

Development Projects Unit

This Unit's broad function relates to the planning and implementation of projects and initiatives aimed at promoting the sustainable development of the Argyll and Bute economy as well as a comprehensive range of activities associated with the area's outstanding natural environment

Working closely with the other units in Planning Services the main vehicle for this is through the implementation of the actions and proposals in the Structure Plan and Local Plan as prioritised in the Council's Corporate Plan and Area Strategies.

It is a multi disciplined Unit including a small core team of professional planners dealing with the following areas of activity:-

- Economic development
- Strategic and local development projects
- Town centre and waterfront action plans
- Area and community development
- Inward investment
- Renewable energy and energy management
- Agriculture and other primary industries
- Tourism



This list is not exclusive and, in particular, the Local Plan, which has an extensive range of actions, will impact significantly on the Unit's priorities, activities and key tasks. Further projects will inevitably come on stream as determined by resources, opportunities and political imperatives.

In addition there are specialist teams dealing with:-

- Access, particularly the implementation of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003
- Biodiversity, including the Local Biodiversity Action Plan
- Marine and Coastal policies and management plans

The Unit monitors and provides responses to policies, legislation and plans emerging from the Scottish Government as well as Europe and a wide range of national and local bodies and agencies. Another key area of the Unit's activity is participation in partnership forums such as Bute Beyond 2000 and Initiative at the Edge as well as initiatives, working parties and other groups both within and outside the Council.

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