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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **OBAN LORN & THE ISLES COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP** will be held via **MICROSOFT TEAMS** on **WEDNESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2021** at **2:00 PM**, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry
Executive Director of Customer Services

BUSINESS

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11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place at 6.30pm on Wednesday 16 February 2022

Oban Lorn & the Isles Community Planning Group

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**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held via
MICROSOFT TEAMS
on WEDNESDAY, 25 AUGUST 2021**

Present: Kevin Champion (Chair)
Councillor Elaine Robertson
Stuart McLean – Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
John Sweeney - Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Joan Best – Crossroads North Argyll
Susan MacRae – Skills Development Scotland
Carol Flett – Living Well Co-ordinator
Theresa Bain – Local Manger, University Highlands and Islands
Judith Hawcroft - North Argyll Carers Centre
Marri Malloy - Oban Community Council
Duncan Martin – Oban Community Council
Jessie McFarlane – Oban Community Council

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair opened the meeting in Gaelic and welcomed everyone to the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group.

The Chair spoke to an update received from the Vice-Chair, which read as follows;

Good Evening All, I hope you are all well. I would like to apologise that I am not in attendance of tonight's meeting to say this myself, however I will be stepping down as Vice-Chair. I would like to thank you all for the support and opportunity I was given. I would like to emphasise my gratitude towards the team behind it all who were beyond helpful and supportive. I hope to see you all at future meetings as a member.

The Chair, on behalf of the Group, wished her well in her future endeavours and looked forward to welcoming her to future meetings.

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of:

Joan Best - Crossroads North Argyll;
Rachel Lawlor – Vice-Chair;
Eleanor MacKinnon – Rockfield Centre;
Lynn Campbell – Department of Works and Pensions;
Councillor Jim Lynch; and
PC Laura Evans – Police Scotland.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

Marri Malloy, Oban Community Council, joined the meeting during the forgoing item

3. MINUTES

(a) **Meeting of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community Planning Group held on**

12 May 2021

The minute of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group meeting held on Wednesday 12 May 2021 was approved as a correct record.

Jessie MacFarlane, Oban Community Council, joined the meeting during the forgoing item

4. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Group considered a briefing note which provided an overview of the discussion which took place at the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee meeting on 30 June 2021.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group noted the briefing note.

(Reference: Briefing note by Committee Manager, dated 25 August 2021, submitted)

5. PARTNERS UPDATE

(a) Community Learning Service Update

The Group considered an update from Argyll and Bute Council's Community Learning Service which detailed its transfer to LiveArgyll, the resumption of the Health and Wellbeing Project, delivery of the Enhanced Summer Programme and the ongoing development of the Community Learning and Development Plan for 21-24.

Decision

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

(Reference: Update by Community Learning and Development Assistant, dated 25 August 2021, submitted)

(b) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service - Oban, Lorn and the Isles - Q1 2021/22

A report highlighting the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's (SFRS) Q1 2021/22 review of local performance within Oban, Lorn and the Isles was considered by the Group.

Further to the submitted update the Group noted that SFRS were continuing to facilitate fundraising events for charities such as the Anthony Nolan Trust which included engaging with high schools to encourage pupils to become involved with the project. The Group noted this was aimed at many youth groups, not just those in an educational setting.

Discussion focused on a public consultation on Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) which is open until 11 October 2021 and could be accessed via the SFRS website - <https://www.firescotland.gov.uk/consultations/ufas-consultation.aspx>; and that the increase in grass fires was due to long spells of dry weather.

Mr Sweeney advised that legislation on compulsory linked fire alarms will come into force from February 2022, and that these can be installed for free by the SFRS to those household who are at risk and fit the criteria to qualify for home safety fire visits.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Station Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service dated 25 August 2021, submitted)

(c) Islands Living Well Network (Mull and Iona, Tiree, Coll and Colonsay)

The Group considered an update from Carol Flett, The Islands Living Well Network, which included that they have chosen emotional and mental wellbeing, education, prevention and early intervention on alcohol and drugs and child poverty to be their priorities for the year.

Carol Flett advised that membership levels continue to fluctuate and Living Well were keen to make contact with anyone on Mull who would like to join and hoped that their presence on social media will help spread their message. It was noted that the Flexible Food Fund Roadshow would soon be going to Mull, Iona, Tiree, Coll and Colonsay.

Decision

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

(Reference: Update by Carol Flett, The Islands Living Well Network, dated 30 July 2021, submitted)

(d) North Argyll Carers Centre Community Planning Update

The Group gave consideration to an update from the North Argyll Carers Centre which provided detail on how they have been able to carry out a phased return to face to face support with carers at their centre on Albany Street; how they were able to offer activities for groups of young and adult carers outdoors; and how they ran a number of activities as part of Carers Week which raised awareness of carers' roles, issues and the support they can offer.

The Group noted North Argyll Carers could be contacted at their website - <https://www.northargyllcarers.org.uk/> or email info@northargyllcarers.org.uk or via telephone on 01631 564422.

Decision

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

(Reference: Update by Judith Hawcroft, North Argyll Carers Centre, dated August 2021, submitted)

(e) **Opportunity for verbal updates by Community Planning Partners** (Pages 7 - 12)

Rockfield Centre

Eleanor MacKinnon was unable to attend but provided an update in her absence which was read out by the Committee Manager as attached to the minute.

Department for Work and Pensions

Lynn Campbell was unable to attend but provided an update in her absence which was read out by the Committee Manager as attached to the minute.

Skills Development Scotland

Susan MacRae advised that careers advisors were back in schools and at the centre in Oban and that officers are working to identify the next cohort of leavers and that a report on their destinations would be submitted to the next meeting. The Group noted that there will be virtual events held by the Scottish Education Exhibitions which were free sessions aimed at all prospective higher education students.

University Highland and Islands (UHI)

Theresa Bain advised that Argyll College had started back for the 2021/22 session with all classes taught remotely other than practical courses, which would be reviewed during the October break.

The Group noted that there was an excellent advertising campaign on certain channels and passed on their compliments to the marketing team at UHI.

There was lengthy discussions held on the lack of accommodation options for students as well as those seeking employment in the area which was a nationwide issue. It was agreed that the housing situation would be taken up with ACHA and West Highland Housing for future discussions.

Crossroads North Argyll

Linda Duncan advised that they had been very busy with referrals with 5 in last 10 days and that they had successfully recruited two more members of staff including one based on Mull but they still required more staff, particular male care attendants.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP INVOLVEMENT OF AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUPS

Consideration was given by the Group to a briefing note which provided information on the aims of the Climate Change Working Group as was formed by the CPP Management Committee and explored how Area Community Planning Groups could become more involved.

The Group noted that the Oban Fire Station had won an environmental award as the best in Scotland, and sixth across the UK for energy reduction which included the installation of 60 solar panel cells which reduced their electricity usage by 50% and allowed them to sell some energy back to the grid.

Decision

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

1. discussed the information outlined in the briefing note;
2. agreed to continue consideration of relevant project/organisations that could be put forward as an addition to the ACT interactive map until the November 2021 meeting, suggesting the following in the interim;
 - a) No Plastic Straws in Oban was a school initiative which saw pupils lobby local businesses;
 - b) Refill a water bottle refill scheme app used by Argyll College - [https://www.refill.org.uk/about/#:~:text=Refill%20is%20mainly%20an%20%E2%80%98on%20the%20go%E2%80%99%20app,search%20for%20online%20retailers%20that%20offer%20home%20delivery](https://www.refill.org.uk/about/#:~:text=Refill%20is%20mainly%20an%20%E2%80%98on%20the%20go%E2%80%99%20app,search%20for%20online%20retailers%20that%20offer%20home%20delivery;);
 - c) Re-tech an organisation that supplies a large metal cabinet to place in offices to re-cycle electronic goods used by Argyll College; and
 - d) an Ardfern community initiative aimed at helping re-populate the sea bed (link to Channel 4 News item <https://www.channel4.com/news/the-argyll-community-fighting-to-save-a-small-part-of-the-ocean-one-oyster-at-a-time>);
 - e) the Moleigh Recycling Centre; and
3. agreed to continue consideration of a representative (and substitute) to represent the Oban Lone and the Isles ACPF on the Working Group until the November 2021 meeting.

(Reference: Report by Committee Manager, dated 25 August 2021, submitted)

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Group noted that the next meeting of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group would take place at 2pm on Wednesday 10 November 2021.

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Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**Oban, Lorn and the Isles
Area Community Planning Group****10 November 2021**

Community Planning Partnership Management Committee Update

This briefing relates to the meeting of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee which was held on 29 September 2021. The briefing is for noting and relevant discussion.

Summary

The CPP Management Committee met on the 29th September 2021 with the meeting being held virtually given the current restrictions in place and in line with the Council's current approach.

This update provides an overview of the discussion which took place.

Reports which were discussed at the meeting can be found here [Browse meetings - Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership - Management Committee - Argyll and Bute Council \(argyll-bute.gov.uk\)](#)

HighlightsMatters Arising from Area Community Planning Groups

- An update was provided on the discussions which had taken place at all 4 Area Community Planning Groups which had been held in August 2021. The meetings had been well attended and there had been a variety of interesting presentations given.
- The Management Committee noted the detail on the climate change discussions and that this would be a standing item on agendas for all of the meetings going forward.
- The importance of attendance of key partners at the Area Groups was highlighted and noted by the Management Committee.
- An update on the position in regard to office bearer positions was noted by the Management Committee including the appointment of Ian Brodie as Chair of the MAKI ACP Group for a further 2 year term.

Cross Cutting Themes

Climate Change

Stan Philips provided an update on the work of the Climate Change Working Group (CCWG) with a short presentation. This highlighted the community projects that are currently ongoing across the area, adding that all partners will also have in place, and will be working on, their own decarbonisations plans. It was noted that the CCWG propose to develop an overarching strategy that will focus on mitigation, adaptation and awareness and asked for thoughts on how best to move that forward.

The Management Committee agreed that an audit of what work is happening across the area is required and noted that Partners should share their own plans and good practice. It was agreed that a meeting of the CCWG would be arranged to progress the audit and partners were asked to identify appropriate representatives to take part. A report will be provided to the next meeting of the Management Committee on the outcomes.

Child Poverty

Rona Gold provided highlights from the latest Child Poverty Planning Group meeting. It was noted that training on Convention of the Rights of the Child and child poverty for the Third Sector had taken place and was attended by a number of partners. An online module is also being looked at.

The Summer of Play programme was successfully delivered mainly by Council Education Services and Live Argyll and learning from this is being evaluated to inform future programmes.

The Challenge Poverty Week takes place between 4th and 10th October 2021. The group are also updating a Child Poverty webpage which will allow comments and interaction on the site through a dedicated mailbox.

Digital

Rona encouraged all partners to visit the [Connecting Scotland website](#) as this provides a comprehensive explanation of what Connecting Scotland is. The project is led by the Scottish Government and aims to get digitally excluded households online by the end of 2021. The deadline for applications to obtain a device is 5pm on Friday 12th November (details are in the website link). Connecting Scotland provides a comprehensive approach to tackle digital inclusion and work is ongoing to bring the work of the digital infrastructure group and the CLD partnership group together to better support Digital Inclusion.

Building Back Better (Communities)

Rona advised that the Building Back Better (Communities) group has started to review feedback that was received from communities at the height of the pandemic with a view to the delivery of an action plan. The group is meeting in early October and there is a good number of partners represented. A Building Back Better (Communities) post has been created and will be in place for 18 months to re-engage with community groups on the issues they face now and to support the group to address those issues. Recruitment for this will begin shortly.

Outcome 6

(a) Update on Public Safety Projects and Community Safety Partnership

The Committee heard from PC Laura Evans who submitted a report which highlighted the work of the Community Safety Partnership. She highlighted a number of initiatives which are being delivered including keeping children safe online. Friendship benches have been installed to support the work of the suicide prevention group. Laura also provided some detailed information on incidence of fraud across the area and highlighted the use of call blockers as an effective deterrent. Funding for call blockers is available and referrals can be made via Laura.

(b) Water Safety Awareness

Albert Bruce from Scottish Fire and Rescue provided the Committee with an overview of water safety, highlighting that in the last 5 years there have been over 90 water related deaths in Scotland (compared to 160 on the roads). It was noted that Water Safety needs a partnership approach across all areas and it should be considered as a year round matter and not just a summer issue. Albert advised that a review of all water accidents will take place to identify local and national actions that are needed and encouraged all partners to support the delivery of those actions to ensure a co-ordinated approach can be in place for next year.

Outcome 5

(a) Public Health Annual Report for Argyll and Bute

Alison McGrory provided an overview of the Public Health Annual Report, noting that the bulk of the work carried out last year was around COVID and included lots of partnership working.

(b) A National Care Service for Scotland Consultation - Presentation and Discussion

The Committee heard a presentation from Pippa Milne and Fiona Davies around the current consultation on the National Care Service for Scotland. Detailed information was provided and discussed by those in attendance. The key issue of remote rural challenges was highlighted. It was agreed that a response would be submitted on behalf of the CPP and that a sub group would be formed to agree a response in time for the deadline of 2 November 2021.

Outcome 1

ARGYLL AND BUTE EMPLOYABILITY PARTNERSHIP (ABEP) TERMS OF REFERENCE AND IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN

Ishabel Bremner provided the Committee with an update on the Argyll and Bute Employability Partnership and sought agreement of Terms of Reference and an Improvement Action Plan. It was noted that regular updates would be provided to the Management Committee on the progress of the Partnership.

AOCB

(a) Staff Recruitment and Retention

Morag Goodfellow and Anthony Standing advised that when engaging with the business community there is consistent strong feedback on concerns around staff availability and retention. Following discussion it was agreed to set up a Short Life Working Group to look at the issues of recruitment and retention with a report to the next meeting of the Management Committee.

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Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**Oban, Lorn & the Isles
Area Community Planning Group****10 November 2021**

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

Summary

The following report provides information relating to the appointment of a Vice-Chair for the Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group. It outlines the expected time commitment and also gives information on the role. The Area Community Planning Group is asked to consider making an appointment to the position of Vice-Chair.

1. Purpose

1.1 Following the resignation of Rachel Lawlor as Vice-Chair during the OLI ACPG in August 2021 Members of the group are required to nominate and elect a new Vice-Chair from their number to carry out this role.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Area Community Planning Group is asked to consider the appointment of a Vice-Chair.

3. Background

3.1 Rachel Whyte who has served as Vice-Chair since 17 February 2021 has submitted her resignation effective from 21 August 2021. The Group is therefore required to nominate a member to take on the role of Vice-Chair.

4. Detail

4.1 According to the Terms of Reference the Vice-Chair, if elected, would serve for a term of 2 years with an option to be re-elected at the end of this time. However, no one person can serve for more than 2 consecutive terms.

