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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **OBAN LORN & THE ISLES COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP** will be held by **SKYPE** on **WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2020** at **2:00 PM**, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry
Executive Director of Customer Services

BUSINESS

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10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place at 6.30pm on Wednesday 17 February 2021

Oban Lorn & the Isles Community Planning Group

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**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held in
the STUDIO THEATRE, CORRAN HALLS, OBAN
on WEDNESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2020**

Present: John Fleming - Avich & Kilchrenan Community Council (Chair)
Councillor Andrew Vennard
Councillor Jim Lynch
Councillor Kieron Green
Councillor Roderick McCuish – Secretary, ACHA
Alastair McGregor – Chief Executive, ACHA
Kirsteen McDonald - Regeneration Project Manager, Argyll & Bute Council
Samantha Somers - Community Planning Officer, Argyll & Bute Council
Laura MacDonald - Community Development Officer, Argyll & Bute Council
Inspector Mark Stephen, Police Scotland
Melissa Stewart - Governance Officer, Argyll & Bute Council
John Sweeney - Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Lauren Morrison – Depute Head Teacher, Oban High School
Peter Darling – Dove Centre
David Entwistle – Dove Centre
Jane Darby – Kilmore and Kilbride Community Council

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and general introductions were made:

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of;

Councillor Sir Jamie McGrigor;
Councillor Elaine Robertson;
Joan Best – Manager, Crossroads North Argyll;
Morag MacLean – Manager, North Argyll Carers Centre;
Brian Murphy – Local Manager, Housing & Neighbourhood Services, ACHA;
Scott Douglas - Community Learning Worker;
Alison McGrory – Health Improvement Principal, HSCP; and
Morag Evans – Oban Youth Forum

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. MINUTES

(a) Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community Planning Group 13 November 2019

The minute of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group meeting held on Wednesday 13 November 2019 was approved as a correct record.

4. PARTNERS UPDATE

(a) Opportunity for verbal updates by Community Planning Partners

Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP), Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) and Police Scotland

Councillor Kieron Green spoke about how the HSCP welcomed the request from Alastair McGregor, Chief Executive of ACHA, for a meeting with partners and stakeholders in relation to recent drug related issues in Oban but they were keen not to duplicate existing structures by arranging additional meetings and did not want to put undue pressure on existing groups. He stated that the Argyll and Bute Drug Partnership would be the best partner to coordinate any discussion on this matter.

Mr McGregor agreed that he did not want to duplicate work or cut across services but wished for a stakeholders meeting so that they could draw a robust response in relation to drug dealers so their position was clear and that they can do all they can to evict drug dealers and protect vulnerable tenants. He stated that he has requested a meeting in order to have a conversation to see what is missing and build on what they already have. He highlighted that in all of Argyll and Bute area Oban has the highest level of drug related issues. He advised that the Scottish Government have announced £12.7 million in additional funding but they need a coordinated approach to apply for funding.

Councillor Roderick McCuish – Secretary, ACHA questioned if the Addaction forum had run its course and what was required was a radical review and look at Oban to be run as a pilot.

Inspector Mark Stephen, Police Scotland, stated that although the issue will never be resolved entirely there was a lot of good work being done in relation to education, support officers and funding across the board but agreed all partners need to continue to work together.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group;

1. agreed to show their support for a stakeholders meeting, led by the Alcohol and Drug Partnership, to explore and work up project ideas to access Government funding, and the possibility of progressing a pilot locally; and
2. agreed to highlight the matter to the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee for information.

At this point in the meeting Councillor Green, Councillor McCuish and Alastair McGregor left the room and no longer took part in the meeting.

Police Scotland

Inspector Stephen explained to the Group that the contact call handling assessment was up and running in the area and positive feedback had been received particularly around diary appointments for non-urgent calls. The Group noted that the roll out of office software on mobile devices is expected to be complete by the end of March enabling Officers to do their paperwork whilst still out in the community rather than having to return to a station.

The Group noted that an additional Officer had been posted to Oban full-time and that it is anticipate that a further 2 Officers will join the team for the summer period.

Community Planning

Laura MacDonald – Community Development Officer advised that training for Third Sector organisations and Community Councils will be held on 26 and 27 March 2020 and asked that anyone interested to contact her at communitydevelopment@argyll-bute.gov.uk The Group further noted that there will be Participation Requests workshops on 25 March 2020 at the Rockfield Centre.

Oban and Tiree High Schools

Lauren Morrison - Depute Head Teacher, Oban High School expressed her support in what the Police were doing in building relationships and doing preventative work with young people in the school.

She explained to the Group that Oban and Tiree High School now have 4 depute heads in place. She stated that following on from their recent inspection at Tiree that the senior leadership and the partnership working between the two schools was particularly praised.

(b) Health and Social Care Partnership - Budget Consultation

The Governance Officer advised the Group that the HSPC Budget Consultation has been approved by the Integrated Joint Board (IJB) and partners and community groups were invited to participate via the link below;

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/consultations/health-and-social-care-partnership-budget-consultation>

5. COMMUNITY FOCUS

(a) Dove Centre

The Group gave consideration to an update by Peter Darling and David Entwistle, Dove Centre. The Group noted that the Centre was open 5 days per week from 9am-5pm and offers many services such as a drop-in service for people who have had chemotherapy before they head home. They run open, organic and generic groups, aimed at generally taking people's mind away from their medical treatment so they feel relaxed. They offer therapies, but are not a medical place, as they focus on mental and physical wellbeing including mental health support around end of life. The sessions are run in collaboration with other support groups.

The Group heard how the Dove Centre encouraged all communities to come in and see what they do and see what individual's donations are doing. Mr Darling and Mr Entwistle expressed deep gratitude to local business donating goods, services and labour as well as all funds raised locally and in conjunction with Oban Hospice.

Discussion focussed on how the Dove Centre was a large part of the Oban community and how it is hoped that the specialist therapies and services offered can be extended to the islands by a befriending scheme.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group thanked Mr Darling and Mr Entwistle for the informative update and congratulated them on the good work being done.

(Reference: Verbal Update by Peter Darling and David Entwistle, Dove Centre, dated 19 February 2020)

6. AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Group considered a report which asked them to review and confirm the governance arrangements of the Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Planning Group (Area CPG) specifically the Terms of Reference, membership and future meeting dates.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group;

1. considered and adopted the Terms of Reference as submitted in the report (Appendix 1) as amended to reflect the updated terminology;
2. agreed that the Terms of Reference be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure their ongoing currency and appropriateness for the work of the Area CPG as it develops over time;
3. considered and agreed the membership of the group as submitted in the report (Appendix 2) with addition of Mull & Iona Community Trust; and
4. agreed the meeting schedule and dates as detailed in paragraph 3.3 the report.

(Reference: Report by Governance Manager, dated 19 February 2020, submitted)

7. HIGHLIGHTS FROM COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Group considered a briefing note which related to the meeting of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee held on Wednesday 4 December 2019 where issues raised by the Area Community Planning Group Chairs was considered.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group Group noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Community Planning Manager dated 19 February 2020, submitted)

8. AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING ACTION PLAN - TRACKER

The Community Planning Officer outlined the engagement plan for the next iteration of the tracker and took the Group through the progress of actions currently identified on the Area Community Planning Action Plan tracker.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group;

1. noted the information provided; and
2. as action OLI09 (evaluate out of hours health and social car provision on the islands) had not been progressed it was agreed to refer the matter to the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee.

(Reference: Report by Community Planning Manager dated 19 February, submitted)

9. PLACE STANDARD CONSULTATION - NEXT STEPS

The Community Planning Officer updated the Group on the results of the Place Standard Analysis and Engagement Consultation which aimed to gauge an understanding of the place respondents live in with the results feeding into the CPP Management plan and area plans.

The Group noted that a total of 1548 responses had been received, a third of which were from the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area, which is triple the number of response from the previous exercise and that the analysis and suggested actions for improvement under each outcome would be available to the public by the end of February 2020.

The main issues for the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area were discovered to be;

1. public transport;
2. traffic and parking; and
3. housing and communities.

The Group noted that the CPP Management Committee plan to look at the actions identified in March and to host a half day workshop with partners in May (date to be confirmed).

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group noted the information provided.

(Reference: Verbal update by Community Planning Officer dated 19 February 2020)

10. ARGYLL AND BUTE OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2013 - 2023 - OUTCOME 5 (PEOPLE LIVE ACTIVE, HEALTHIER AND INDEPENDENT LIVES)

(a) Outcome 5 - Progress Report

Consideration was given by the Group to a report which provided an update about Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) health and wellbeing activity during 2019. The progress update was in relation to Outcome 5 of Argyll and Bute's Community Plan which aims to enable people to lead active, healthier and independent lives.

Having submitted their apologies there was no officer present from the HSCP therefore the Governance Officer agreed to take any questions or comments back to the HSCP on behalf of the Group.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group;

1. noted the contents of the report; and
2. agreed to forward suggestions for local actions that could be delivered under the new outcome 5 actions to the Health Improvement Principal.

(Reference: Report by Alison McGrory, Health Improvement Principal, Argyll and Bute HSCP, dated 19 February 2020, submitted)

(b) **Caring Together Project - North Argyll Carers**

Having submitted their apologies there was no officer present to provide an update.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group agreed to continue the item to a future meeting.

11. ARGYLL AND BUTE OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2013 - 2023 - OUTCOME 6 (PEOPLE LIVE IN STRONGER AND SAFER COMMUNITIES)

(a) **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Annual Update**

The Group gave consideration to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Annual Update by John Sweeney, Oban Station Commander as attached to this minute.

The Group noted that the Tobermory Young Fire Fighter's Unit will be coming live within the next couple of months and it is hoped a unit will be started in Campbeltown soon; that there had been a spike in attendance to false alarms; Oban as a trial station for cardiac arrests was rolled out with an aim to roll out the service across Scotland; Claire Brown had formalised the partnership to target youth groups which tied in with the drug strategy; 600 people attended the Oban open day; free cinema passes were issued to people who signed up for a home safety check; no incidents were reported on Bonfire night which was due to a proactive approach; home safety visits are now offered at pre-natal stage; the 12 week mentoring programme takes someone identified as vulnerable and aims to build confidence and give direction; investment in community safety activities virtual reality headsets simulating RTCs aimed at 14-15 year olds; and Community facilities were well used in 2019 and are free of charge to any not for profit organisations.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group noted the contents of the report.

(Reference: Report by John Sweeney, Oban Station Commander dated 19 February 2020)

12. ARGYLL AND BUTE OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2013-2023 - OUTCOMES 1 AND 2 (THE ECONOMY IS DIVERSE AND THRIVING & WE HAVE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT SUPPORTS SUSTAINABLE GROWTH)

(a) **Strategic Framework Development**

The Regeneration Project Manager update the Group on the current position of the Strategic Framework Development. The Group were informed that the requirement for Oban to have a strategic development plan came out of the Main Issues Report from the last Local Development Plan (LPD) the aim of which was to map key activities that are happening and planned within the next 10-15 years.

The Group noted that the aim was not to produce a list of projects but to identify critical points and challenges that future developers might face; as an outline programme of activities of who is doing what and when; as a mapping exercise detailing activity, connectivity, ICT, transport connections, grid provisions; how organisations are approaching the carbon agenda, fuel poverty; and to inform HSCP future service provisions. Once these facts are mapped then there will be a public consultation.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group;

1. noted the information provided; and
2. agreed that Councillor representatives serving on the Group would keep the Group informed of future progress .

(Reference: Verbal Update by Regeneration Project Manager dated 19 February 2020)

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 13 MAY 2020

The Group noted that the next meeting of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group would take place at 2.00pm on Wednesday 13 May 2020 in the Corran Halls, Oban.

The Group noted that the focus of May's meeting would be on;

Outcome 1: The economy is diverse and thriving; and

Outcome 2: We have infrastructure that supports sustainable growth.

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Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group****11 November 2020**

Briefing Note: Community Planning Partnership Management Committee update

This briefing relates to the meeting of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee on 23rd September 2020. The briefing is for noting and relevant discussion.

Summary

The CPP Management Committee met on the 23rd September 2020 with the meeting being held virtually given the current restrictions which are in place in regard to public gatherings.

