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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP** will be held by **MICROSOFT TEAMS** on **THURSDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2021** at **10:00 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

BUSINESS

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Update by Transport Scotland

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Update by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

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Update by Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust and

Friends of Loch Lomond

- (d) Community Learning Service Update (Pages 29 - 30)

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Presentation by Business Development Manager, Live Argyll

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- (a) Minutes of the Climate Change Working Group meeting held on Friday, 10th September 2021 (Pages 73 - 78)

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Report by Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council

10. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP (Pages 83 - 84)

Report by Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Group will take place on Thursday, 10th February 2022.

Helensburgh and Lomond Community Planning Group

Albert Bruce (Vice-Chair)

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**MINUTES of MEETING of HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held
by MICROSOFT TEAMS
on THURSDAY, 19 AUGUST 2021**

Present: Albert Bruce (Chair), Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Shona Barton, Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Kirsty Moyes, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Lorna Douglas
Councillor Gemma Penfold
PC Laura Evans, Police Scotland
Allan Comrie, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport
Neil MacFarlane, Transport Scotland
Dr Faye Tudor, Argyll College UHI
Sarah Davies, Helensburgh Community Council and Fun First
Heather Munro, Cardross Climate Action Network
Christopher Casey, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Angela Anderson, Plastic Free Helensburgh and Time for Change Argyll and Bute
Barbara Warren, Grey Matters Active Ageing
Morevain Martin, Garelochhead Station Trust
Heather Munro, Cardross Climate Action Network (CardrossCAN)
Andrew Galloway, Local Democracy Reporter, Helensburgh Advertiser/BBC

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone and outlined the procedure for the meeting.

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of:

Councillor Barbara Morgan;
Councillor Graham Archibald Hardie;
Inspector Roderick MacNeill, Police Scotland;
Chief Inspector Emma Grimason, Police Scotland;
Sergeant Alan Heron, Police Scotland;
Janice Kennedy, Scottish Enterprise;
Fiona Baker, Destination Helensburgh;
Rhona Grant, Argyll and Bute Council;
Alasdair MacCuish, Helensburgh Gaelic Group;
Lynn Campbell, Department for Work and Pensions;
Eddie Cusick, Helensburgh Community Hub;
Susan MacRae, Skills Development Scotland; and
Jayne Burnett, Visiting Friends.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

- (a) **Meeting of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group held on Thursday, 20th May 2021**

The Minute of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group meeting held on Thursday, 20th of May 2021 was approved as a correct record.

4. PARTNERS UPDATES

(a) Transport Scotland Update

Neil MacFarlane, Transport Scotland, advised the Group that following extensive resurfacing earlier in the year on Loch Lomondside there were no current programmed works in the area, however it was hoped that another 24/7 resurfacing project would take place prior to the end of the financial year. Neil confirmed that partners would be notified of any such works due to successful foliage clearing and litter picking works which had been undertaken alongside roadworks previously. Neil also provided information to the Group around a project to revamp the road signs on the A82, scheduled to take place between 13th September and 22nd October 2021.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(b) Police Scotland Update

The Group considered a written update from Police Scotland, providing information around the impact of Covid-19; future planning for the COP26 Climate Change Conference being held in Glasgow in November 2021; work around increased visitor numbers to the area; fraud prevention; online child exploitation; local crime figures; a national metal theft campaign; and the Keep Safe initiative providing safe places for vulnerable people to seek support.

PC Laura Evans provided the Group with information around the Herbert Protocol and the new Suicide Bereavement Support Service, encouraging partners to highlight and engage with these initiatives. It was agreed that PC Evans would provide information in relation to these initiatives to be shared with the Group.

Discussion took place around the best way to share information around fraud prevention with the community and steps which should be taken when someone was thought to have been the victim of fraud. PC Evans noted that Sergeant Littlejohn had provided face-to-face support to the Garelochhead Station Trust around this following the last meeting of the Group, and agreed to arrange similar support for Grey Matters Active Ageing as requested.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Inspector Roderick MacNeill, Police Scotland, submitted)

(c) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Update

The Group considered a report highlighting the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's (SFRS) FQ1 review of local performance across Helensburgh and Lomond for 2021-

22.

The Chair outlined the information contained within the report and highlighted the impact of a large influx of visitors to the area on statistics. The Chair noted that he would also be providing information in relation to water safety at a later point in the meeting.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Allan Gemmel, Watch Commander/Local Authority Liaison Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, submitted)

(d) Argyll College UHI Update

The Group considered a written update from Argyll College UHI which provided a brief summary of their activities. The update also included information on student success, as well as information around applying for courses and accessing support.

Dr Faye Tudor advised that work was still taking place remotely, with ongoing consultation around government guidelines and health and safety information. Dr Tudor provided details of support with remote learning which had been made available to students during the previous academic year, noting that she hoped that this could be put in place for the upcoming academic year if necessary. Dr Tudor explained the reasons that remote learning was necessary for Argyll College UHI and noted that this would be continually re-assessed in line with changing Government guidance.

Discussion took place around the benefits of more courses focused on sustainability and for training around the maintenance of heat pumps, where skills were in high demand. Dr Tudor provided information around the relevant courses currently offered and agreed to give the matter further consideration.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Update by Dr Faye Tudor, Learning Centre Manager, Argyll College UHI, submitted)

(e) Helensburgh Community Council Update

The Group considered a written update from Helensburgh Community Council which provided an overview of their activities and local issues, covering the period August 2019 to May 2021.

Sarah Davies advised that a further written update providing information around the Community Council's recent activities would be circulated to the Group following the meeting. Sarah confirmed that Webinars would be continuing via Zoom, however it was hoped that face-to-face activities could resume soon. Sarah also provided

information around a focus on environmental issues on the run up to the COP26 Climate Change Conference; some problems caused by an increase in visitors to the area during the Summer; discussions with Council officers around street-cleaning, bins, and parking issues; consultations with Taylor Wimpey around proposed building works; the Helensburgh Summer Festival; and the purchase of the old Visitors Book of Helensburgh.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Norman Muir, Helensburgh Community Council, dated 17th June 2021, submitted)

(f) Community Learning Service Update

The Group considered a written update from the Community Learning Service which detailed information around the transfer of Community Learning Services to Live Argyll; the re-instatement of the Health and Wellbeing Project; the Enhanced Summer Programme being delivered throughout July and August; and the continued development of a new Community Learning and Development Plan for 2021-24.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group:

1. considered and noted the information provided; and
2. noted that in the absence of a representative from the Community Learning Service, any questions could be sent to Rhona Grant following the meeting and any responses circulated to the Group.

(Reference: Update by Rhona Grant, Community Learning Team Leader, Live Argyll, submitted)

(g) Opportunity for verbal updates by Area Community Planning Group Partners

Barbara Warren, Grey Matters Active Ageing

Barbara Warren advised that the organisation had been very busy during the pandemic, with lots of online activities taking place. Barbara noted that previous funding from TSI for a co-ordinator had ended in March 2021 and attempts were ongoing to access funding to continue this post.

Barbara advised that the Group faced an issue where some members were ready to return to face-to-face activities and some members remained wary, so the organisation was proceeding with a mix of activities whereby some would take place online and some would take place face-to-face in line with government guidance.

Barbara encouraged any organisations to contact Alison Gildea around volunteering and opportunities to link with other organisations, as many members of Grey Matters Active Ageing were very skilled and looking to get involved with the community. Barbara advised that she would also be grateful for any assistance with identifying

funding sources.

Sarah Davies, Fun First

Sarah Davies provided an update on Fun First and noted that the organisation did not usually carry out activities during the Summer holidays, but had run some very successfully attended stay-and-play sessions during this period. Sarah confirmed that daily sessions had resumed in Helensburgh and Garelochhead as schools had returned this week. Sarah noted that some difficulty was being experienced in locating suitable venues as many places remained closed, however they were currently using the Drumfork Centre and Gibson Hall.

Sarah advised that Fun First were hoping to employ some extra leaders, and to appoint a new manager, and encouraged anyone who had any suggestions in relation to this to contact her directly.

Councillor Lorna Douglas

Councillor Douglas provided an update on the Helensburgh Community Hall, noting that the work which had been highlighted at the May meeting of the Group had now been completed. Councillor Douglas advised that the Hall was starting to fill up with community groups using the space, including a new youth group which was scheduled to begin next Friday. Councillor Douglas advised that a new Development Manager had been appointed and was starting in post in September.

Allan Comrie, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT)

Allan Comrie advised that work was ongoing with cycle schemes from Dumbarton to Helensburgh and Helensburgh to Faslane. Allan noted that issues had arisen with the cycle paths, particularly around land ownership, but the schemes were moving on. Allan advised that SPT were also in discussions with Argyll and Bute Council and other partners around proposals for a railway station at Faslane.

Allan provided information around Scottish Government funding for public bus services providing links to vaccine centres, due to the downturn in the use of public transport during the pandemic. Allan also noted that confirmation had been received that young people under 22 would be eligible for free bus travel from January 31st 2022.

