscheme. Meanwhile, Broomhill Gardens and Community Hub have constructed eight new sleeper beds, significantly enhancing their growing capacity. Additionally, Community Learning and Development (CLD) has implemented a new growing space by placing two raised beds outside their office.</p> <p>Caddlehill Community Green Space is actively seeking a raised bed to assist Ardgowan Primary School in cultivating their own produce. At St Stephen's High School, Invergrow funding is being used to rejuvenate two large growing beds for the shared campus. Furthermore, the Invergrow project has facilitated the installation of six new raised growing beds in River Clyde Homes' sheltered accommodations, with three beds at John Gault House, two at Elliott Court, and one at Stewart House.</p> <p>Blooming Inverkip, in partnership with the Inverclyde Shed, has utilised Invergrow funding to establish a new growing space at Lomond View, featuring barrel planters, a 'no dig' site, and new orchards. They have also collaborated to create additional growing sites and orchards at Inverkip Primary and Inverclyde Academy.</p>					

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6.4	<p>Inverclyde's first seed library has been expanded to include guidelines on its operation and sustainable maintenance, with plans to implement another seed library in Port Glasgow. The ICFN website hosts booklets and other educational materials, and resources on the Invergrow Moodle are accessible to all.</p> <p>At Inverclyde Academy, employees from The Royal Bank of Scotland contributed to building sleeper beds and providing labor for the project. Additionally, unpaid workers and River Clyde Homes collaborated with the Invergrow Project to create raised growing beds in sheltered housing complexes across Inverclyde. As part of the Inverclyde Council apprentice program, apprentices have been recruited to support various growing spaces, including Parklea Branching Out, with 12 in their second year and six in their first year, also providing assistance at Belville Gardens and other sites..</p> <p>Delivery of food poverty reduction high level actions - Contribute towards a reduction in poverty through strong partnership working.</p>	<p>Inverclyde's Community Food Growing Strategy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food Network 	March 2025	1.2, 3.1, 3.3
<p>Progress update: Ongoing.</p> <p>The establishment of a seed library at Southwest Library empowers Inverclyde residents to grow their own plants while also contributing by providing seeds to the library. This initiative encourages community engagement and self-sustainability.</p> <p>The Invergrow Moodle page offers valuable resources on growing food from scraps, promoting sustainability among residents. Additionally, the ICFN Food Map, also known as the Food Access Map, provides an overview of local gardens, encouraging residents to cultivate their own produce.</p> <p>The ICFN website features growing booklets designed to assist locals in their gardening efforts. Furthermore, ICFN members have created growing spaces and orchards across various nurseries and schools in Inverclyde, fostering a culture of gardening within educational institutions.</p>					

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To complement these initiatives, ICFN members have established cooking classes that utilise surplus food, reducing waste and promoting the use of home-grown produce. This approach not only helps prevent food waste but also encourages community members to grow and use their own food effectively.

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1. Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan					
2.1	Publish Inverclyde Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan 2024	Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Justice Partnership 	June 2024	1.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3
Progress update: <u>Complete</u>. CJOIP was approved by the Inverclyde Alliance Board on Monday 17 June 2024.					
2.2	CJOIP Strategic Aim 1- Optimise the use of diversion and intervention at the earliest opportunity	Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Justice Partnership 	March 2025	1.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3
Progress update: <u>Ongoing</u>. Inverclyde CJP- Diversion from Prosecution Short Life Working Group met on Monday 12 August 2024. The group considered the local actions from the joint review of diversion from prosecution carried out by HM Inspectorate of Prosecution in Scotland, HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland, HM Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland and the Care Inspectorate. There are still some actions being led by the Scottish Government that will impact on the local recommendations. Group to meet again by end of 2024.					
2.3	CJOIP Strategic Aim 2- Ensure that robust and high-quality community interventions and public protection arrangements are consistently available.	Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Justice Partnership 	March 2025	1.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3
Progress update: <u>Ongoing</u>. See Strategic Aim 5 for update					