This was the first Management Committee meeting since the beginning of the current restrictions. This update provides a flavour of the discussion which took place.

Further information is available in the *meetings, minutes and agendas* section of: <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/community-planning-partnership>

Highlights

- The Management Committee has a new Chair, Joe Mckay, Scottish Fire and Rescue.
- The Committee received a presentation on wild camping and campervans which was delivered by Fergus Murray. Key points which were highlighted included:-
 - This issue had been raised as a concern by the OLI Area Community Planning Group
 - Waste disposal is a key issue as well as camping equipment being left on site
 - Noted the need for partnership working with landowners, public, voluntary and private sector.
 - High numbers of campervans using the roads in Argyll and Bute and with limited infrastructure in place to support this, there are increasing issues being highlighted

- Good practice from other areas in Scotland where local people/groups have set up systems which address some issues such as waste disposal which are provided on a chargeable basis
- The Rural Advisory Group is doing some work on this issue
- Management Committee agreed to set up a sub group which will look to create an action plan which will be reported back to a future meeting of the Committee. Interested partners to make contact with Fergus Murray.
- Recovery and Renewal – following on from the workshop held earlier in the year it was agreed that Area Community Planning Groups should continue to feed in issues for escalation to the Management Committee where appropriate.
- Update received on the work of the Area Community Planning Groups with it being noted that the August meetings had been cancelled. It was noted that the Groups have agreed to have standardised agendas for the meetings in November.
- Changes in office bearers were highlighted and it was noted that these would be picked up at the November meetings.
- Updates were also given by the Chair of Bute and Cowal and of MAKI who were in attendance and highlighted the excellent community work which has been undertaken during the Covid pandemic.
- Discussion on Delivery Plans with a report provided which outlined the cross cutting themes which exist and proposed formation of working groups which will report back on a quarterly basis to the Management Committee.
- The Outcome Plan will be worked on with a new iteration to be in place by 2023.
- Climate Change and Poverty linking into Community Wealth Building is a government priority and was highlighted as one cross cutting theme along with Social and Digital Inclusion.
- The next Management Committee meeting will be held on 2 December 2020.

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Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface Area Community Planning Group update – October 2020

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Support to charities, social enterprises and community groups

Since April 2020, Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface's Third Sector Support Team has provided support to 267 organisations, primarily relating to funding.

Due to the speed in which funds were being announced by both Scottish Government and large funders, many Third Sector Organisations (TSOs) were unclear of who they should apply to and for what, and we've been on hand to support registered charities, social enterprises, community groups and voluntary organisations navigate their way through the COVID-19 emergency funding landscape.

Feedback on the support we provided has been overwhelmingly positive – every organisation who engages with our Third Sector Support Team receives an email inviting them to provide feedback – this is a standard part of our continuous improvement framework, and a key driver for our ongoing development. From this, 100% of respondents would use the TSI again, and 100% of respondents said they would be likely to recommend our service to others. In addition, 100% of local organisations who were not successful in the first round of applications for the Wellbeing Fund, and who then came to the TSI for help before re-submitting in round 2, were successful in securing funding.

We also worked with the likes of the Corra Foundation and Foundation Scotland to directly distribute over £50,000 in small grants to approximately 60 organisations across Argyll and Bute, including the islands.

Organisations requiring help with funding can contact support@argylltsi.org.uk or phone 0300 303 4141 (Mon-Fri, 9-4).

Volunteering

The TSI was due to launch a new on-line volunteering platform in April this year. This system was repurposed for the coronavirus emergency response and the launch brought forward - within 48 hours, the system was up and running. We registered over 1000 volunteers during the emergency and trained over 55 volunteer coordinators in this time, as well as issuing identity badges from the system straight to people's phones, when that was requested by the Caring for People partnership. Since the launch of the site it has received 52,717 page visits and 11,126 unique visitors.

The volunteering platform – volunteerargyllandbute.org – has now been made available for its original purpose, as a way for third sector organisations to recruit volunteers directly. Any organisation seeking to use volunteers within their organisation are welcome to sign up, and benefit from the inbuilt volunteer management system at no cost! Community organisations can register at

https://volunteerargyllandbute.org/vk/providers/registration_provider.htm.

The system is very easy to use, but for those who are less familiar with technology, our third sector support officers are there to help on 0300 303 4141.

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**Argyll & Bute Community
Planning Partnership**

**Oban, Lorn and the Isles
Community Planning Group**



Date: 11 November 2020

COVID-19 partner response – Caring for People COVID-19 community response

Argyll and Bute communities have risen to the challenges of the past six months and produced an inspiring community response to COVID-19. This update reports on the community response work of the Caring for People Tactical Partnership and local Caring for People Teams. In March 2020 those most at risk from COVID-19 in the community were asked to stay at home and subsequently lockdown measures were introduced. This meant that a community response which made sure people still had access to food, medicine and other supplies become vital. Local communities across Argyll and Bute had already started to mobilise and form local resilience groups. The Caring for People partnership, comprising of Argyll and Bute HSCP Public Health, Argyll and Bute Council and the Third Sector Interface, was set up to provide guidance, community support, and ensure that no area was uncovered and no one was left behind.

- Caring for People helpline set up for people who were self isolating/vulnerable and whose usual support network was no longer available. This was to ensure that everyone had access to food, essential supplies and support.
- The local Caring for People teams worked with local organisations and volunteers to arrange for food delivery, other essential shopping supplies and medication delivery.
- As well as basic needs of food and medication, the Caring for People group understood the impact this emergency was having on mental health and wellbeing. The Helpline could therefore put people who feel lonely in touch with others to provide a friendly ear and if people are experiencing mental health problems they could also be directed to a range of services where they can get help.
- The local teams linked in with the Community Food Project, which distributed food parcels to those shielding and in vulnerable groups across Argyll and Bute. The Community Food Project was a large-scale operation which worked across Argyll and Bute to ensure that people could access food. This was made possible through significant partnership working.
- Those who were shielding were regularly supported through calls from shielding team, who provided support with food, medication, physical activity and emotional support, among others.
- Leaflets on where to go for help, money worries, and general wellbeing were distributed to all households in Argyll and Bute via Royal Mail and partners such as the Scottish Fire & Rescue Services helped to move leaflets across Argyll and Bute so that they could be sent out with food parcels.
- Other resources were also developed, such as guidance on how to volunteer safely and a website with information about businesses and groups who were helping locally.

Staff were redeployed from NHS and Argyll and Bute Council to help deliver the service, which also included local volunteers. The greatest asset was the people involved across the whole Caring for People response including staffing, volunteers and those in the community response.

- The Caring for People helpline supported over 3400 people and took over 5500 calls, with over 500 calls a week during the busiest period.
- Over 3000 people in Argyll and Bute were registered as shielding and statistics published by COSLA recognise the exceptional effort within Argyll and Bute to get in contact with those shielding and check their needs. This was undertaken by the Argyll and Bute Council Customer Contact Centre, and a number of teams including Caring for People then worked together to ensure needs have been fulfilled.
- Through the Community Food Team (part of Caring for People) 44,811 fresh and ambient food parcels delivered to vulnerable, shielding and free school meal households.
- Over 990 people in Argyll and Bute registered to volunteer as part of the Caring for People community response.

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MULL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

In February when we heard about Covid19 a meeting was held in Tobermory and the Mull Crisis Management Group was set up . This consisted of a few people with medical experience, some with experience in handling endemic diseases, and other willing volunteers. Two members of the group were co-opted on to the C.C. And four members of the C.C. were included in the MCM group.

A website, Mullhealth, was put in place with information for shopping etc., but also with advice for businesses and frequent updates on Government policy and the situation.

A shopping and delivery service was set up for the whole Island to access the Co-op as slots for Tesco shopping were proving difficult. A prescription delivery service was also arranged. We liaised with the Ferry Committee about revised Ferry Timetables and tried to discourage islanders from shopping in Oban.

Funds were set up for 1. Petrol money for volunteers doing deliveries 2. Food bank.
3. Medical fund for the Hospital for PPE etc.

A group of volunteers set up regular telephone calls with any vulnerable or elderly people. In every area ie, Salen and Ulva Ferry, Caignure and Lochdon, Dervaig and Calgary, Tobermory and finally the Ross of Mull particular volunteers did local shopping and identified local needs.

A nappy supply service was set up as this was found to be a problem.

Funds were raised and a group of ladies got together to organise an activity box containing books, crayons etc, for every primary school child and under on the Island.

A telephone helpline for families, especially with young children, was also made available .

A Foodbank was set up with the help of Hope Kitchen in Oban.

Weekly meetings of the C.C. were held using zoom to identify any problems.

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Argyll & Bute Community Planning Partnership

**Oban, Lorn and the Isles
Community Planning Group**
Date: 11 November 2020



Partner update – Public Health

The Argyll and Bute Public Health team is pleased to report on the wide range of work carried out by the team in 2019/2020. The recently published annual report covers progress made up to the end of March 2020, and can be accessed on the Healthy Argyll and Bute website here: <http://healthyargyllandbute.co.uk/public-health-team-annual-report-2019-2020/>.

Some of the highlights of the previous year include:

- The launch of the Living Well Strategy (2019-2024) and associated implementation plan, which incorporates work relating to physical activity, self management, type 2 diabetes, link working, emotional wellbeing, suicide prevention, workforce development, and tobacco. In addition, the launch of Living Well Self Management Grants, with £70,000 allocated to 7 projects.
- A review of the existing Health and Wellbeing Network structure for effectiveness and public awareness. These have now been rebranded as Living Well Networks and continue to operate to build health and wellbeing capacity within the community. Last year, the networks allocated grants under the priorities of self management and increasing physical activity.
- Progress on Trauma Informed Practice through Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) events and commissioning of Cool2Talk.
- Development of new model for Smoking Cessation 'Quit Your Way' service.
- Delivery of Primary 7 and S3 Health Dramas, with 16 shows delivered.
- Capacity building and up-skilling of the workforce and partners through Days and training, such as the launch of NHS Education for Scotland MAP of Health Behaviour Change training.
- Commissioning sexual health services and delivering sexual health CPD/training events.
- Contributing to Argyll & Bute's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), Adults 2019
- Engagement with communities and stakeholders, and facilitation of 7 Community Conversation Cafes to support Locality Planning Groups.
- Reduction of alcohol and drug related harm is specifically dealt with by the Argyll and Bute Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP), and the wealth of work undertaken by the ADP team is also included within the report.

