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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **OBAN LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP** will be held in the on **WEDNESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2024** at **6:30 PM**, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry
Executive Director

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12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 8 MAY 2024

Oban Lorn & the Isles Community Planning Group

Colin Buchanan (Vice Chair)

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**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP held
BY MICROSOFT TEAMS
on WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2023**

Present: Councillor Kieron Green (Chair)
Stuart McLean, Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Andrew Kain, Argyll and Bute Council
Robert Taylor, Scottish Fire and Rescue
Maureen Evans, Community Learning, Live Argyll
Mary Holt, Criminal Justice, Argyll and Bute Council
Suanne Mason, Community Development, Argyll and Bute Council
Laura Corbe, Oban Community Council
Frank Roberts, Oban Community Council
Carol Flett, Argyll and the Islands Living Well Network
Jen Broadhurst, Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau
Lauren Worrell, NFU Scotland
Theresa Bain, UHI Argyll
Jim Tolmie, Oban District Access Panel
Jane Metcalf, Coll Community Council
Catriona Petit, Hope Kitchen
Petra Pearce, Argyll and Bute TSI
Rory Munro, Argyll and Bute HSCP
Mary Braithwaite, Luing Community Council
Innes McQueen, Luing Community Council
Colin Buchanan, Luing Community Council

Attending: Andrew Galloway, Press

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Stuart McLean welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that Ryan MacIntyre (Chair) had submitted his apologies.

In the absence of Ryan MacIntyre, Councillor Kieron Green chaired the meeting.

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of:

Ryan MacIntyre (Chair)
Councillor Jim Lynch, Argyll and Bute Council
Kirsty McLuckie, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
Ailie Law, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
John McLuckie, Community Planning, Argyll and Bute Council
Fergus Murray, Development and Growth, Argyll and Bute Council
Laura Evans, Police Scotland
Inspector Lee Page, Police Scotland
Sgt Matthew Shaw, Police Scotland
Michelle Mundie, ACHA
Linda Duncan, Crossroads
Susan McRae, Skills Development Scotland
Judith Hawcroft, North Argyll Carers

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. MINUTE OF OBAN, LORN AND THE ISLES AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 16 AUGUST 2023

The Minutes of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group meeting held on Wednesday 16 August 2023 were approved as a correct record.

4. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

The group gave consideration to a report which outlined matters discussed during a meeting of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee held on 7 September 2023. The report included information on a number of cross cutting themes such as Climate Change, Financial Inclusion and Community Wealth Building and an update on the development of the Argyll and Bute Outcomes Improvement Plan.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council, dated 8 November 2023, submitted)

5. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

Consideration was given to a report which provided information which related to the appointment of a Vice-Chair for the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group. The report outlined the expected time commitment and provided information on the roles.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group appointed Colin Buchanan to the role of Vice Chair of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group.

(Reference: Report by Committee Manager, dated 8 November 2023, submitted)

6. COMMUNITY WELLBEING

(a) **Public Health Team - Local Adult Health Area Profile**

The Group gave consideration to a report and presentation from Rory Munro, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership, on the adult health and wellbeing profile for the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Public Health Intelligence Team, dated March 2023, submitted)

7. PARTNERS UPDATE

(a) **Police Scotland**

Consideration was given to a report which provided an update on the ongoing work of the Service and information on fraud prevention and awareness, specifically Sextortion; bereavement support; road safety; community intelligence; youth engagement activities and coastline safety.

The report advised that the Partnership Against Rural Crime will be hosting an online Q & A session on 8th November through the Police Scotland Argyll & West Dunbartonshire Facebook Page at 7pm, the partnership involves NFU Scotland, Forestry & Land Scotland and the British Horse Society.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Police Scotland, submitted)

(b) **Scottish Fire and Rescue**

The Group gave consideration to a report highlighting the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's (SFRS) FQ2 review of local performance across Oban, Lorn and the Isles for the period 2023-24. The report included information on the local firefighter training plan; incidents during this time period; unwanted fire alarm signals; road and water safety campaigns; community engagement activities; East and West Dunbartonshire and Argyll and Bute Local Senior Officer Activities and home fire safety.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, submitted)

(c) **Living Well Network**

Having noted the apologies of Carol Flett of the Oban and Lorn and the Island Living Well Network, the Group gave consideration to a report which provided information on the activities being undertaken to promote the priorities for this year, Signposting, Community and Patient Transport and the ADP Funding.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Living Well Network, dated 16 October 2023, submitted)

(d) **Live Argyll - Community Learning**

The Group gave consideration to an update from Live Argyll - Community Learning Services. The update provided information relating to adult literacy and numeracy provision and the new management structure within the service including a new Services and Support Manager; Commercial Operations Manager and an Active Schools and Sports Manager.

In addition to the written report, Maureen Evans, advised that following multi-agency meetings, in relation to anti-social behaviour within Oban's Station Square, a Friday night football session had been started at the High School. The Local Fire Service had also participated with the Fire Engine on site to give the kids an additional interest.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Live Argyll, Community Learning dated November, submitted)

(e) **Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau**

Consideration was given to an update from Argyll and Bute Citizen's Advice Bureau which provided statistical information on the number of clients who had contacted the Bureau between January and September 2023; the annual programme of energy efficiency advice sessions and services that the Bureau provide. The recruitment campaign for volunteer advisors has been advertised with new volunteers expected to start out their training on 16th January 2024.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau, dated November, submitted)

(f) **Oban District Access Panel - Verbal Update**

Jim Tolmie of the Oban District Access Panel gave a brief verbal update on the Panels petition to the Scottish Government, specifically to make it a statutory requirement for Braille to be put on all food packaging. Mr Tolmie advised that the petition will be presented to the Scottish Parliament Petitions Committee by the end of the month where he hopes it will find support.

Decision

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

(Reference: Update by Oban District Access Panel)

(g) **Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface (TSI)**

The Group gave consideration to a report which outlined the current workstreams of the Argyll and Bute TSI. The update included information on the work in response to the cost of living crisis; local strategic partnerships; and the work on the application to receive funding for the Climate Action Network.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Support Advisor, Argyll and Bute TSI, dated November, submitted)

(h) **Opportunity for Verbal Updates**

North Argyll Carers

The Committee Manager read out a statement on behalf of Judith Hawcroft, the statement read:

‘I am concerned for my staff because of the increasing demand for support and growing complexity of the carers’ circumstances. I stated that unpaid carers are holding together an ailing social care system and that if they became unable to provide care because of burn-out, the repercussions would be very serious and far-reaching. I referred to my disappointment that £120,000 worth of carer support funding had been described as an “underspend” at the end of the 2022-23 financial year and had been reallocated to balance the budget, despite carers centres

requesting the funding and describing practical preventative support they could provide, with the funding, to prevent carer breakdown’.