Allan advised that rail services were being looked at in detail at a national level, with early proposals being circulated around potential changes to services after May 2022. Allan noted that early proposals did not indicate large changes for the Helensburgh and Lomond area, however it would be for Transport Scotland and the Scottish Government to agree this in due course. Allan noted that ScotRail were also investigating ways to rebuild patronage and confidence in using trains. Allan advised that concerns from ScotRail around difficulties in training drivers could impact services in future if staffing levels were reduced.

Morevain Martin, Garelochhead Station Trust

Morevain Martin confirmed that Garelochhead Station Trust bus trips had recommenced, with a trip to Skermorie in June; Inveraray in July; Ayr in August; and

a planned trip to East Fortune Aircraft Museum in September. Morevain noted that a new craft group and a new Airfix group were also starting up. Morevain advised that fortnightly brunch clubs with activities were continuing and the Garelochhead Station Trust AGM would take place after the brunch club on the 14th September.

Morevain noted that some of the Trustees had recently visited Nairn Station to see the work that they had carried out on the building in turning it into a Men's Shed following a takeover of the building by a third sector organisation, and thanked SPT for the free transport to the venue. Morevain confirmed that the Trust had been successful in raising funds to have a septic tank fitted, with the majority of funds coming from the Railway Heritage Trust with support from the Friends of the West Highland Lines as they are hoping to develop the switch room.

Morevain advised that the Trust had been successful in securing Covenant funding for a 12 week course aimed at recent or planned military leavers which would provide them with a variety of advice and support from various organisations, including courses on basic cookery, stress management, and budgeting. Morevain noted that the last week of the course would include advice on how to cook a Christmas dinner, and they would cook Christmas dinner for the rest of the members.

5. COMMUNITY FOCUS

(a) Cardross Climate Action Network

Heather Munro, Cardross Climate Action Network (CardrossCAN), provided the Group with recent statistical information around climate change. Heather also provided information around the background of the organisation and their aims as a network of people in sharing knowledge to encourage and support people to make the changes needed to tackle climate issues. Heather advised that the Group consisted of people who had wide-ranging expertise across many climate issues. Heather noted that the network currently communicate via mailing list but are also on social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

Heather advised that CardrossCAN hold monthly Zoom meetings with relevant speakers, and have built up a network linking people with similar interests and creating various project groups. Heather noted that the project groups include work around home energy efficiency; recycling; Cardross Bay; and the potential start of a community garden. Heather noted that a further project group was being formulated around sustainable transport.

Heather advised that CardrossCAN were co-ordinating with Plastic Free Helensburgh to promote events for Climate Fringe Week and were also creating a short film, describing their hopes for the future and envisaging what Cardross could look like as a net-zero community in 2045.

Heather advised that the organisation had taken off more than expected since its creation as more and more people were concerned about the future and climate change information, however CardrossCAN are a deliberately non-judgemental group who understand that net-zero lifestyles cannot be achieved overnight. Heather noted that CardrossCAN aim to have fun and keep activities family friendly, with enthusiasm growing for the project as changes are made over time.

Kirsty Moyes encouraged Heather to get in touch if she would be interested in having any of the Group partners attend any future events as many of the projects discussed were in line with Community Planning thematic priorities and it could be useful to make connections with different organisations.

Shona Barton and the Chair invited Heather to attend future meetings of the Group, and Heather confirmed that she would be happy to do this.

PC Evans offered support where required from Police Scotland, suggesting possible assistance with bike marking during events in relation to sustainable travel.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group:

1. considered and noted the information provided; and
2. agreed to invite Cardross Climate Action Network to attend future meetings of the Group.

(b) Discussion around future Community Focus items

The Chair led discussion around future Community Focus items which could be of interest to the Group, and suggested Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service could provide updates on local activities and initiatives during the Community Focus item in future.

Kirsty Moyes outlined the background to the Community Focus section of the agenda, and discussion took place around the way in which it had previously functioned on an area or thematic basis. Angela Anderson suggested that having an area-based approach could encourage local groups to contribute. Sarah Davies suggested that it may be beneficial to attempt to engage with more community groups and Community Councils to encourage them to attend, particularly to encourage those whose attendance may have been impacted by the pandemic, and Shona Barton agreed to look into this.

Further discussion took place around community interaction and places where many community groups came together, and it was agreed that Kirsty would invite the Development Manager, Helensburgh Community Hub, to a future meeting of the Group.

The Chair encouraged anyone who had any further ideas for future Community Focus items to provide these by e-mail following the meeting.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group agreed:

1. to invite Police Scotland and the Scottish and Fire Rescue Service to provide information on local activities and initiatives at the Community Focus item of a future meeting of the Group;
2. to engage with local community groups and Community Councils to encourage them to attend future meetings of the Group;

3. to invite the Development Manager, Helensburgh Community Hub, to a future meeting of the Group; and
4. that partners could contact the Chair, Shona Barton, or Iona Campbell with suggestions for any future community focus items by e-mail following the meeting.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE

(a) Climate Change Working Group - Involvement of Area Community Planning Groups

The Group gave consideration to a briefing note providing information on the Climate Change Working Group which had been formed by the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee, the aims of the Group and the ways in which the Area Community Planning Groups could become more involved with it.

Heather Munro suggested that it may be beneficial for the Climate Change Working Group to get involved in the cycle path from Dumbarton to Helensburgh, in an aim to overcome issues with progress. Morevain Martin suggested that it would be useful to also look at all of the cycle paths in the area, highlighting an issue with a cycle path on the peninsula near Rosneath as there is a point where it stops at a very dangerous part of the road on a hairpin bend.

Angela Anderson advised that she would be very happy to get involved with the Climate Change Working Group and be the Group representative. Angela advised that climate change was very important to Argyll in particular as a coastal area, and she believed that more organisations and expertise feeding in to discussions would be beneficial. Angela confirmed that she would be happy to discuss and feed in local issues to the Climate Change Working Group. Angela also advised that the Council were being encouraged by local groups to include a section indicating any potential implications for climate change in Council reports.

Sarah Davies confirmed that she would be happy to be the substitute representative for the Group on the Climate Change Working Group.

Following discussion around how feedback from the Climate Change Working Group could be communicated to the Group, Shona Barton advised that it was hoped that Climate Change could become a standing item on Area Community Planning Groups agendas and that any representatives from the Group who were nominated to the Climate Change Working Group could take this opportunity during meetings to provide feedback on their activities.

The Group noted that Cardross Climate Action Network, Plastic Free Helensburgh and Time for Change Argyll and Bute were already included in the ACT interactive map. The Chair asked anyone who was aware of any other relevant projects or organisations for inclusion in the ACT interactive map to send them on by e-mail following the meeting.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group;

1. discussed the information outlined in the briefing and provided suggestions for

- actions for the Climate Change Working Group;
2. nominated Angela Anderson to represent the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group on the Climate Change Working Group;
 3. nominated Sarah Davies to be a substitute representative for the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group on the Climate Change Working Group;
 4. agreed to provide details of any relevant projects/organisations that could be put forward as an addition to the ACT interactive map by e-mail following the meeting; and
 5. agreed to add Climate Change as a standing item to future meeting agendas.

(Reference: Report by Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council, dated 19th August 2021, submitted)

(b) **Plastic Free Helensburgh**

The Group gave consideration to a written report and verbal update from Angela Anderson, Plastic Free Helensburgh, providing information on the background of the group and their plans to achieve Plastic Free town status as part of the Surfers Against Sewage Plastic Free Communities project. Angela also outlined information around Plastic Free Helensburgh's activities and provided information on their plans for the future, including a programme of events scheduled for Climate Fringe Week which would also be advertised in the press.

Angela advised that the group did require more members for their steering group and encouraged anyone who was interested to get involved. The Chair suggested that Basecamp could be a good way for groups to advertise any events or vacancies arising.

Angela also asked if clarity could be received from Argyll and Bute Council Officers around local waste strategies and Shona Barton agreed to liaise with Angela following the meeting around the information she required in order to direct her queries to the appropriate Officer.

Angela also offered congratulations to a number of Olympians who had trained at Rhu. Angela noted her concerns that water quality in Rhu was already poor and could be affected by the planned development of additional housing there.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Angela Anderson, Plastic Free Helensburgh, submitted)

(c) **Time for Change Argyll and Bute**

The Group gave consideration to a written report and verbal update from Angela Anderson, Time for Change Argyll and Bute, providing information on the background and aims of the organisation. Angela also provided an overview of their activities, including details of how to join an upcoming Argyll and Bute Climate Summit as part of Climate Fringe Week.

Angela advised that she was encouraged by the news that the Council would be offering Climate Literacy training to Elected Members and suggested that it may be beneficial to share future training opportunities with the Group if anyone would be interested in this. Angela noted that Time for Change Argyll and Bute was a very good organisation to be a part of and encouraged people to get involved if they had an interest in climate change.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Angela Anderson, Time for Change Argyll and Bute, submitted)

7. WATER SAFETY

The Chair led the Group in a discussion around water safety, following a number of local tragedies. The Chair provided details of the way partnership working was being utilised to analyse trends and hotspots and to identify areas where attention was needed, particularly during the periods of peak concern between April-September. The Chair noted that a Working Group involving relevant partners was liaising with Water Safety Scotland to adopt consistent messaging at a national level.