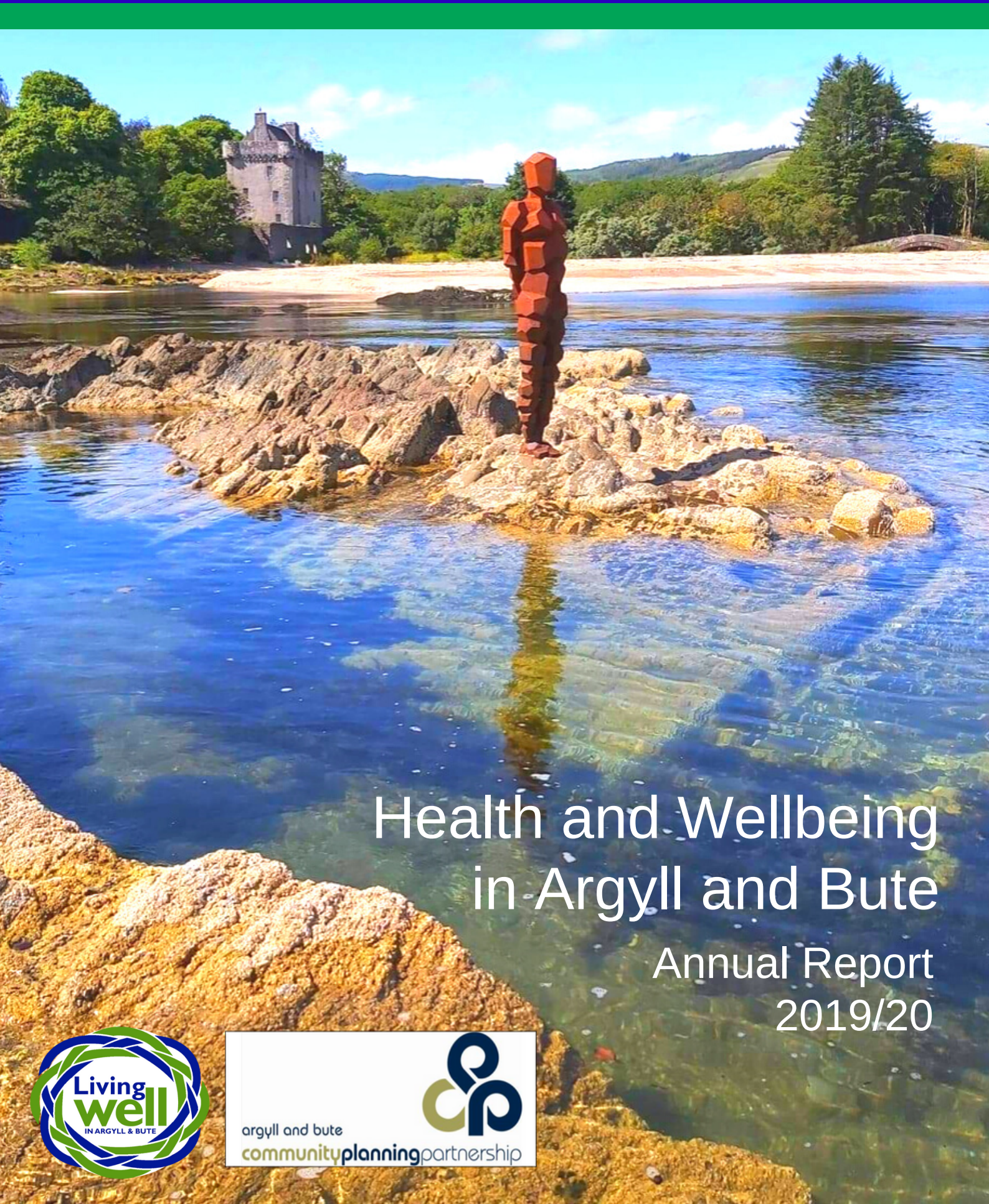
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Health and Wellbeing in Argyll and Bute Annual Report 2019/20



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Introduction

I am delighted to provide an overview of the work undertaken by Argyll and Bute's Public Health team 2019/20. I was appointed to my new role of Associate Director of Public Health well into last year, and have been enjoying getting to know the new people and new environment. I am from a medical background, and having worked in Public Health for over 30 years, I am aware of the challenges we are facing and the opportunities we are trying to deliver.

Our team is nested within the Department of Public Health in NHS Highland as well as within the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership. This position provides us a unique opportunity, as we benefit from the professional expertise of the larger Public Health team, and at the same time we actively contribute to effectively achieving the service delivery outcomes of the Partnership. Hence, it is a great privilege to work in Public Health in Argyll and Bute.

Amongst the many deliverables achieved by the Argyll and Bute Public Health team, high profile achievements include the launch of the **Living Well Strategy (2019-2024)** and **Argyll & Bute's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), Adults 2019**. The former started operating in earnest, but has been hindered somewhat due to the response to the Covid-19 pandemic at the beginning of 2020/21.

Progress on **Mental Health** issues (Trauma Informed Practice and Cool2Talk) and **Smoking Cessation** is well documented. Our work is underpinned by robust **Engagement** with communities and stakeholders, through different types of social and training events.

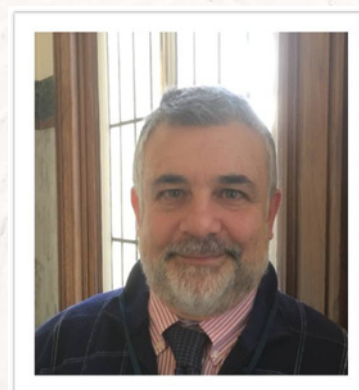
Reduction of alcohol and drug related harm is specifically dealt with by the **Argyll and Bute Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP)**, and our Public Health Department has the privilege and responsibility of managing the ADP.

These are just a few of the highlights of the team's work in 2019/20, with work progressing throughout this year. I encourage you to read the whole report, to capture a sense of the wide scope of work covered by the team and progress made throughout the year. There are plenty of contacts throughout for you to get in touch should you have any queries or feedback.

With warm regards,

Dr Nicola Schinaia

Associate Director of Public Health
Argyll and Bute HSCP, NHS Highland



Argyll and Bute - The Challenges

Remote and rural populations, including 23 inhabited islands
(69% of Argyll and Bute's population live in 'very remote areas')

1 in 4 of Argyll and Bute's population are of pensionable age
(joint highest of all Scottish Local Authorities)

Fuel poverty rates are high
(45% of households are fuel poor;
15% in extreme fuel poverty)

**1 in 5 of those
aged 18+ live alone**

Vulnerability due to part-time, seasonal employment industries
(e.g. 13% employed in accommodation and food service industry;
40% of all jobs are part-time)

**1 in 6 adults report
providing unpaid care**

**Lower life expectancy for males (77.9yrs)
than for females (81.8yrs)**

High prevalence of unhealthy behaviours
(>20% drink hazardous/harmful levels of alcohol, STDs increasing,
1 in 3 not physically active enough, 20% smoking, etc.)

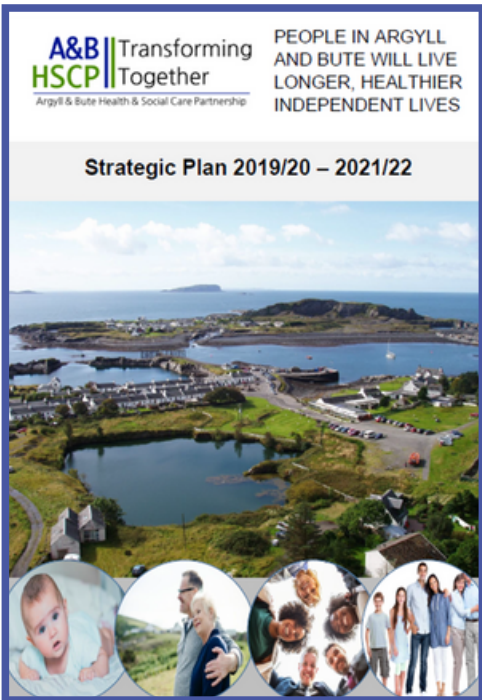
**Inequalities in health and wellbeing
between those in most deprived areas,
compared to least deprived areas**

**High prevalence of
long term conditions (LTCs)**
(1 in 3 adults have a limiting LTC)

Increasing demands on health and social care as population ages
(83% of adult social care clients are >65yrs old.
An 11% increase of 75-84yr olds & 7% increase in those aged 85yrs and over
is predicted in Argyll and Bute between 2019-2022).

Argyll and Bute - The Context

To get deeper detail on the challenges faced by Argyll & Bute, and the characteristics of Argyll and Bute's population and economy which impact on the provision of health and social care services, see the two documents below:



'Strategic Plan 2019/20 - 2021/22'

<https://bit.ly/3jf7tbM>

Appendices: <https://bit.ly/30d2jFZ>

'Argyll & Bute's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), Adults 2019 - Summary'

To be published in Autumn 2020 at:
<http://healthyargyllandbute.co.uk/local-information/local-area-data/>

ARGYLL & BUTE HSCP
JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT
ADULTS 2019 - SUMMARY

The Public Bodies (Joint Working)(Scotland) Act 2014 requires Health and Social Care Partnerships to assess the needs of their populations and service users. Scottish Government Strategic Commissioning guidance states that HSCPs should produce a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

Argyll and Bute (A&B) JSNA aims to identify the health and social care needs of the population of Argyll and Bute. It takes a systematic approach including consideration of the wider determinants of health and wellbeing.

Dahlgren and Whitehead (1993) model of the determinants of health (and Wellbeing)

The approach taken was that outlined by NHS National Services Scotland Information Services Division:
 Part A: Current and future levels of need
 Part B: Current supply of services
 Part C: Gaps between need and provision of services

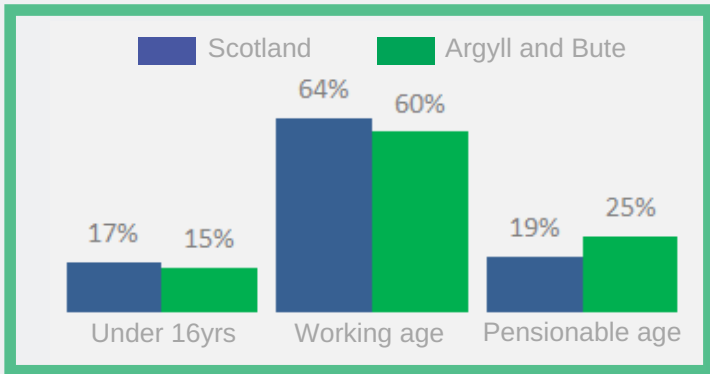
Demographics



2019 Population

85,870

(4% less than projected in 2009)



Source: 2019 mid-year population estimates, National Records of Scotland (NRS). Pensionable age at 30 June 2019 was approximately 65 years and 146 days.

Population Projections, 2019-2029



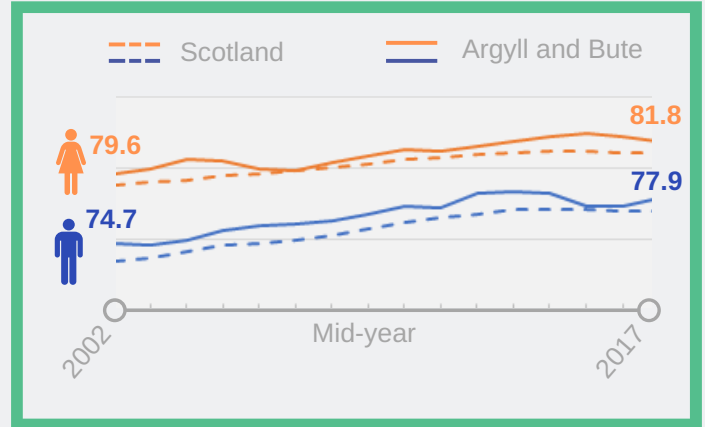
Over the next 10 years, the population is projected to decrease by 6% overall, with increases projected in the older age groups.

The decrease in the overall population contrasting with the increase in numbers of the eldest in society, represents a challenge to Argyll and Bute's developing model of care.

In addition, people report that they wish to remain in their own homes if possible.

Source: National Records of Scotland (NRS), 2018-based population projections.

Life Expectancy



Source: Scottish Public Health Observatory (3-year mid-point) life expectancy calculated from deaths over 3 years.

Life expectancy remains higher for Argyll and Bute than for Scotland as a whole, and higher for females than males. Whilst life expectancy shows signs of stalling for Scotland, the gap between male and female life expectancy has reduced slightly in Argyll and Bute in recent years.

Health Conditions

By years of life lost due to early death, the highest burden of disease is due to:

- Ischaemic heart disease
- Tracheal, bronchus, and lung cancer
- Other cancers
- Cerebrovascular disease
- Alzheimer's disease and other dementias

By years spent with disability, the highest burden of disease is due to:

- Low back and neck pain
- Depression
- Sensory conditions
- Migraine
- Anxiety Disorders

Source: ScotPHO Burden of Disease local, 2016.



Living Well Strategy

Aim: Page 28
A strategy focusing on enablement, prevention and self-management to support the population in living a healthier life in Argyll and Bute.



Highlights

- * **Living Well Strategy (2019-2024) launched** 25th September 2019 at IJB following consultation with public, third sector and staff. **Read the Strategy at:** healthyargyllandbute.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Living-Well-Strategy-2019.pdf
- * A one day multi-partner event held to explore a coaching model to support staff to work differently
- * 4 self management reflective practice sessions were held across Argyll & Bute, delivered by The Alliance.
- * Clear leadership identified and a steering group set up to drive forward the actions within the 5 year implementation plan.

Living Well Self Management Grants launched Jun19

£70K allocated to:

- Carefree coordination and planning app
- Link worker role Islay
- Outreach worker Jura
- Advocacy and exercise referrals to support self management
- Aqua cycling and all ability cycling
- Pilot online physio, via MS Centre
- Physical activity for people with type 2 diabetes with outcomes measured

Health and Wellbeing Network Review

Aim:
To review existing Health and Wellbeing Network structure for effectiveness and public awareness.