4.2 In order to be considered as a candidate for the position of Vice-Chair the person must be a member of the Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group.

4.3 Some further information on the commitment required for the role:-

- Attend meetings of the Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group;
- Attend meetings of the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee or the Full Partnership, if the Chair is unable to attend;
- Time commitment of at least 4 CPG meetings per year in February, May, August and November and 4 pre-agenda meetings per year in January, April, August and October;
- To participate in any Short-Term Working Groups as required; and
- To engage with officers of the Council in terms of setting the Agenda for the CPG.

5. Conclusions

5.1 The ACPG is asked to consider the appointment of a Vice-Chair.

6. SOA Outcomes

6.1 This report does not link to any specific Outcome as it relates to the administrative arrangements.

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Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

Oban Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group

10th November 2021



Community Learning Partnership Plan

Summary

This report updates the Area Community Planning Group on the development of the Community Learning and Development (CLD) Strategic Plan for 2021-2024.

The CLD Strategic Guidance for Community Planning Partnerships (2012) set out expectations on Community Planning Partnerships (CPP) to use CLD approaches to public service reform and to develop a clear framework for the planning and delivery of CLD by the Local Authority and partners.

The CLD Regulations of 2013 requires a three year partnership plan for CLD to be developed by the Education Authority. This new plan was approved by the Community Services Committee in August 2021 and will be implemented by the Argyll and Bute CLD Strategic Partnership. Progress will be reported to the Community Services Committee, CPP Outcome 3 Group and Area Community Planning Groups.

Community Learning and Development or CLD is a field of professional practice to empower people of all ages to work individually or collectively to make positive changes in their lives, and in their communities, through learning, personal development and active citizenship.

A new multi - agency strategic CLD Partnership has been established involving key partners across the sector, with a clear remit and governance structure in place.

Area Community Planning Members are invited to:-

- Note the content of the new plan and acknowledge the clear synergy between the identified CLD priorities and those of the CPP.
- Recognise the importance of community capacity building support and the need for partners to focus CLD activity on the most disadvantaged communities.
- Identify areas from the action plan where partners can work effectively together at local level to support learners and communities as part of COVID-19 recovery.

1. Purpose

This report provides Area Community Planning group members with a brief update following the approval of the new Argyll and Bute CLD Strategic Partnership Plan for 2021-2024.

2. Recommendations

Members are invited to:-

- Note the content of the new plan and acknowledge clear synergy between the identified CLD priorities and those of the CPP.
- Recognise the importance of community capacity building support and the need for partners to focus CLD activity on the most disadvantaged communities.
- Identify any areas from the action plan where partners can work effectively together at local level to support learners and communities as part of COVID-19 recovery.

3. Background

The CLD Strategic Guidance for Community Planning Partnerships (2012) set out expectations on Community Planning Partnerships (CPP) to use CLD approaches to public service reform and to develop a clear framework for the planning and delivery of CLD by the Local Authority and partners.

The CLD Regulations of 2013 requires a three year partnership plan for CLD to be developed by the Education Authority. This new plan was approved by the Community Services Committee in August 2021 and will be implemented by the Argyll and Bute CLD Strategic Partnership. Progress will be reported to the Community Services Committee, CPP Outcome 3 Group and Area Community Planning Groups.

Community Learning and Development or CLD is a field of professional practice to empower people of all ages to work individually or collectively to make positive changes in their lives, and in their communities, through learning, personal development and active citizenship.

4. Detail

The Strategic Guidance defines the purpose of CLD as:

- 1) Improved life chances for people of all ages, through learning, personal development and active citizenship
- 2) Stronger, more resilient, supportive, influential and inclusive communities

CLD is defined as an approach that is used by a range of partners. CLD Learning providers should meet the outcomes above through:

- community development (building the capacity of communities to meet their own needs, engaging with and influencing decision makers);
- youth work, family learning and other early intervention work with children, young people and families; community-based adult learning, including adult literacies and English for speakers of other languages (ESOL);
- volunteer development; learning for vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in the community, for example, people with disabilities, care leavers or offenders; learning support and guidance in the community.

The partnership consulted with some 700+ learners and wider community groups to establish what they consider to be the most important priorities for CLD in the area. This exercise included a survey and focus groups targeting specific learners and target groups. Given the challenge undertaking a consultation during the pandemic and the support required for many learners, further face to face consultation will take place in year one of the plan and the action plan will be updated to emerging local needs are being met.

CLD needs in Argyll and Bute have been carefully considered and grouped under 6 key themes:

- Digital skills
- Core skills for learning, life and work
- Health and wellbeing
- Your voice
- The learner offer
- Improve how we work as a partnership

The partnership recognises the importance of ensuring organisations within the sector work together, sharing expertise, manpower and resources to reduce inequalities and support those who need it the most coming out of the pandemic.

The action plan sets out our shared priorities for the next three years to improve outcomes for individuals and communities across Argyll and Bute.

The partnership will monitor progress and undertake a self-evaluation each year. Progress on performance will be reported to the Community Services Committee, the Community Planning Partnership and Area Community Planning Groups.

The most recent inspection by Education Scotland of the CLD Service in Argyll and Bute took place in 2019 with a subsequent follow up visit in 2020. Key lessons have been learned and focus given to these areas over the duration of the new plan. An HMLe follow up visit is planned for 10th and 11th November 2021.

5. Conclusions

The new CLD Strategic Plan (appendix A) sets out how the CLD Partnership will support the needs of our learners and communities over the next 3 years. Opportunities exist both at local and strategic level for partners to collaborate and share resources and manpower for the benefit of our communities.

6. SOA Outcomes

3. Education, skills and training maximises opportunities for all
4. Children and young people have the best possible start
5. People live active, healthier and independent lives
6. People live in safer and stronger communities

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Argyll and Bute
Community Learning &
Development (CLD)

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP PLAN

2021-2024



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Foreword

I am very pleased to introduce the Argyll and Bute Community Learning and Development (CLD) Strategic Partnership Plan for 2021-2024.

Since the last plan was published, young people and the wider community have been working tirelessly to defend and protect their human rights. In this time, we have seen the COVID-19 pandemic come about which has challenged, at some point every young person's rights, notably the situation which faced those in education. Life was not as we knew it and everyone had to adapt.

Thanks to the dedication of CLD workers and partners, services were able to continue and young people have kept up their amazing work. For instance in March of 2021, the UNCRC Incorporation (Scotland) Bill passed through the Scottish Parliament with unilateral backing. That is a significant achievement that every young person and activist had a role to play in.

As we recover from COVID-19, CLD has a huge role to play in this by supporting and empowering the community by providing programmes of training and resources as well as building skills, increasing community empowerment and more. The pandemic has proven that things can be done differently and as we emerge

from the pandemic, this must be reflected on to change and improve the way we do things. Also as we do this, it's really important we all work together to build the best service we possibly can that delivers for every person in our community.

CLD is enormously powerful. Every two years, the service supports the election and training of three MSYPs, a position I am very honoured to hold. Not only that, throughout the two year term the team work hard to support MSYPs and help us to engage with the community through consultation, youth groups and more. Speaking personally, being an MSYP supported by the Argyll and Bute community learning team has boosted my confidence, communication skills and has allowed me the platform to speak up about the issues that matter most to young people. However, it's not just MSYPs that CLD partners equip these skills with, it's every young person they work with, from those involved in youth forums to other participatory youth and community empowerment groups. The power of youth participation and engagement must never be underestimated and it is up to organisations to meaningfully engage young people and the communities in any decision they take that will affect us.

Following extensive data analysis



and consultation with stakeholders, the partnership identified six key themes to focus on for the lifespan of this plan. There are strong links to CPP priorities and they take into account wider strategic plans and emerging priorities across Argyll and Bute:

1. Digital skills
2. Core skills for learning, life and work
3. Health and wellbeing
4. Your voice
5. The learner offer
6. Improve how we work as a partnership

I am looking forward to seeing how CLD evolves over the next three years, looking at the important role CLD plays in support by COVID-19 recovery, ensuring the workforce has the necessary skills to support communities, empowering young people and ensuring our rights are protected. I am keen for this plan to be a 'live' document that will change and adapt to the needs of the community between now and 2024.

As I have always said, **'youth and community work changes lives'**

Cameron Garrett, Argyll and Bute MSYP, Convener of the Education and Lifelong Learning Committee and MSYP of the Year 2021

Introduction to CLD

Community Learning and Development (CLD) is a method of working with groups and individuals of all ages to engage in learning, personal development and active citizenship.

The Scottish Government's National Performance Framework clearly defines the specific focus of Community Learning by partners which should be to:

Improve life chances for people of all ages, including young people in particular through learning, personal development and active citizenship.

Create stronger, more resilient, supportive, influential and inclusive communities.



Support is focused on disadvantaged or vulnerable individuals or groups with the aim of bringing about change in their lives and communities. The term refers to a distinctive process of engagement and support with content that is negotiated with learners.

CLD activity has a strong focus on early intervention, prevention, tackling inequalities and includes the following:

- Community Development (building the capacity of communities to meet their own needs, engaging with and influencing decision makers);
- Youth work, family learning and other early intervention work with children, young people and families;
- Community Based Adult Learning including Adult Literacies and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL);
- Learning for disadvantaged and vulnerable groups and individuals, for example people with disabilities, have care leaving experience or have a history of offending.
- Volunteer development
- Learning support and guidance in the community

The Community Learning & Development (Scotland) Regulations 2013 place a statutory requirement on local authorities to publish a plan every 3 years' outlining how it will co-ordinate and secure "adequate and efficient" Community Learning & Development (CLD) provision with other sector partners. Whilst Argyll and Bute Council are required by legislation to lead on meeting the requirements of the CLD Regulations, it is important to note that partners must also be meaningfully involved, taking collective ownership and responsibility to produce, implement and review the CLD Plan.

The newly formed Argyll and Bute Community Learning and Development Partnership will:

- Have clear roles and responsibilities of partners
- Plan effectively together
- Use data and learner feedback to shape priorities, identify gaps, trends, avoid duplication and maximise resources
- Raise the profile of the work of CLD and share good practice

Our Area

What we know about Argyll and Bute and our communities (as of June 2021)



690,964 hectares

spread across the second largest local authority area in Scotland with 23 inhabited islands



5.9% from 2018 to 2028, the population is projected to decrease from 86,260 to 83,796. This is a decrease of 5.9%



One in five of the population is aged between 0 and 19 years



The distance

between main settlements and use of ferry services creates challenges in terms of reliability, time and the cost of travel



86 schools

there are ten secondary schools, seventy five primary schools and one school for pupils with complex additional needs in Argyll and Bute



32.8% of employee jobs in Argyll and Bute are in public administration, education and health compared to 29.8% for Scotland



£553 is the average gross weekly pay for full-time workers living in Argyll and Bute which is lower than the Scotland average of £595 with larger gap for female workers



4.7% of the working age population is claiming unemployment benefits with the 25-49 age bracket most impacted by the pandemic



Estimated **20%** of children Argyll and Bute are living in poverty but the impact of Covid-19 has further impacted on families and communities, increasing the risk of poverty



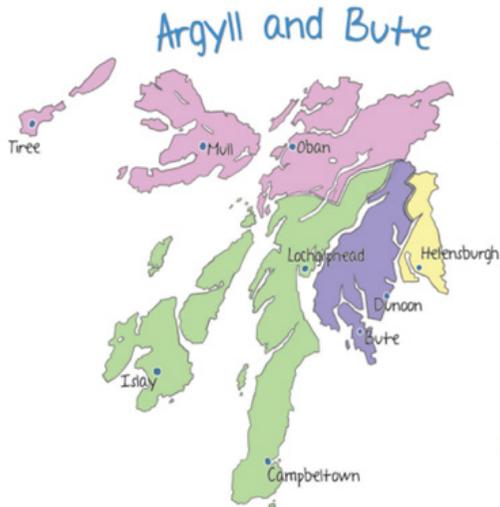
Thirteen data zones in Argyll and Bute are included in the 20% most overall deprived data zones in Scotland



990+ people in Argyll and Bute registered to volunteer as part of the Caring for People Covid-19 community response

Services are directed through four main areas:

- Helensburgh and Lomond
- Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay
- Oban, Lorn and the Isles
- Bute and Cowal



Population

- Total population 85,900 (2020)
- Male 42,700
- Female 43,100
- 25% of population is 65+
- Under 18 years population 14,566

(Source: NOMIS official labour market statistics 2020)



In 2020 Argyll and Bute Schools were above the current national performance in Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) examinations in all four of the national measures; National 4, National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher.

Course	17/18 (A-C)			18/19 (A-C)			19/20 (A-C)		
	A&B Attainment %	National Attainment %	Difference %	A&B Attainment %	National Attainment %	Difference %	A&B Attainment %	National Attainment %	Difference %
Nat 4	100%	91%	8.90%	100%	89%	11.5%	100%	90.9%	9.1%
Nat 5	79.86%	77.40%	2.46%	79.43%	78.20%	1.2%	91.45%	88.9%	2.5%
Higher	78.79%	76.80%	1.99%	73.19%	74.80%	-1.6%	90.45%	89.2%	1.3%
Adv H	81.90%	80.50%	1.40%	75.68%	79.40%	-3.7%	95.70%	93.1%	2.6%

New CLD Partnership

Vision, Structure and Governance

Our Vision

"Working together to improve lives across Argyll and Bute by empowering individuals and communities to lead sustainable, fulfilling and happy lives through continuous learning, cooperative problem solving and removing barriers to engagement, health and wellbeing."

Values

The CLD Partnership has adopted the principles, values, ethics and competencies set out by the CLD Standards Council for Scotland. The principles that underpin CLD practice are:

Empowerment - increasing the ability of individuals and groups to influence matters affecting them and their communities;

Participation - supporting people to take part in decision making;

Inclusion, equality of opportunity and anti-discrimination - recognising some people need additional support to overcome the barriers they face;

Self – determination - supporting the right of people to make their own choices

Partnership - ensuring resources and the range of skills and capabilities available are used effectively

The newly formed CLD Partnership will take a leading role in:

- Being responsible for the development implementation, monitoring and reporting of the Argyll and Bute CLD Plan. This will include the appropriate risk management and mitigations given manpower and resources available.
- Ensuring strategic priorities are aligned to key local and national plans and ensure there is no duplication of work

- Sharing and analysing data and identifying gaps to inform planning and decision making
- Fostering collaboration and where possible sharing resources across the partnership
- Putting in place delivery/workstream group arrangements to ensure effective implementation at operational and local level, taking into account geographical variations/needs.
- Evaluating and reviewing the CLD plan on a regular basis, taking into account changing learner needs and ensure a culture of self-evaluation and improvement.
- Communicating the work of the partnership to key partners, raising the profile of the work of the partnership and sharing and celebrating key successes.
- Identifying and sharing examples of good practice
- Contributing to Education Scotland CLD inspections and other appropriate CLD quality assurance measures.