8. COMMUNITY FOCUS

(a) Oban Place Plan/Community Action Plan

Laura Corbe of Oban Community Council spoke to her presentation with respect to the Oban Place Plan and Community Action Plan project. Miss Corbe advised that Oban Community Council are undertaking the lead in a public consultation regarding what the public would like to see locally in respect of housing, new or retained local employment, new tourism/community facilities, open space, climate change adaption, local initiatives promoting active travel and community food growing, conservation environment and improvements to the town centre.

Miss Corbe further advised that funding has been sought to raise the £35,000 to put the plan in place which includes the preparation of the required documentation, which must be carried out by a consultancy company and submitted to the Scottish Government.

Miss Corbe advised that Hope Kitchen are in the process of obtaining a shop front at 113 George Street, Oban which will be a collective shop, sign posting information on a host of services available to the public. Oban Community Council will have a space within the shop for submission of opinions with a steering group being established for those interested in participating.

Decision

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

(Reference: Presentation by Laura Corbe, Oban Community Council, November 2023, submitted)

9. CLIMATE CHANGE

(a) Climate Change Working Group

Laura Corbe highlighted that across Argyll and Bute, Climate Change has been on everyone’s mind since the heavy rain fall of a couple of weeks ago and highlighted an article written by Councillor Currie and the Chief Executive of the Council on what we needs to be done and how much help is required.

Laura advised that the new CPP Climate Change Project Manager, Andy MacPherson, will be in position by 30th November and that he has an excellent professional background in environmental and sustainable development projects in various authorities and public bodies. Andy’s focus will be on mitigation and adaptation at a strategic level for the CPP.

Decision

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

(Reference: Verbal presentation from Angela Anderson, Representative of the Climate Change Working Group)

(b) **Report by Luing Community Council**

Members of Luing Community Council shared with the Group a report on Flooding Risks on the Island, in particular following the recent floods in October, where 3 houses within the Conservation Area were affected.

Mary Braithwaite advised that the Community Council are in the process of setting up advice and assistance on flooding within the Island, but lack the technical knowledge when navigating ownership of the different parts of the island. Councillor Kain offered to facilitate someone from Roads and Infrastructure to get in touch with the Community Council to discuss and offer technical advice.

The Committee Manager advised that the Council website also has a Flood Advice Page which can be accessed by following this [LINK](#).

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Luing Community Council, November 2023, submitted)

(c) **Climate Hub Update**

Angela Anderson had submitted a written report which highlighted that the consortium of Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust (ACT), Third Sector Interface (TSI) and Time for Change had submitted an application for the Climate Hub and had presented the application to the Scottish Government Advisory Board on Friday 27th October. They expect to hear of the outcome of the bid during the latter half of November.

Also highlighted was that the consortium had applied for funding for four part-time posts, one for each of the four administrative areas and that ACT will supply day to day support, TSI will provide ICT and secretariat assistance and TFC will assist as needed.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report from Angela Anderson, Time for Change Argyll and

Bute)

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Group noted that the next meeting of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group would take place on Wednesday 7 February 2024 at 6.30pm.

The Chair thanked everyone in attendance at the meeting.

Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**Oban Lorn & The Isles Area Community Planning Group****7 February 2024**

Area Community Planning Group Governance Arrangements

Summary

The report asks the Oban Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group to review the current Terms of Reference, the membership of the Group and also asks members to note the dates for meetings up until May 2025.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to confirm the governance arrangements of the Oban Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group (Area CPG) specifically the Terms of Reference, membership and note future meeting dates.

2. Recommendations**2.1 Area CPG members are requested to:**

- Consider and adopt the Terms of Reference submitted in this report (Appendix 1) and to agree that these be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure their ongoing currency and appropriateness for the work of the Area CPG as it develops over time.
- Consider and agree the membership of the group as attached (Appendix 2) and to agree that the membership of the group be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure currency and appropriateness for the work of the group as it develops over time.
- To note the future meeting dates submitted in this report.

3. Detail

- 3.1 The Area CPG Terms of Reference were last reviewed and agreed in February 2023. An updated version, which has been amended to reflect some changes in language and terminology, is attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 The membership of the Area CPG was last reviewed in February 2023. The Area CPG are asked to consider whether any changes should be made to the membership, details of which are attached at Appendix 2.
- 3.3 The membership will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure currency and appropriateness for the work of the group as it develops over time, however there is provision for additional organisations to join the group at any stage to accommodate local circumstances.
- 3.4 Historically meeting dates for Area Community Planning Groups are scheduled approximately half way between the programmed meetings of the Community Planning Partnership Management Committees to enable effective and timeous reporting of matters to that committee. Members are therefore asked to note that the meeting dates for the Oban Lorn and the Isles Area CPG for 2024/25 will be:-
 - Wednesday 7 February 2024
 - Wednesday 8 May 2024
 - Wednesday 14 August 2024
 - Wednesday 13 November 2024
 - Wednesday 12 February 2025
 - Wednesday 14 May 2025

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 Given the development of Local Action Plans and the future focus of the work of Area Community Planning Groups the meeting is asked to review and agree the attached Terms of Reference and the current membership.

5. SOA Outcomes

Not applicable. The report relates to the administration of the Area CPG.

For further information please contact:

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Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference
Appendix 2 – Membership list

Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

Terms of Reference: Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group

The Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group is a sub group of, and report to, the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership's Management Committee.

It is an unincorporated partnership of agencies and organisations with membership drawn from the public sector, third sector, private sector, community organisations and partnerships that have an interest in Oban, Lorn & the Isles.

Purpose

Argyll and Bute is a large and diverse area. Communities inevitably have different issues even within the overall umbrella of a community plan for the whole area.

Area Community Planning Groups are the vehicle to ensure that there is effective community planning delivery, as set out in the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, at a local level by:

- Contributing to the oversight role of the whole partnership by highlighting issues of a partnership nature that cannot be resolved locally through the Area Community Planning Group, to the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee.
- Acting on behalf of the Community Planning Partnership via its Management Committee to oversee the implementation of Area Community Planning Action Plans (known as 'locality plans' within the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015)
- Acting on behalf of the community to ensure that local concerns and priorities are highlighted to the Community Planning Partnership's Management Committee.

Role

The role of the Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group is to:

- Oversee the development and implementation of the Area Community Planning Action Plan for Oban, Lorn & the Isles
- Encourage effective working across community planning partners at an area level
- Act as a conduit to ensure that local priorities are met and local issues addressed through partnership working

Remit

The Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group has the authority to:

- Contribute to the development of an Area Community Planning Action Plan for Oban, Lorn & the Isles.
- Monitor progress of the Area Community Planning Action Plan for Oban, Lorn & the Isles.