Highlights

- * HWNs recognised as **an important asset**, with effective networking and partnership working opportunities, providing a gateway to creating strong links with the Third Sector and public.
- * The **360 degree review** aimed to identify the advantages and limitations of this model and proposes 7 recommendations for the way forward. Read the **Summary Report published at:** healthyargyllandbute.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/HWN-Review-Summary-Report-February-2020.pdf
- * Decision taken to **rebrand** the 'Health & Wellbeing Networks' to the **'Living Well Network'** to tie in with the Living Well Strategy, which will be embedded into the remit of the Network.

Rebranding as of Feb. 2020

From:



To:



Argyll and Bute

Living Well Network, 2019/20

(LWN)



Argyll and Bute

£50,000

Health and Wellbeing
Grant Allocation

2019/20

Administered by LWNs,
managed by
Public Health Team

8

LWNs supporting
community capacity
building in health and
wellbeing across
Argyll & Bute

70

Projects
Funded

Average award
£714

Themes:

(as per [Joint Health Improvement Plan 2017-22](#))

Self Management

Increased Physical Activity

Theme 1

Getting the best
start in life

- enabling children
to develop into
healthy adults

Theme 2

Working to
ensure fairness

- addressing
health
inequalities

Theme 3

Enabling access
to community
support for
social issues

Theme 4

Focusing on
wellness not
illness - building
community capacity
for healthy living

Funding awarded for:



2019/20



Bute



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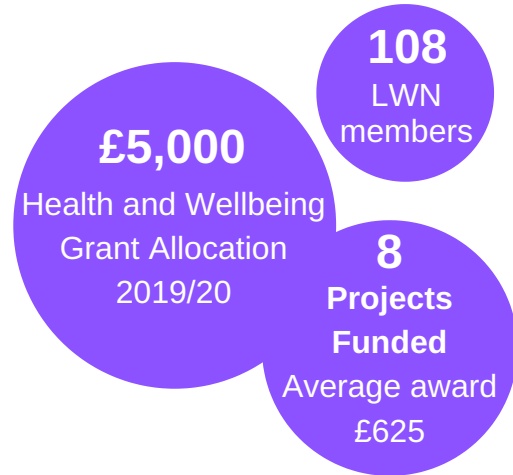
Funding awarded for...

- Outdoor learning for early years
- Dance
- Physical activity for young people with ADHD, Autism or Aspergers
- Community wheelchairs
- Swimming and walking activities for carers
- Sports week for Cubs/Scouts

Highlights 2019/20

1. Being involved with Scottish Gov't's consultation on Mental Health Services - key stakeholders gave their experiences of the service.
2. Health and wellbeing information and development day (Sept.'19) - 25 local organisations participated.
3. Acumen planning to do Talking Mental Health workshop and awareness raising session with volunteers to help CMHT clients feel able to use the Lade Centre.

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Cowal



Sharon Erskine

Cowal LWN Co-ordinator
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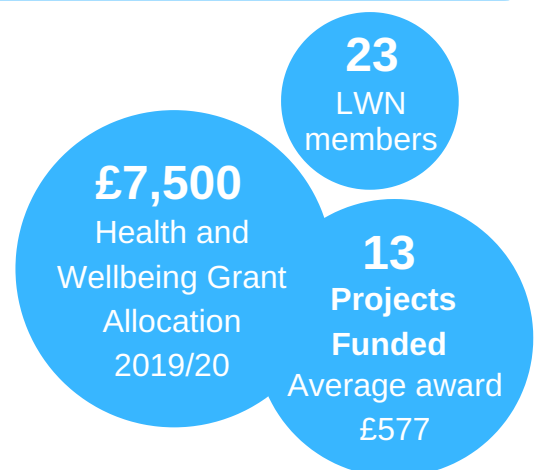
Funding awarded for...

- Recovery and wellness groups
- Outdoor activity
- Health & wellbeing for early years
- Activity for the elderly
- Activity for carers

Highlights 2019/20

1. Adverse Childhood Experience conference - created an opportunity for conversation between groups and staff, breaking down silos.
2. A positive change in attitude towards outdoor activity and local community changes encouraging residents to access our outdoor spaces.
3. Increased opportunities and activities to reduce social isolation as well as physical wellbeing.

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Kirsty McLuckie

Oban and Lorn

Oban & Lorn HWN Co-ordinator
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Funding awarded for...

- Early years toys
- Healthy cookery
- Walking & healthy cafe activities for disabled young people
- Women's Aid
- Men's mental health
- Various sports club kit and equipment

Highlights 2019/20

A 'Let's talk about death day' organised in the main by network member Alison Craig from Marie Curie was held in November.

About 12 organisations took part (Carers Centre, Funeral Directors, Salvation Army, Benefits Agency, etc.).

The event opened good conversations about death - a topic many shy away from.

96

LWN members

£8,500

Health and Wellbeing Grant Allocation 2019/20

11

Projects Funded

Average award £772

Health Improvement contact: Lynn Garrett, lynn.garrett3@nhs.scot



Carol Flett

Mull, Iona, Coll, Colonsay and Tiree

Mull, Iona, Coll, Colonsay & Tiree LWN Co-ordinator
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Funding awarded for...

- Exercise for adults at risk of diabetes
- Community gym
- Outdoor exercise equipment
- Play park
- Fitness instructor training
- Safety equipment for coastal rowing

Highlights 2019/20

1. Isle of Tiree - Health and Wellbeing Event, May '19, incl. 9 mainland visitor organisations. (2 workshops, 2 drop-in sessions & an evening fund raising event).

2. Isle of Colonsay - Falls prevention and exercise session for adults and children, and drop-in session for public. Supported by A&B Council, North Argyll Carers Centre & Community Contacts from mainland.

140

LWN members

£4,000

Health and Wellbeing Grant Allocation 2019/20

7

Projects Funded

Average award £571

Health Improvement contact: Caroline McArthur, carolinemcarthur@nhs.scot



Helensburgh and Lomond



Audrey Baird

Helensburgh and Lomond LWN Co-ordinator
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Funding awarded for...

Arts & crafts

H&L Youth Forum

Horseriding for the disabled

Mindfulness

Foodbank & meals for the vulnerable

Play park

Walking groups

School projects

Highlights 2019/20

1. The big highlight of the year was the huge partnership project to organise a Living Well Fest 2020 in Helensburgh, in January, that attracted 350 people to participate and nearly 50 stalls and activities. More than 100 feedback forms were completed on the day with 95% ranking the event excellent or very good.
2. The Living Well Network membership has continued to grow over the year, with approx. 20 people attending the quarterly Network meetings, with guest speakers at each.

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£10,500

Health and Wellbeing Grant Allocation 2019/20

190

LWN members

10

Projects Funded

Average award £1050



Islay and Jura



Sandra Macintyre

Islay & Jura LWN Co-ordinator
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Funding awarded for...

Archery

Children's summer activities

Falls prevention

Community Sports Hub

Youth counselling

Healthy eating

Highlights 2019/20

1. Compassionate Communities Islay Link Club conference.
2. Alcohol Behaviour Intervention Course and stalls (Viking Day Tarbert) by Drink Wise Age Well.
3. Mutual Aid Partnership Group Islay for substance issues.

Note: Addaction rebranded to 'We Are With You' Argyll & Bute Project, 26th Feb 2020.

£4,000

Health and Wellbeing Grant Allocation 2019/20

45

LWN members

5

Projects Funded

Average award £800

Health Improvement contact (as of August 2020): Rory Munro, rory.munro@nhs.scot



Kintyre



Tracy Chambers

Kintyre LWN Co-ordinator
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Funding awarded for...

- Advocacy
- Keep fit activities
- Reiki
- Sea sports
- Primary school activities
- Early years activities

Highlights 2019/20

1. With Police Scotland, facilitating a 'See Me Walk a Mile' event with 120 participants highlighting the need to speak openly about mental health.
2. Hosting 4 Network meetings over the year generating some excellent discussions through interesting speakers and topics.

£5,000
Health and Wellbeing Grant Allocation 2019/20

115
LWN members

6
Projects Funded
Average award £833

Health Improvement contact: Jenny Dryden, jennifer.dryden@nhs.scot



Mid Argyll



Antonia Baird

Mid Argyll LWN Co-ordinator
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Funding awarded for...

- Swimming for girls
- Outdoor play equipment for early years
- Mental health & wellbeing support
- Bowling for all ages
- Woodland activities
- Nutritional health training
- Tai Chi for carers

Highlights 2019/20

1. Furnace Bowling Club - keeps a regular membership of 22+ active throughout the year. Social and physical exercise, regularly meeting with 80+ members of other competing teams.
2. Girls On The Move - free swimming for girls 8-18yrs. More than 50 girls attend per week. Providing regular exercise and social aspect, but also promoting improved confidence and positive body image.
3. 3 blocks of Tai Chi for carers.

£5,500
Health and Wellbeing Grant Allocation 2019/20

150
LWN members

10
Projects Funded
Average award £550

Health Improvement contact: Laura Stephenson, laura.stephenson2@nhs.scot

Trauma Informed Practice

Aim:

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To raise awareness among all staff of the wide impact of trauma to better support and assist healing, and increase partner knowledge of how to mitigate the negative effects of trauma.



Highlights

- * **Building Resilient Communities** conference, delivered by Public Health, with aim of providing partners with valuable information and resources to support action to mitigate the negative effects of **Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)**.
- * The event provided partners an opportunity to learn more about the negative effects of trauma and **how we can work together to tackle these in Argyll and Bute**.
- * **Presentations given by partners**, including NHS Highland, Social Security Scotland and Parklands School in Helensburgh.

Events



Building Resilient Communities Conference
Feb 2020



ACEs event
supported on Islay

Cool2Talk

Aim:

To improve young people's access to local and national services, health information and encourage young people to openly discuss issues around their health and well being.



Highlights

- * Cool2talk is an **online support service for young people aged 12-26** where they can post a question to the website and receive a bespoke answer to their question within 24 hours, **365 days a year**.
- * The service **has now been delivered successfully for three years, with a new delivery model to be introduced at the end of March 2020**, when a Third Sector partner (MAYDS) will take on delivery of the service for the next three years.
- * **Funding was sought and secured for the next 3 years**, from a number of partner organisations ensuring the Cool2Talk service continues to empower young people in making informed decisions about their health and wellbeing. Thanks to: The Alcohol and Drugs Partnership, Public Health, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue, HSCP Children and Families, and Argyll and Bute Education Service.



101 questions answered
by Cool2Talk support workers



Who received support?




24% male; 59% female; 7% other, and 10% no info on gender

Smoking Cessation

Aim:
To reduce the prevalence of smoking in Argyll and Bute through implementation of NHS Highland's Tobacco Strategy, to support the Scottish Government aim of Scotland being smoke free by 2034.



Highlights

-  'Quit Your Way' services providing free, specialist support to help those living and working in Argyll and Bute be smoke free.
-  Argyll and Bute's **new model** of delivering the 'Quit Your Way' services launched in January 2020.
-  **Close relationships built with Pharmacies**, encouraging partnership working to provide a seamless service to those who want to stop smoking, this means they can get their free prescriptions from their local pharmacy and specialist support from their Smoke Free Advisor.
-  Those who work in health and wellbeing related roles can access the 30 minute '**Very Brief Advice on Smoking**' training online to help trigger a quit attempt: elearning.healthscotland.com/course/view.php?id=531#section-27



46 successfully quit smoking in Argyll and Bute with QYW

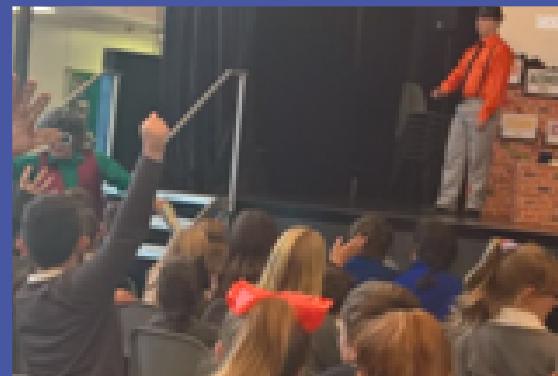


4 of Health Improvement's Smoke Free Team completed new national **Stop Smoking Specialist training**





Primary 7 Health Drama

'Smoke Free'


Aim:
To educate young people on the impact of tobacco and smoking. To equip them to remain smoke free, and grow to be a tobacco free generation by 2034.




