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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Policy &amp; Resources Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>22/09/09</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Corporate Director Improvement and Performance</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>POL/42/09/PW/KB/SR</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Inverclyde Single Outcome Agreement Annual Report 2008/2009 with Qualitative Assessment.</b>		

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## 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with the draft version of the Inverclyde Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) Annual Report 2008/2009 and Qualitative Assessment. These have been developed in collaboration with all partners, and must be submitted to the Scottish Government at the end of September 2009.
- 1.2 A copy of the Inverclyde Single Outcome Agreement Annual Report 2008/2009 has been circulated to members separately.

## 2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The draft SOA Annual Report has been developed in line with the guidance issued by the Scottish Government. The preparation of the SOA Annual Report has been managed by the Programme Board. The SOA Annual Report 2008/2009 and Qualitative Assessment will be submitted to the Inverclyde Alliance Board on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2009.
- 2.2 Final versions of both documents will be submitted to the Scottish Government for agreement at the end of September 2009.
- 2.3 The Annual Report sets out what progress has been made in regard to the delivery of the National and Local Outcomes set out in the Inverclyde SOA 2008/2009.
- 2.4 The Qualitative Assessment explains how Inverclyde Council, through the Alliance, has developed the SOA. The information contained in the Qualitative Assessment will be important in helping the Scottish Government and the wider public sector including local government demonstrate the value, credibility and the benefits of the SOA approach.

## 3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 **It is recommended that the Committee:**
- Endorse the draft Single Outcome Agreement Annual Report 2008/2009 and the Qualitative Assessment.

## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 The SOA Annual Report 2008/2009 and Qualitative Assessment have been developed in line with the guidance prepared by the Scottish Government.
- 4.2 The SOA Annual Report sets out what progress has been made in regard to the delivery of the National and Local Outcomes set out in the Inverclyde SOA. It needs to be stressed that not all results can be directly or indirectly attributable to the Single Outcome Agreement as most, if not all, the programmes and supporting projects were planned well in advance of the SOA being designed and delivered. However, the purpose of this report is to show how the Council and public sector partners have performed during 2008/2009.
- 4.3 The purpose of the Annual Reporting process is to enable Community Planning Partnerships collectively to demonstrate the local progress and achievements they have made so far in the implementation of their SOAs and how the SOA approach has made it easier for Councils and their local partners to work together in pursuit of better outcomes for local communities.
- 4.4 The Qualitative Assessment explains how the Community Planning Partnership has developed the SOA. The information contained in the Qualitative Assessment will be important in helping the Scottish Government and local government demonstrate the value, credibility and the benefits of the SOA approach. The assessment is not a report or audit and it does not have to be submitted to any body. The Qualitative Assessment is simply the consideration by the local partners, with the lead Scottish Government Director, of what has been achieved and what still needs to happen, in terms of improving the SOA and the effectiveness of the SOA approach. It will help to ensure that the mutual understanding that has been built up in the development phase of SOAs on all sides is maintained going forward.
- 4.5 The Qualitative Assessment covers the developmental aspects of the SOA, including what has happened to ensure that partners and communities are engaged in the SOA and that public bodies play their expected roles. It also highlights what has already happened as a result of the SOA approach, including improvements in local working.

## **5.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Finance  
There are no known financial implications.
- 5.2 Human Resources  
There are no known HR implications.
- 5.3 Legal  
There are no known legal implications.
- 5.4 Equality / Diversity  
There are no known equality/diversity implications.

## **6.0 CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 The Policy and Resources Committee should consider the issues highlighted in this report.

## **7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 7.1 Inverclyde Single Outcome Agreement 'Tackling Poverty, Sustaining Growth, 2008 – 2009'.