Membership

Core membership of the partnership includes one representative from the following organisations/groups:

- liveArgyll
- HSCP - Public Health
- Argyll and Bute Council Education Service
- Argyll and Bute Council Economic Growth
- Argyll and Bute Drugs and Alcohol Partnership
- Argyll College UHI
- Third Sector Interface
- 3rd sector community organisations representative
- 3rd sector community trusts representative
- Strategic Housing Forum
- Skills Development Scotland
- Department for Work and Pensions
- Community Planning management team
- Argyll and Bute Council Community Development team
- Police Scotland
- Scottish Fire and Rescue
- Outdoor Learning sector representative

Resourcing the Plan

The Plan will be delivered using existing resources across the partnership members. liveArgyll's Community Learning team will also provide the capacity to lead and support local learning partnerships and planning processes.

Governance and reporting arrangements

Governance structures have been put in place at a strategic level (e.g. liveArgyll Board, Community Services Committee) and operational level (e.g. CLD Partnership, CPP Partnership) that will be utilised in terms of authorisation routes, scrutiny/performance management and liaising with key stakeholders/partners.

The diagram to the right illustrates the governance structure and highlights the key internal/external relationships.

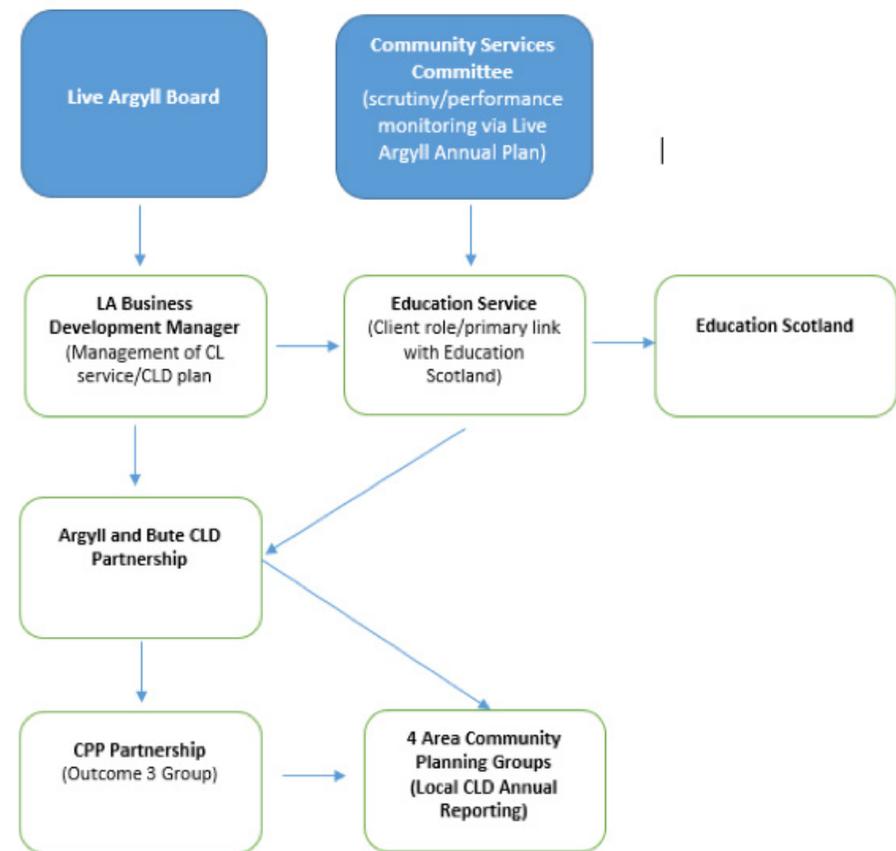
(Abbreviations: LA - LiveArgyll, CPP - Community Planning Partnership)

Quarterly updates on progress of the CLD Plan will be submitted to the Outcome 3 group within the Community Planning Partnership. This group has the remit to progress priorities around education, skills and training within the 10 year Local Outcome Improvement Plan for Argyll and Bute. The Outcome 3 group reports directly into the CPP Management Committee. Annual reports will be presented to the Community Services Committee of

Argyll and Bute Council as well as to Area Community Planning Group meetings. Education Scotland's Quality Improvement framework (How Good is the Community Learning and Development in our community) will be used to determine what worked well and where improvements could be made.

As well as Outcome 3 priorities, the Community Learning Partnership will support the delivery of wider CPP priorities, particularly Outcome 4: Children and young people have the best possible start and Outcome 5: People live active, healthier and independent lives.

LiveArgyll's Community Learning management team will be link officers as members of the 4 Area Community Planning groups. There are also Community Development Officers supporting community groups to attend and have a voice.



Education Scotland Inspection

The most recent inspection by Education Scotland of the CLD Service in Argyll and Bute took place in 2019 with a subsequent follow up visit in 2020. Key lessons have been learned and focus given to these areas over the duration of the new plan.

Key Strengths Identified



Ambitious community organisations and volunteers, improving communities and enhancing the learning offer.



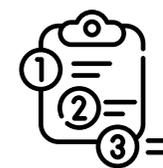
Youth voice and leadership opportunities, empowering young people to contribute to their communities.



Improvement Areas



Strengthen the governance of CLD and develop a shared understanding of vision, values and aims.



Improve approaches to identifying the CLD offer across all partners to better inform resource allocation and joint planning.



Improve approaches to planning for improvement, including developing a systematic approach to shared self-evaluation, jointly setting targets, monitoring and reporting on progress.



Strengthen the collective adult learning offer across the partnership

Informing the new plan

A number of methods were used to help inform the new CLD plan:

1. Review of the 2018-2021 plan with key partners
2. CLD inter agency work group mapping of key local/national plans and strategies linked to CLD, analysis of data and emerging Covid-19 recovery plans, gaps and local need
3. Consultation programme using the VOiCE community engagement tool. Two elements included an online survey for young people, adults and wider organisations and a programme of face to face/online focus groups with learners

Policy context

The local and national policy context continues to evolve. In preparing the new CLD Plan, the partnership has taken into account relevant local and national strategies and plans as well as wider frameworks and consultation data as outlined in this table.

Local policy and planning context	National policy context	National drivers	Broader data
Outcome Improvement plan	Fairer Scotland	Strategic guidance for Community Planning Partnerships for CLD	Children's Services Joint Needs Assessment HSCP Joint Needs Assessment
Argyll and Bute Economic Strategy, 2019-2023	National Youthwork Strategy	Curriculum for Excellence	CPP Place standards
Argyll and Bute Council Corporate Plan	National Adult Learning strategy	GIRFEC	NOMIS labour market profile
Anti-Poverty Strategy	National ESOL Strategy	National Improvement Framework	Covid building back better consultation TSI national covid survey
Argyll and Bute Employability Partnership Action Plan	National Literacies Strategy	Attainment Challenge	Adult Learning Strategy consultation
Education Plan	Active Scotland Outcome Framework	How Good Is Our CLD	Inform Scotland data
Argyll and Bute Children and Young People Service Plan	National Performance Framework	Adult Literacies in Scotland	Scottish Attainment Challenge equity audit
Argyll and Bute Living Well Strategy	No One Left Behind	Adult Literacies Curriculum Framework	Education Scotland Equity and Outdoor Experiences 'add to action plan
Our Children Their Future Education Strategy	Developing the Young Workforce - Scotland's Youth Employment Strategy	A professional development framework for Scotland's adult literacies workforce	Performance data of partners in CLD Partnership
LiveArgyll Business Plan	National Strategy for Community Justice	Drugs and Alcohol Framework	Argyll and Bute CPP Place Standard consultation
Argyll and Bute Covid Recovery Plan	Preventing offending getting it right for young people	Education Scotland Guidance - developing CLD Plans 2021-2024	Salsus Survey
Argyll and Bute Corporate Parenting Plan	Youth Justice Strategy	National Standards for Community Engagement	LOIP locality profiles
Argyll and Bute Fire and Rescue Plan	Child Poverty Strategy for Scotland	UNCRC Scotland Bill	NHS Highland Social Mitigation Plan (Covid-19 recovery)
Argyll and Bute Policing Plan	Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act	Family Learning National Occupational Standards (NOS)	Young Scot lockdown lowdown
Argyll and Bute Strategic Volunteering Framework		National Mental Health Transition and Recovery Plan	TSI National Covid-19 survey

2018-2021 Plan Review

A review process of the 18-21 plan included feedback from a range of partners which is summarised below:

What went well



Partnership work on digital inclusion



Joint working to meet the needs of communities



Leadership opportunities for young people



Inter agency work at local level

Areas for improvement



Wider engagement with 3rd sector delivery partners



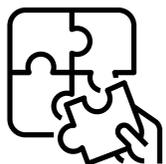
Regular review of data



Improved cascade of information and awareness of the strength of CLD work



Joint ownership of all key partners in developing the plan



Clear responsibilities of partners and where they will contribute

Consultation Programme

The consultation survey exercise involved 315 adults, 219 young people and 96 representatives of organisations. A focus group delivery framework was developed with the support of young people and 8 face to face focus groups took place across Argyll and Bute. An engagement plan was put in place to target specific individuals and groups within communities.

The survey themes were identified from:

- Local and national strategies
- Local and national data
- Education Scotland/Scottish Government CLD Plan guidance
- Emerging Covid recovery priorities across partners

The process:

- Inter agency work group - consultation and communications plan
- Involvement of young people in developing and testing the survey
- Digital marketing assets for partners
- Digital via survey monkey and paper options
- Support for learners/groups

The partnership has identified some gaps from the consultation process which was anticipated due to a variety of factors linked to the Covid-19 pandemic. Further face to face consultation has therefore been built into year one of the plan.

What we learned

The CLD consultation highlighted what was most important to adults, young people and wider community organisations:

Priorities - adults

	Priority 1	Priority 2
▶ Digital skills	Affordable internet (65%)	Online safety (57%)
▶ Poverty	Home budgeting (62%)	Employability skills (61%)
▶ Employability skills	Core skills (74%)	Preparing for work (57%)
▶ Health & Wellbeing	Mental health (77%)	Outdoor learning (50%)
▶ Your Voice	Developing confidence (75%)	Youth voice (56%)
▶ Work with young people	Access to mental health (69%)	Closing attainment gap (68%)
▶ Adult learning	Employability skills (65%)	Knowing what's available (61%)
▶ Barriers	Cost (66%)	Don't know what's available (61%)

Priorities - young people

	Priority 1	Priority 2
▶ Digital skills	Access to devices (78%)	Affordable internet (66%)
▶ Poverty	Employability skills (69%)	Improving reading and writing (60%)
▶ Employability skills	Gaining qualifications (76%)	Core skills (72%)
▶ Health & Wellbeing	Mental health programmes (85%)	Being more physically active (59%)
▶ Your Voice	Youth voice (79%)	Developing confidence (78%)
▶ Working with young people	Mental health programmes (81%)	Employability skills (69%)
▶ Adult learning	Gaining qualifications (72%)	Employability skills (63%)
▶ Barriers	Don't feel confident (66%)	Transport (61%)

Priorities - organisations

	Priority 1	Priority 2
▶ Digital	Basic digital skills (69%)	Access to devices (64%)
▶ Poverty	Home budgeting (64%)	Employability skills (63%)
▶ Employability	Core skills (81%)	Preparing for work (71%)
▶ Health & Wellbeing	Mental health programmes (81%)	Volunteering (60%)
▶ Voice	Developing confidence (82%)	Locality groups (56%)
▶ Youth	Closing attainment gap (82%)	Mental health and well-being (69%)
▶ Adults	Employability skills (72%)	Knowing what's available (65%)
▶ Barriers	Transport (71%)	Don't know what's available (70%)

Overall priorities

- Developing people's confidence, understanding and the skills required to influence decision making and service delivery - Your voice
- Developing core skills - Employability skills
- Mental health - Health and well-being
- Gaining qualifications - Adult learning
- Youth voice, having their voices heard - Your voice
- Closing the attainment gap - Work with young people
- Access to devices and affordable internet - Digital skills
- Knowing what learning opportunities are available - Adult learning

4 key barriers highlighted by adults, young people and organisations included:

Cost

Transport

Don't know what's available

Confidence

Assessing need and setting priorities



CLD needs in Argyll and Bute have been carefully considered and grouped under 6 key themes:

1. Digital skills

2. Core skills for learning, life and work

3. Health and wellbeing

4. Your voice

5. The learner offer

6. Improve how we work as a partnership

We recognise the importance of ensuring the partnership works together, sharing expertise, manpower and resources to reduce inequalities and support those who need it the most coming out of the pandemic.

The action plan sets out our shared priorities for the next three years to improve outcomes for individuals and communities across Argyll and Bute. The partnership will monitor progress and produce a self-evaluation each year reporting the performance to Argyll and Bute Council and the Community Planning Partnership.

Unmet need

We recognise that some identified needs will remain unmet.

Delivering an equity of provision across Argyll and Bute remains a challenge given the differing manpower, resources across our diverse urban, rural and island communities. Partners will continue to work together offer support for learners to access digital services as well as outreach activity where resources permit.

Cost for participants

The partnership will continue to work together to maximise funding streams to help reduce costs for targeted provision. Using a hybrid of face to face and digital delivery will also help maximise financial resources.

Transport

The partnership will share learner feedback with wider CPP/Locality Planning partners, deliver outreach programmes supported by volunteers and maximise use of online programmes working with local partners to reach rural/island communities.