- Provide the scrutiny role for the Community Planning Partnership within Oban, Lorn & the Isles considering regular performance monitoring reports and providing information to the Management Committee by submitting written reports on challenges that cannot be resolved locally; where these challenges relate to partnership working and not single agencies. A representative of a community group or statutory body or business that is not a member of the group may also attend a meeting with prior agreement from the Chair to provide additional information should a specific issue of concern to the group be scheduled as an agenda item
- Form short term working groups to undertake defined pieces of work as required by the group
- Engage with communities within Oban, Lorn & the Isles to understand their needs.
- Inform and consult on issues relating to Community Planning at an area level
- Contribute to a Community Planning annual report for Argyll and Bute on progress on the agreed outcomes and best practice in partnership working.

Short Term Working Groups

Short Term Working Groups initiated by the Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group must:

- Be approved at a meeting of the Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group and its purpose recorded in the minute of the meeting , with clarity on the objective and output of the group and the start and end date of the work.
- Have a named member of the Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group acting as lead officer for the group
- Have a list of members of the group agreed at inception
- Have an appropriate source of administrative support identified and agreed at inception
- Where relevant have an appropriate funding package identified at inception and a named member of the short term working group undertaking financial responsibility for the initiative
- Provide regular reports of activity and progress to the Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group; and in updates to the Management Committee
- Any changes to the above must be approved by the Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group and recorded in the minute of the meeting

Equal Opportunities and Fairer Scotland Duty

The Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group will ensure that equal opportunities are considered in each of their remitted activities, any expected negative impacts are mitigated and promotion of equal opportunities is central to its ongoing activities.

In doing so the Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group will consider the responsibilities placed on it by The Fairer Scotland Duty. This duty places a legal responsibility on particular public bodies in Scotland to pay due regard to (actively consider) how they can reduce inequalities of outcome, caused by socio-economic disadvantage, when making strategic decisions.

Criteria for Membership

- Membership is drawn from public sector, third sector, private sector, community organisations and partnerships operating within the Oban, Lorn & the Isles area.
- Membership is open to all public sector, third sector, private sector, community organisations and partnerships operating within the Oban, Lorn & the Isles area with an interest in at least one of the outcomes identified in the Outcomes Improvement Plan.
- Organisations can self-nominate, be invited to join or have a statutory obligation to participate.
- In order to ensure democratic accountability, the Chair and Vice Chair from the Argyll and Bute Council Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Committee and one other Elected Member from an Argyll and Bute Council Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Committee Ward not already represented by the Chair or Vice Chair will sit as members of the group.
- In order to ensure democratic accountability, community councils situated within the Oban, Lorn & the Isles area will sit as a member of the group. Subject to local needs, this may be individual community councils, or by way of a caucus arrangement agreed by the community councils situated within the Oban, Lorn & the Isles area, or alternatively one community council representing all of the community councils on a rotational basis. The community council undertaking this role will be nominated by the other community councils within the area on an annual basis or more frequently if agreed locally.
- In order to comply with legislation which governs community planning in Scotland, some organisations have a statutory obligation to participate in community planning. The organisation will nominate the most appropriate person within their organisation to sit as a member of the group where relevant.
- In order to reflect the needs of the community and range of activities covered by the Area Community Planning Action Plan, other organisations and partnerships operating within the local area are also able to sit as members of the group.
- In order to obtain a balanced representation of the above and to ensure a community focussed approach, a ratio of no more than 50% public sector membership should be maintained throughout the lifetime of the group.
- The representatives ought to be able to speak on behalf of their organisation and where appropriate commit funding and other resources to local partnership activity. Membership should reflect the needs of the community and can therefore change subject to approval by a simple majority vote of the other members of the group.

Role of Members

Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group members have the following responsibilities:

- To consistently attend the scheduled Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group meetings. (Consistency in attendance by members is necessary to build momentum and progress the activities of the group)
- Appoint a substitute to attend meetings on their behalf if they are unable to attend.
- To communicate information relating to the Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group with other members and officers within their own organisation and other organisations operating within the area of activity they represent.
- To communicate information relating to their organisations area of activity to other members of the Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group at meetings.

- To raise community planning related issues (that is issues related to Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership's Local Outcomes Improvement Plan) on behalf of the community at Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group meetings.
- To contribute to the development, ongoing monitoring and review of the Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Action Plan.
- To participate in short term working groups as required.

Meetings

Chair

- The Chair and Vice Chair of the Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group will be elected by the members of the group and will be appointed for a period of two years.
- The outgoing Chair and Vice Chair can stand for re-election at the end of the two year period.
- However, no one person can serve in the role of Chair or Vice Chair for more than two consecutive two year periods
- Should either the Chair or Vice Chair resign their position during their term of office, the office bearer must either notify the group in person at a scheduled Area Community Planning Group meeting or contact the Chair in writing advising formally of their intention to stand down. Members will be advised of the resignation timeously and an election to fill the vacant post will be conducted at the next scheduled Area Community Planning Group meeting
- Nominations for the Chair and Vice Chair positions will be proposed and seconded by Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group members. Each member will have one vote and a simple majority vote will determine the outcome of the election process.
- The elected Chair, or in their absence, the Vice-Chair shall preside over the meeting. If both are absent, partners will choose a member from the floor to preside.
- Members should respect the authority of the Chair who will decide matters of order, competency, relevancy and urgency.

Quorum

- The quorum for a meeting will be 5.
- If a quorum is not present within 10 minutes of the scheduled start of a meeting or if at any point after a meeting has commenced attendance falls below the quorum the meeting will be declared inquorate.
- If a quorum is not present, at the Chairperson's / Vice-Chairperson's discretion, the meeting shall proceed and any decisions taken will be homologated at the next meeting.
- For purposes of the quorum, participation of partners by video-conferencing or telephone conference links will be considered as present.

Frequency of Meetings

- The Area Community Planning Groups of the CPP will normally meet once each quarter (4 times each year)
- These meetings will normally be held in February, May, August and November.

- Where business requires, further meetings can be called with agreement of the Chair subject to the required notice being given.

Conduct of Meetings

- Meetings of the Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group will be held in public.
- Observers can only participate in discussion with the agreement of Chair.
- Members must declare any conflict of interests at the start of a meeting and take no part in the consideration of the relevant item.
- Observers wishing to participate in discussion must declare any interest in the subject under discussion.
- All meetings will be minuted and a minute made available through the Council's website and available from a link through the Community Planning Partnership website.
- Meetings of the Area Community Planning Groups will be conducted in accordance with the lead partner's (Argyll and Bute Council) standing orders for meetings subject to any necessary changes as set out above (mutatis mutandis)

Decision making

- All members of the group have equal status
- Each member has one vote
- The Chair retains the casting vote
- All decisions must be clearly minuted with a brief summary of the discussion and reason for decision recorded as well as the outcome
- The minutes should clearly record who or whatever organisation is responsible for action
- Observers and persons attending the meeting in an advisory capacity may provide information but are not part of the decision making process and are not able to participate in a vote

Accountability

The Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group is an integral part of community planning in Argyll and Bute and is accountable to the following bodies:

- Full Community Planning Partnership via the Management Committee
- Community within its local area

Support

The Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group will be supported by:

- A Lead Officer to facilitate and promote the smooth operation of the group and work closely with group members to ensure a supportive structure, which responds to the needs of the members in addressing issues.
- Administrative support, organising meetings, taking minutes and associated administrative support will be provided by Argyll and Bute Council, Governance & Law.
- A Local Community Development Officer will have a key role, working in partnership with organisations in the support of community groups, organisations and individuals,

particularly those who do not traditionally engage in community issues, to participate in local community planning.