Discussion took place around the benefits of increased water safety signage; the dangers that jet skis could present on the water and the need for Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park to introduce bye-laws to address this; the impact of shelving on water temperatures; the differences between swimming in freshwater and saltwater; and the need for increased education around water safety.

Sarah Davies advised that there had been a long period where swimming lessons were not available during the pandemic and there were now long waiting lists for swimming lessons locally. The Chair agreed to approach Live Argyll for further information in relation to this and circulate any response to the Group.

Kirsty Moyes noted that she had shared information from Water Safety Scotland on the Basecamp site for the Group and encouraged anyone who may require assistance with printing resources to contact her.

The Chair advised that many of the issues raised were being considered by Water Safety Scotland at a national level and water safety issues would require a prolonged, targeted approach and early education to resolve. The Chair confirmed that he would continue to provide the Group with information as it became available, and would aim to provide a further update to the Group at a meeting prior to Summer 2022.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group:

1. considered and noted the information provided; and
2. agreed to approach Live Argyll for further information in relation to long waiting lists for swimming lessons and any plans to resolve this in future; and

3. noted that a further update in relation to water safety would be provided at a future meeting of the Group and prior to Summer 2022.

8. AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING ACTION PLAN UPDATE

The Chair provided an update to the Group on behalf of the Community Planning Manager, Argyll and Bute Council, as follows:

“Work on Locality Plans for Area Community Planning Groups is currently postponed due to staff vacancies within the Community Planning and Development Team.”

The Chair advised that he would aim to provide a further update in relation to this at the next meeting of the Group.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

9. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Group considered a briefing note which provided information around matters discussed during a virtual meeting of the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee, held on 30th June 2021.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the briefing note.

(Reference: Report by Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council, dated 19th August 2021, submitted)

10. CHAIRS REMARKS

The Chair thanked everyone for all of their hard work and advised that the work which had taken place throughout the Covid-19 pandemic had been particularly admirable. The Chair advised that all efforts were very much appreciated and he wanted to take the time to ensure that people were given deserved praise for their actions.

The Chair thanked Laura Cameron and Samantha Somers for all of their efforts with the Group and congratulated them on their new career paths. The Chair also took the opportunity to welcome Shona Barton to the group and to thank Kirsty Moyes and Iona Campbell for their assistance.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the Chairs remarks.

11. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF THE HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

The Group considered a report providing information relating to the appointment of a Chair of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group and outlining the expected time commitment and information about the role.

As there were no nominations for a Chair at the meeting, it was agreed that the report would be continued to the next meeting of the Group and that further information in relation to the role of Chair would be circulated by e-mail. Shona Barton advised that she would be happy to discuss the role with anyone who may be interested and advised that Kirsty Moyes, Iona Campbell and the Vice-Chair would also offer their assistance wherever possible.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group:

1. agreed to continue consideration of the report and appointment of a Chair to the next meeting of the Group; and
2. noted that further information in relation to the role of Chair would be circulated to the Group by e-mail.

(Reference: Report by Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council, dated 19th August 2020, submitted)

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Group noted that the next meeting of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group would take place on Thursday, 18th of November 2021.

**Transport Scotland Update for the Helensburgh and Lomond Area
Community Planning Group – 18/11/2021**

Please note the following list of projects we intend to do on the A82 Loch Lomond side before the end of December:

- Ardlui Station resurfacing 14-17 October
- North of Ardlui resurfacing 18 to 20 (nights) and 25 -28 October (days)

I can advise further on the next quarter, starting in January, nearer the time.

Neil MacFarlane

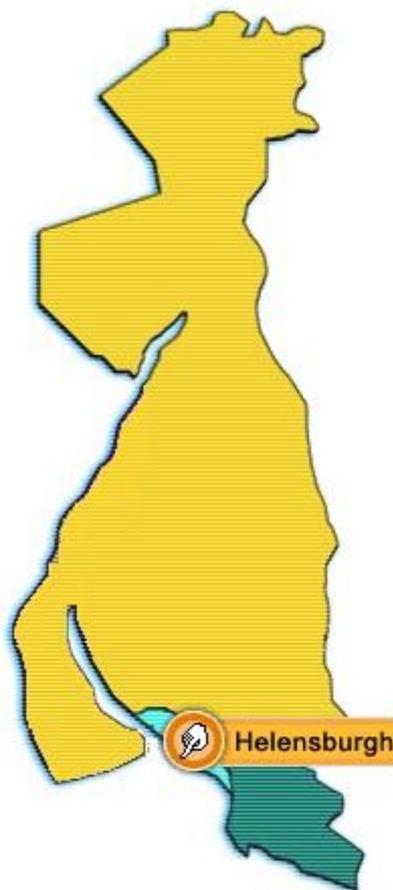
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Helensburgh and Lomond Q2 Report

2021/22



Helensburgh and Lomond...Incidents Q2

Incidents	H&LS 20/21	HC 20/21	LN 20/21	Total 20/21	H&LS 21/22	HC 21/22	LN 21/22	Total 21/22	+/-
Total	18	33	37	88	17	58	34	109	+21
Fire Fatalities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Fatal Fire Casualties	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	+1
Accidental Dwelling Fires	3	1	0	4	1	2	1	4	0
7KPI's									
Deliberate Fires	0	3	6	9	2	11	1	14	+5
Accidental Fire	4	3	7	14	3	10	8	21	+7
Fatal and Non-fatal fire casualties	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	+1
Non-Domestic fires	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	-1
Special Services Incidents	6	8	3	17	2	7	7	16	-1
RTC Casualties	1	2	0	3	0	0	3	3	0
False alarms	8	19	21	48	10	30	18	58	+10

Incidents of Note**Fires**

07/07/2021	Inchmurren Island, Loch Lomond	Outdoor Fire
07/07/2021	HELENSBURGH	Vehicle Fire
10/07/2021	HELENSBURGH	Refuse Fire
12/07/2021	Rhu	Refuse Fire
17/07/2021	A818 Black Hill, Helensburgh	Outdoor Fire
18/07/2021	HELENSBURGH	Outdoor Fire
18/07/2021	HELENSBURGH	Primary Fire
21/07/2021	HELENSBURGH	Outdoor Fire
23/07/2021	HELENSBURGH	Outdoor Fire
23/07/2021	HELENSBURGH	Outdoor Fire
24/07/2021	HELENSBURGH	Outdoor Fire
25/07/2021	A818, HELENSBURGH	Outdoor Fire
25/07/2021	HELENSBURGH	Primary Fire
26/07/2021	LUSS	Refuse Fire
26/07/2021	No Address Recorded	Outdoor Fire
26/07/2021	A818, HELENSBURGH	Outdoor Fire
31/07/2021	FASLANE	Primary Fire
01/08/2021	COVE	Outdoor Fire
09/08/2021	HELENSBURGH	Dwelling Fire
17/08/2021	HELENSBURGH	Outdoor Fire
18/08/2021	SHANDON	Dwelling Fire
18/08/2021	HELENSBURGH	Outdoor Fire
22/08/2021	HELENSBURGH	Refuse Fire
24/08/2021	HELENSBURGH	Refuse Fire
27/08/2021	ROSNEATH	Vehicle Fire
27/08/2021	HELENSBURGH	Refuse Fire
30/08/2021	HELENSBURGH	Dwelling Fire
01/09/2021	FASLANE	Primary Fire
01/09/2021	HELENSBURGH	Outdoor Fire
02/09/2021	CARDROSS	Outdoor Fire
02/09/2021	HELENSBURGH	Refuse Fire
06/09/2021	HELENSBURGH GOLF COURSE	Vehicle Fire
08/09/2021	LUSS	Refuse Fire
08/09/2021	HELENSBURGH	Dwelling Fire
19/09/2021	HELENSBURGH	Building Fire

Special Services

01/07/2021	No Address Recorded	RTC
10/07/2021	SHANDON	Effecting entry/exit
17/07/2021	HELENSBURGH	Assist other agencies
24/07/2021	Loch Lomond	Water Rescue
31/07/2021	HELENSBURGH	Ring Removal
31/07/2021	HELENSBURGH	No action
13/08/2021	CARDROSS	Medical Incident
14/08/2021	ARROCHAR	Flooding
19/08/2021	HELENSBURGH	Effecting entry/exit
28/08/2021	A82, LUSS	RTC
28/08/2021	Ardgartan Forrest	Effecting entry/exit
01/09/2021	HELENSBURGH	Medical Incident
02/09/2021	A82, INVERUGLAS	RTC
03/09/2021	HELENSBURGH	Effecting entry/exit
13/09/2021	HELENSBURGH	Effecting entry/exit
29/09/2021	HELENSBURGH	Assist other agencies

Community Safety Activity - 01/7/21 to 30/10/21

Station	Home Fire Safety Visits	High Risk Visits
Helensburgh	69	21
Garelochhead	14	5
Cove	8	7
Lochgoilhead	1	1
Arrochar	1	1
TOTAL	93	35

- Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR) – 25
- Fire Safety Talks – Firework Presentations – Due to Covid 19 restrictions we are unable to go into schools so we are working in partnership with education to embed our presentations in school networks.
- Continue to provide HFSV's and safety guidance
- Represented on the MARAC for those affected by domestic Violence
- Committed to raising water safety awareness via our participation in the Argyll & Bute Partnership Approach to Water Safety (PAWS) Group.