Highlights

-  'Smoke Free' is a **bespoke educational programme**, consisting of five lesson plans delivered to Primary 7s, with leaflets and letters for families and finishes with an interactive drama production.
-  Smoke Free is a significant part of health education with **all primary schools in Argyll and Bute engaged**.
-  In partnership with Education, an **evaluation to review the programme** took place after the 2019 programme was delivered. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with new ideas proposed and areas of further learning the pupils would like to pursue captured.
-  Pupils and teachers explained the 'Smoke Free' programme had **applications beyond smoking**, as the children reported learning about peer pressure, how to manage it and felt it increased their confidence.

P7 Health Drama



9 shows



979 pupils attended the P7 Drama

S3 Health Drama


'You are not alone'

Aim: Page 36

To improve young people's knowledge of services through drama and encourage them to access support.



Highlights

 The S3 Health Drama Programme '**You are not alone**' is part of NHS Highland's Tobacco Strategy Action Plan. Working in partnership with Education, the programme aims to improve young people's knowledge of services and encourage them to access support in all health issues affecting young people.

 Very positive feedback from pupils and staff.

 **90%** ..found the Drama informative.

 **86%** ..said they were now more aware of services.

 **57%** ..said of all the services, they would use Cool2Talk if they needed services.

S3 Health Drama



7 schools



597 pupils completed the evaluation.

Sexual Health

Aim:


To improve sexual health knowledge and minimise risk of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), including HIV, in Argyll and Bute.




Highlights

 2 Pride events supported in Bute and Oban.

 Clients supported with HIV and LGBT issues, through Waverley Care Service Level Agreement (SLA).

 Continued promotion and roll out of CCard aimed at improving access to free condoms for young people. CCard now under new contract with Waverley Care as of March 2020.

 Successful delivery of multi-agency training. Communication and supply of free condoms to all GP surgeries in Argyll and Bute.

 Sexual health clinic running well in Helensburgh and Lomond

Events



Delivery of multi agency LGBTQ+ awareness event aimed at A&B S1-S3 school children.

Health Behaviour Change

Aim: Page 37
To share effective, evidence-based tools and techniques to support people in making changes in their life to Live Well.



Highlights

- * The new **NES MAP of Behaviour Change training** programme implemented following last years review of Health Behaviour Change training.
- * A Public Health 'Health & Wellbeing Development Day' in Sep19 re-introduced health behaviour change **tools and techniques** to staff and volunteers working across Argyll and Bute.
- * 'Developing a coaching network for Argyll and Bute' development day was held in Feb20, to seek views on developing a coaching network within Argyll and Bute, to deliver person-centred care supporting people that they work with to Live Well.



3 MAP Trainers trained

MAP of Behaviour Change Training

5 courses Oct19-Mar20
46 people trained

Watch The MAP of Health Behaviour Change animation:
<https://vimeo.com/354888116>

HeartStart in Argyll & Bute

Aim:
To monitor the Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Greater Glasgow and Clyde (GG&C) to continue to deliver HeartStart in Argyll and Bute.



Highlights

- * HeartStart has been **delivering CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and AED (automated external defibrillator) training to community groups, volunteers and schools in Argyll and Bute** (since 2008).
- * **All areas of Argyll and Bute** have had training delivered in 2019/20 by Heartstart's volunteer instructors to either community groups, secondary schools or primary 7 pupils and teachers.
- * Two examples of events held: a drop-in session in Campbeltown Town Hall where 86 people attended, and just before the COVID-19 suspension 196 pupils at Campbeltown Grammar were trained in one day.
- * **15 new volunteer instructors** trained, increasing geographical coverage, with all **82 instructors revalidated**.

HeartStart's reach in Argyll & Bute



- 2,469 people trained
- 13 community groups
- 9 secondary schools
- 33 primary schools
- 82 instructors

Screening Engagement

Aim: Page 38
To support informed participation in four of the NHS health screening programmes – breast, bowel, cervical and abdominal aortic aneurysm screening.



Providing awareness sessions to professionals, front line staff and volunteers, designed to increase screening knowledge and confidence to enable them to cascade this information to service users, helping them encourage and support increased participation in screening.

Highlights

- * **Partnership working with diverse organisations** such as learning disability nurses and Minority Ethnic Carers of People Project (MECOP)
- * **Bespoke sessions** targeted at the needs of relevant organisations, e.g.:
 - to Argyll and Bute's NHS mental health teams, third sector community mental health support services and substance misuse teams
 - to staff in centres for people with learning disabilities, including a resource list for information targeted at learning disability clients
- * A half day session given on **breast and cervical screening and cancer awareness** to women from the Gypsy/Traveller community

Screening Awareness Sessions

More than 80% of attendees had received between 30-100% new information.

Type 2 Diabetes Framework

Aim:
To tackle the growing prevalence of type 2 diabetes as per 'A Healthier Future – Framework for the Prevention, Early Detection and Early Intervention of type 2 diabetes'.






The Scottish Government published 'A Healthier Future – Framework for the Prevention, Early Detection and Early Intervention of type 2 diabetes' in July 2018. The framework provides guidance for delivery partners to tackle the growing prevalence of type 2 diabetes.

- * In preparation for delivery of the framework, a public health led a needs assessment in relation to the prevention, early detection and early intervention of type 2 diabetes in the NHS Highland area was commissioned.
- * The aim of the project was to identify the health needs and service provision for people at risk of, or diagnosed with, type 2 diabetes across NHS Highland. An underlying principle of the work was to assess the needs of people living in both the Argyll and Bute and Highland HSCP areas.
- * Recommendations from the Needs Assessment were used to form a **Type 2 Diabetes Prevention Group Action Plan**. Pathways for structured education and weight management are now in place for those with pre-diabetes, with type 2 diabetes and type 2 diabetes remission, and work is ongoing to review digital education.



Communications and Engagement

The Public Health team consolidated statutory engagement responsibilities developed in 2018-19 by leading and co-ordinating the HSCP's annual engagement plan for 2019-20.

A summary of work in this area is outlined below:

-  Provided professional advice and support to a number of services to delivery their engagement activities, for example the dementia service review.
-  Conducted a formal evaluation on routine feedback from people who use the HSCP's health and social care services. This concluded with a report with tangible recommendations to improve service feedback that will be implemented at the end of the Covid-19 activity.
-  Provided professional advice to the HSCP on the statutory responsibilities for equality and diversity impact assessment and implemented a new assessment process in-line with Argyll and Bute Council's process and accommodating the new responsibilities for Fairer Scotland (socio-economic inequality) and the islands legislation.

Conversation Cafes

-  Community **Conversation Cafes** were developed last year as one of the new community engagement approaches used across Argyll & Bute, bring together people with an interest in services and topics, to talk about services /new developments, and give people the opportunity to ask questions or give their views.
-  During 2019/20, the Public Health team facilitated **7 conversation cafes** across Argyll and Bute on **6 different topics**, attended by a total of 183 people. Unfortunately, 3 had to be cancelled - it's hoped that these can be held later in the year, (depending upon COVID-19 developments).

Conversation Cafes









7 Conversation Cafes
attended by
183 people in total

Argyll & Bute Alcohol & Drug Partnership (ADP)



AIM: To improve health in Argyll and Bute by preventing and reducing alcohol and drug use, harm and related deaths.

-  Community hubs setup throughout Argyll and Bute to offer Job Seekers, financial support, housing and/or general advice, etc to people in the area who are in recovery.
-  A families support group has been setup in Helensburgh - more to follow across Argyll and Bute.
-  Take home Naloxone and Naloxone training for those at risk of overdose, their families and carers, is being provided to more people across Argyll and Bute. Argyll and Bute now have Intranasal Naloxone which will make this life saving medication easier to administer.
-  The Needle Exchange Service continues to provide injecting equipment to reduce the harm of drug use.
-  The ADP funds local services providing support in secondary schools, intervening at an early stage to provide support aimed at reducing the use of drugs or alcohol at present or in the future.
-  Funded training for partners on a number of substance use topics (see training available by topic at <https://www.sdftraining.org.uk/training>).

HEAT targets

HEAT Target: *'90% of clients will wait no more than 3 weeks from referral received to appropriate drug or alcohol treatment that supports their recovery.'*

In 2019-20, Argyll and Bute achieved:

91.4%

HEAT Target: *'NHS Boards to sustain and embed alcohol brief interventions (ABIs) in 3 priority settings (Primary Care, A&E and ante-natal) and broaden delivery in wider settings.'*




In 2019-20, NHS Highland delivered:

5,101 ABIs

- NHS Highland target for 2019-20 = **3,088**




Other work of the Public Health team

Self Management

-  The Healthy Living Partnership is made up of third sector organisations with representation from the public health team. The membership consists of Versus Arthritis, LOHO, LIVE Argyll, North Argyll Carers, TSI, MS centre, and the HSCP.
-  The partnership works together to deliver self management courses, walking groups, Tai Chi sessions and pain workshops across Argyll and Bute.
-  Last year 2019-2020 they were fortunate to receive a grant from the Alliance to support development of a new model of delivery.
-  Just before the pandemic the partnership was starting to further explore its role and how to further develop as a partnership including its links and role in delivery of the Living Well strategy.



Link Working (Social Prescribing and Signposting)

The Public Health team is leading the development of Argyll and Bute's link worker offer as part of the Scotland wide modernisation of primary care services. During 2019-20 the following was achieved:

-  Recruitment of a one year band 6 development worker in autumn 2019 to develop and commission link worker services. Appointment was delayed due to the Covid-19 emergency and the post holder will start in August 2020 (Sarah Urquhart).
-  Investment in a pilot project in Kintyre with the Third Sector Interface to scope community based approaches to link working in rural communities.
-  Embedded principles of community engagement in the wider primary care modernisation programme in-line with the HSCP's Engagement Framework.







Healthy Weight

The dietetics service leads our healthy weight activity in Argyll & Bute with additional funding from our preventative bundle budget.

-  Both adult and paediatric healthy weight prevention and intervention activity is supported with a tiered approach to weight management services including prevention and self management programmes, in addition to intervention programmes offered in both group and individual settings.
-  Developing digital resources is a focus for new development with the aim to improving accessibility, and maximising reach.

Community Planning

All four area Community Planning Groups have a Public Health representative on their group, as does the Community Planning Partnership management committee.

-  Alison McGrory is the lead for Outcome 5 in the Community Plan - 'People lead active, healthier and more independent lives'. The Community Plan can be found at <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/community-planning-partnership>.
-  A comprehensive review was carried out and as part of that review three priority areas were identified to give more focus to outcome 5:
 -  Branding and promotion of Argyll and Bute's natural assets (in order to increase physical activity levels);
 -  Valuing the environment and the benefits of the environment to people living in Argyll and Bute (in order to link to the CPP agenda to address climate change);
 -  Promote the self-management of long term health conditions.
-  Further details on the review can be found at <http://healthyargyllandbute.co.uk/review-of-the-partnership-approach-to-health-and-wellbeing-in-argyll-and-bute/>

Data Analysis for Strategic Priorities

Public Health data is routinely requested to support strategic priorities and planning, with an evidence based approach embedded throughout the Public Health team's work. A comprehensive needs assessment for adults was carried out in 2019/20, with another focusing on children and families planned in 2020/21.