Issue of Papers

- The agenda and papers for the Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group will normally be issued 7 days prior to the date of the meeting.
- The Chair can agree to accept late papers.
- The draft agenda detail will normally be circulated four weeks in advance to allow members to propose items for inclusion
- The agenda and papers will be available via the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership website and will be published on the Argyll and Bute Council website.

Communications

The Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group is encouraged to share any best practice in partnership working locally with the wider Community Planning Partnership. Case studies and examples of partnership working making a difference can be sent to cppadmin@argyll-bute.gov.uk to be shared and promoted. For example this may be through the regular CPP e-Bulletin. The CPP e-Bulletin is available to members of the Area Community Planning Groups and sign up is via cppadmin@argyll-bute.gov.uk. Paper copies can be made available and are downloadable from the webpage.

Winding Up

The Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group is a sub group of the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership.

- If the Argyll and Bute Community Partnership is dissolved, the Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group will cease to exist by default
- If a review of Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership delivery structure should recommend that Area Community Planning Groups should be dissolved to facilitate a new delivery structure, the decision whether or not to wind up the group will be made by the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership following consultation with the Area Community Planning Groups and Argyll and Bute Council as lead partner for community planning within the area.
- Area Community Planning Group members may initiate a proposed wind up of the group by submitting a report outlining the reasons why it was felt the group was no longer required to the Management Committee in the first instance. The decision whether or not to wind up the group will be made by the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership following consultation with Argyll and Bute Council as lead partner for community planning within the area

Approved and adopted at the Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area Community Planning Group meeting held on 11 March 2015

Amended March 2015 to reflect a change in the meeting cycle

Amended March 2016 to clarify procedure if either the Chair or Vice Chair resigns during their term of office and amend number of days meeting papers are to be circulated prior to meeting date

Amended February 2017 to clarify procedure if outgoing office bearer wishes to stand for re-election.

Amended February 2019 to clarify terms in respect of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan / Area Community Planning Action Plan.

Amended February 2021 to clarify language and terminology and to include reference to Fairer Scotland Duty.

Amended February 2022 to clarify language and terminology.

Amended February 2023 to clarify language and terminology.

Amended February 2024 to clarify language and terminology, and to update the default media for the CPP e-bulletin.

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Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Groups Membership (incorporating changes in local communities since February 2023).

Organisation	Name
Argyll and Bute Council	CLlr A Kain CLlr K Green CLlr A Vennard
Community Councils	Mull Iona Coll Tiree Oban Glenorchy & Innishail Taynuilt Avich & Kilchrenan Luing Kilninver & Kilmelford Seil & Easdale Kilmore & Kilbride Dunbeg Lismore Appin Connel Ardchattan
Police Scotland	Inspector Lee Page Sgt Matthew Shaw PC Laura Evans
Scottish Fire and Rescue	Anthony Mallon Anthony McGloin Christopher Spence Robert Taylor
Health & Social Care Partnership (OLI)	Morven Gemmill
ACHA	Michelle Mundie
West Highland Housing Association	Brett Sadler
Highlands & Islands Enterprise	Catriona McKnight/Morag Goodfellow
Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface	Kirsteen Murray/Katrina Sayer
Living Well Networks	Carol Flett
BIDS4Oban	Andrew Spence Yvonne MacLean
Scottish Federation for Small Businesses	Janet Waterworth
Argyll & Isles Strategic Tourism Partnership	Carron Tobin
Argyll College	Theresa Bain
Cal Mac	
Development Coll	
Hope Kitchen	Catriona Petit
Disability Forum & Access Panel	Ken Johnson
Oban Tourism	Linda Battison
Tiree Trust	
Crossroads	Joan Best
North Argyll Carers	Judith Hawcroft
Oban Youth Forum	Maureen Evans
Oban Youth Cafe	Jackie Buchanan
Oban Communities Trust/Rockfield	
TSI	Petra Pearce

Oban High School	Aileen Jackson
Skills Development Scotland	Susan MacRae
OCHDA	Robert Kincaid
Dunbeg Woodlands Group	Laura Corbe
MECOPP Carers Centre	Ali Martin
Carr Gomm	Becs Barker & Sarah Chapman
Time for Change	Angela Anderson
Poverty Alliance	Becky Hothersall

Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**Oban Lorn & The Isles Area Community Planning Group****7 February 2024**

Appointment of Chair of the Oban Lorn & The Isles Area Community Planning Group

Summary

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

1. Purpose

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

2. Recommendations

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

3. Background

3.1 The current Chair, Ryan Macintyre's, tenure as a Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament ended on 31 January 2024 and as a consequence his membership of the Community Planning Group Group also ended. Therefore, the Group is required to nominate a member to take on the role of Chair.

4. Detail

4.1 According to the Terms of Reference the 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 the person must be a member of the Oban Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group.

4.3 Some further information on the commitment required:-

- Attend meetings of the Oban Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group;
- Attend meetings of the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee or the Full Partnership;
- Time commitment of at least 4 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 CPG in consultation with the Vice-Chair.

5. Conclusions

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

6. SOA Outcomes

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

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Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**Oban, Lorn and the Isles
Area Community Planning Group****7 February 2024**



Community Planning Partnership Management Committee Update

This briefing relates to the meeting of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee which was held on 12 January 2024. The briefing is for noting and relevant discussion.

Summary

The CPP Management Committee met on the 12 January 2024 with the meeting being held on a hybrid basis from the Council Chambers, Kilmory and via MS Teams. This update provides an overview of the discussion which took place.

Reports which were discussed at the meeting can be found by following this link - [Agenda for Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership - Management Committee on Friday, 12 January 2024, 10:00 am - Argyll and Bute Council \(argyll-bute.gov.uk\)](#)

HIGHLIGHTS**Matters Arising from Area Community Planning Groups (ACPGs)**

An update was provided on the discussions which had taken place at all 4 Area Community Planning Groups during the October/November 2023 cycle of meetings.