New Smoke Detector Legislation



For information on the new detector standard that will be introduced in Scotland from February 2022:

Open the camera on your phone and fit the below QR code onto the screen. A link to the Scottish Government information will pop up on the screen



[www.Fire and smoke alarms: changes to the law - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.fireandsmokealarms:changes.to.the.law.gov.scot)

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**Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust and Friends of
Loch Lomond and the Trossachs
Update to Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning
Group – 18/11/21**

**Visitor Management Project to Make a Difference for Visitors and the Local Community
in Arrochar & Tarbet through the Summer 2021**

As part of the £90,000 Two Lochs Visitor Management Project, led by the Friends of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs with support of Arrochar & Tarbet Community Development Trust and a small working group of local businesses, an impressive package of 'quick win' visitor management actions was delivered in the two lochside communities this summer.

As ACPG members will be aware we've been concerned about the decline of the Arrochar and Tarbet area over several years and the growing adverse impacts of A83 regular road closures and Covid 19, which raised issues for the villages to be able to cope with additional staycation visitor pressures anticipated this summer. A small Working Group involving local businesses, the Development Trust, the National Park and the Friends of Loch Lomond was set up late last year. The group focused on some of the challenges facing the villages which helped shape priorities to address shortcomings for visitors and the local community, in a way that would help to strengthen the communities in sustainable and environmentally friendly ways.

Early actions were identified to improve the situation on the ground and the Friends were able to secure substantial funding for a range of practical measures including the provision of temporary toilets at the main Arrochar car park and also at the start of the busy Cobbler mountain path, the employment of 3 seasonal visitor wardens, the production of more than 30 information map panels for display locally and new information signage at several village locations.

Ambitious Programme

With early groundwork the working partnership were able to roll out an ambitious summer programme in full within a few weeks following confirmation of substantial grant aid, secured by the Friends in early May from NatureScot's Better Places Green Recovery award scheme. This was supplemented by a generous grant from the Hannah Stirling Loch Lomond Trust and other sources, and by the middle of May three wardens were recruited locally and the first batch of toilets were in place and operational at Arrochar car park at the head of Loch Long.

This coincided with the transfer of responsibility for the Car Park from Argyll & Bute Council to the owners, Luss Estates Company and by the May Bank Holiday weekend all the waterproof information and orientation maps were in place on bus shelters and at other key locations throughout the area with new information directional signs installed at the Railway Station and the head of Loch Long. Additional Temporary Toilets were then installed at the entrance to the Cobbler mountain path, with approval coming from Forest and Land Scotland for this too.

The provision of toilets, backed up by friendly and knowledgeable visitor wardens, made a huge difference locally and as soon as the toilets were opened in mid-May a queue formed and it was interesting to see climbers and walkers regularly sprinting from the Cobbler car park to use them before toilets were installed there. The 7 temporary toilet units provided across the two sites were heavily used throughout the 22 week placement by an estimated 30,000 visitors. Their availability and overall cleanliness levels were regularly complemented on by

appreciative visitors and locals to become a regular stop off by those travelling into and from Argyll & Bute locations.

The wardens, with the support of the Luss Estates Company, helped manage the busy Arrochar car park and lochhead area with regular checks and cleaning the toilets at both sites in the Car Park and at the foot of the Cobbler climber's path. They also kept on top of litter problems and spent time providing advice and guidance to thousands of visitors to both car parks at the head of Loch Long. During the quieter spells in the Autumn the wardens carried out other tasks around the village including patrolling and clearing overgrown paths and public areas. They assisted with work around our 3 Villages Community Hall, the Village's War Memorial and children's Play Areas and main village pavements they were regularly visiting.

The early action programme has been a great success and is reflected in the high level of positive feedback received on the ground and via various social media channels used by visitors and the local public.

Alongside this we've had messages of support from the Landowner, Luss Estates, Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park Ranger Service, Police Scotland Community Policing Officers and Forest & Land Scotland.

We received the following from Local Argyll & Bute Cllr Shonny Paterson: *"I congratulate you and the team in what you have achieved, you have showed what can be done when the will is there. The toilets and level of maintenance of the car park, paths and amenity areas in my Community of Arrochar & Tarbet that were provided by the Friends in Arrochar has been a unmitigated success. I also have to mention that the wardens should all get a 10-10 for their work and dedication, going above and beyond what was asked of them, Thanks to all involved"*.

I would add that this programme of works has provided some welcome relief for villagers and local businesses which has been a great morale booster as well as serving the basic needs of visitors and those travelling through Arrochar. We hope we'll be able to build on this success in future years with the provision of permanent toilets and the retention of 'boots on the ground' via the excellent visitor warden scheme which has made a real difference locally.

Duncan MacLachlan
Chair
Arrochar & Tarbet Community Development Trust

Trustee
Friends of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs
Argyll & the Isles Coast & Countryside Trust

Appendix 1: Feedback Examples

Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust and Friends of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs

Update to Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group – 18/11/21

Appendix 1: Feedback Examples

A number of comments were received that appear to support community efforts in the Arrochar Car Park during the peak summer period for visitors coming to the area.

The following examples are provided from Park 4 Night – These are website comments from motorhomes and Campervan members using the Car Park for an overnight stay during Summer 2021 with Temp Toilets and local Visitor Warden service:

TwoGoWild - 5 Stars - on 26 09 2021

Great open location with lovely views. Variety of local amenities & toilets a bonus. Well worth £10 for the night.

MagicBoxer21 – 5 Stars- on 11 09 2021

Pulled up in the evening, guy came over for recommended £10 donation and gave a ticket for the night. Lovely views and small cafe for bacon sandwiches in the morning (if you don't want to cook).

AFowler - 5 Stars - on 8 09 2021

Great car park, amazing views, excellent.

KatyMac221 - 3 Stars - on 6 09 2021

It's a car park, what can we say? But views of the loch and near a chippy, a hotel and a pub so you won't go hungry/thirsty. £10 honesty donation seems fair. Bit of a low tide smell from the loch. Didn't use the portaloos so can't report.

MrBillyLove – 4 Stars - on 5 09 2021

Didn't expect too much but this was a gem as we didn't get a permit for Loch Lomond. Warden kept the car park and portaloos very tidy and the £10 suggested donation seemed fair. Not the most scenic of spots but the view across the bay was great. Agree with previous post that this is a great example of how the camping and local community can work in unison.

Simes303 – 5 Stars- on 15 08 2021

This is a perfect example of how local residents and motorhomers can exist together. The car park warden is a lovely man and he and his wife are doing what they can to help. Take your litter away and pay the ten pound overnight fee. It's really cheap and they even provide five portaloos.

Carl-Jones – 4 Stars - on 10 08 2021

Really nice free park up on a sea loch. I slept well, but others might be bothered by the busy road, this is a logging road. Toilets & bins. Warden came around during the evening suggesting a donation (£10). 90% of car park traffic are regular motorists who use facilities for free. He mentioned future installation of APNR cameras! I would stay again & pay.

Skjeldmaer – 5 Stars - on 24 07 2021

Absolutely cracking spot, no restrictions, level, shaded areas fab views, daytime loos and fuel and shop opposite. Couldn't find water though. Just to say, yes it's free but please make a donation as suggested, to support this great initiative!

SpudBC – 5 Stars - on 25 06 2021

Stunning views of Loch long that cannot be beaten! used to camp at Ardgartan but the site now has lodges only. Good for campervans to park up for the night and wake up to the lovely views. Very helpful gentleman works there keeping the place spick & span.

AdventureVanErica – 4 Stars - on 24 06 2021

Great spot and probably the cleanest portaloos I've ever seen. There was an occasional rotten smell from the head of the Loch but nothing to bother us. Midges we're rampant

Owen Morgan – 5 Stars - on 21 06 2021

Lovely view, fish and chip shop and another food place (Ben Arthur's Bothy) a couple of minutes walk away, fuel station opposite. Spoke to a nice guy who was cleaning the toilets (they are locked overnight from 7pm to 8am) and he said it's free but the friends of Loch Lomond group appreciate it if you text a number to donate £2 which I thought was more than fair

RsBoden – 4 Stars - on 19 06 2021

Quiet at night, busy during the day. Toilets and hand wash on site. Petrol station next door and a café. Strong smell of rotten sea. Standard car park though, not a "free motorhome aire".

The following examples are further comments received from a survey over a busy weekend for visitors and a Walking group visiting the Arrochar Alps:

On Sun, 5 Sept 2021 at 20:43, Nickie Cowan <> wrote:
Hi!