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2.4	CJOIP Strategic Aim 4- Strengthen the leadership, engagement, and partnership working of local and national community justice partners.	Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Justice Partnership 	March 2025	1.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3
<p>Progress update: <u>Ongoing</u>. This matter was table at the ADP Meeting on Tuesday 24th September 2024 particularly around the need for publishing a communication strategy. Further update will be provided at next meeting though initial scoping work has commenced.</p>					
2.5	CJOIP Strategic Aim 5- Improve housing and homelessness outcomes for individuals in the justice system.	Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Justice Partnership 	March 2025	1.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3
<p>Progress update: <u>Ongoing</u>. There was a SHORE conference for housing/homelessness and justice partners on Monday 19th August 2024. This considered the local implications for embedding SHORE in Inverclyde. Work is being progressed by the housing and justice forum.</p>					
2.6	Misc. Community Justice Partnership issues	Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Justice Partnership 	March 2025	1.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3
<p>Progress update: <u>Ongoing</u>. As per legislative requirements the Community Justice Partnership submitted its annual return to Community Justice Scotland for activity during 2023/24. Initial work started to publish Inverclyde annual report by December 2024.</p>					

2. Community Safety Strategy 2023-26 – Year 2

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3.1	Delivery of the Violence and Antisocial Behaviour high level actions - There is a reduction in the level of violence and antisocial behaviour within our communities.	Community Safety Strategy 2023-26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Safety Partnership 	March 2025	1.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.3
<p>Progress update: <u>Ongoing</u>.</p> <p>Inverclyde is implementing various initiatives aimed at enhancing community safety and addressing antisocial behaviour. A fire skills course, involving collaboration with NDHS and Inverclyde Academy, is scheduled for the week beginning November 11, 2024.</p> <p>To combat off-road vehicle-related antisocial behaviour, a partnership campaign is being developed to raise awareness about the issue and improve reporting methods. Promotional messages have been created and shared on social media by Police Scotland, aligning with their weekend of action that took place on September 13, 2024. This effort has already resulted in several vehicle seizures, and the Community Safety Development & Engagement Officer is actively promoting reporting procedures at community drop-ins and meetings.</p> <p>Antisocial Behaviour Week is also being promoted through local events focusing on the 2024 theme of #MakingCommunitiesSafer, with planning underway to determine potential partnership events and publicity strategies. Additionally, a meeting between the Scotrail Travel Safe Team and Inverclyde Youth Work services was held in September 2024 to strengthen partnership links.</p> <p>Inverclyde Council has participated in a national consultation on antisocial behaviour, and they are currently reviewing the findings of the national review to inform a local strategy refresh. A short-life working partnership group will be established for an interim review of the antisocial behaviour strategy.</p> <p>Furthermore, a comprehensive analysis of violence in Inverclyde is planned, utilising local data from Police Scotland and community engagement efforts during community conversation week or a place standard tool project. The Council is also awaiting the outcomes of the Violence Prevention Framework's next steps from national bodies. Lastly, a campaign focused on hate crime awareness and reporting methods is in development, with campaign graphics created and pending approval from corporate communications.</p>					

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3.2	<p>Delivery of the Serious Accidents high level actions - There is a reduction in the number of serious accidents at home and on our roads.</p>	<p>Community Safety Strategy 2023-26</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Safety Partnership 	<p>March 2025</p>	<p>1.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.3</p>
<p>Progress update: <u>Ongoing</u>.</p> <p>Inverclyde is launching several initiatives aimed at promoting safer driving and parking, particularly around schools. Prior to the summer holidays, a campaign was initiated that included letters sent to all school parents and promotional flyers distributed in community settings. Plans are in place to develop additional messaging as part of the ongoing campaign to further engage young people in road safety.</p> <p>The Community Safety & Development Officer is actively identifying opportunities for partnership engagement with target groups within existing community settings. This involves pinpointing appropriate drop-in events or meetings that align with the goals of various partners.</p> <p>A partnership road safety event is also being organised, with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) planning to collaborate with Police Scotland, the Scottish Ambulance Service, and the local Council to enhance road safety awareness in Inverclyde. Additionally, SFRS and Police Scotland recently delivered the New Drivers Early Intervention Scheme at St Columba's High School in Gourock, targeting young drivers to improve road safety.</p> <p>To facilitate better collaboration among partners, SFRS is working on improving the referral process. A new system for both inward and outward referrals is set to be introduced, which aims to eliminate barriers associated with secure emailing and streamline communication among partners.</p>					
3.3	<p>Delivery of the Safeguarding high-level actions - Communities in Inverclyde feel safe and are protected, particularly those most at risk</p>	<p>Community Safety Strategy 2023-26</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Safety Partnership 	<p>March 2025</p>	<p>1.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.3</p>