The Management Committee noted that Colin Buchanan was appointed as Vice Chair of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles ACPGs and that both the Bute and Cowal and Helensburgh and Lomond ACPGs will seek to appoint new Chairs at the meetings scheduled in February 2024.

The Management Committee also noted that following concerns around road safety within Sandbank, the Council's Roads and Infrastructure Services will submit a report to a future Bute and Cowal ACPG meeting outlining possible safety measures in that locality.

COUNCIL AREA PLANS

Stuart Green delivered a presentation on the development of 8 area plans across Argyll and Bute which will identify local service prioritisation and investment opportunities in communities.

The Management Committee were advised that funding opportunities that arise from the UK or Scottish Governments were usually announced with short bidding notice periods, yet the amount of work required to develop a suitable business case is high, which can be challenging. The area plans look to establish a clear record of the capital project visions and aspirations within communities. By getting ahead of the curve in this, the hope is to be able to take greater advantage of, and capitalise on, future funding and investment opportunities.

Stuart advised that there will be direct community engagement and consultation moving forward with Community Councils and Development Trusts. £200,000 has been allocated from the Council's Priorities Investment Fund for this work.

CROSS CUTTING THEMES

Climate Change

Andy MacPherson advised that he started in post as the Climate Change Project Manager on 30 October 2023, employed by ACT on behalf of the Management Committee and the project was in good financial health currently.

Andy has been meeting with key contacts within the CPP and the wider climate change community and has looked at the climate strategies of similar localities, and other public bodies, to identify parallels with the specific geographical challenges in Argyll and Bute. He has also been working with the Sustainable Scotland Network and believes there is an opportunity to collaborate with them.

Community feedback is that they want to focus on climate change action with short, snappy plans to support that. He is also keen to capture climate change plans in alignment with the Argyll and Bute Outcomes Improvement Plan priorities of housing, transport infrastructure and community wellbeing.

Financial Inclusion

Fergus Walker highlighted that:

- From 1 April to 30 November 2023, £428,416 had been spent against the 2023/24 funding allocation of £458,284 from the Scottish Welfare Fund and there is a projected overspend of £200,000 for the year.
- Up to 30 November 2023, £803,862 had been spent of the initial tranche of £869k from the Discretionary Housing Payment fund.
- Up to 31 October, 2279 households facing food and fuel insecurity in Argyll and Bute had benefitted from the Flexible Food Fund with an average client gain of £1416 per household. £204k had been granted from Shared Prosperity Funding that will allow the project to continue to 2025.

- Work continues to introduce School Clothing Project to Mid-Argyll and the Isles. There is now a [live website](#) for this project and Fergus is looking to work with Community Development to help identify and fill gaps in project coverage.
- From £141,000 funding provided by the Scottish Government, 1300 Love Local cards had been issued to islanders, each with a value of £85. Grant payments of £4000 has also been paid to island based foodbanks.

Fergus advised that project working in partnership with Poverty Alliance will start this year. A project outline will be shared in due course, but in summary, they are looking to setup a Citizens Panel of people living in Argyll and Bute that have lived experience of poverty. The project will seek to learn from them what it is like, where the pressures are and what could be developed to help alleviate rural poverty. There is also a project in place that is working with Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau on Council Tax collection which aims to protect vulnerable people from the Debt Recovery process.

Digital Communities

Ross Hamilton (Regulatory Affairs Manager, Telecoms, Consumer and Post Policy at OFCOM Scotland) delivered a presentation on the work of the OFCOM Digital Inclusion team. In December, OFCOM published their annual report “Connected Nations” and an interactive dashboard on which holds information on fixed and mobile connectivity at Local Authority level. In Argyll and Bute, superfast broadband has increased by 4%, resulting in over 1400 more properties having access to superfast broadband compared to 2022. There has also been a 2% increase in the level of 4G geographic coverage in the area.

Ross noted concerns around the resilience of the technology network in more rural parts of Scotland and OFCOM are consulting with providers to provide greater clarity on their need to comply with security duties, such as battery power backups, and the infrastructure that is required to ensure connectivity remains in the event of power cuts. OFCOM are looking at what more can be done at network infrastructure level and are looking to start a dialogue and discussion about what sort of aspects should be considered as part of this.

Argyll and Bute Outcomes Improvement Plan (ABOIP) for 2024 – 2034

Rona Gold delivered a presentation on the Argyll and Bute Outcomes Improvement Plan (ABOIP) for 2024 – 2034.

The presentation contained high level statements of intent, in order of priority, under each of the 3 outcomes (transport infrastructure, housing and community wellbeing). Rona reminded the Management Committee that seven areas were identified and included as part of the extensive consultation (the additional priorities were financial inclusion, climate change, digital inclusion and diverse economy/skilled workforce) but the three in focus here came out as the priorities.

COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING

CLES were commissioned by the Management Committee to take forward work on a strategy and action plan for Community Wealth Building (CWB). The report under consideration asked the Management Committee to consider a series of broad recommendations under each of the pillars of CWB, specifically spending, workforce, inclusive ownership, financial, land and property. The recommendations, driven by interviews, workshops, scoping and experience of what has worked well in other areas can be found, in their entirety, by following this [LINK](#). The Management Committee noted that final recommendations would be considered at the next meeting of the Steering Group before consideration at the next meeting of the Management Committee.

The Management Committee also received a presentation regarding CWB in Argyll and Bute. The presentation emphasised that CWB is a practical economic development approach to delivering community economic aspirations and community ownership, with many CWB qualities already in place in Argyll and Bute, including anchor institutions, strong procurement and existing community ownership.

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Area Plans Update



COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP/ AREA COMMITTEE

FQ4 2023/24

Stuart Green
Chief Executives Unit
Argyll and Bute Council



Area Plans – What, Why and How?

What?

- ▶ Creating area-based plans for all our communities, reflecting investment opportunities and local service prioritisation.

Why?

- ▶ Increase rate of external investment by improving how we align with growing number of external funding streams (e.g. government).

How?