I just wanted to pass on that these toilets are a great asset. I used them on a Saturday morning at the beginning of august. They were clean, almost luxurious for a portaloo! And the provision of loads of sanitiser and clear signage was great Given the popularity of the Arrochar Alps and the area in general there is, in my mind, a need for toilets for people to use to avoid the issues we are seeing elsewhere. I hope people are paying for them to help support their availability! The area was clean and tidy and set a very positive impression! A great initiative and I hope you get funding to continue!

Nicola

On Sun, 5 Sept 2021 at 10:37, mandy bryan <> wrote:

Dear Friends of Loch Lomond

Just to say thank you for the temporary toilets at Arrochar. Scotland needs more public facilities to stop all the white tissue spoils and worse within the countryside. Most folk would use a public loo if it was available and clean.

Regards
Mandy

On Sun, 5 Sept 2021 at 09:35, Gillian Hewison <> wrote:
To the friends of Loch Lomond

Hi,

I am a member of the **Scottish Womens Walking Group**. I just wanted to write to express my thanks for the provision of the temporary toilets at the Arrochar car park. I'm guessing most folk travel a bit to reach Arrochar, a lot of hill walkers arrive early in the morning before cafes are open to buy breakfast and use the toilets before the walk.

You have resolved a potential issue with the temporary toilets, thank you for providing these. I think if you tried crowdfunding with some of the other walkers groups as well you might find some contribution to the possibility of a more permanent solution.

Best wishes,
Gillian Hewison

Menie Fishing Station
Balmedie,
Aberdeen
AB23 8YE

On Sun, 5 Sept 2021 at 09:05, elainewaudby <> wrote:

The temporary loos are immensely helpful to people heading up the hills and walks nearby, please let them continue.

They must surely prevent a lot of potential mess from some people, and gives peace of mind to people heading off on a long day of hiking.

On Sat, 4 Sept 2021 at 17:28, Elizabeth Bilson <> wrote:

Hi

It appears there are temporary toilets at the Arrochar car parks ! I cannot comment as I hadn't noticed the provision. However I have always thought there should be some there considering the amount of people passing through Arrochar or there for a day's walking. It would be a great asset if there could be some permanent provision of toilets as people are visiting all year round.

Hope this can be taken forward.

Best wishes

Liz Bilson

On Sat, 4 Sept 2021 at 16:47, mary.bavin <> wrote:

I'd just like to say how much tidier and cleaner the Arrochar car parks have been this summer and the toilets a boon for travellers on a long journey. I hope they will continue at this standard.

Mary Bavin

Isle of Islay

On Sat, 4 Sept 2021 at 16:30, anne marie bannon <> wrote:

Thanks so much for all the work around toilet provision in the Arrochar Car Park. They were spotless and absolutely essential to prevent random toileting outside. Hopefully funding can be continued to keep such a worthwhile project going.

Cheers!

On Sat, 4 Sept 2021 at 15:57, Diane Wilson <> wrote:

Hi

I visited Arrochar a few times during the period of 10th/11th July 2021 and used the carpark at the head of Loch Long. On all occasions the carpark was almost full and the toilets were being used.

To ensure visitors are attracted to stop, comfortably visit and lift the economy of the area, these resources are necessity and I hope they become a more permanent fixture.

Regards

Diane Wilson

On Sat, 4 Sept 2021 at 15:39, Christine MacCallum <> wrote:

These toilets are much appreciated by tourists and regular users of the A83. Spotless every time we've stopped and I hope they have been respected by the public.

Christine MacCallum

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Community Learning Service update

Be inspired, be you!

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
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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

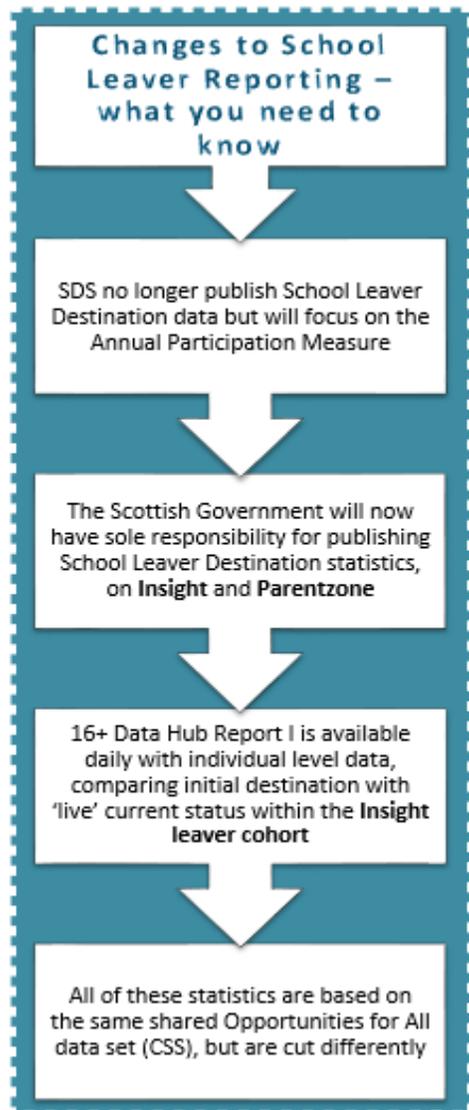
Team Leaders	Remits	Contact	email
Brian Smith	Youth Services		Brian.Smith@liveargyll.co.uk
Rhona Grant	Adult Learning		Rhona.grant@liveargyll.co.uk

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

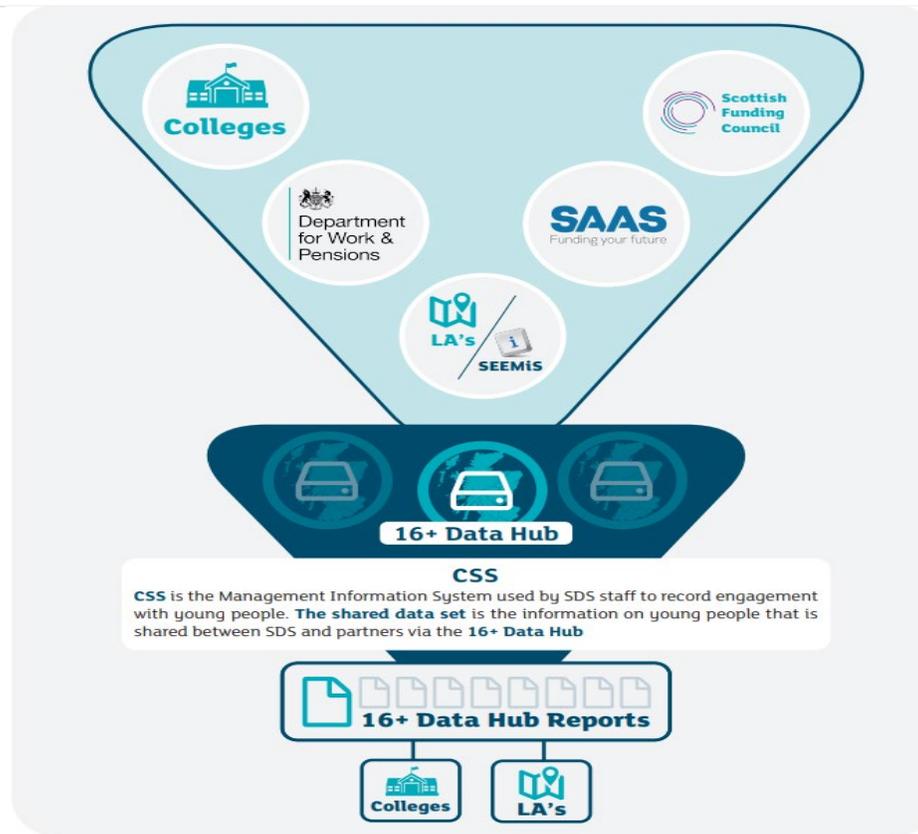
Prior to the Annual Participation Measure, School Leaver Destination Statistics were produced using different methodologies for multiple publications.

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.