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	<p>Progress update: <u>Ongoing</u>.</p> <p>In Inverclyde, ongoing efforts are being made to identify potentially vulnerable households through the national SAVVI project, which has been active for nearly a year. The project is currently at the discussion stage with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) to determine the next steps. Progress updates are expected from the Improvement Service and the Scottish Government regarding this initiative and related national efforts.</p> <p>To enhance the Early and Effective Intervention (EEI) referral process in Inverclyde, Police Scotland is collaborating with Health and Social Care Partnerships (HSCP) to conduct a scoping exercise, using the partnership hub and multi-agency risk assessment group (MARG) processes as a model for improvement.</p> <p>Efforts are also underway to promote the Keep Safe scheme locally, with campaign graphics created and awaiting approval from corporate communications. Additionally, an initial meeting has been held between Council representatives and the Fearless organisation to organise inputs for partners delivering youth work services, resulting in the provision of promotional materials and graphics for a local campaign.</p> <p>In an effort to improve community safety, lighting has been installed at Battery Park, with the lights switched on September 24, enhancing perceptions of safety and encouraging park usage during evening hours. Furthermore, Police Scotland's Prevention and Interventions team has been active in delivering educational inputs on financial harm and acquisitive crime in Greenock town center, as well as providing Scots Law education to residents at the Holiday Inn Express, water safety training at Clydeview Academy and Inverkip Primary School in partnership with SFRS, and suicide prevention resources at St Columba's in Kilmacolm.</p> <p>Lastly, a partnership water safety event was held at Gourock outdoor pool in July 2024, where HM Coastguard provided water safety training to various uniformed groups and participated in local community events, including the Comet Festival and Gourock Highland Games.</p>				
3.4	Delivery of the Partnership Working high level actions - Strong and effective joint working arrangements across the community planning	Community Safety Strategy 2023-26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Safety Partnership 	March 2025	1.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.3

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	partnerships are developed to promote a holistic approach to community safety			
<p>Progress update: <u>Ongoing</u>. In an effort to enhance community safety, initiatives are underway to engage with marginalised groups to understand their perceptions and provide relevant safety information. The Community Safety Development & Engagement Officer has conducted initial meetings with the Refugee Integration Team and plans to follow up with a meeting to discuss effective engagement strategies. The approach will also consider additional marginalised groups as part of a broader partnership engagement strategy.</p> <p>Inverclyde is also participating in a Public Health Scotland project aimed at developing a Place Standard Tool with a focus on community safety. The application for this pilot project has been successful, and a meeting is scheduled for September 30, 2024, with Public Health Scotland and the Scottish Community Safety Network (SCSN) to discuss the next steps.</p> <p>Additionally, the theme of community safety is being integrated into the Inverclyde Community Conversations, both digital and in-person. An engagement plan is being developed in collaboration with Community Learning and Development (CLD), allowing partners to contribute to the discussions.</p> <p>Furthermore, a self-evaluation of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is being undertaken in light of changes to the Alliance Board reporting structure. Research has been conducted in collaboration with SCSN and other local authorities to explore various CSP structures, and the findings have been presented at a CSP meeting, where it was agreed to hold a self-evaluation session.</p>				