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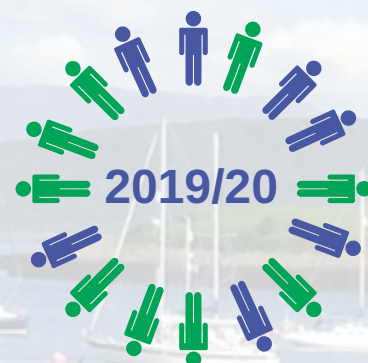
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Argyll and Bute Public Health

Workplan 2020/21

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Movement	Development of Link Working Model	Diabetes Framework	Health Profiling	COVID-19 Response & Recovery	Equalities and EQIA Support
Child Poverty	Increasing Uptake of National Screening Programmes	COVID-19 Inequalities	Support of 8 Living Well Networks (LWNs)	Living Well Strategy Implementation	Health Protection
Suicide Prevention	Tobacco Strategy / 'Smoke Free' Service	Workforce Development (Health Behaviour Change)	Community Engagement (Conversation Cafes, etc.)	Commission Self Management from Third Sector	Alcohol & Drug Partnership (ADP) Oversight & Support
Community Planning	Violence Against Women	Community Capacity Building	COVID-19 Economic Recovery & Employability	Emotional Wellbeing	Increasing Physical Activity
Monthly Virtual Education Sessions	Annual Report	Caring for People (CfP) Helpline Development & Evaluation	Support Implementation of British Sign Language (BSL) Action Plan	Living Well Grant Allocation & Monitoring	Sexual Health
Data Analysis	Income Maximisation	Effective Partnership Working	Alcohol & Drug Partnership (ADP) Data & Reporting	Healthy Argyll and Bute Website & Facebook Page	Supporting LPGs with Health Improvement
Alcohol & Drug Partnership (ADP) Capacity Building	Health and Wellbeing Development Days	COVID-19 Test & Protect Support	Health Awareness Campaigns	Equality Outcome Framework Measures	Mental Health Training

Note: Topics presented in no particular order.

Black ink indicates topics added to those already included in the Public Health workplan for 2019/20.

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**Oban, Lorn and the Isle Community
Planning Group****Chief Executive****11 November 2020**

UK Withdrawal from the EU

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 In response to the UK's withdrawal from the European Union, officers from within the Council and the Health and Social Care Partnership continue to review and prepare for all potential risks and opportunities.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members of the Community Planning Group are asked to be assured that the Council and the HSPC are as well prepared as they can be with regards to exiting the EU, and are actively engaged with our partners through the local and national resilience frameworks

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 The UK withdrew from the EU on 31st January 2020, as the EU and the UK both ratified the Withdrawal Agreement in October 2019. This Act also sets in UK law that the present Transition Period must end on 31st December of this year.
- 3.2 Negotiations for a longer-term UK-EU27 free trade and partnership agreement continued throughout the summer 2020 and into October and it remains to be seen if these discussions continue or if they have ended without an agreement. It appears at this stage that any free trade deal will be limited with significant changes on trade in goods, services, border controls, mobility, transport and fisheries.
- 3.3 If a trade deal is not in place between UK-EU, the UK will fall back on World Trade Organisation rules resulting in tariffs on goods and little practical cooperation to smooth border checks.

3.4 The key aspects of the UK Internal Market Bill, tabled by the UK Government on 9th September 2020, are as follows:

- it introduces non-discrimination and mutual recognition across the different parts of the UK, including the power to disapply provisions of the Withdrawal Agreement in connection to Northern Ireland;
- it defines State Aid as a reserved power expanding the functions of the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) by creating an Office for the Internal Market (OIM) as a subset of the CMA. With regard to State Aid, it has been announced by the Business Secretary that the UK will follow World Trade Organisation subsidy rules from 1st January 2021 with guidance issued to local authorities by the end of the calendar year. However, it remains unclear how Local Government might formally be recognised and consulted by the OIM; and
- it legislates for the replacement of EU funds, through the launch of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, also as a reserved power.

3.5 Further to a presentation from my predecessor Cleland Sneddon to the Community Planning Partnership in March 2019, in 2018 the Council CEO established a Tactical Team to ensure that the Council and the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) is sufficiently prepared for all risks and opportunities that may arise from the withdrawal from the EU; the Tactical Team reports directly to the Strategic Management Team.

3.6 The Tactical Team continues to liaise with all resilience partners and stakeholders whilst maintaining an overview of risks and mitigations to ensure readiness for business continuity in the event of disruptions to operating as 'business as usual'.

3.7 Some areas of risk that attract specific attention from the Tactical Team includes;

- Exports:
- Fisheries:
- State Aid:
- Replacement of Structural Funds;
- Food supply chains:
- Supporting vulnerable and depopulating communities:
- Private sector workforce recruitment and retainment.

3.8 The Council and the HSCP recognises that their role is to work with others in preparing for the impact and opportunities from the EU Withdrawal and continue to maintain dialogue with all resilience partners on an ongoing basis, work with partners including communities and business and influence decisions at a national level where there is a recognised impact on Argyll and Bute.

3.9 Community Planning Group members should be assured that the Council/ HSCP and partners remain ready to respond to any changes and decisions and will continue to forward plan for all and any foreseeable issues and opportunities.

4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 The UK Government's withdrawal from the EU raises a number of risks and opportunities and the Council and the HSCP continue to liaise with all partners to ensure we remain ready to ensure business continuity whilst monitoring impacts on our communities.

Chief Executive; Pippa Milne
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News Release

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**Review of Electoral Arrangements: Argyll and Bute council area –
public consultation**

The Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland has begun (on Wednesday 4 November) a public consultation on proposals for councillor numbers and ward boundaries in Argyll and Bute council area. The consultation will run until Tuesday 26 January 2020.

The Commission wants members of the public and local communities to give us their comments on the proposals so local views can be considered as the Commission develops its final recommendations for Scottish Ministers.

The Islands (Scotland) Act 2018 allows the use of one or two member wards, in addition to the existing three and four member wards, where a ward includes an inhabited island.

The recently introduced Scottish Elections (Reform) Act 2020 has also allowed us to consider mainland wards of between two and five members.

The Commission conducted a consultation on its proposals with Argyll and Bute Council from 16 July to 30 September 2020 and is now beginning a 12 week public consultation.

The current review covers the number of councillors on the council and the number and boundaries of wards for the election of those councillors.

The proposals for public consultation in Argyll and Bute recommend 34 councillors, across 12 wards.

We expect our recommendations, if accepted, to be in place for the next local government elections in May 2022.

Ronnie Hinds, Chair of the Commission, said:
“We are pleased to begin our public consultation on electoral arrangements for Argyll and Bute council area. We have already consulted the Council and have considered their views carefully, amending our proposals by Tarbert and Skipness, before preparing the proposals published today. While we have not at this stage taken on board all the Council’s suggestions we agree that it is important to test the public’s views and look forward to receiving the thoughts of people across the council area.

“We welcome the flexibility offered by the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018 and Scottish Elections (Reform) Act 2020 to have wards of between one and five members as opposed to the existing three and four member wards. We have used this flexibility in Argyll and Bute council area where we propose four 2-member wards, three of these being island wards.

“We especially want to encourage those living on islands to give us their views on community ties between islands and with the mainland.

“It is important that electoral arrangements for Scottish councils are effective and that our proposals provide for electoral fairness while taking account of local ties and special geographical considerations as far as possible. Hearing local views on these issues is vitally important as we develop our final recommendations.”

Our proposals for Argyll and Bute Council area:

Our methodology for determining councillor numbers proposes 33 councillors for Argyll and Bute council area. However, in developing our proposals, a better ward design was achievable with 34 councillors. Therefore we present an electoral arrangement for 34 councillors representing four 2-member wards, six 3-member wards and two 4-member wards, reducing overall councillor numbers by two. Without the inclusion of the 10% limit to change of councillor numbers, our methodology would have proposed 24 councillors.

Our proposals for Argyll and Bute Council take account of the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018 and use the flexibility offered by 2-member wards to better reflect local ties for island communities. The proposals present island-only wards for: Islay, Jura and Colonsay; Mull, Iona, Coll and Tiree; and retain the existing Isle of Bute ward with 2 councillors rather than 3 as at present. We considered special geographic circumstances applied in relation to variation from electoral parity in the proposed island wards of: Mull, Iona, Coll and Tiree; and Islay, Jura and Colonsay due to these islands' remoteness and their limited transport links.

The proposals take account of the Scottish Elections (Reform) Act that allow the use of 2-member and 5-member wards to design a 2-member ward that considers local ties in Lorn.

The proposals make no changes to the boundaries of four of the existing wards (Cowal; Dunoon; Isle of Bute; and Lomond North).

The proposals place Oban within a single ward to avoid breaking local community ties.

The proposals minimise change to the existing ward boundaries in Helensburgh, while reducing councillor numbers there by one.

The proposals have regard to Argyll and Bute Council's four administrative areas and the local ties and communities that they represent.

Ward No.	Ward Name	Cllrs	Electorate (Dec 2018)	Variation from Electoral Parity (%)	Forecast Electorate (2024)	Forecast Variation from Electoral Parity (%)
1	Kintyre	3	6,032	2.5%	5,847	0.7%
2	Islay, Jura and Colonsay	2	2,847	-27.5%	2,927	-24.4%
3	Mid Argyll	4	7,357	-6.3%	7,302	-5.7%
4	Mull, Iona, Coll and Tiree	2	3,211	-18.2	3,438	-11.2
5	Oban	4	8,357	6.5	8,497	9.7
6	Lorn	2	4,190	6.8	4,164	7.5
7	Cowal	3	5,734	-2.6	5,596	-3.7
8	Dunoon	3	5,500	-6.6	5,304	-8.7
9	Isle of Bute	2	4,696	19.6	4,406	13.8
10	Lomond North	3	6,000	1.9	5,858	0.8
11	Helensburgh Central	3	6,424	9.1	6,075	4.6
12	Helensburgh and Lomond South	3	6,377	8.3	6,420	10.5
		34	66,725		65,834	

Background

Under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 the Commission is required to conduct electoral reviews at intervals of 8 to 12 years. One of the main reasons we undertake reviews is that the population, and therefore the electorate, of any local authority area is constantly changing, with migration into or out of areas as well as within the same area. As a result of these changes, some councillors may represent considerably more or fewer electors than other councillors in the same council area.

The Islands (Scotland) Act 2018 requires the Commission to review the six councils containing inhabited islands (Argyll and Bute, Highland, North Ayrshire, Orkney, Shetland and Na h-Eileanan an Iar) as soon as practicable. The Commission will make its recommendations for these six council areas to Scottish Ministers by May 2021, in order that the resulting wards can be used for the local government elections in May 2022. The Commission consulted on its proposals for Orkney Islands, Shetland Islands and Na h-Eileanan an Iar council areas in 2019.

When reviewing electoral arrangements the Commission is required to take account of the following factors:

- The interests of effective and convenient local government
- Within each council, each councillor should represent the same number of electors as closely as possible
- Local ties which would be broken by making a particular boundary
- The desirability of fixing boundaries that are easily identifiable
- Special geographical considerations

Where a ward contains an inhabited island the Commission can recommend that it elects between one and five councillors. In all other circumstances a ward must return between two and five councillors.

Islands (Scotland) Act 2018 aims to underpin the Scottish Government's objective of ensuring that there is a sustained focus across Government and the public sector to meet the needs of island communities now and in the future.

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Maps of the proposals are available on request.

Following the Scottish Elections (Reform) Act 2020 our name will change to become "Boundaries Scotland". This reflects our wider responsibility for reviews of Scottish Parliament boundaries as well as local government boundaries. We expect to change our name Spring 2021.

Information on the review can also be found on the Commission's website:
www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk

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2019 Review of Electoral Arrangements

Argyll and Bute Council area

Proposals – Public Consultation

4 November 2020 – 26 January 2021

www.consult.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk

Proposals for Argyll and Bute council area

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2. In summary our proposals:
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 - make no changes to the boundaries of five of the existing wards (Cowal; Dunoon; Isle of Bute; Lomond North; and Mid Argyll);
 - place Oban within a single ward to avoid breaking local community ties;
 - minimise change to the existing ward boundaries in Helensburgh, while reducing councillor numbers there by one;
 - take account of the Scottish Elections (Reform) Act 2020, which allows the use of 2–member and 5–member wards across Scotland, to design a 2–member ward that considers local ties in Lorn; and
 - have regard to Argyll and Bute Council’s four administrative areas and the local ties and communities that they represent.
3. The table below details the electorates with actual and forecast variation from parity of the proposed wards.