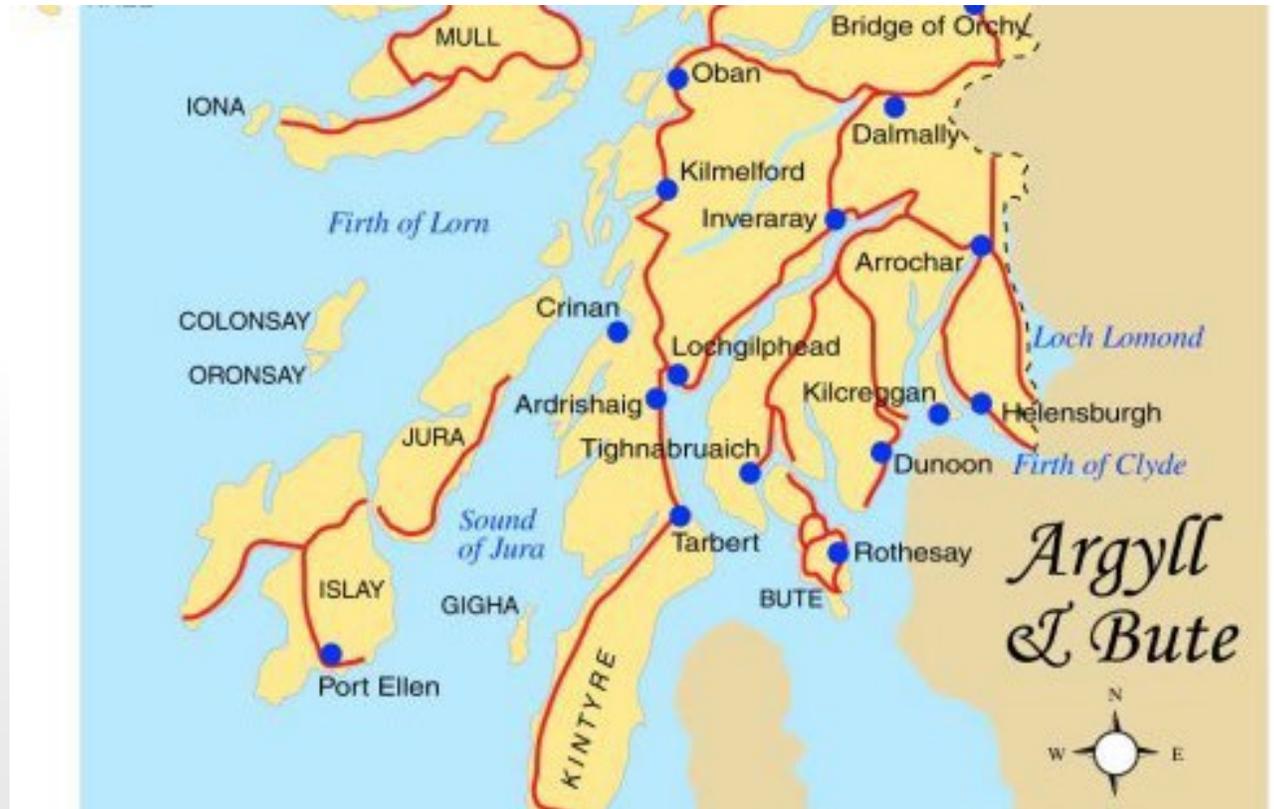
For 2018/19 onwards, support previously recorded as Activity Agreements is recorded in the Training category. For more information see section 7.3 of the main publication.

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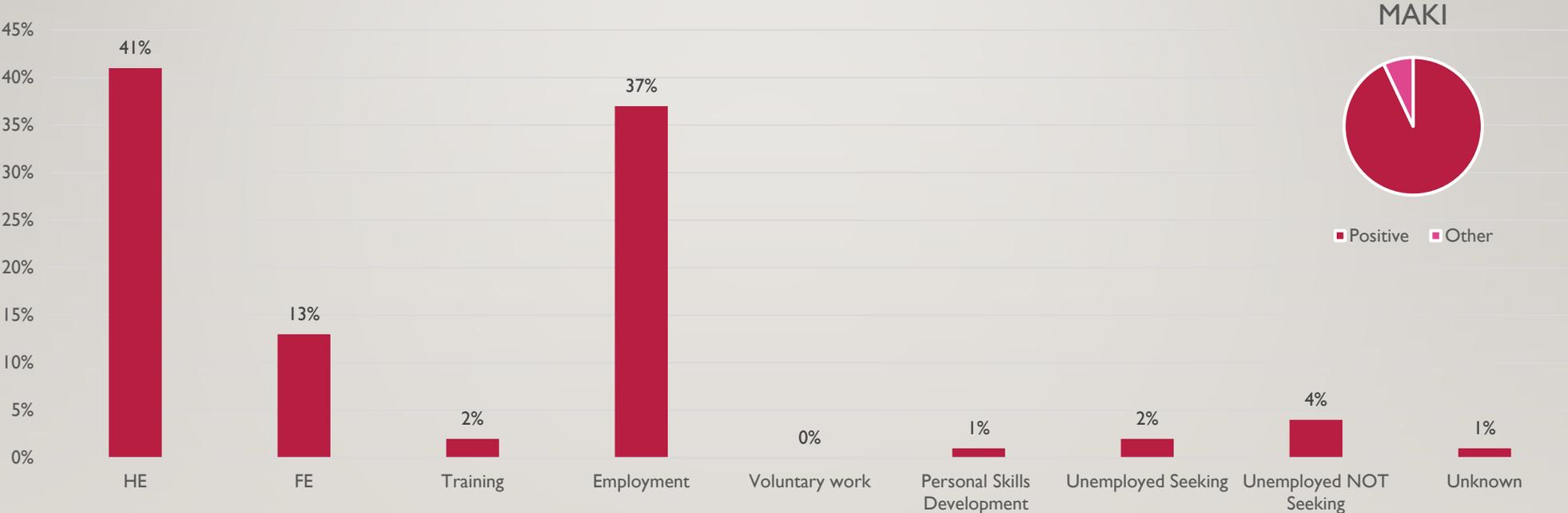
Year	LA code	LA Name	Number of leavers	Positive Destination	Higher Education	Further Education	Training	Employment	Voluntary Work	Activity Agreement	Personal Skills Development	Unemployed Seeking	Unemployed Not Seeking	Unknown
2019/20	130	Argyll & Bute	704	92.3	42.9	17.2	2.8	28.8	*	n/a	*	3.7	*	*
2018/19	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	-