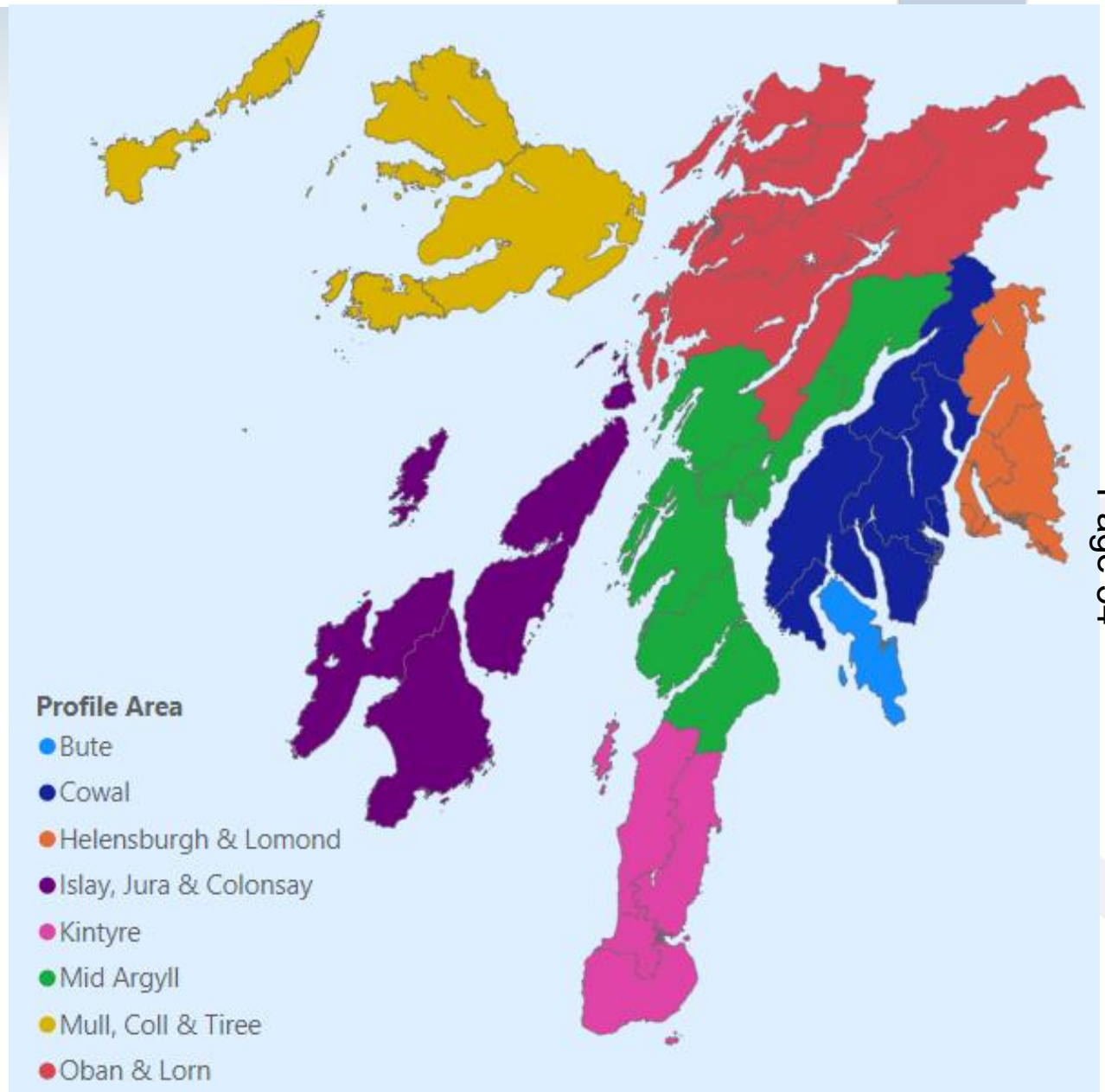
- ▶ Through consensus, forward plan investment opportunities that improve outcomes.

Area Plans – Mandate

- ▶ Council Agreed Priorities – November 2022
- ▶ Corporate Plan 2023 - 2027;
- ▶ Agreed by Policy and Resources Committee – October 2023
 - ▶ Number of locality plans.
 - ▶ Purpose & Principles
 - ▶ Approach
 - ▶ Resourcing and timescales
 - ▶ In addition; agreed to reflect any relevant outcomes from the Community Planning Partnership Community Wealth Building Review relevant to the Council in the approach to producing area plans.

No of
Locality
Plans

8 Areas



Area Plans – Purpose & Principles

Purpose

- ▶ Capture community vision and aspirations for each area.
- ▶ Reflect investment opportunities
- ▶ Identify local projects.

Principles

1. The plans will be orientated towards maximising external funding.
2. The plans do not guarantee the provision of funding towards any of the projects contained therein.
3. The plans will seek to promote proposals that are aligned with the Council's strategic plans and priorities.
4. All projects delivered by the Council will be prioritised and developed using our adopted project methodologies and processes.

What is in scope?

- ▶ Projects – planned and proposed by CPP Partners and community groups.
- ▶ Community wealth building opportunities.
- ▶ Housing; needs, demands and opportunities.
- ▶ High level summary on socio economic data.

Collating this information provides a baseline narrative and narrative.

Community engagement

- ▶ Important to get right.
- ▶ Sense of consultation fatigue (anecdotal).
 - ▶ Scottish Government Islands Consultation
 - ▶ Community Led Action Plans/ Charrettes
 - ▶ ABOIP
- ▶ More to come.
 - ▶ Community Planning Group Area Plans
 - ▶ Local Development Plans – Local Place Plans
- ▶ Need to coordinate engagement with our communities.

Efficient use of resources.