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Proposed wards

Ward 1 – Kintyre

Ward 1 contains most of Kintyre and includes the Isle of Gigha. The ward boundary follows the community council area boundaries between Tarbert and Skipness Community Council and East Kintyre and West Kintyre Community Councils and partly a historical ward boundary between the North Kintyre and Mid Kintyre wards in use between 1995 –1999. We would particularly welcome views on whether Gigha should be placed in an island only ward with Isla, Jura and Colonsay or whether it is better placed in a ward with Kintyre. We propose 3 councillors for ward 1.



Ward 2 – Isla, Jura and Colonsay

Ward 2 splits the existing island-mainland Kintyre and the Islands ward to create an island-only Isla, Jura and Colonsay ward. The Commission has proposed fewer electors per councillor for this ward rather than the number that the strict application of electoral parity would require. This is due to the ward comprising solely island communities with limited transport links to the mainland. We would particularly welcome your views on whether these islands should sit within their own island ward or be placed in an island-mainland ward as at present. We propose 2 councillors for ward 2.



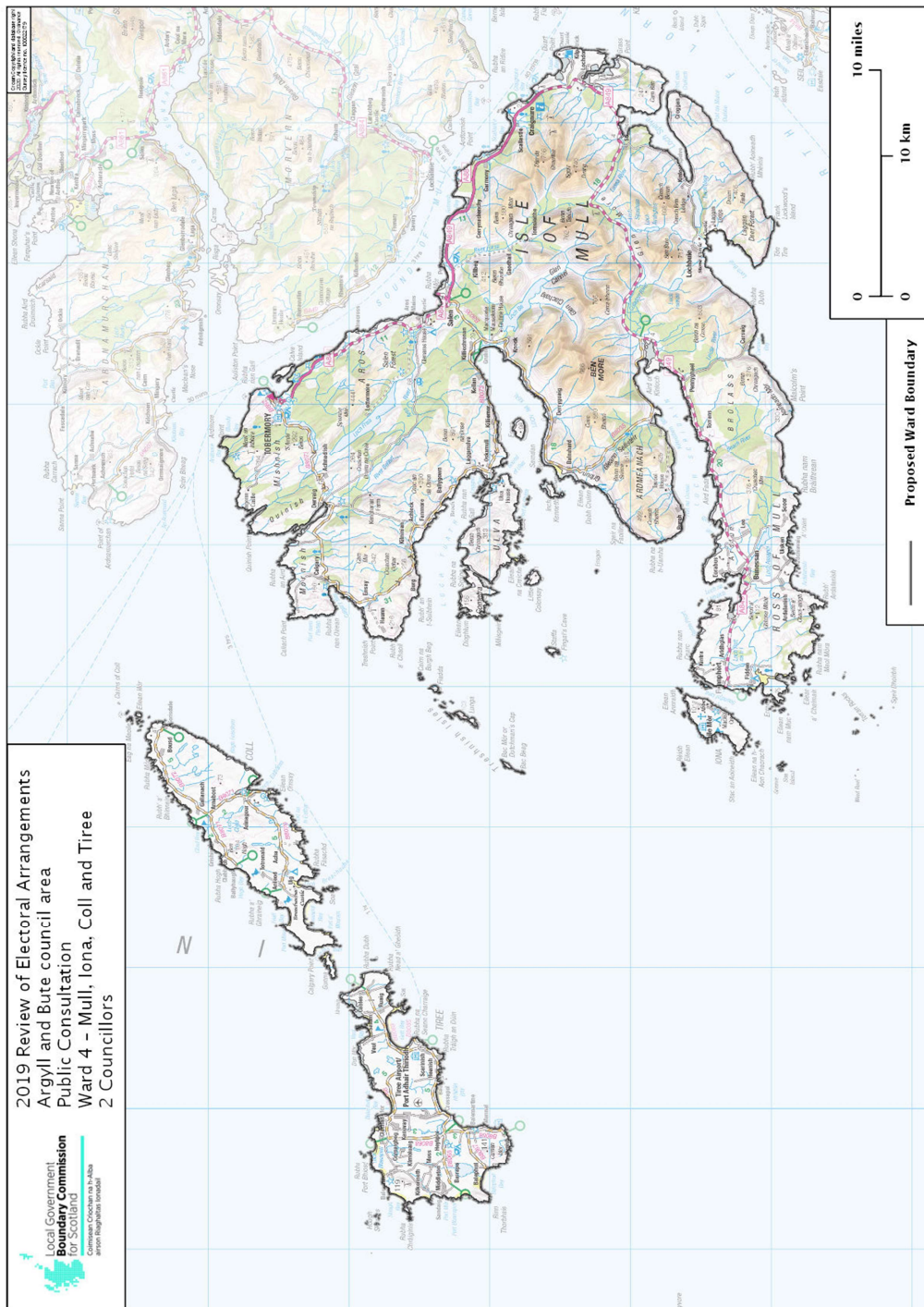
Ward 3 – Mid Argyll

Ward 3 extends the existing Mid Argyll ward southwards to include Tarbert and Skipness. The ward boundary follows the community council area boundaries between Tarbert and Skipness Community Council and East Kintyre and West Kintyre Community Councils and partly a historical ward boundary between the North Kintyre and Mid Kintyre wards in use between 1995 –1999. We propose 4 councillors for ward 3.



Ward 4 – Mull, Iona, Coll and Tiree

Ward 4 splits the existing island-mainland Oban South and the Isles ward to create an island-only Mull, Iona, Coll and Tiree ward. The Commission has proposed fewer electors per councillor for this ward rather than the number that the strict application of electoral parity would require. This is due to the ward comprising solely island communities with limited transport links to the mainland. We would particularly welcome views on whether these islands should sit within their own island ward or be placed in an island-mainland ward as at present. We propose 2 councillors for ward 4.



Ward 5 – Oban

Ward 5 places Oban within its own ward ensuring the town is in a single ward rather than split between two wards as it is currently. The ward extends southwards to Melfort and it includes the inhabited islands of Kerrera, Seil and Luing. We would particularly welcome your views on whether these islands should remain in an Oban ward or be linked with Mull, Iona, Coll and Tiree. We propose 4 councillors for ward 5.



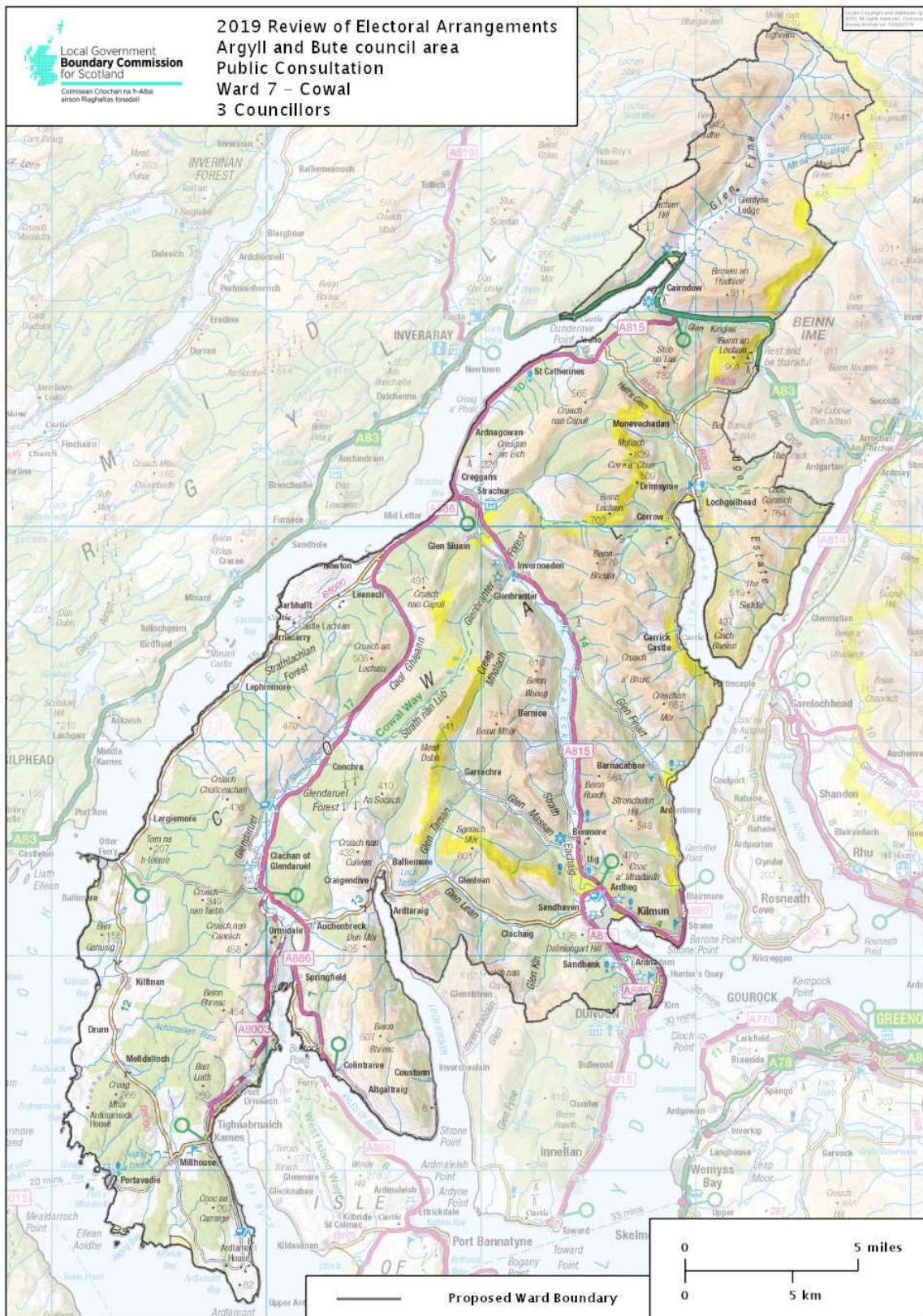
Ward 6 – Lorn

Ward 6 includes Lorn and the inhabited island of Lismore. This is a change to the existing arrangements where Lorn is in a ward with part of Oban. We would particularly welcome your views on whether Lismore should remain in a Lorn ward or be linked with other islands in an island-only ward. We propose 2 councillors for ward 6.



Ward 7 – Cowal

Ward 7 is unchanged and retains the existing number of councillors and the same ward boundary.