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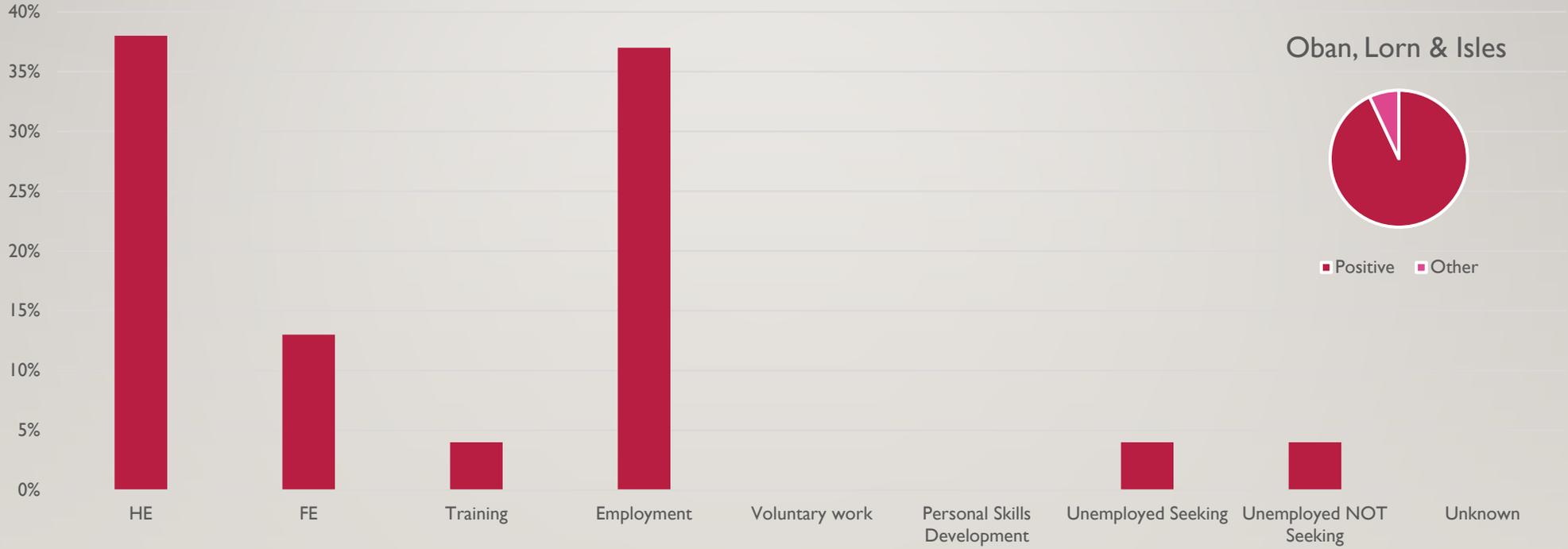
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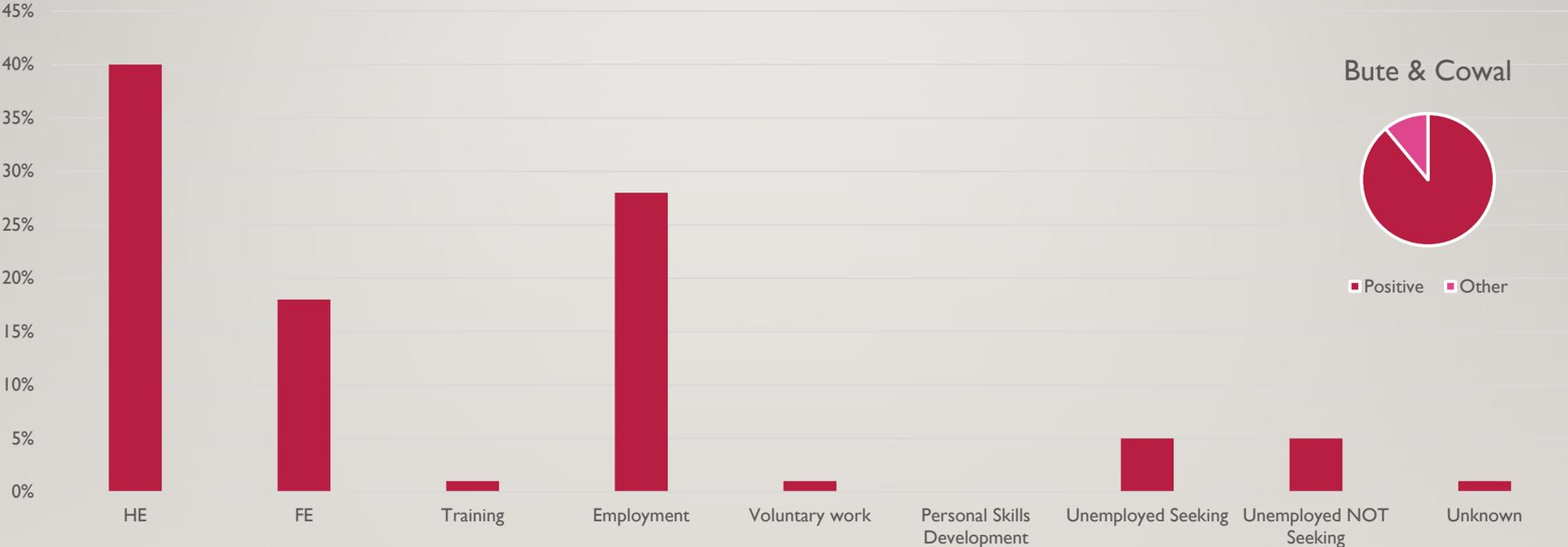
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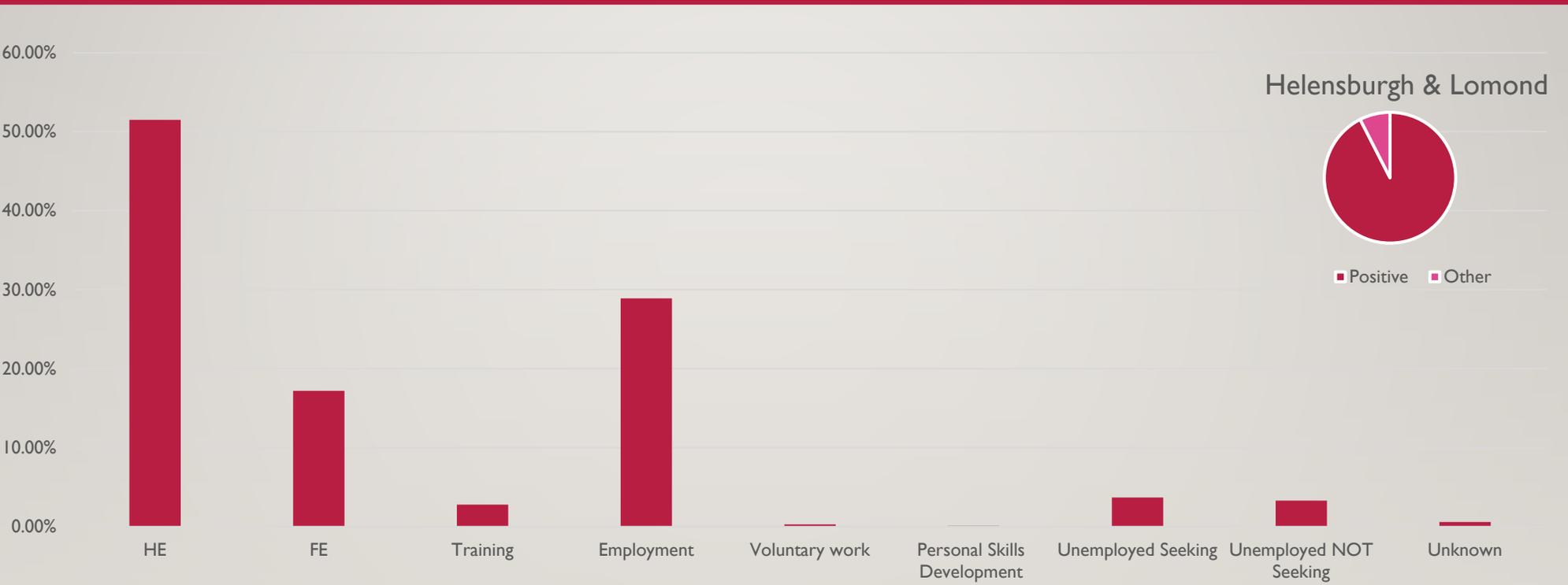
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ARGYLL & BUTE COMPARISON