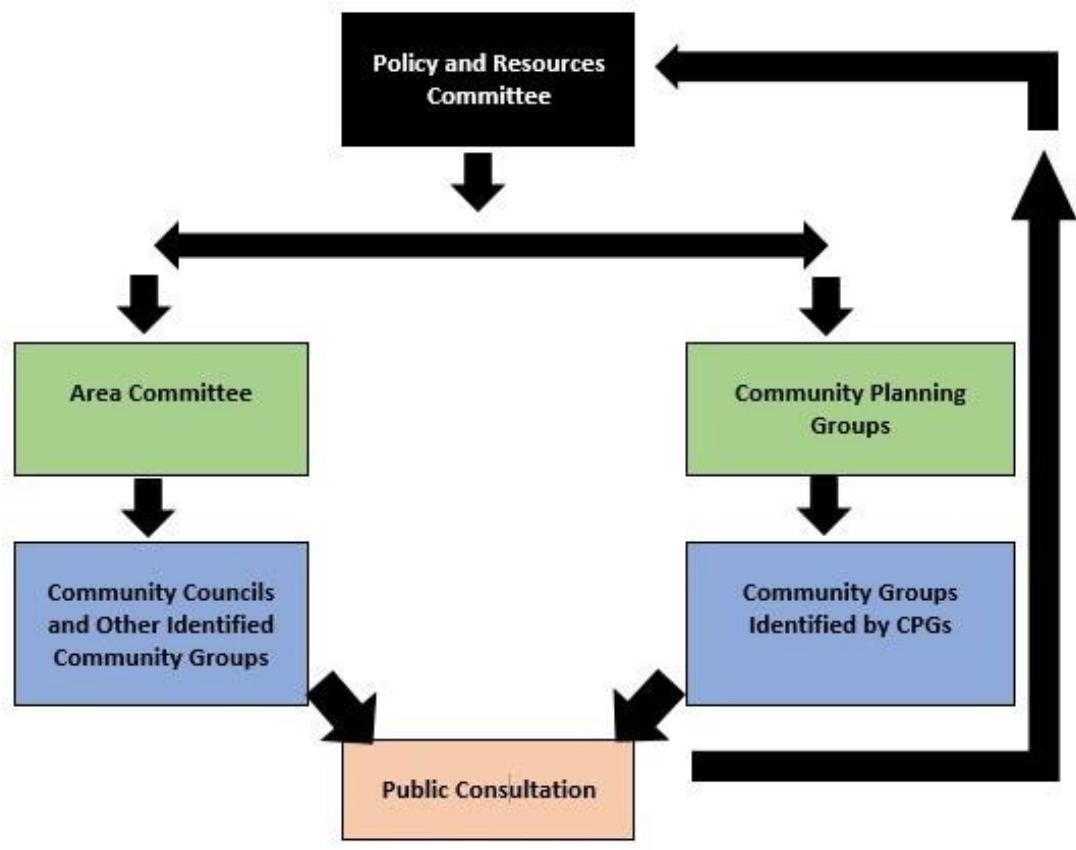


- ▶ Clear synergies to develop in tandem with;
 - ▶ Community Planning Group Area Plans.
 - ▶ Community Wealth Building.
- ▶ Careful consideration given to;
 - ▶ Efficient and optimal use of resources.
 - ▶ Co-ordinated consultation.

Area plans - Approach

Stages	Activity
1	Collation of information and data e.g. Scottish Government island consultation data, data from ABOIP place standard consultations, existing community led plans etc.
2	Engage community councils, development trusts and community groups initially to test our findings and identify gaps and update maps and plans.
3	Wider public consultation on draft vision and maps and plans.
4	Publish analysis on feedback from engagement on draft vision and maps and plans.
5	Submit vision and maps and plans to Members for consideration.

Governance and Flow of Information



Key
Governance
Informal & Advisory
Administrative Area
Local
Full Public Consultation

Phasing

- ▶ A phased but over-lapping approach is being taken to developing the Area Plans which will allow a) most effective use of resources and b) an iterative approach to learning from the process and identifying optimum methodologies. The phasing will be as follows;
 - ▶ Phase 1; two localities – one island(s) locality and one mainland locality.
 - ▶ Phase 2; three localities – one island(s) locality, two mainland localities.
 - ▶ Phase 3; three localities – one island(s) locality, two mainland localities.
- ▶ Each phase will run for 12 months from start to finish.
- ▶ Phases 2 and 3 will commence 3 months after the previous phase starts.
- ▶ The 3 phases will almost run concurrently with the total programme scheduled to last 18 months (and not 36 months if run sequentially) April 2024 to September 2025.
- ▶ This is designed to expedite the process in the quickest time possible in relation to the available resource.

How we will use the information?

- ▶ Area Plans should be viewed as a partnership document.
 - ▶ Opportunity to capture all investments and aspirations for all to support development of visions for each area.
 - ▶ May support strategic partners in developing future investment decisions and/or demonstrate community support.
- ▶ Plans will inform future opportunity for external funding.
- ▶ Effectively a ‘snap shot’ in time and does not prevent future opportunities.
- ▶ The plans do not guarantee the provision of funding towards any of the projects included **but**;
- ▶ Should provide clarity on opportunities, prioritisation, and improve matching and opportunities with external funding (which is significant).

Your help please.

1. Identify all community groups in your area.
2. Identify all locations in your area suitable for individuals to see and comment on draft proposals. (This is to ensure individuals that cannot or choose not to access plans digitally are not excluded from the consultation process).
3. Encourage Community Councils, Development Trusts and Community Groups to participate in the process.

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The Missing Piece

How includem Fits

We see a world where every child and young person is respected, valued, and has the opportunity to actively participate in all aspects of society.

"Our priority is helping children, young people and families make positive, sustainable changes to build a better life. This is how we transform lives for the long term."

Registered with the SSSC, we work closely with children, young people (from age 0-26*) and their families, who are facing difficult challenges in their lives.

Our trust-based, inclusive model of support is centred on the needs of each child, young person and family who we help make positive life choices and to transform their lives; creating better outcomes for them and their communities.



**for those who are care experienced!*

What We Do

We're not about prescribed processes or generic programmes. We take a flexible, personalised approach informed by evidence and research. Our support ranges from early intervention and prevention to intensive individual and family support provided by the right people when and where it is needed.

We work with individuals and families to co-create a package of support based on what they tell us about their circumstances, strengths, needs and goals.

This makes sure their voices are heard and the support we provide is designed specifically alongside them.

We listen

We make a plan

We build trusting relationships

We keep showing up


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Argyll and Bute Community Justice Partnership

What is Community Justice

National Strategy for Community Justice

Community justice is principally about organisations working together to ensure that **people who have offended address the underlying causes of their behaviour, and pay back to the community** where appropriate. It aims to **encourage rehabilitation, reduce reoffending, and protect the public, leading to fewer victims and safer communities.**

This requires a **strong partnership working approach** at each point of the justice system, **from the point of arrest, through to integration into the community.**

Public protection remains our first priority, with robust risk management systems in place to ensure that, where appropriate, those who have committed offences can be managed safely and effectively in the community. In the long term, our ambition is to **use prison only for those who pose a risk of serious harm.**

Argyll & Bute Community Justice Partnership

Core Membership

Chief Executive (Chair)

HSCP Chief Officer

HSCP Head of Service Children's Service & Justice/Chief Social Work Officer

HSCP Senior Manager Justice Social Work

Police Scotland Partnership Manager

Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Prevention Lead

Scottish Prison Service Governor (HMP Greenock)

