

## **Introduction**

The purpose of the *SOA: Local Helensburgh and Lomond* is to provide information about community planning partnership activities at a local level.

This document is a record of additional information gathered through the SOA:Local workshop process which is not contained within the local delivery plan, but which maps other local activity partners are aware of which relates to the outcomes, as well as themes that arose which were considered to be opportunities for future development. This might be through updates to raise awareness about work that is already happening, or discussion, action planning and partnership working to create additional activity.

This document should be cross-referenced with the SOA: Local to give a fuller picture of activity across the Helensburgh and Lomond area.

**Outcome 1 – the economy is diverse and thriving**

**PRIORITIES:** The workshop group felt that optimising public sector employment and training opportunities (1.8.3), support to business start-ups (1.7.1) and support for an increase in international trade (1.1.2) were the most important areas in this outcome.

SOA Code	SOA Delivery Plan Action	Additional local activity we know is taking place, relating to these themes	Areas for future development
1.1.2	Support an increase in international trade through more businesses trading internationally and businesses increasing international turnover		<p>Proposal to explore opportunities for better links with Faslane.</p> <p>Proposal to focus on the tourism and cruise markets.</p> <p>Proposal to also focus on local A&amp;B trade links and GB links.</p>
1.1.4	Support Business Growth (including social enterprise) through HIE / SE account management and Business Gateway (BG)	<i>Note: No information from HIE as this area is not within their remit</i>	<p>Consultations identified a lack of small business and industrial units.</p> <p>Proposal for a survey to understand the local population's retail needs better.</p> <p>Proposal that Business Gateway in A&amp;B offers start-up funds for new business ideas.</p> <p>Proposal for low rent units for start-ups.</p> <p>Need for imaginative use of empty shop units recognising change in shopping habits.</p>
1.1.7	Ensure businesses are ready to take advantage of the		Awareness raising around roll-out programme needed so that training can be aligned with

	opportunities offered by improved Broadband speeds		that.
1.2.1	Expand upon recent investment activity in Helensburgh and ensure readiness for the implementation of the Maritime Change Programme	Helensburgh Seafront Development Group (HSDG) seeking support for sandy beach and pier redevelopment project.	Proposal to work with the MoD to promote H&L as an excellent place to live to new and existing Faslane staff.  Proposal for a Helensburgh Town Centre Manager to promote CHORD improvements and the rest of the town centre
1.4.1	Increase awareness of marine employment, education and business opportunities		
1.5.3	Support the development of the local energy supply chain		
1.6.1	Secure and maintain ongoing sustainability of the Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative Ltd (AITC) (trading arm of AISTP) to further develop the tourism value chain linked to the area's unique heritage, provenance and authenticity.	Love Loch Lomond is the Destination Marketing Organisation (DMO) in this area.  Visit Helensburgh promoting the town	Focus needed on water based tourist opportunities and walking opportunities (John Muir Way, Three Lochs, Town Trails etc)
1.6.2	Create partnership structures with the capacity and desire to develop the culture and heritage sector to maximise the unique opportunities provided by the unique culture and heritage of the area.	Argyll Culture, Heritage & Arts Assembly planning a West Loch Lomond & Clyde Sea Lochs geographical hub  Visit Helensburgh/The Tower working with partners to deliver submarine Museum in Helensburgh	

		<p>Significant investment in redevelopment of Hermitage Park secured.</p> <p>Council, LLTNP and Third Sector Partnership supporting third sector providers of recreational facilities (eg The Tower, Duchess Woods, John Muir Way)</p>	
1.6.3	Support the delivery of high quality tourism experiences across Argyll and Bute	<p>Love Loch Lomond is the Destination Marketing Organisation (DMO) for the area</p> <p>Helensburgh Chamber of Commerce delivering winter and summer festivals in the town.</p> <p>Programme of events at the Hill House, Helensburgh Cove &amp; Kilcreggan Book Festival, Cove Burgh Hall, Three Villages Hall etc</p>	<p>Proposal to identify improvement opportunities from the 2014 Helensburgh winter festival</p> <p>More emphasis needed on the potential of the Hill House to attract visitors</p>
1.6.4	Build upon the local food and drink offering		
1.7.1	To provide support to business start-ups		Proposal to revisit Business Improvement District (BIDs) for Helensburgh
1.7.2	To establish an innovation centre for entrepreneurs in Helensburgh (pilot) (John Logie Baird Centre)		John Logie Baird Centre idea suggested by Helensburgh Community Council. Need more true partnership work on this project.
1.8.3	To optimise public sector employment and training		

	opportunities including work experience, apprenticeships, graduate placements, research, etc.		
1.8.4	Optimise local benefits through public sector procurement process through continued usage of supplier development programme, utilising community benefit clauses where appropriate.		Support to local businesses and social enterprises for them to understand how to tender and what they need to develop

**Outcome 2: We have infrastructure that supports growth**

**Priorities:** Production of a Local Development Plan (2.1.2), Road improvements (2.1.1) and next generation Broadband (2.2.1) were selected as the most important areas for development at the workshops.