Key Milestones

August 2021

Presentation of CLD Plan to Community Services Committee

October 2021

Review of performance framework/ data collection

December 2021

Further face to face consultation - phase 2

February 2022 (Annual)

Review of learner needs

June 2022 (Annual)

Partner self - evaluation

August 2022 (Annual)

Progress report to Community Services Committee

November 2022 (Annual)

Progress report to Locality Planning groups

Partners

With thanks to all partners within the CLD Partnership



Appendix 1

Argyll and Bute CLD Partnership Action Plan

What is the need?	Actions	Lead	Timescale Year 1 (short) Year 2 (med) Year 3 (long)	Outcome	Measure of success/impact
Theme 1: Digital Skills	Create a digital workstream sub group to develop a coordinated plan to support learners most in need with device allocation and support	Partnership chair	short	Learners with the most need are identified and supported	Number of targeted individuals confidently/actively using devices Case studies
	Review partner volunteering roles/opportunities to support digital development work with an assessment of training needs	TSI/liveArgyll/ Argyll and Bute Council	short	Coordinated volunteer opportunities in place to meet demand of learners with clear support mechanisms for volunteers	Number of volunteers supporting learners Learner and volunteer feedback
	Creation of basic digital upskilling courses to meet digital requirements for job preparation and day to day life skills	Argyll College UHI/liveArgyll/ SDS	short	Improvement in digital competency	Learner feedback Number of course attendees
Theme 2: Core skills for learning, life and work	Hold monthly meetings between leads of CLD and Employability Partnerships	NH/IB	monthly	Clear responsibilities within each plan, sharing of data/ identification of gaps/share good practice	Clear plans in place Evidence of coordinated planning and review
	Deliver tailored inter agency support programme to Syrian refugee community	Argyll and Bute Council/ liveArgyll/Argyll College UHI	short	Community integration, improved skills	Numbers of individuals transition into work Learner feedback Number of individuals completing ESOL courses

	Support the Argyll and Bute Employability Partnership to deliver the NOLB policy agenda and associated interventions, Young Person's Guarantee, the UK Government's Kickstart Scheme and Fair Start Scotland.	Employability Partnership	short	Multi agency support in place to deliver sustainable outcomes for those facing barriers to accessing work	<p>Number of participants completing the programme (NOLB)</p> <p>Number of kickstart/YPG placements</p> <p>Learner feedback including outcome star</p> <p>Case studies</p>
	Identify gaps from employer skills survey and work with employers to deliver programmes/courses based on employer needs (especially hospitality/construction)	Argyll College UHI/SDS/LiveArgyll/DWP&Job Centre Plus	medium	Increased SQA/college offering that meets the needs of employers	<p>Number of participants completing courses</p> <p>Number of individuals gaining employment</p>
	Offer a range accredited and wider achievement opportunities in schools and community settings with clear pathway/progression options	CLD Partnership	medium	Improved skills and training	<p>Numbers of accredited learning and wider achievement opportunities number of participants completing courses</p> <p>Learner feedback</p> <p>Stakeholder feedback</p>
	Offer a menu of co-ordinated high quality CLD volunteering opportunities in schools and community settings	CLD Partnership	medium	Improved skills and confidence	<p>Learner feedback</p> <p>Case studies</p> <p>Number of individuals volunteering within CLD roles across the partnership</p>
Theme 3: Health and Well-Being	Offer a range of planned programmes in safe spaces in schools and communities that support health and well-being of learners	CLD partnership/ Argyll and Bute HSCP	short	Improved quality of life	<p>Case studies</p> <p>Well-being star</p> <p>ROI/Social value indicators</p>

	Implement the link worker offer in targeted communities in Argyll and Bute as part of modernisation of primary care services	Argyll and Bute HSCP	short	increased referrals via social prescribing model and improved sign posting	Number of referrals Case studies
	Offer a menu of targeted physical activity/well-being programmes for learners	CLD partnership	medium	Increased physical activity levels Improved well-being and mental health Reduced anti-social behaviour	Number of learners taking part in activities Participant feedback including well-being star and participants reporting improved well-being
	Deliver a coordinated outdoor learning offer for young people and adults	liveArgyll/ Argyll and Bute Council/3rd sector	medium	Increased confidence	Number of participants making a positive lifestyle choice to support their health & well being
Theme 4 - Your Voice	Develop a new youth voice model and pathway for youth voice	liveArgyll/ CPP/ Argyll and Bute Council	medium	Improved mechanisms across partners to better engage and support learners and groups in planning of service provision Enhanced youth voice that recognises the opportunities the youth work sector provides at realising the ambition contained within UNCRC	Increased number of individuals and groups formally engaged with the CLD partnership Case studies
	Implement mechanisms to better engage and support adult and young learners and groups in planning of service provision Review place standard data following consultation process	CLD Partnership/ LOIPS CLD partnership	short short	enhanced learner /community voice and empowerment	

Theme 5 - The CLD learner offer	Develop a menu of core CLD programmes including ESOL to deliver to targeted adults and young people	CLD partnership	medium	Clear learning offer that meets the needs of targeted individuals and communities	Number of individuals engaged in CLD activity Case studies Outcome star
	Identify gaps in family learning offer and examine how links can be made to promote and target parent/carer joint learning with children and young people	CLD partnership	medium	Improved outcomes for families Improved involvement of families in evaluation of family learning programmes Clear progression routes for adult learners as part of family learning activities	Parent/carer feedback and case studies Stakeholder feedback
	Undertake a mapping exercise of the work being undertaken by the 3rd sector in delivering CLD outcomes	liveArgyll/ TSI and 3rd sector/ CPP and community dev team	medium	Improved understanding of the range of local groups and organisations that are contributing to CLD outcomes and the needs of learners	
Theme 6 - Improve how we work as a partnership	Plan a rolling programme of self-evaluation/review using HGIOCLD and challenge questions	CLD Partnership	annual		
	Undertake further consultation with learners where gaps were identified in the consultation process and review the plan priorities quarterly as part Covid recovery	CLD Partnership	short	The plan fully meets the needs of learners post Covid	
	Representation of the CLD Partnership on all 4 area locality planning groups	liveArgyll	short	CLD Plan takes into account new priorities set out by LOIPs	

	<p>Raise awareness of the work of the CLD partnership as part of Covid recovery to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicated website • Sharing platform for members of the partnership • Develop a suite of case studies and videos • Deliver 2 CLD partnership good practice sharing events with all partners contributing to CLD per year (1 online/1 in venue) • Maximise the use of the new TSI database/website to undertake meaningful engagement work with the wider 3rd sector • Work with Standards Council for Scotland to raise awareness of CLD work with partners/communities and strengthening cross-sectoral participation • Celebrate the achievements of learners across the partnership • Ensure Community Learning has an active role in the work of the Northern Alliance, strengthen partnership work between Argyll and Bute and the partner authorities and share good practice. 	<p>CLD Partnership Northern Alliance</p>	<p>short</p>	<p>Increased awareness, signposting and uptake</p> <p>Improved joint planning and partnership work</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map CLD workforce development needs of staff and volunteers with support from National Standards Council for Scotland, taking into account rurality of the workforce • Develop a joint programme of training and learning to meet the needs of our workforce • Commit to UNCRC joint training as a partnership • Explore health behaviour change training for CLD practitioners 	CLD Partnership	medium	The CLD workforce has the necessary skills to confidently deliver on the ambitions of the plan	<p>Number of training and learning opportunities</p> <p>Increased number of practitioners registered with Standards Council for Scotland</p> <p>Case studies</p>
	<p>Develop the use of GDPR compliant shared data and performance information for effective decision making and reporting, to identify gaps in provision and target those most in need by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying what relevant CLD data local and national partners can share • Agreeing mechanism to collate, use and update the data using CLD basecamp group • Agreeing a set of performance measures for the duration of the plan with clear baseline • Utilise Dyslexia Scotland data for Argyll and Bute to effectively work with local partners to support targeted learners 	CLD partnership	short	<p>Robust performance management and reporting mechanisms in place.</p> <p>Effective decision making and targeting based on shared partnership data</p>	Set of performance measures and data sets



Oban, Lorn and the Isles Q2 2021/22



Oban, Lorn and the Isles...Incidents

Q2

Incidents	ON&L 20/21	OS&I 20/21	Total 20/21	ON&L 21/22	OS&I 21/22	Total 21/22	+/-
Total	48	76	124	39	66	105	-19
Fire Fatalities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Fatal Fire Casualties	0	1	1	3	0	3	+2
Accidental Dwelling Fires	2	5	7	2	2	4	-3
7KPI's							
Deliberate Fires	1	0	1	2	1	3	+2
Accidental Fire	6	8	14	8	7	15	+1
Fatal and Non-fatal fire casualties	0	1	1	3	0	3	+2
Non-Domestic fires	2	0	2	0	1	1	-1
Special services incidents	12	9	21	11	16	27	+6
RTC Casualties	5	0	5	6	4	10	+5
False alarms	29	59	88	18	42	60	-28

INCIDENTS OF NOTE Q2 – 2021/22**Fires**

08/07/2021	DALAVICH	Dwelling
13/07/2021	GLENCRUITTEN CRT	Dwelling
17/07/2021	George Street	Refuse
18/07/2021	Combie Court	Grass
18/07/2021	Dunollie woods	Grass
19/07/2021	CORRAN ESPLANADE	Grass
20/07/2021	SHORE ST	Refuse
24/07/2021	SCARINISH	Vehicle
27/07/2021	CONNEL	Grass
31/07/2021	No Address Recorded	Boat
31/07/2021	No Address Recorded	Hospital
04/08/2021	Catalina Avenue	Dwelling
06/08/2021	A85, CONNEL	Other
25/08/2021	DUNBEG	Dwelling
26/08/2021	A828, Taynult	Grass
27/08/2021	B840, EREDINE	Outdoor equipment
07/09/2021	ARDCHONNEL	Grass
16/09/2021	NORTH CONNEL	Vehicle

Special Services

03/07/2021	TOBERMORY	PERSON TRAPPED
07/07/2021	A85, DALMALLY	RTC
14/07/2021	GANAVAN BEACH	ASSIST OTHER AGENCY
20/07/2021	Lismore	ASSIST OTHER AGENCY
20/07/2021	TIREE	ASSIST OTHER AGENCY
23/07/2021	COMBIE ST	ASSIST OTHER AGENCY
27/07/2021	DUNCRAGGAN RD	ASSIST OTHER AGENCY
28/07/2021	OBAN	RTC
01/08/2021	Tweedale St	ASSIST OTHER AGENCY
02/08/2021	OBAN	HAZMAT
10/08/2021	A828 Kentallen	RTC
13/08/2021	A828 Barcaldine	RTC
14/08/2021	A85, LOCHAWE	ASSIST OTHER AGENCY
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14/08/2021	No Address Recorded	ASSIST OTHER AGENCY
19/08/2021	No Address Recorded	ASSIST OTHER AGENCY
20/08/2021	No Address Recorded	ASSIST OTHER AGENCY
31/08/2021	ARINAGOUR	RTC
05/09/2021	GLENGALLEN DR	ASSIST OTHER AGENCY

07/09/2021	A828 Appin	RTC
09/09/2021	No Address Recorded	ASSIST OTHER AGENCY
10/09/2021	A82 BRIDGE OF ORCHY	RTC
11/09/2021	Soroba	ASSIST OTHER AGENCY
13/09/2021	Soroba Road	RTC
15/09/2021	DALINTART DR	ASSIST OTHER AGENCY
20/09/2021	HILL ST, OBAN	ASSIST OTHER AGENCY
25/09/2021	Creagan Bridge, A828	RTC

Home Fire Safety Visits

2021/22 – Q2

Station	Visits 20/21	HR 20/21	Visits 21/22	HR 21/22	+/- Visits	+/- HR
Oban	29	10	49	14	+20	+4
Bridge of Orchy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Appin	1	0	4	3	+3	+3
Tobermory	3	3	0	0	-3	-3
Craignure	1	1	0	0	-1	-1
Salen	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bunessan	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Lismore	0	0	0	0	0	0
Iona	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seil	1	1	4	2	+3	+1
Kerrera	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tiree	0	0	3	1	+3	+1
Coll	0	0	1	1	+1	+1
Dalmally	4	3	3	2	-1	-1
TOTAL	41	18	64	23	+23	+5

Community Safety Activity

- Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR) – 20
- Fire Safety Talks – Due to Covid-19 we were unable to go into schools so we integrated our presentations into Education networks and remotely supported schools with the presentations
- HFSV's have resumed and allow us to continue the provision of fire safety advice and guidance to those most at risk from fire in their homes.
- Represented at MARAC for those affected by domestic Violence
- Continue to support "Make the Call" Campaign



SCOTTISH
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
Working together for a safer Scotland

Do you know someone **OVER 50** who **SMOKES?**

.....
And do they meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Living alone?
- Mobility issues?
- Using medical oxygen?

THEY MAY BE AT **GREATER RISK OF FIRE**
AND WE NEED TO REACH THEM!



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Be inspired, be you!

Community Learning Service update

Community Learning Services.

We have made some changes within our Service Team and have moved back to Thematic remits for Adult Learning and Youth Services Work.

In each of our areas we now have Community Learning Workers who will have responsibilities in developing Youth Work and Adult Learning and who will lead on driving these remits within their own local areas.

Our workers will continue to engage and work with both Partners and Learners to establish and deliver/support provision around identified needs and collective Partnership working. This will be in accordance with new CLD Strategic Plan 2021 – 2024 around the priorities and needs of: Digital Skills, Poverty, Core Skills for learning, life and work, Health and Wellbeing and Your Voice and will be reflected in our New Cluster Plans for both Adult Learning and Youth Service work which are currently being worked on under our new position within LiveArgyll.

Below are the contact details for the Community Learning Workers (CLW) for each of the areas and remits please note we are currently in the process of filling a couple of positions .

Area	Remit	CLW	Contact	Email
Bute	Adult	David Hagerty	01700 801088	David.Hagerty@liveargyll.co.uk
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Cowal	Adult	Vicky Laing-Davis	01369 708453	Victoria.Laing-Davis@liveargyll.co.uk
Cowal	Youth	Ann Kennovin	01700501368	Ann.Kennovin@liveargyll.co.uk
Helensburgh	Adult	Eileen Kay	01436658743	Eileen.Kay@liveargyll.co.uk
Helensburgh	Youth	Thomas Guy-Conroy	01436658817	Thomas.Guy-Conroy@liveargyll.co.uk
Kintyre	Adult	Dawn Park	01586 555288	Dawn.Park@liveargyll.co.uk
Kintyre	Youth	Jamie Titterton	01546604819	Jamie.Titterton@liveargyll.co.uk
Mid Argyll	Adult	Linda Tough	01546604659	Linda.Tough@liveargyll.co.uk
Mid Argyll	Youth	TBC		
Oban	Adult	Maureen Evans	01631 567975	Maureen.Evans@liveargyll.co.uk
Oban	Youth	Scott Douglas	01631567977	Scott.Douglas@liveargyll.co.uk

Team Leaders	Remits	Contact	email
Brian Smith	Youth Services		Brian.Smith@liveargyll.co.uk
Rhona Grant	Adult Learning		Rhona.grant@liveargyll.co.uk

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Islands Living Well Network (Mull and Iona, Tiree, Coll and Colonsay)

27/10/2021

September 28th - Quarterly Meeting

An hour of this quarterly meeting focussed on the priority Child Poverty with the following guest speakers,

Mandy Sheridan – Children and Families Service Improvement Officer

Fergus Walker – Revenue and Benefits Manager

Ishabel Bremner – Economic Growth Manager

Rachel McNicol – Ali energy

Ruth Flemming – Mull Pantry

Information from the speakers and also from Jayne Jones – Commercial Manager at Argyll and Bute Council was compiled into a 12 page 'Child Poverty' document highlighting support available. The document has been circulated to Island Network Members, to the NHS Public Health Team and to the other 7 Living Well Network Coordinators. If anyone would like a copy of the document, I can e-mail it out.