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

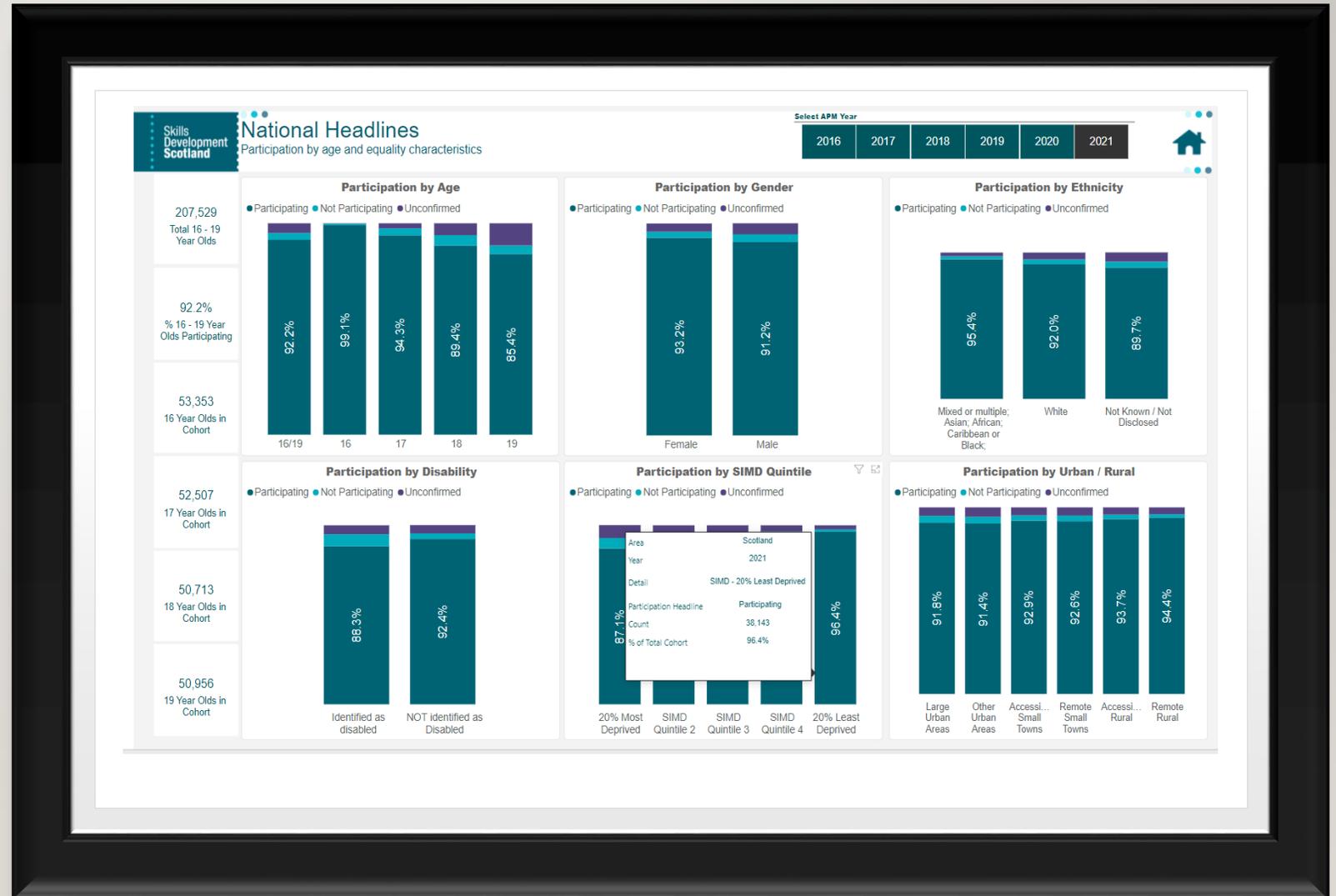
Participating

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

Overall Status = Participating

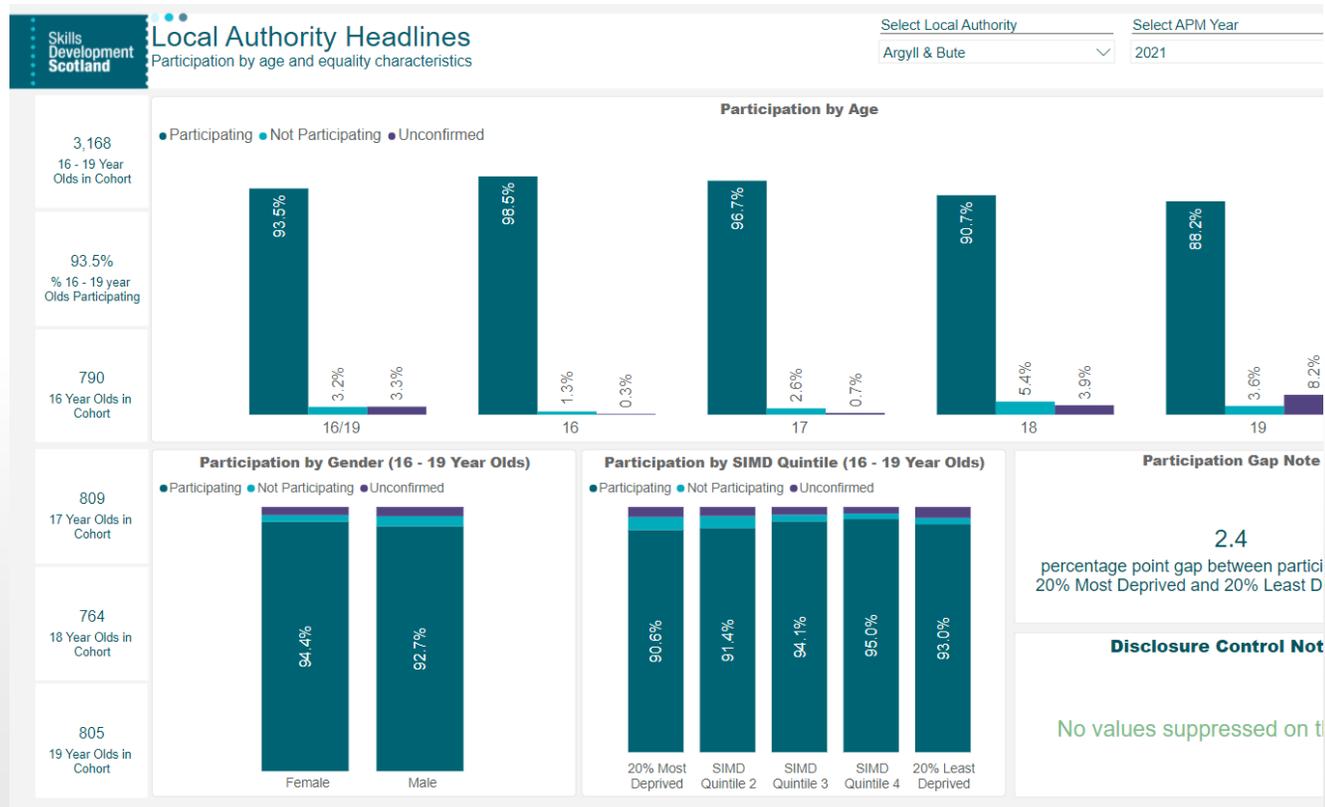
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CURRENT TRENDS – NEXT DATA SET DUE FEB 22

**Smaller
leaver cohort**

**Higher
number of
unknowns**

QUESTIONS



Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group****18th 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.

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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



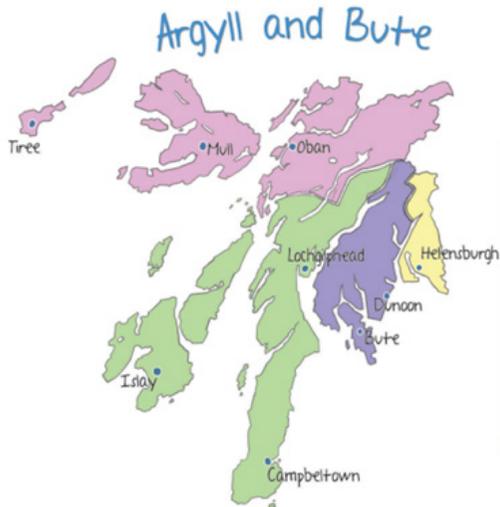
Thirteen data zones in Argyll and Bute are included in the 20% most overall deprived data zones in Scotland



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.

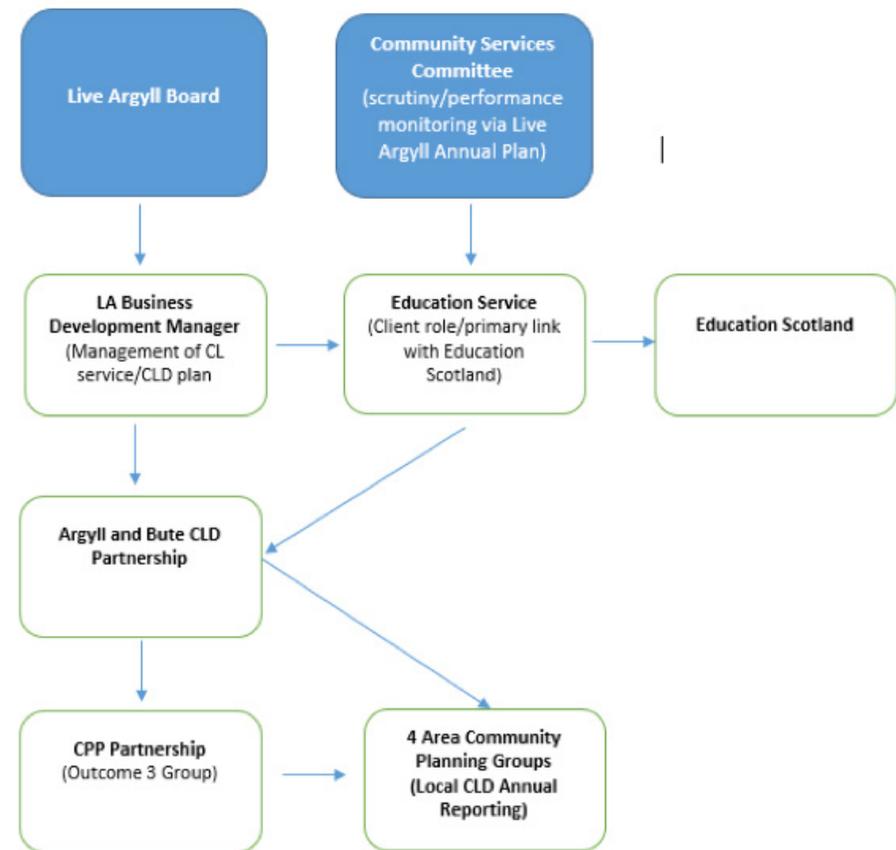
(Abbreviations: LA - LiveArgyll, CPP - Community Planning Partnership)

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.



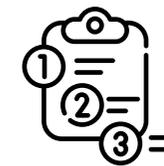
Youth voice and leadership opportunities, empowering young people to contribute to their communities.



Improvement Areas



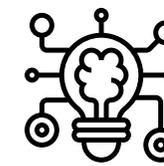
Strengthen the governance of CLD and develop a shared understanding of vision, values and aims.



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	Number of participants completing the programme (NOLB) Number of kickstart/YPG placements Learner feedback including outcome star Case studies
	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	Number of participants completing courses Number of individuals gaining employment
	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	Numbers of accredited learning and wider achievement opportunities number of participants completing courses Learner feedback Stakeholder feedback
	Offer a menu of co-ordinated high quality CLD volunteering opportunities in schools and community settings	CLD Partnership	medium	Improved skills and confidence	Learner feedback Case studies Number of individuals volunteering within CLD roles across the partnership
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	Case studies Well-being star ROI/Social value indicators

	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

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 admissions 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**Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group****18 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**Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group****18 November 2021**

Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group

Summary

The following report provides information relating to the appointment of a Chair and Vice-Chair for the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group. It outlines the expected time commitment and also gives information on the roles. The Area Community Planning Group is asked to consider making an appointment to the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair.

1. Purpose

1.1 This report asks the Area Community Planning Group to consider the appointment of a Chair and a Vice-Chair.

2. Recommendations

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

3. Background

3.1 The previous Chair, Laura Cameron, had been in post since November 2019 and had tendered her resignation from the position with immediate effect from 4th July 2021.

3.2 The Group subsequently considered the appointment of a Chair at the meeting held on 19th August 2021 and it was agreed to continue the report to the next meeting of the Group, as there had been no nominations for the role. The Group is therefore required to nominate a member to take on the role of Chair.

3.3 The current Vice-Chair, Albert Bruce, has been in post since November 2019. In accordance with the Terms of Reference the Chair and Vice-Chair positions are held for a period of 2 years. 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 Chair and 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 Chair or Vice-Chair the person must be a member of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group.

4.3 Some further information on the commitment required:-

- Attend meetings of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group;
- Attend meetings of the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee or the Full Partnership, in the case of the Vice-Chair to attend these meetings if the Chair is unable to attend;
- Time commitment of at least 4 Area Community Planning Group meetings per year in February, May, August and November and 4 pre-agenda meetings per year in January, April, July 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 Area Community Planning Group in consultation with the Vice-Chair.

5. Conclusions

5.1 The Area Community Planning Group is asked to consider the appointment of a Chair and 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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