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2.1.1	To support Transport Scotland with their planned improvement works to the A82, A83 and A85		Further investment in A83 to prevent road closures due to landslides requested
2.1.2	To produce a Local Development Plan Action Plan with a focus on economic growth for Argyll and Bute covering essential services, connectivity including road, integrated transport, rail, ferries, ports, air, active travel, digital technology and grid. CHORD, TIF and Maritime Change Programme.		Proposal that Colquhoun Square should have 'all weather' capability  Proposal for a targeted publicity campaign to ensure they know land is becoming available, including a dedicated web page on the Council's website
2.1.4	Establish Green Networks in each of our Main Towns		
2.2.1	Deliver the roll out of high speed next generation broadband		
2.2.2	Work with key agencies to improve coverage and quality of mobile phone signals		

2.3.1	Influencing the scale and the speed of the investment in the grid		
2.4.1	To preserve and expand the supply of good quality housing units across all tenures to enable population growth.		<p>Proposal that affordable/accessible housing remains a top priority, especially for older people to free up other housing and NHS beds</p> <p>Proposal to use empty shops for housing and work with landlords to encourage them to consider alternative uses for their properties</p>
2.6.1	To undertake Action Plans for each of our six Main Town Centres		Proposal that Helensburgh Improvement Group could feed into this.
2.7.4	Develop a plan to promote our Piers and Harbours		Support for Helensburgh Pier Redevelopment if economic benefit justifies investment

**Outcome 3: Education, skills and training maximises opportunities for all**

**Priorities:** The workshops identified Increasing the number of young people engaged in volunteering (3.4.3) and increasing the capacity of community groups (3.6.3) as the main priorities

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3.1.2	Develop a range of programmes, courses and qualifications for the Senior Phase to support schools and pupils with course options that reflect local labour market employment opportunities and opportunities for progression to further study		Proposal that engineering is a focus given the MoD's and Babcock's presence in the area.  Work more closely with employers
3.1.5	Increase the number of young people achieving accredited learning opportunities		
3.2.1	Improve the alignment of education and training with business requirements and the economic opportunities in Argyll and Bute	Argyll and Bute Employability Partnership Pathways programme delivered via schools and partners  Activity agreements supporting targeted young people into positive destinations i.e. Education, Employment or training	Awareness raising of support available to local businesses to help them take on an apprentice and support them through the paperwork and requirements.
3.2.2	Increase the number of opportunities for work placements for Senior Phase pupils		
3.2.3	Provide new and existing SMEs in	Courses provided by Council Community	Proposal that better



	Argyll with the opportunity to access business skills workshops to help them develop	Development and Argyll Voluntary Action to third sector SMEs	marketing is needed to highlight benefits of Public Contracts Scotland training.  Proposal to increase the number of premises in rural areas that have wifi in order to increase access to courses
3.2.4	Encourage local apprenticeships and training programmes which align with the demands of the local job market		Explore whether businesses feel they need more support to take on apprentices and collaborate with Helensburgh Chamber of Commerce
3.2.5	Increase the number of targeted recruitment and training Community Benefits (e.g. apprenticeships, jobs, leadership training etc		
3.2.7	Develop a curriculum for Argyll College which is responsive to local needs		Proposal that Argyll College needs a far more visible presence in the town.
3.3.2	Promote opportunities in all our schools for members of the community to contribute to pupil learning	Helensburgh URTC-Academy TV joint project on digital learning  Police & Fire Services deliver presentations/discussions at Hermitage Academy	Proposal to involve parents/grandparents more
3.4.3	Increase the number of young people engaged in volunteering		Proposal to provide more volunteering opportunities in the public sector
3.6.1	Support children and young people to		

	promote good citizenship and engage in wider decision making with partner agencies		
3.6.2	Develop the Argyll Young Entrepreneurs website to support young entrepreneurs		
3.6.3	Increase the capacity of community groups	<p>Support to social enterprise via Council's Social Enterprise Team and Argyll &amp; Bute Social Enterprise Network</p> <p>Council Community Development Officer for Helensburgh &amp; Lomond</p> <p>Argyll Voluntary Action high profile presence in Helensburgh</p>	
3.6.7	Provide opportunities for older people to be involved in community projects	AVA's Grey Matters Group	Employability skills / preparation for workplace expectations for young people

## **Outcome 4: Children and young people have the best possible start**

A change in the format of this outcome led to comments being recorded in a different way at the workshop.