5th October 2021 – Zoom information session

This was a shared session supporting the additional 2 priorities of Smoking Cessation and Healthy Weight. Since the meeting a one page document has been circulated around the Network. Very short and to the point – if you want support to stop smoking phone this number and if you want support to manage your weight phone that number.

Future Meetings

November 30th, 10am till 12noon

Quarterly meeting with a focus on Mental and Emotional Wellbeing. Guest speakers include ACUMEN and Schools Counselling Service with more to be confirmed.

18th January 2022, 11am till 12 noon – Zoom information session

Cancer Awareness presentation by Christine Campbell – Senior Cancer Awareness Nurse Scotland and Darragh Casey. The presentation lasts 40 minutes with time for questions. The presentation includes a focus on smoking and healthy weight and Christine has agreed to pay particular attention to these as the networks 2 additional priorities.

16th February 2022, 10 am till 12noon. Quarterly meeting with a focus on Education, Prevention and Intervention on Alcohol and Drugs, with guest speakers invited from the Alcohol and Drug Partnership to share information about the work they are involved in, including the Icelandic

Implementation Model. Also locally based people who are supporting High School pupils who have issues or may be at risk.

March 1st 2022, 10am till 11am – Zoom information session

Louise Hall from Pain Association Scotland will be speaking about the work they do including monthly virtual sessions that are available to Island residents.

Plus two more Network Partners to be confirmed to share information about how they can support our network priorities.

Information to Network Members

Information will continue to be forwarded from mainland based Network Partners to Island based Network Members in individual e-mails. This is the preference of Network Members.

Current Island Based Network Members = 80

Current Mainland Based Network Partners = 87

Please pass on my contact details to anyone on the Islands who might like to join the Islands Living Well Network (Mull and Iona, Tiree, Coll and Colonsay).

Please also pass on to any potential, mainland based Network Partners who might like to share information across the Islands (Mull and Iona, Tiree, Coll and Colonsay).

Moving forward we hope to increase the information sharing and networking opportunities and connect more people from the Islands with relevant support.

Many Thanks

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DATA SET FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN ARGYLL & BUTE

SUSAN MACRAE – AREA MANAGER, SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND

IN AN EFFORT TO
STREAMLINE AND
SIMPLIFY THE
REPORTING
LANDSCAPE WE
HAVE 2 MAIN
PUBLICATIONS

- **Scottish Government Initial School Leaver Destinations** - Snap shot first Monday in October of every school leaver in Scotland, published on Scottish Government website and their Insight Platform [Link to SG Publication here](#)
- **Annual Participation Measure** - providing a picture of 16 to 19-year-olds in Scotland who were participating in education, training or employment between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021. Published on Skills Development Scotland [Link to APM here](#)



School Leaver Destinations & Insight

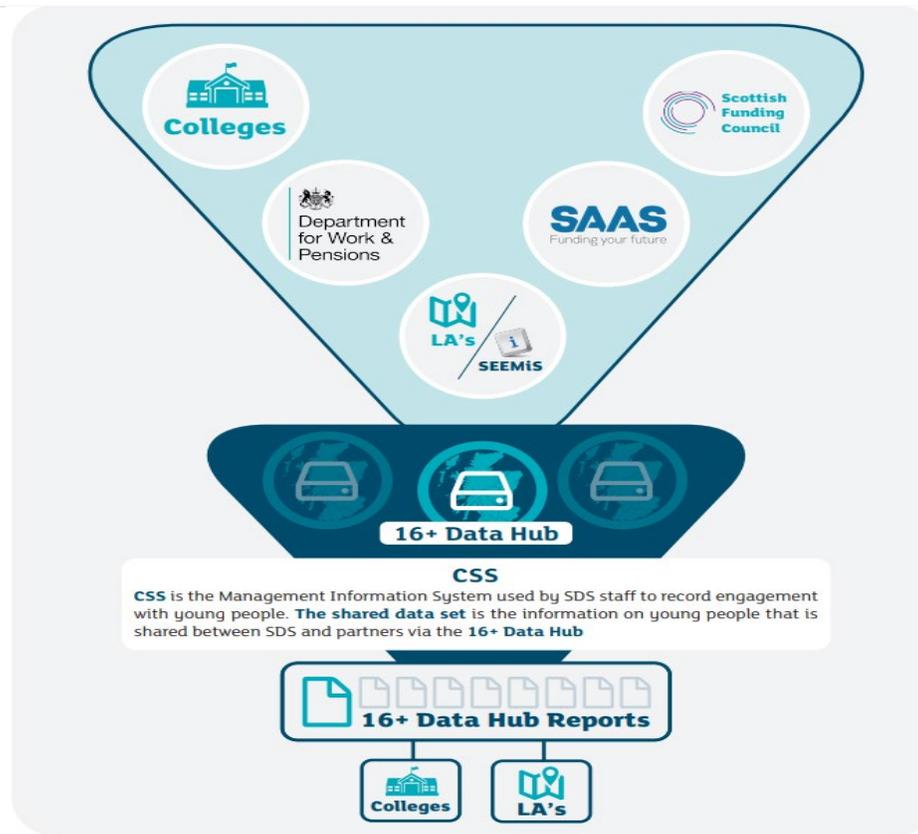
Prior to the Annual Participation Measure, School Leaver Destination Statistics were produced using different methodologies for multiple publications.

In an effort to 'simplify' and 'streamline' the reporting landscape, the Scottish Government are now solely responsible for publishing School Leaver Destinations.

Skills Development Scotland will no longer produce School Leaver Destinations, but will focus on the Annual Participation Measure.

In managing the Opportunities for All shared dataset, Skills Development Scotland supplies individual level data on the destinations of school leavers to the Scottish Government. This is used to populate **Insight**, which is used by schools to access their school leaver destination statistics and other data used for benchmarking; and **Parentzone**, where this information is available to parents and the general public. The Scottish Government also produce a short statistical publication on initial school leaver destinations.

DATA HUB



COHORT NUMBERS

* 2020/21 STILL TO BE
CONFIRMED BUT ROUGH
GUIDE



DESTINATION GROUPINGS



Table L2.1. Percentage of school leavers by initial destination and local authority, 2009/10 to 2019/20

Notes:

Scotland total includes grant-maintained schools.

In April 2011, the Scottish Government rolled out the use of Activity Agreements.

For 2018/19 onwards, support previously recorded as Activity Agreements is recorded in the Training category. For more information see section 7.3 of the main publication.

For information on how the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has affected these statistics, see section 1.1 of the main publication.

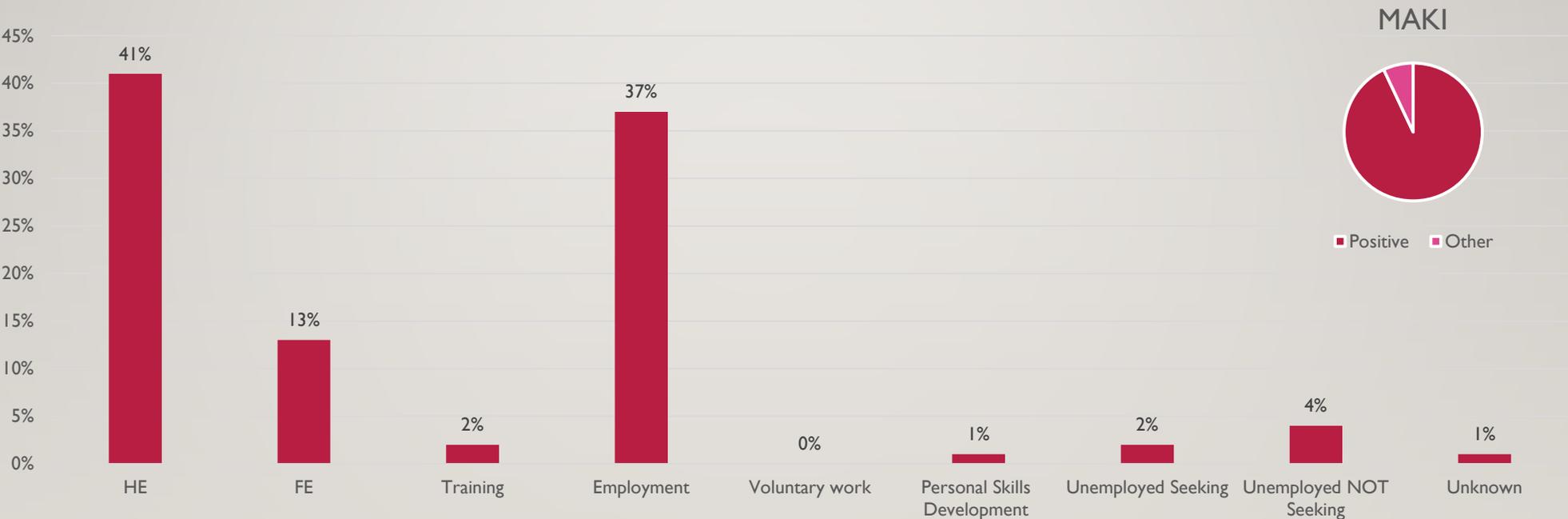
Year	LA code	LA Name	Number of leavers	Positive Destination	Higher Education	Further Education	Training	Employment	Voluntary Work	Activity Agreement	Personal Skills Development	Unemployed Seeking	Unemployed Not Seeking	Unknown
2019/20	130	Argyll & Bute	704	92.3	42.9	17.2	2.8	28.8	*	n/a	*	3.7	*	*
2018/19	130	Argyll & Bute	838	94.6	39.3	17.8	2.3	34.6	0.7	n/a	-	3.5	*	*
2017/18	130	Argyll & Bute	802	95.0	40.6	20.1	1.9	31.7	0.7	-	-	3.0	*	*
2016/17	130	Argyll & Bute	862	94.8	40.8	18.0	2.9	32.1	*	*	*	3.1	*	*
2015/16	130	Argyll & Bute	907	92.9	40.8	19.1	1.1	31.0	*	*	*	5.4	1.7	-

ARGYLL & BUTE – THE STORY SO FAR.....

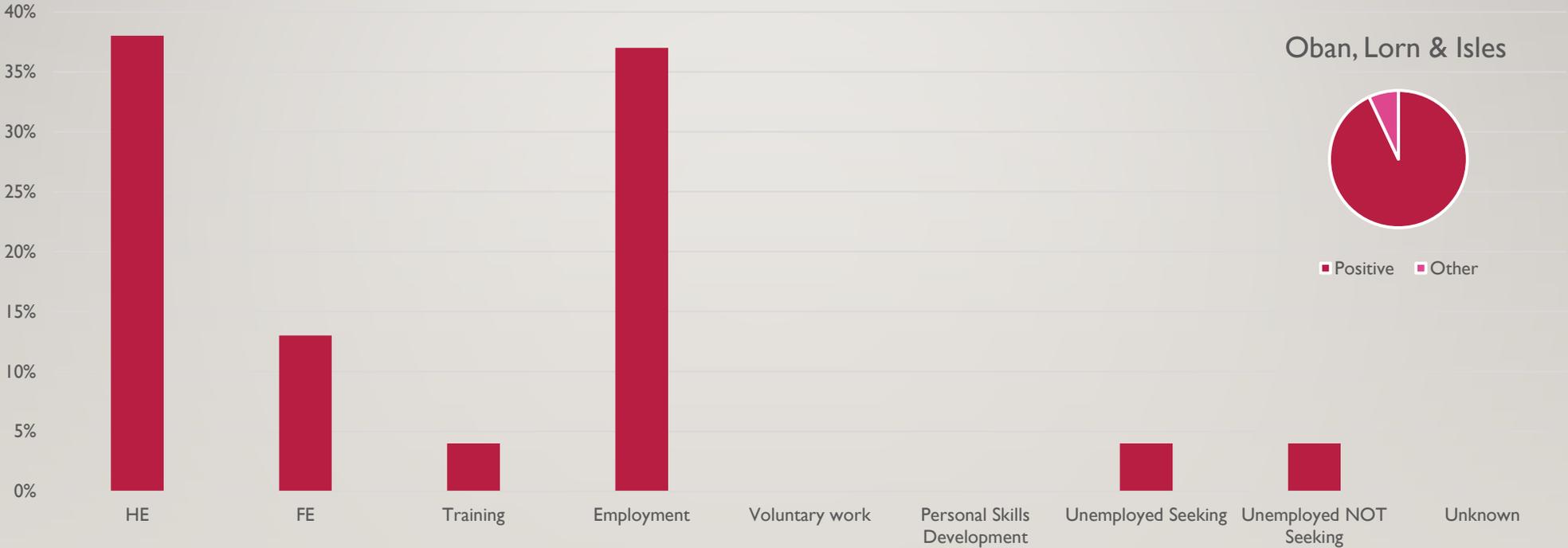
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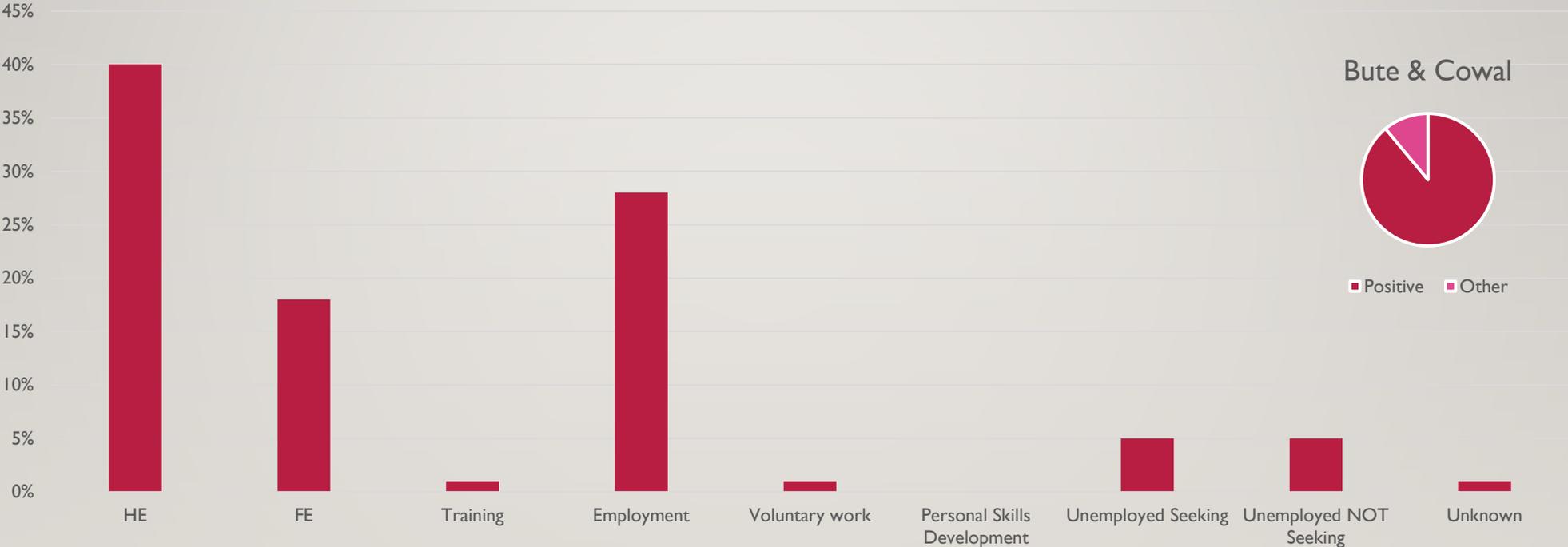
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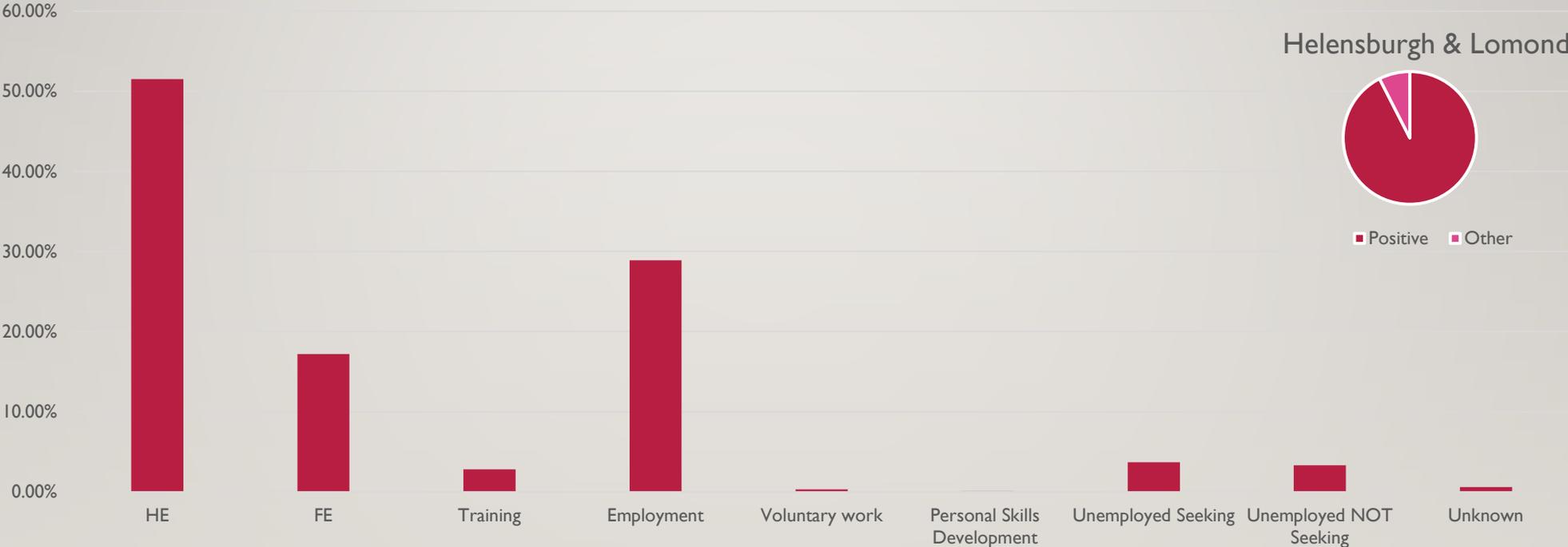
OBAN, LORN & ISLES CPP AREA



