



Inverclyde Alliance

AGENDA ITEM NO: 7

Report To:	Inverclyde Alliance Board	Date:	18 June 2018
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Subject:	Environment Partnership Outcome Delivery Plan		

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the Alliance Board with a new Outcome Delivery Plan for the Environment Partnership.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 The Community Planning element of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 placed responsibility on Inverclyde Alliance to develop a Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) which replaced the Single Outcome Agreement 2012-17. Inverclyde's LOIP was formally approved by the Alliance Board at its meeting on the 11th of December 2017.

2.2 The LOIP priorities are Population, Reducing Inequalities and the Environment, Culture and Heritage. The environment was previously an outcome in the SOA and the Environment Outcome Delivery Group has continued as the Environment Partnership, chaired by Kerry Wallace, Area Manager, Scottish Natural Heritage.

2.3 A workshop was held in February to identify the tasks and priorities that the Environment Partnership will take forward. A wide range of partners attended the workshop and identified the key actions that the Environment Partnership will focus on delivering. The Environment Partnership subsequently met on the 22nd March and the 8th of May to review the feedback from the workshop and finalise the actions that the group will now focus on delivering.

2.4 The new outcome delivery plan for the Environment Partnership is contained within Appendix 1.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that the Alliance Board approves the new outcome delivery plan for the Environment Partnership.

Kerry Wallace
Lead Officer – Environment Partnership

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 A workshop was held in February to identify the tasks and priorities that the Environment Partnership will take forward. A wide range of partners attended the workshop and identified the key actions that the Environment Partnership will focus on delivering. The Environment Partnership subsequently met on the 22nd March and the 8th of May to review the feedback from the workshop and finalise the actions that the group will take forward.

4.2 The environment, culture and heritage priority in the LOIP states that “Inverclyde’s environment, culture and heritage will be protected and enhanced to create a better place for all Inverclyde residents and an attractive place to live, work and visit.” The Environment Partnership is tasked with delivering the environment aspect of this priority and they have identified three key drivers that will help them to do this. These drivers are:

- Connectivity – it is currently difficult for Inverclyde residents to engage in active travel with gaps in provision and poor infrastructure.
- Healthier Lifestyles – the majority of individuals living and working in Inverclyde are not physically active enough to benefit their health.
- Land use and management – Inverclyde has a high percentage of derelict land and we want to improve the built environment so that all communities in Inverclyde can enjoy both a quality local environment and a healthy and active lifestyle.

4.3 The Environment Partnership has used the three drivers highlighted above to identify the actions that it will take forward. The focus of the actions that have been identified is on developing strategies, mapping current activity, carrying out research and establishing partnerships / networks. Once these actions have been completed, they will highlight gaps and areas for improvement that will inform future actions that the group will implement.

4.4 The new outcome delivery plan for the Environment Partnership is included within Appendix 1.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Legal: none at present

Finance: none at present

Human Resources: none at present

Equality and Diversity: none at present

Repopulation: the actions within the Environment Outcome Delivery Plan will contribute to the achievement of the repopulation outcome in the LOIP.

Inequalities: the actions within the Environment Outcome Delivery Plan will contribute to the achievement of the inequalities priority in the LOIP.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 n/a

7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 n/a

Environment Partnership Outcome Delivery Plan – May 2018

Area of activity	Where are we now?	Where do we want to be?	How will we get there (including timescale)?	How will we know we are getting there?
Connectivity	It is currently difficult for Inverclyde residents to engage in active travel with gaps in provision and poor infrastructure.	We want to create pleasant and safe walking and cycling routes which make it easier for people of all ages to choose to walk and cycle as part of their everyday lives.	<p>Improve cycle paths and walking routes through the development of:</p> <p>Active Travel Strategy by Summer 2018; and</p> <p>Cycling Strategy by Spring 2019.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistics from Community Tracks; and • Statistics from Bike Bothy. • Further measures will be identified in both the Active Travel Strategy and the Cycling Strategy.
Healthier Lifestyles	The majority of individuals living and working within Inverclyde are not physically active enough to benefit their health. This reduction in activity levels has taken place over a number of years and can be attributed to various factors ranging from increased car use to the very design of our local communities. Only four in ten (39%)	We want to increase physical activity and promote healthy lifestyles amongst individuals and families across Inverclyde by through sustained positive changes to both their lifestyle and natural environment.	Create and establish links between health and environment professionals to enable a partnership to be established by Autumn 2018.	To be confirmed.
			Carry out an exercise to analyse opportunities for community involvement in environmental projects that improve health.	To be confirmed.
			Develop a Community Food Growing Strategy.	To be confirmed.

Environment Partnership Outcome Delivery Plan – May 2018

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	<p>adults met the current physical activity recommendations and just over a third (35%) of secondary school pupils meet the target of taking 60 minutes or more of physical activity on five or more days per week. (Inverclyde Child and Youth Health and Wellbeing Survey 2013).</p>			
Land Use and Management	<p>The percentage of derelict land has increased from 17% to 51% in 2016. 80% of the increase in derelict land relates to two large sites, the Former Inverkip Power Station site and Valley Park, Spango Valley, being identified as derelict.</p>	<p>Improve the built environment so that all communities in Inverclyde can enjoy both a quality local environment and a healthy and active lifestyle.</p>	<p>Develop a Greenspace Strategy by Winter 2018.</p> <p>Review vacant and derelict land sites in light of Greenspace Strategy to identify opportunities to plug gaps in greenspace provision for community benefit by Spring 2019.</p> <p>Identify a Strategic Habitat Network for Inverclyde by Autumn 2018.</p>	<p>Performance measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The number of people within 400m of quality green space. - % of derelict land in Inverclyde.