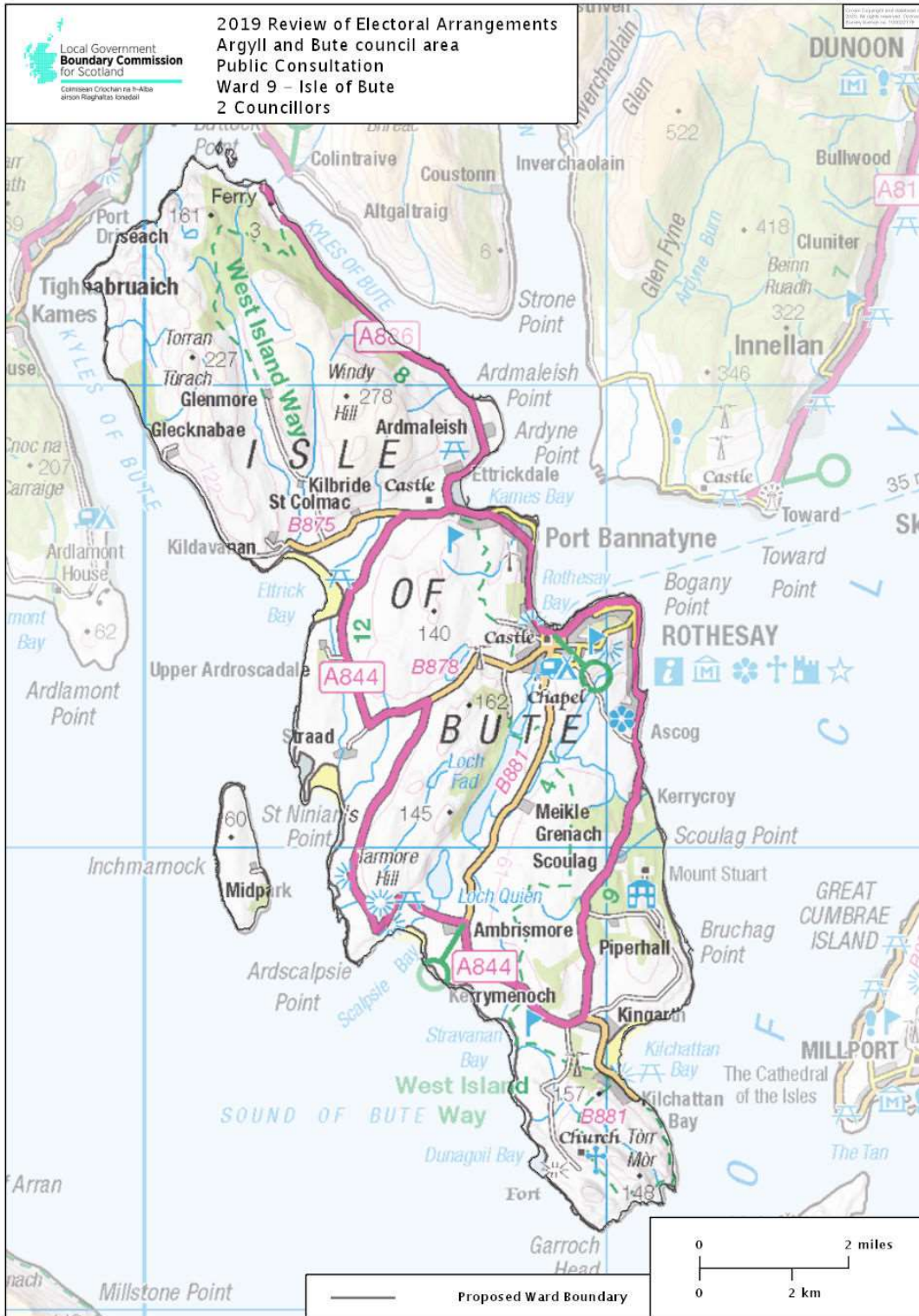
Ward 8 – Dunoon

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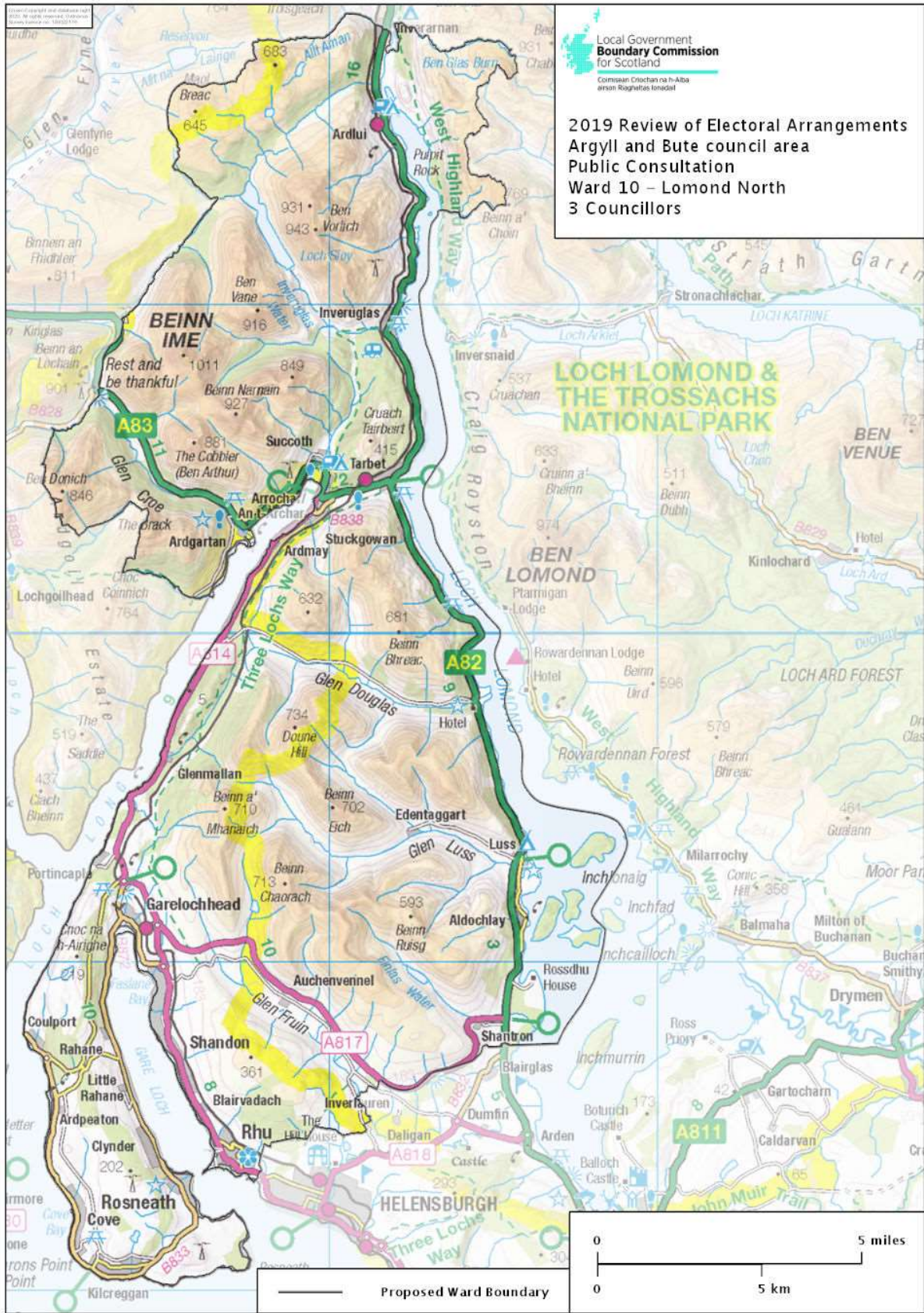
Ward 9 – Isle of Bute

Ward 9 retains the existing ward boundary but proposes 2 councillors, one fewer than at present. This proposal reflects the Commission's estimate that the electorate is forecast to decline in the next five years. It ensures, however, that the Isle of Bute is retained as an island ward and delivers greater equality of representation across the whole council area. When considering this proposal, the Commission's view was that Bute has better ferry links to the mainland than those of other islands within the council area.



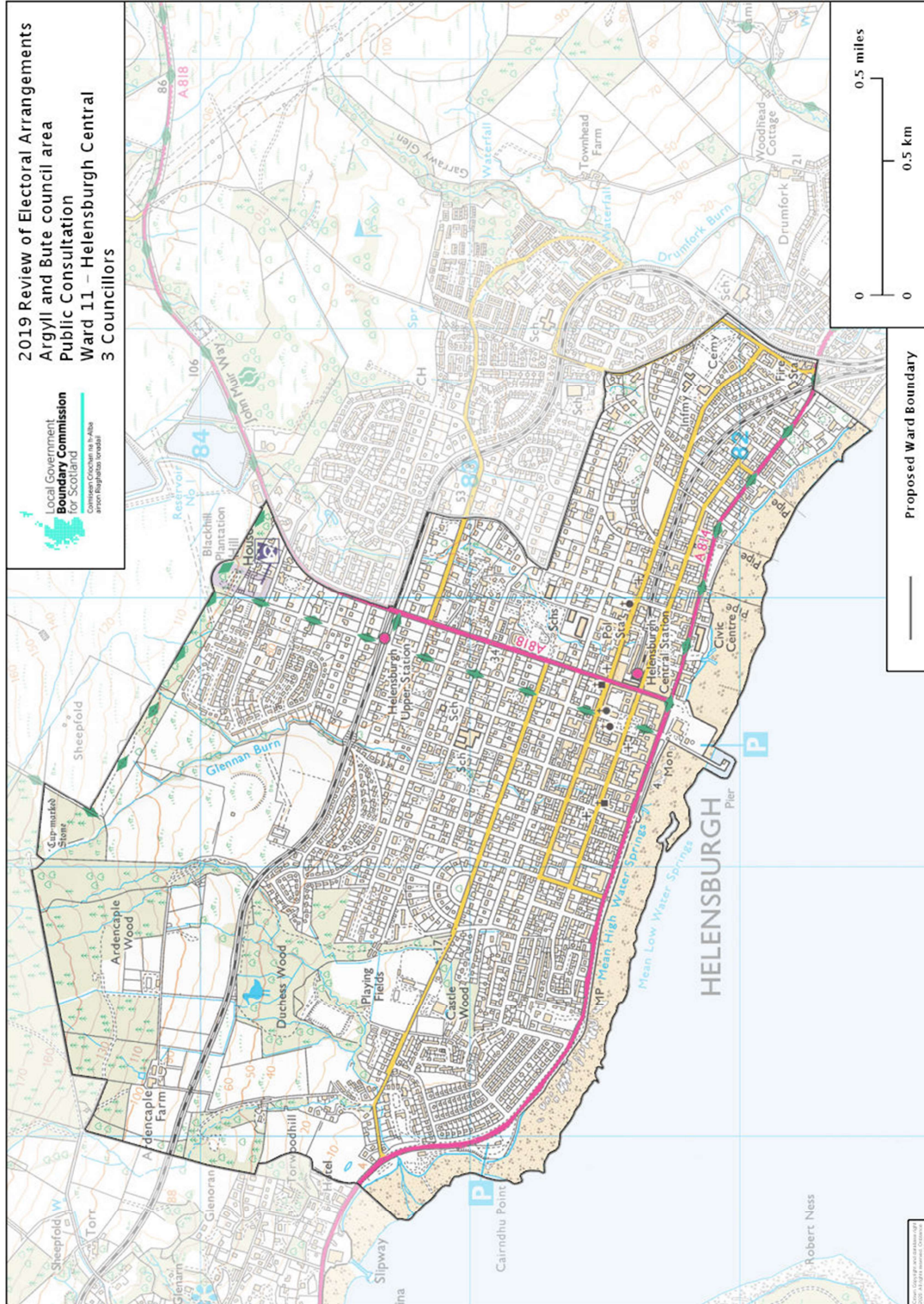
Ward 10 – Lomond North

Ward 10 is unchanged and retains the existing number of councillors and the same ward boundary.



Ward 11 – Helensburgh Central

Ward 11 largely follows the existing Helensburgh Central ward boundary, however, reflecting the forecast decline in electorate, the number of councillors is reduced from 4 to 3. To help facilitate this change the ward boundary is amended by St Joseph’s School and follows Old Luss Road, Havelock Street and Charlotte Street. The proposed changes to the existing ward boundary follow historical ward boundaries in use from 1999 – 2007.



Ward 12 – Helensburgh and Lomond South

Ward 12 largely follows the existing Helensburgh and Lomond South ward boundary. The ward boundary is amended by St Joseph’s School and follows Old Luss Road, Havelock Street and Charlotte Street. The proposed changes to the existing ward boundary follow historical ward boundaries in use from 1999 – 2007. We propose 3 councillors for Ward 12.



Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group****11 November 2020**

Appointments of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group

This report relates to the appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group (OLI ACPG).

Summary

John Fleming tendered his resignation as Chair of the OLI ACPG in September 2020, following his resignation as a community councillor. Additionally Councillor Elaine Robertson has now served two consecutive terms as the Vice-Chair of the OLI ACPG and, in accordance with the Terms of Reference for the Group, having served the maximum term permitted, is no longer eligible to be re-appointed to this position.

Members of the group are required to nominate and elect a new Chair and Vice-Chair from their number to carry out these roles.

Recommendation

Partners are asked to nominate and appoint two members of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group to carry out the roles of (a) Chair and (b) Vice-Chair of the group for the next two year period.

Key Points for Consideration

The current Vice-Chair of the Area Community Planning Group, Councillor Robertson, has served the group for two consecutive two year periods. In accordance with the group's Terms of Reference this is the maximum period for which this role can be held over and a new appointment to the role is required.

The role of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Area Community Planning Group can be carried out by any member of the group with support and guidance for these positions being provided from the Council's Community Planning and Governance Teams. Additionally, these roles provide an important link between the area and Community Planning Partnership Management Committee with the persons appointed being invited to participate in meetings of the CPP Management Committee.

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