BUTE & COWAL CPP AREA



HELENSBURGH & LOMOND CPP AREA



ARGYLL & BUTE COMPARISON





The Annual Participation Measure

The combined data set, held on CSS, is used to produce the **Annual Participation Measure**. A statistical publication showing the “participation” of the 16-19 age group across an entire year, at a national and local authority level.

School Leaver Destinations

Annual Participation Measure

Participation Measure

Informs the National Performance Indicator “to increase the proportion of young people in learning, training and work”

Methodology

The **Annual Participation Measure** measures the Status of a young person across an entire year (1st April – 31st March). Each status is allocated to one of three high level classifications, and the one with the greatest number of days is taken as their Annual Participation Measure status:

Participating

Not Participating

Unconfirmed

Continues terminology move from “destinations” to “participation”

School Leaver Destinations reported only on school leavers, approx. **55,000** young people



Participating

Not Participating

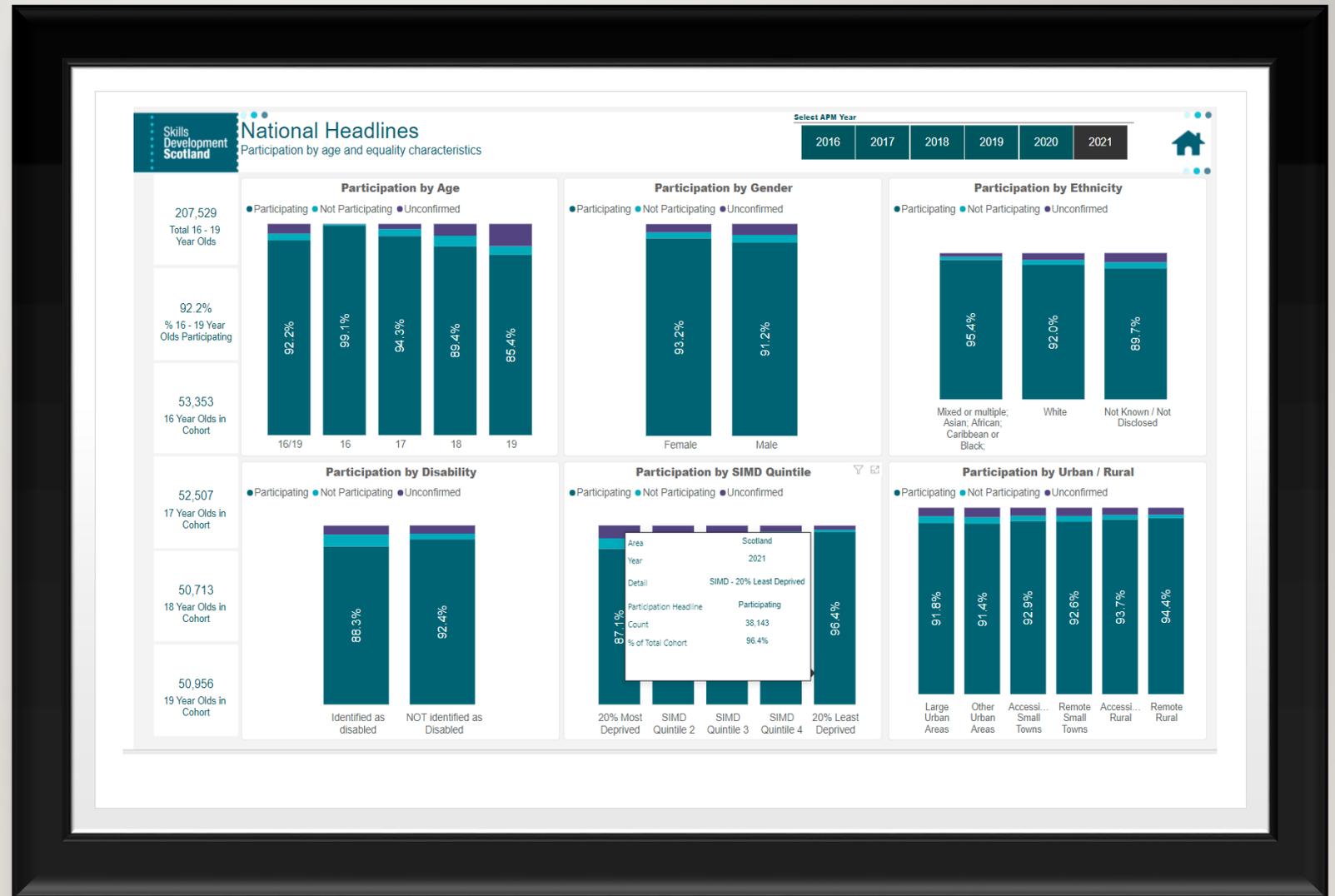
Participating

Overall Status = Participating

The Participation Measure considers the entire 16-19 age cohort, approx. **200,000** young people

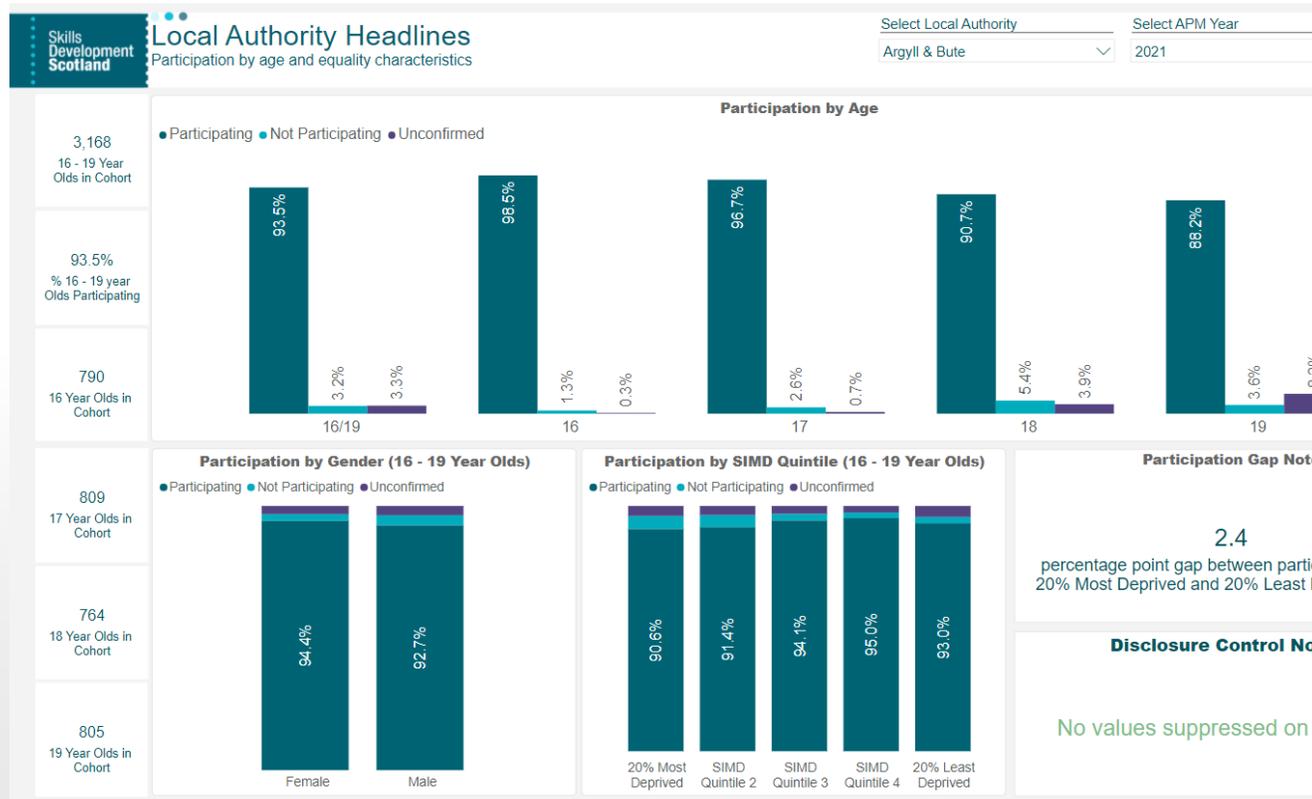
ANNUAL PARTICIPATION MEASURE SCOTLAND

[LINK TO APM HERE](#)



ANNUAL PARTICIPATION MEASURE ARGYLL & BUTE

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CURRENT TRENDS – NEXT DATA SET DUE FEB 22

**Smaller
leaver cohort**

**Higher
number of
unknowns**

QUESTIONS



Climate Change Working Group

(a sub-group of Argyll and Bute's CPP Management Committee)

Friday 10th September 2021 at 1000 - 1130am

Minutes**Attending:**

Stan Philips, Operations Manager, NatureScot (Chair)
David Rennie, Social Enterprise Officer Argyll and Bute Council
Ross McLaughlin, Head of Commercial Services, Argyll and Bute Council
Lucinda Gray, Projects and Partnerships, Highlands and Island Enterprise
Angela Anderson, H&L ACPG representative and Plastic Free Helensburgh
Stephen Kelly, Area Station Commander and Energy Champion, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Cathleen Russell, Chair of Cowal Development Trust and Director Scottish Rural Action
Charles Dixon-Spain, B&C ACPG representative (Vice-Chair)
Sarah Davies, Helensburgh Community Council and Plastic Free Helensburgh
Nicola Reaney, Administration Officer, Argyll and Bute Council (Secretary)

Apologies received:

Willie Lynch, B&C ACPG
Jamie Joyce, ACT
Ian Brodie, MAKI ACPG,
Anne Horn, Councillor Argyll and Bute Council Kintyre and the Islands

1. Stan welcomed everyone to the meeting especially those who are new to the meeting including representatives from each of the Area Community Planning Groups. Round table introductions were given from attendees.
2. **Climate Change News** Stan noted that since the last meeting there had been 3 major reports published on climate change.
 - The Climate Change Committee's Independent Assessment of UK Climate Risk sets out the priority climate change risks and opportunities for the UK. It is worth noting that the report states that we "are less well adapted to climate change now than we were 5 years ago".
<https://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/independent-assessment-of-uk-climate-risk/>
 - Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's 6th Assessment provides an update on where we are on climate change. Stan noted that this is not a pretty report and contains the starkest warning yet, that we are at "code red for humanity".
<https://www.ipcc.ch/report/sixth-assessment-report-working-group-i/>
 - Farming for 1.5 degrees: From here to 2045. The report opens with a note that doing the same thing this year, as we did last year is no longer an option for Scottish farmers and lays out how the Scottish farming sector needs to adapt to the new climate change landscape.
<https://www.farming1point5.org/>

Charles asked what recommendations there are for support to hill farmers in the last report and if there are any leads on that that local farmers can contact. Stan advised that is still being worked out as the farming report for 2024 is still in development and NatureScot and the Scottish Government are working on the issues but there are no obvious signpost at present. Lucinda pointed to the farming report area of “rapid uptake in low methane breeding for cows and sheep” and advised of an R&D project taking place on this, however, there are no findings available at the moment but that may be something for the group to look at / take forward in future. Angela asked if it would be possible for links to slides / reports to go out with the agenda and / or recirculated with minutes. Stan noted that it is not always possible to send in advance but that links and reports will be issued with minutes.