Comments provided on post-its were:

Existing Activity:

4.1 - Survive and Thrive project delivered by Argyll Voluntary Action (AVA) provides support to families who have experienced domestic abuse. Also provide PX2 courses (12-18 year olds) and Mindbuzz courses (10-12 year olds)

4.5 - Psychology of Parenting Project partnership of AVA, social work and Children 1<sup>st</sup> providing Incredible Years parenting course

Areas for future Development:

4.1 - Joined up working between agencies involved is essential

4.6 - Need for outdoor play facilities as well as structured sport. Maintenance of equipment is an issue

4.6 – Helensburgh & Lomond doesn't make as much use of the outdoors/natural resources as other areas in Argyll & Bute

**Outcome 5: People live active, healthier and independent lives**

**PRIORITIES:** Maintain a new build social housing programme (5.1.6) was felt to be the most important priority in this outcome. Other priorities identified were Improve access to exercise (5.2.2), Promote and build social networks to improve mental health (5.4.1) and Carers are identified and supported (5.1.7)

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5.1.1	Continue to shift the balance of care from institutional to community based settings	<p>Strong support from Alzheimer's Scotland and other third sector organisations</p> <p>H&amp;L Autism Society launched in 2014 and growing</p> <p>Lunch clubs in many areas but struggling with funding and attracting/retaining volunteers</p>	<p>Proposal to raise awareness of the range of support available in the area.</p> <p>Recognise that this approach is not always appropriate and there is still a need for sheltered/supported/residential care.</p>
5.1.5	All service providers use an approach which encourages mobility and promotes strength and balance reducing falls in older people		<p>Can we have a falls prevention budget in Helensburgh and Lomond which is the same as the other areas in A&amp;B?</p> <p>Proposal to provide training for carers</p>
5.1.6	Maintain a new build social housing programme including housing for varying needs to enable people to live more independently	.	<p>Proposal for a Local Development Partnership for accessible housing in Cardross.</p> <p>Identify and develop available property.</p> <p>A partnership opportunity at Garelochhead Police Station site exists for much needed</p>

			<p>elderly housing.</p> <p>Social housing out with Helensburgh is a high priority.</p>
5.1.7	Carers are identified, supported and enabled to fulfil their roles	<p>H&amp;L Carers SIO providing support for carers.</p> <p>H&amp;L Carers running young carers and befrienders projects</p> <p>AVA befrienders project</p>	
5.2.1	Work in partnership to tackle obesity and diabetes	H&L Health and wellbeing Network provides small grants to projects tackling obesity, diabetes etc.	Proposal to focus on deprivation and hard-to-reach groups
5.2.2	Improve access and develop more opportunities for people to participate in physical exercise / activity	<p>Living it up website</p> <p>Guides, Scouts, Boys Brigade etc working with a large number of young people</p> <p>Police Scotland providing midnight football</p> <p>Helensburgh Skatepark Redevelopment Group (HSRG) secured funding for Phase 1 refurbishment of the skatepark in the pier and is planning for further improvements in phases 2&amp;3</p>	<p>Target young people who would not normally engage in sport and engage with youth service providers</p> <p>Learn from what works in other local authority areas – Inverclyde Leisure provides free swimming for all school children</p> <p>Access should be for people of all ages and abilities.</p>

5.2.3	Increase accessibility to outdoor environments / green spaces	Cycle track improvements/extensions planned	Support the re-development of Hermitage Park as a resource
5.4.1	Promote and build social networks to improve mental health	A Local Information System for Scotland (ALISS)  Argyll and Bute Advice Network (ABAN) Living it up project  Health and Wellbeing Network provides support	Proposal for a greater focus on activities for families  Support the integration of all members of the community.
5.4.3	Implement systems which support all people who have lost others to suicide either in a professional or personal capacity		
5.6.7	Adverse effects of welfare reform are minimised	H&L Foodbank launched in November 2014 in Helensburgh. Satellite services planned in Garelochhead and Arrochar.	Support the introduction of the living wage.

**Outcome 6: People live in safer and stronger communities**

**Priorities:** Ensuring a multi-agency approach to tackle disorder, anti-social behaviour etc (6.3.1) and Achieving sustainability for the third sector (6.6.4) were seen as priorities. Also identified were Education for high risk drivers (6.4.3) and support for People with drugs/alcohol problems (6.5.2)

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6.2.2	Ensure people are safe in their homes and the risk of harm and injury is reduced	Annual Winter Be Aware , Prepare event provided by AVA	
6.3.1	Ensure effective multi agency tasking processes are in place to tackle disorder, anti-social behaviour and assaults through identification of hot spot locations and the management of repeat offenders.		
6.4.3	Deliver education and prevention inputs to groups identified as high risk road users		Proposal to work with employers in H&L, especially MoD and Babcock Young Drivers Initiative should be examined by the multi-agency road safety group as a planned input. This is delivered in different areas at different times currently, but resources in intensive and delivery is patchy. Can this be delivered more consistently as it is an important accident prevention initiative?
6.5.2	People in Argyll & Bute receive appropriate and timely support for drug and/or alcohol problems		
6.6.1	Work in partnership and support	Many communities have	Emergency Plans need to be continually

	Community Councils to develop community emergency plans	plans in place	reviewed and refreshed
6.6.2	Develop training programme to test and review community emergency plans		
6.6.4	The third sector works to achieve sustainability and improve resilience (e.g. breadth of income streams)		
6.6.5	Communities are empowered through peer, social and third sector connections to work and play together and to have a voice which is heard		