3. VAWG 2023-26 – Year 2

4.1	Delivery of the Reject VAWG high level actions	VAWG Strategy 2023-26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VAWG Partnership 	March 2025	4.1, 4.2, 4.3
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<p>Progress update: <u>Ongoing</u>. Inverclyde Council has achieved Bronze accreditation for the Equally Safe at Work (ESAW) program, leading to the approval of new policies by the committee. An Equality Impact Assessment has also been completed to evaluate the impact of these policies and the ESAW program.</p> <p>The Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse in Scotland (DSDAS) is actively promoted at Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC), where potential high-risk victims are identified. This scheme is further supported through training and information sessions to raise awareness among relevant stakeholders.</p> <p>Additionally, the Inverclyde Child Protection Committee (CPC) and the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) guidance on domestic abuse have been updated to incorporate Safe & Together principles. These principles are promoted through the SafeLives Risk Indicator Checklist (RIC) to enhance the response to domestic abuse cases.</p> <p>Efforts are also underway to strengthen the connections between VAWG, Child Protection, and Adult Protection services, fostering a more integrated approach to addressing these critical issues within the community.</p>					
4.2	Delivery of the Equal Citizens high level actions	VAWG Strategy 2023-26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VAWG Partnership 	March 2025	4.1, 4.2, 4.3
<p>Progress update: <u>Ongoing</u>. The Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Multi-Agency Partnership (MAP) is actively participating in the NHS Scotland-led Learning Disability and Gender-Based Violence National Steering Group, contributing to discussions and strategies related to these critical issues.</p> <p>Additionally, representation from the Alcohol and Drugs Recovery Service has been established within the VAWG MAP. This collaboration aims to identify potential barriers and facilitate joint efforts to address the intersection of substance use and violence against women and girls.</p>					

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<p>Furthermore, economic abuse has been officially recognised as an identifiable factor within the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) process, enhancing the framework for assessing and responding to various forms of abuse experienced by individuals in the community.</p>					
4.3	Delivery of the early and effective interventions high-level actions	VAWG Strategy 2023-26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VAWG Partnership 	March 2025	4.1, 4.2, 4.3
<p>Progress update: <u>Ongoing</u>. The MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference) Annual Report for 2021-2024 has been developed, highlighting the ongoing engagement of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Multi-Agency Partnership (MAP) partners in the MARAC process. Over the past six months, MARAC statistics have remained high, with 82 referrals recorded, averaging 12 referrals per four-week meeting.</p> <p>To enhance understanding and collaboration, a rescheduled MARAC and Risk Indicator Checklist (RIC) information session is set for December 5th. Additionally, RIVERCLYDE HOMES has requested domestic abuse training for all staff, and a meeting will be organised to discuss their specific training needs. Furthermore, a presentation on trauma-informed practices was delivered to VAWG partners to ensure that all agencies have access to essential training resources.</p>					
4.4	Delivery of the men desist from VAWG high-level actions	VAWG Strategy 2023-26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VAWG Partnership 	March 2025	4.1, 4.2, 4.3
<p>Progress update: <u>Ongoing</u>. Police Scotland is actively implementing actions identified during the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) to enhance the safety of victims and their children. These actions are focused on not only improving victim safety but also on challenging and addressing the behaviour of perpetrators.</p> <p>Additionally, partners within the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Multi-Agency Partnership (MAP) have responded to a Domestic Homicide Review, demonstrating their commitment to learning from such cases and enhancing protective measures within the community.</p>					

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4. Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Partnership

5.1	Development and Implementation of a 5-year ADP Strategy (2024 – 2029) and two-year ADP Delivery Plan 2024-26	ADP Strategy 2024-29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcohol & Drugs Partnership 		1.2, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3
<p>Progress update: Ongoing. Progressed continued during the reporting period and a final document was submitted to the Inverclyde ADP Committee for approval on Monday 26 August 2024. Following approval, the document will be submitted to the Inverclyde Alliance Board and Inverclyde Integrated Joint Board in December 2024.</p>					
5.2	Commissioned Support Services	ADP Strategy 2024-29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcohol & Drugs Partnership 		1.2, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3
<p>Progress update: Ongoing. Work underway with Inverclyde HSCP Commissioning Services and Inverclyde Council Legal Services and Procurement Services for the commissioning of a recovery service commencing April 2025.</p>					
5.3	Implementation of MAT Standards	MAT Implementation Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcohol & Drugs Partnership 		1.2, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3
<p>Progress update: Ongoing. The national benchmarking report was published on the 18th of June 2024. The report can be accessed via National benchmarking report on the implementation of the medication assisted treatment (MAT) standards: Scotland 2023/24 (publichealthscotland.scot) That report highlighted Green for MAT 1-5 and provisional green for MAT 6-9</p>					

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5.4	Residential Rehabilitation	Residential Rehab Pathway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcohol & Drugs Partnership 	September 2024	1.2, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3
<p>Progress update: Ongoing. The staffing arrangements are now in place with a formal launch to be confirmed.</p>					

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