3. **Climate literacy training overview** - Jamie was not able to attend the meeting so this discussion could not take place.

4. **Overview of Nature Based Solutions** - Stan advised this refers to the use of nature and natural environments to help tackle socio-environmental challenges for mitigation and adaptation to climate change. This can include reducing net emissions, providing habitats for biodiversity and helping society adapt to climate change. Practical examples of mitigation include local variety tree planting and restoring peat bogs. Of note, 75% of all peat bogs in Scotland are in poor condition and area actually releasing carbon. Adaptation can include improving flood risk defences, such as removing culverts to create open naturalised water courses, and provision for heat waves and drought.

Nature based solutions are already happening and Stan gave examples of:

- Peatland Action - £250m to repair bogs over next 10 years
- Woodland planting - Scottish Government have committed £100m to plant 18000 hectares per year over next 5 years.
- Green infrastructure to be embedded into National Planning framework NPF4 in near future.

Lucinda thanked Stan for the presentation and asked about education and awareness raising i.e. for tree planting, should we be making sure that there is information resources and advice available for the public. She also felt the need to look at the economic potential of the different types of skills and jobs that “adaptation” require and could the group look at this in more detail to ensure that education establishments can provide the right curriculum for the future. Stan noted the education side of adaptation planning needs a comprehensive strategy for education and raising awareness, and that can be looked at by this group. Angela added that in Argyll and Bute a lot of tree planting has a commercial bias and that there is spruce planting being allowed without a requirement to have a high percentage of natural broadleaf planting, and allowing spruce planting too close to ancient woodland. Angela felt the type of trees to be planted must be clarified during planning permission process. Ross clarified that tree planting is permitted by Forest and Land Scotland (the land holding arm of Scottish Forestry) and they issue the licenses (the Council planning teams can only be advised by them). Stan added that NatureScot definitely want to see a wider variety of benefits from planting programs and the inclusion of native varieties, not just spruce.

5. **Islay natural capital project** - Stan was asked to give an overview of this project. Natural Capital is another term for the stock of renewable and non-renewable resources that combine to yield a flow of benefits to peoples, and looks at how these can be provided and how sustainably they are being used and how we support agricultural system in the future. Whilst still being worked out, this will be a reward system for demonstrating good quality management of “natural capital” assets. NatureScot have proposed this pilot project to look at how this will actually work on the ground, clarify what it will reward and what is important to reward to agricultural support. This will be an independent and objective look at how it can work on Islay. The project is awaiting a formal funding decision but it is likely the bulk of work will be carried out in 2022. Stan can provide more information if required. Lucinda asked if this will include the offshore wind farm in Islay? Stan felt no, as this would be a land based model.

6. **Priority Action Topics discussion** - At the last meeting the group came up with priority areas to focus on, the broad topics areas agreed are Messaging and Education, Business, Adaptation Planning and Area group feedback. The suggestions that came forward from the ACPGs were collated and included developing a horticulturally trained workforce, minimising transportation of goods and the role of Argyll & Bute in the hydrogen economy.

Stan suggested the need to make a recommendation to CPP Management Committee for funding to resource an exercise to agree and identify priority areas in Argyll and Bute and create an action plan of what Argyll & Bute should be doing regarding climate change in an area wide strategy. Stan asked the group to consider this.

Lucinda fully supported that suggestion as without looking at the practicalities of how improvements can be taken forward we end up with a “wishlist” that is undeliverable. Ross added his support and noted how it dovetails with the Council strategy on climate change (as a business) and he supported a look at having a baseline check. He noted there is an EV infrastructure Strategy being considered by the Council which he hoped that would be picked up when the review takes place. Ross felt the area did have a role in the hydrogen economy for local haulage and timber / aqua culture industries. He added it would be great to get business buy in for a carbon neutral Argyll and Bute. Ross also felt that “Waste” should be added under Messaging / Education and Business as waste forms 47% of the Council’s carbon footprint from the area (but they are not in control of what is being deposited as waste) and there is a need to look more at how people treat their waste. Sarah said that waste is raised repeatedly at community council level and it is felt that the majority of residents do want to dispose of their waste properly and they need to know how to do that. Stan said that there is a small project with Argyll Countryside Trust looking at waste - they have engaged with the Co-Op to offer food for free that is about to go out of date rather than dispose of it, replication of that across Argyll and Bute would be good. David noted that this is happening in other areas that are benefiting food banks.

Ross suggested that any action plan needs to start by looking at what the highest regional carbon emitters are and he shared the carbon footprint information for the region as defined by the [National Atmospheric emissions inventory](#) (which is used

by UK government). The region emits appx 570000 tonnes of carbon in total. The largest contributor was road transport from A roads (157000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent) with road transport on minor roads, domestic fuels, gas and electricity making up the bulk of the remainder. The biggest advantage for this region is the sequestration benefits through woodland and peatland etc (which offsets over 510000 tonnes carbon dioxide equivalent).

It was noted that whilst Argyll and Bute region has the lowest net carbon footprint in the UK per head, and although it looks like A&B are not far from being carbon neutral, Stan added that there are other measures such as looking at the carbon footprint of items imported in to the area (that have an impact in the place of production yet are used in our area) and it would be useful if we could include that in the figures in future. Stan added that carbon accounting and measuring is changing all the time, so whilst Argyll and Bute look good now that may change as modelling changes so we must continue to do the maximum that we can do.

Stan felt an action plan would help to pull all existing plans together and look at what is beyond that, beyond organisational decarbonisation plans. Lucinda said to change behaviours there also needs to be communication highlighting the benefits and impacts.

Cathleen suggested the supermarkets should be challenged regarding excessive packaging and that there may be an incentive for the Council to give communities land to be used for food production for local consumption. Ross advised that there is already an Asset transfer process (via the Community Empowerment Act) and that the Council can be contacted to enquire about use of council land (there has already been approaches by groups for land for allotments). The Council is also looking at a Food Strategy (this includes schools having veg patches for use by the school). David advised that groups are being worked with to form "allotment societies" but that there is actually not that much Council land available that is suitable for growing. All available land is put on the council website. Cathleen felt the Asset Transfer process was not easy. David invited Cathleen to contact him at any point to discuss the process and that he is happy to help support any enquiry regarding council land.

Charles felt there is an urgency around what is required and the Council pledge of being carbon neutral by 2045 is too late and asked if this group should put pressure on speeding up the process and challenging targets set to be more ambitious. He added that if there are other regions doing work that is ahead of us then that should be included in the audit / action plan so that we can use it to learn and improve upon. Stan noted there are great examples of what is already being done in Argyll and Bute on the Council Climate [webpage](#).

Action - It was agreed that the CPP MC should be approached for funding. Stan to table a paper with that request to the next CPP MC.

7. **Mission Statement discussion** - Draft words for a group mission statement were put forward by Cathleen at the last meeting. Stan felt the need to include adaptation and making representations to the full CPP Management Committee in the previously noted statement. Charles felt the statement was too passive and was

about increasing understanding rather than taking action. He felt it should be more energising (but did not have any wording suggestions at present). Cathleen felt there should be an inclusion for working in partnership and that the work should include the 17 UN Sustainability goals and be led by the Council. Stan asked for a volunteer to take forward shaping the mission statement - Charles and Cathleen agreed to take this forward.

Action - Charles and Cathleen to draft new mission statement.

Sarah agreed that we need to be talking about working with community groups and co-ordinate Argyll and Bute activity to inform on what is happening. Ross noted that although this CPP subgroup do not have current funding, we can apply for funding so there is no need to view that as a barrier. He also felt that it would not be helpful to name and specific organisation in the mission statement. Although there are crossovers with existing strategies across partners, the vision needs to be generic enough that I partners can sign up for it collectively.

8. AOCB

Climate Financing - David noted that he [Climate webpage](#) has been updated with a funding search to highlight where communities can look for climate funding. That page will be updated on a monthly basis.

9. Date of next meeting is 21 October 2021 at 1000.

CPP CLIMATE CHANGE GROUP ACTION GRID – from 10th September 2021

Complete	In Progress	Outstanding	<i>Please highlight actions as per traffic light system to show progress</i>
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Date Set	Action	Who	Required by Date
10/9/21	It was agreed that the CPP MC should be approached for funding. Stan to table a paper with that request to the next CPP MC.	Stan	15 September 21
10/9/21	New mission statement to be drafted.	Charles / Cathleen	21 October 21

Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

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

10 November 2021



Briefing Note: Climate Change Working Group – Involvement of Area Community Planning Groups

This briefing provides information on the Climate Change Working Group which has been formed by the CPP Management Committee, gives details on the aims of the Group and looks at how Area Community Planning Groups can be more involved.

Summary

A Short Life Working Group was formed by the CPP Management Committee following its meeting held in December 2019 and was initially co-chaired by the MSYP's who were members of the Management Committee.

Following a break due to the pandemic, the Group has met recently and has a new Chair, Stan Phillips of NatureScot.

The Group is currently exploring its remit and what actions can be taken forward.

Membership of the Climate Change Working Group

The Group currently has members from across the CPP Management Committee. It is Chaired by Stan Phillips from NatureScot and has input from partners and Council officers – Willie Lynch, Chair of the Bute and Cowal ACPG is also a member.

At their last meeting the Working Group agreed that they would be keen to increase membership, to make sure relevant sectors/demographics were represented, including young people. It is therefore suggested that each Area Community Planning Group may want to appoint a representative (and a substitute if possible) who could attend the Working Group meetings and act as liaison with the ACPG.

Remit and aims of the Climate Change Working Group

When the Working Group was originally set up it looked to build on and promote the work being carried out by partners across Argyll and Bute. At the most recent meeting the Group agreed to look at the remit and aims and discussion within the Group noted the following:-

- To educate everyone in A&B about climate change and reducing our carbon footprint.

- Messaging.
- More awareness raising around industrial decarbonisation agenda.
- How businesses are supported/incentivised to just transition to net zero.
- To have a simple, short statement reflecting our purpose/mission statement.
- To identify risks for the area e.g. rising sea levels
- Adaptation planning
- To explore what our natural capital means and how we can best use this, particularly in relation to Community Wealth Building.
- Continue to update website with new material

Members of the Group were asked to think about the discussion and to bring forward ideas for refining the discussion into a set of meaningful actions. Any actions which are put forward need to be achievable and realistic given that there is no direct resource allocated to the Working Group.

Primarily, actions should be something that can make a difference.

Input from the Area Groups with any ideas for actions would be welcomed.

Climate Change actions across Argyll and Bute

Across Argyll and Bute there are many examples of good work and practice which relate to the climate change agenda. For example, the Council has a Climate Change Board which looks at how the Council can make a difference by implementing different ways of working or taking forward different practices which all contributes to the climate change agenda. There are many more examples across the partners of the Management Committee and in the wider community.

Members will be aware that the Climate Change Conference (COP 26) is being hosted in Glasgow in November of this year. This is a key opportunity in terms of the climate change agenda and there will be many activities taking place in local areas which will link into the conference, including an Education conference in October which is being taken forward by the Council.

The CPP Management Committee has created a dedicated climate change webpage which is hosted on the Council website, it has lots of useful links and information and can be accessed here [Community Planning Partnership - Climate Change \(argyll-bute.gov.uk\)](https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/community-planning-partnership-climate-change).

ACT (Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust) are taking forward a project called Act Now and one part of this is the compilation of an interactive map which they hope will encourage greater levels of collaboration between organisations and promote engagement.

ACT Now is looking to add any not-for-profit organisation to the map which have a focus on climate change awareness, home energy efficiency, sustainable travel, local food production, health and wellbeing in the natural environment, environmental education, upcycling/recycling, improving biodiversity, promotion of natural heritage etc. You can view the map here [EConnect Map Argyll | Argyll and the Isles Coast and](https://www.ecconnectmap.org.uk/)

[Countryside Trust \(act-now.org.uk\)](http://act-now.org.uk) Any examples which the Group considers relevant can be collated and passed on to ACT Now.

Recommendations

The Area Community Planning Group is asked to:-

- (1) Discuss the information outlined in the briefing and provide suggestions for actions for the Climate Change Working Group;
- (2) Consider the nomination of a representative (and substitute) to represent the Oban, Lorn and the Isles ACPG on the Working Group; and
- (3) Provide detail on any relevant project/organisation that could be put forward as an addition to the ACT interactive map.

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ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

OBAN LORN & ISLES COMMUNITY
PLANNING GROUP

DEVELOPMENT
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8TH NOVEMBER 2021

AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLY AND DEMAND – OBAN LORN & ISLES

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The main purpose of this report is to update Members of the Community Planning Partnership on housing supply and demand activity within the Oban Lorn and Isles area.
- 1.2 Argyll and Bute Council has a strategic enabling role in relation to housing in the local authority area. The Council has a statutory duty to produce a Local Housing Strategy (LHS) and a statutory duty to produce a Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) which details the new build affordable housing required in the area to meet housing need and demand.

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2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

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3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 Argyll and Bute Council retains the role of strategic housing authority and therefore has a series of important statutory housing functions to fulfil. A Housing Need and Demand Assessment is carried out every 5 years which enables Scottish Government funding to be brought into Argyll and Bute primarily to deliver affordable housing. The Council also produces a Local Housing Strategy (LHS) every 5 years. The new LHS will run from 2022-2027 and has a vision for housing in Argyll and Bute which is **“Everyone in Argyll & Bute has access to a suitable, high quality home which is affordable and located within a vibrant, sustainable and connected community.”**

This report will detail the affordable housing supply and demand taking place in Oban Lorn and Isles.

3.2 Housing Market Area (HMA) Profile

A Housing Market Area is defined as a geographical space or territory within which people will search for housing and within which they are willing to move while maintaining their existing economic – e.g. employment – and social relationships (this thus excludes long distance migration associated with, for example, changed employment). The maximum distance that people are willing to move in the circumstances outlined is affected by a number of factors chief among which are personal mobility, the time and money costs of travel and house price differences – these are all factors which can change substantially in the medium term. For this reason it is necessary to keep housing market area definitions under review.

There are 9 HMA's in Argyll and Bute. Lorn is an HMA, Mull and Iona is an HMA and Coll and Tiree is an HMA.

The table below details the key housing market information for Oban, Lorn and the Isles along with the average household income in each area.

UPDATED HMA PROFILE, 2020

	LORN	MULL & IONA	COLL & TIREE	OLI TOTAL
Population	16,053	3,054	753	19,860
Households (rounded: NRS 2020 estimates)	7,648	1,524	452	9,624
All Dwellings (Council Tax Register, October 2020 All Properties)	8,604	1,851	680	11,135
All Occupied Dwellings (CTR, 2020, no discount)	7,916	1,573	462	9,951
Ineffective Stock (CTR, 2020, vacant + 2 nd / holiday homes)	688	278	218	1,184
RSL Stock (2020 Annual RSL Returns)	1,649	236	54	1,939
Average <i>Household</i> Income (CACI Paycheck, 2020)	£38,224	£37,488	£34,485	

3.3 Private Rented Sector – Oban, Lorn and Isles

Since 2004 the Antisocial Behaviour etc (Scotland) Act has required Local Authorities to establish and maintain a register of private landlords. Landlord Registration data provides us with the most reliable source of data on the location of Private Rented Sector dwellings however this will omit landlords who have failed to register. There are 1591 registered private sector dwellings across Oban, Lorn & Isles which is 27% of all registered private sector dwellings in Argyll and Bute.

Private Rented Stock by HMA (2020)

HMA	TOTAL PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR STOCK
Lorn	1280
Mull & Iona	261
Coll & Tiree	50
Total	1591

3.4 Social Rented Sector – Oban, Lorn & Isles

TOTAL RSL STOCK BY HMA & SIZE (no's bedrooms), 2020

All Landlords						
	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	5+ Bed	Total
Lorn	521	699	390	35	4	1649
Mull & Iona	88	91	56	1	0	236
Coll & Tiree	14	24	16	0	0	54
Lorn & Isles Total	623	814	462	36	4	1,939
% of Total	32%	42%	24%	2%	0%	

HMA	Trust	West Highland HA	ACHA	Bield	LINK HA	Black wood	Totals
Lorn	0	571	883	98	83	14	1649
Mull & Iona	29	117	90	0	0	0	236
Coll & Tiree	6	18	30	0	0	0	54
Total	35	735	1,003	98	83	14	1,939

HOMEArgyll WAITING LIST May 2021 – Active Applicants					
	Minimum Bedroom Size Required				TOTAL
	0/1beds	2beds	3beds	4+beds	
Lorn	229	131	71	28	459
Mull & Iona	34	12	4	1	51
Coll & Tiree	11	3	0	2	16

For Oban Lorn & Isles as a whole, the majority of applicants (52%) require one bedroom and 28% require 2 bedrooms. 14% require 3 bedrooms and only 6% need 4 or more.

However, to establish actual need, the available supply must be factored into this, based on the available lets within the RSL stock during a year.

	HOMEArgyll Applicants	RSL Lets 2020/2021 (HOMEArgyll only)	Pressure Ratio
Lorn	459	89	5:1
Mull & Iona	51	24	2:1
Coll & Tiree	16	1	16:1
Total	526	114	5:1

This suggests there is a potential imbalance in the area, with a particularly high pressure ratio for Coll and Tiree, however it is important to bear in mind that this is actually based on low number of applicants and lets; and therefore any need for new developments would be small scale.

While the pressure ratios are only one factor in determining need and demand, they are useful indicators of areas where further research and analysis may be required.

3.5 Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP)

The Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) delivered 22 new affordable homes in Oban, Lorn and Isles in 2020/21. Cumulatively over the last 5 years of the current LHS, there have been 178 new affordable homes built in Oban Lorn and the Isles via the SHIP; amounting to 39% of the 5 year total for Argyll and Bute.

Developments Currently on Site

Site/Development	RSL	Total Units	Expected Date of Completion
Dunbeg	LINK Group	300	March 2022

Kirk Road, Dunbeg	West Highland HA	4	completed May 2021
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In addition, further sites/projects in the Oban Lorn and the Isles area which are in early stages of development include:

Site/Development	RSL	Total Units	Expected Date of Completion*
North Connel	ACHA	2	2023
Port Appin	West Highland HA	6	2023
Tobermory, Mull	West Highland HA	12	2023
Lonan Drive, Oban	LINK Group	46	2023
Hospital Field, Oban	LINK Group	50	2023
Salen, Mull	West Highland HA	8	2023
Dunbeg	LINK Group	150	2025
Glencruitten, Oban	LINK Group	100	2026

*expected dates of completion are subject to change

3.6 Community Led Housing Projects

Mull and Iona Community Trust (MICT) delivered 2 affordable houses to rent at Ulva Ferry, Mull in 2020/21. In addition MICT secured an affordable house to rent at Pennyghael, Mull in 2020/21. The North West Mull Community Woodland Company (NWMWCWC) are currently bringing 6 properties back into use as affordable housing in the island of Ulva. The Council is working with community groups across the islands to explore opportunities for delivering affordable housing.

3.7 Local Housing Strategy (LHS) 2022-2027

As the strategic housing authority for Argyll and Bute, the Council has a statutory duty to develop, implement and monitor a Local Housing Strategy over a five-year planning cycle, based on a robust and credible Housing Need and Demand Assessment (HNDA) for the area. The current LHS for Argyll and Bute (2016-2021) is nearing completion and requires to be revised and submitted to Scottish Government Ministers in 2021. The planning process has been based on a robust process of consultation and stakeholder engagement.

The Council has carried out extensive engagement to inform both the revised HNDA and LHS, including a detailed HNDA Household Survey in 2019; an early engagement LHS survey in 2020; a virtual LHS Stakeholder Conference in November 2020; and other exercises for specific client groups. In addition, the outcomes of the CPP and LDP

community engagement processes in recent years, focused on the Place Standard Toolkit sessions held for individual communities and settlements, have also helped to inform the development of the next LHS, with Housing issues prominent in the feedback. The final draft consultation closed on 13th October and the LHS will be considered at Full Council on 25th November.

The level of response and input from Oban, Lorn and the Isles residents and community representatives has been encouraging. Key priorities and issues have been identified at the local level and along with national and statutory requirements.

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 This report provides the detail of the Housing Market Area activity in the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area. There are a variety of housing issues within the area which are being tackled by Argyll and Bute Council Housing Services and partner agencies with the aim of delivering a functioning housing systems which meets the needs of the communities we serve.

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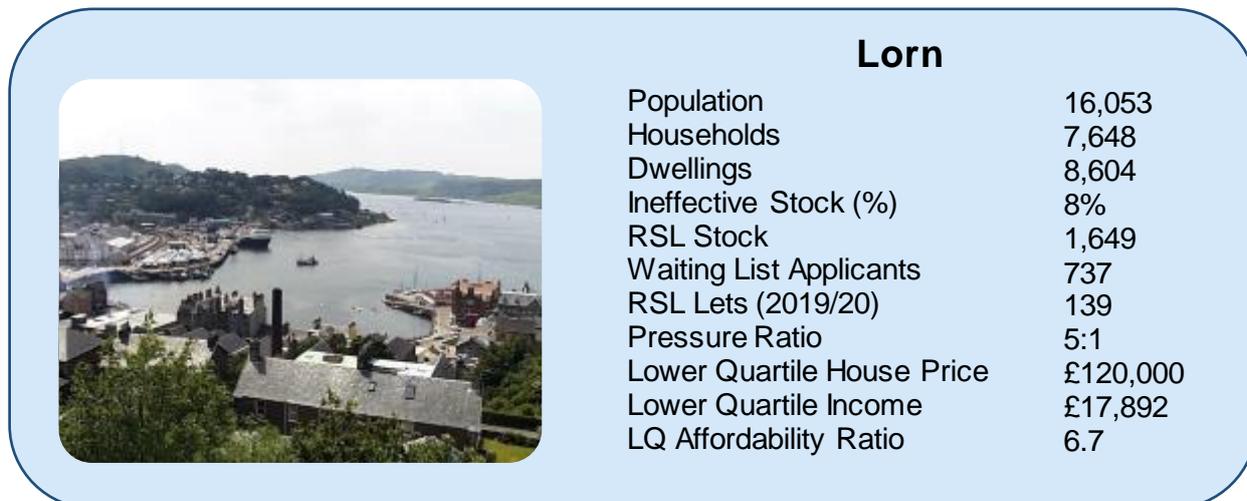
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APPENDICES

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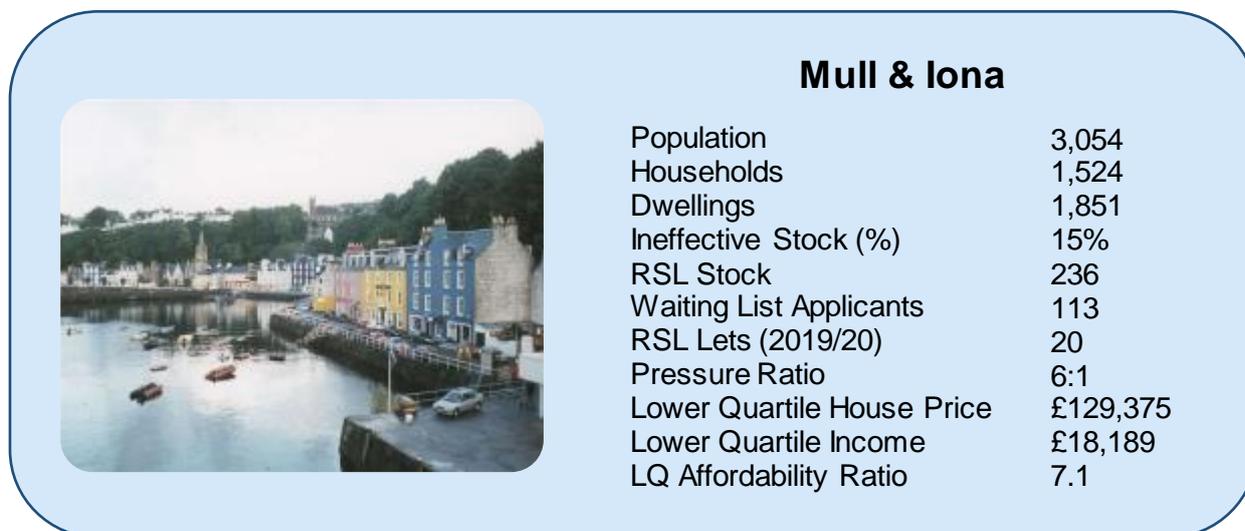


LORN HMA is centred on Oban and includes a number of the small, inner isles such as Easdale, Luing and Lismore. Despite the influence of in-migration, it is the most self-contained housing market in Argyll & Bute with 64% of house sales going to local residents. There was limited interaction with neighbouring HMAs in the local authority (3%) but over 17% of demand is from the rest of Scotland and over 13% from the UK. Overseas house purchasers have only marginal impact in this area, at just over 1% of sales. Average house prices are comparatively high and affordability remains an issue, with a high price-to-income ratio of 6.7 (lower quartile). There has been significant development activity in recent years, and the total dwelling stock increased by 8% between 2015 and 2020, with significant new builds in development or in the pipeline, particularly at Dunbeg. Lorn has 18% of the total housing stock in Argyll and Bute. However, 8% of the stock comprises second/holiday homes and long-term vacant properties. With 1,649 RSL homes in 2020 the area also has the highest provision of social rented stock – over 19% of the authority total. Nevertheless, this area still has the largest waiting list in Argyll and Bute by far, as well as one of the higher levels of homelessness (30% and 18% respectively of the authority totals) and HNDA analysis suggests that this area has the second greatest level of backlog need (21% of total backlog need).

Key issues for Lorn HMA:

Increasing the supply of affordable housing remains a critical priority for this HMA. The provision of Housing Options advice and information; and targeted Tenancy Support also remains important. Fuel poverty is an issue and improving energy efficiency will be important too. Ensuring that sufficient specialist provision (accommodation, adaptations, support services etc.) is available to meet the requirements of the ageing population and those with particular needs will also be key to a well-balanced, effective housing system.

Appendix 2 – Extract from LHS 2022 - 2027 Mull & Iona



MULL AND IONA are combined for planning purposes as one HMA. As a housing market area, these islands exhibit the lowest level of self-containment in the authority area apart from Coll & Tiree, with less than 45% of house sales going to local purchasers. Around 16% of properties are bought by persons from elsewhere in Scotland; and over a third of all sales (34%) are to purchasers originating elsewhere in the UK, by far the highest proportion of any HMA in Argyll and Bute. Interaction with the rest of the authority is minimal with only 1.4% of sales originating in another local HMA. Mull & Iona have among the highest house prices in Argyll & Bute, well above the average for the authority as a whole and 3 times higher than Bute for example; and along with Islay, Jura & Colonsay; and Coll & Tiree, this is the one of the least affordable housing market for local residents. This area has seen less than 1% rate of growth in total stock, between 2015 to 2020; despite a range of RSL and community-led projects being proposed and progressed in recent years. This still amounts to only 4% of the total dwellings in Argyll & Bute. There is also a high proportion of ineffective stock here, with second/holiday homes and long-term vacant properties making up 15% of the total (albeit this is significantly lower than the last census recorded). The social rented sector totalled 236 homes in 2020, less than 3% of the sector total for Argyll & Bute as a whole and around 13% of the total housing stock on the two islands. There are around 6 applicants for every available let in the area, one of the higher pressure ratios in the authority.

Key issues for Mull & Iona HMA:

A small-scale targeted programme of affordable new build housing will help to sustain remote island communities.

Tackling fuel poverty and improving energy efficiency remain key targets; and ensuring sufficient specialist provision is available to meet the requirements of those with particular needs will also be important.

Appendix 3 – Extract from LHS 2022 - 2027 Coll & Tiree

Coll & Tiree	
	Population 753
	Households 452
	Dwellings 680
	Ineffective Stock (%) 32%
	RSL Stock 54
	Waiting List Applicants 19
	RSL Lets (2019/20) 3
	Pressure Ratio 6:1
	Lower Quartile House Price £128,750
	Lower Quartile Income £16,644
	LQ Affordability Ratio 7.7

Coll & Tiree constitute the smallest HMA in the authority, and are most affected by house purchasers from out with the area – less than 20% of sales are to local residents, with almost half of purchasers originating elsewhere in Scotland and a further quarter from elsewhere in the UK. More house buyers originate from overseas (5.6%) than from the rest of Argyll & Bute itself (1.4%). Average house prices have been among the highest in Argyll & Bute (albeit the number of sales are very small) and this area has been one of the least affordable to local households with the highest price-to-income affordability ratio of 7.7. Since 2015, the total number of dwellings on the islands increased by almost 8% while the number of households increased by around 12%. Proportionately, this HMA has the highest level of ineffective stock in Argyll & Bute, by far, with almost a third being second/holiday homes or long-term vacant properties. In 2020 there were 54 social rented homes, which amounts only 0.6% of the total RSL sector in the authority. Demand for RSL properties is numerically low but given limited turnover in existing stock the pressure ratio remains high at 6:1 (i.e. 6 applicants per available let).

Key issues for Coll & Tiree HMA:

There is evidence of unmet need on these islands and minimal new build in recent years. Small-scale development of affordable housing for social rent could help to address the demand.

The requirement for some form of specialist provision, particularly on Tiree, remains a potential gap which could be addressed by joint working between Housing and the Health & Social Care Partnership.

Fuel poverty and energy efficiency also remain priorities for this area.

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