Skills Development Scotland Area Manager

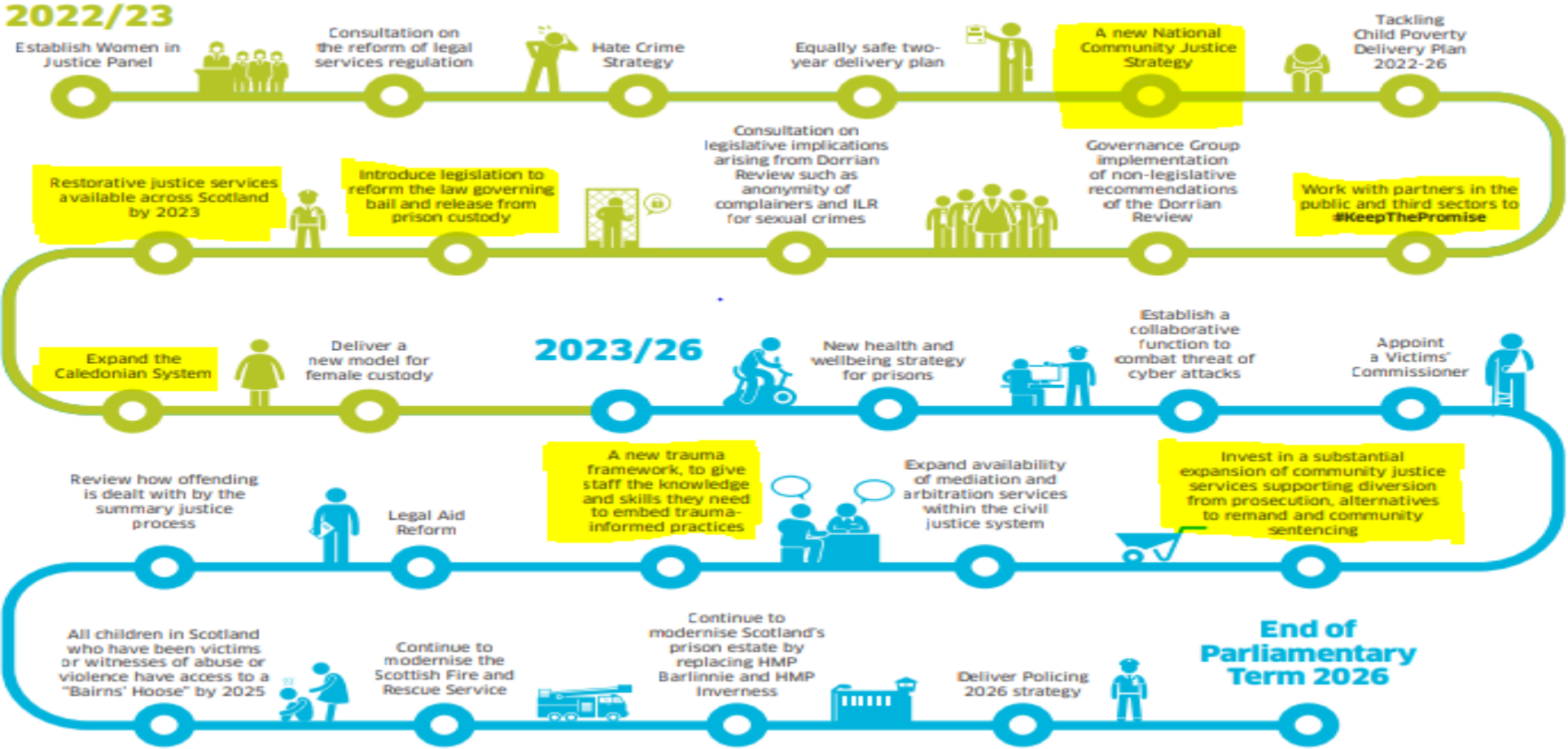
Third Sector Interface Chief Executive

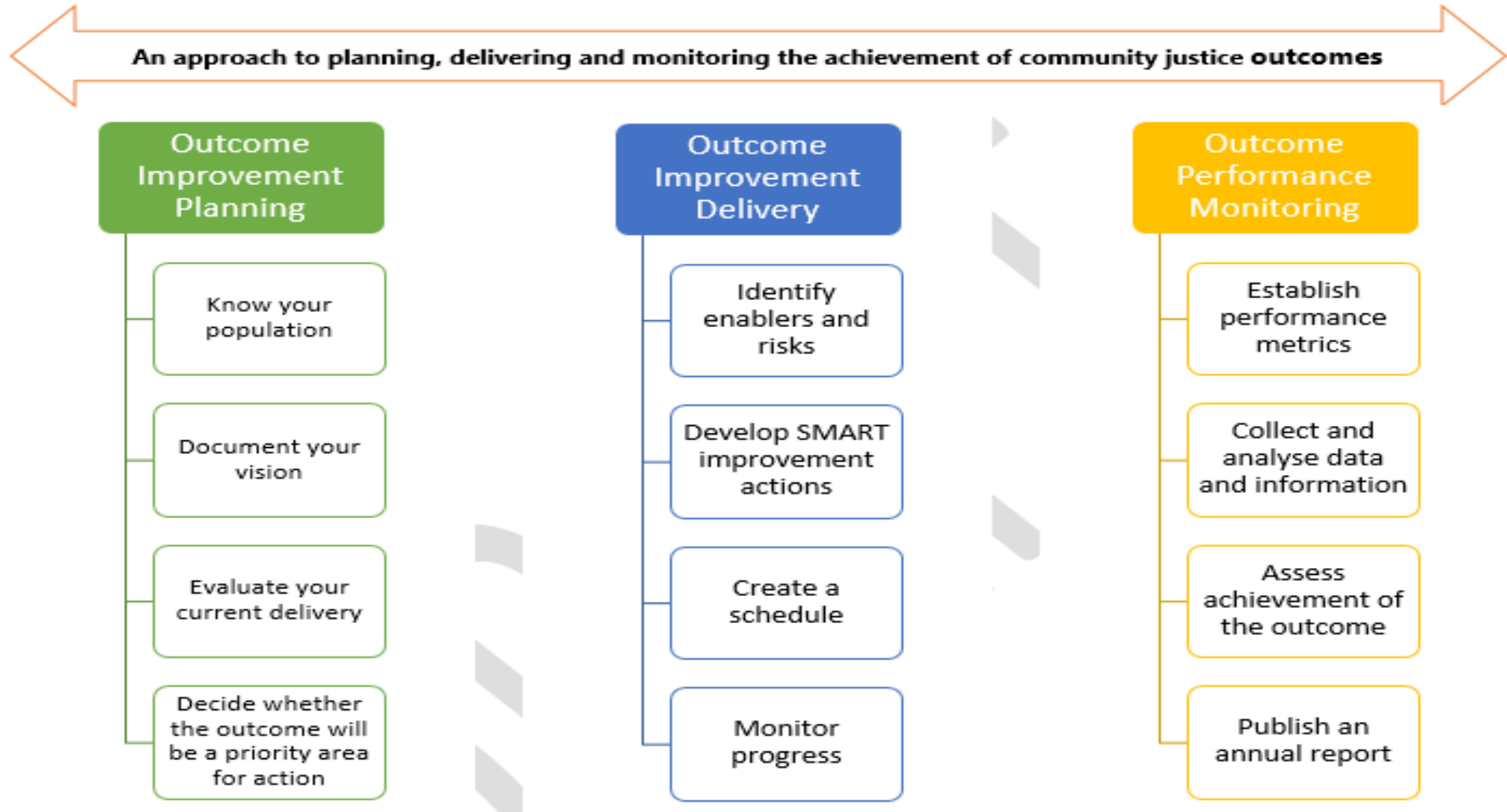
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Improvement Lead**

Community Justice

Strategic Context

Vision for Justice in Scotland





Community Justice

Developing our Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan (CJOIP)

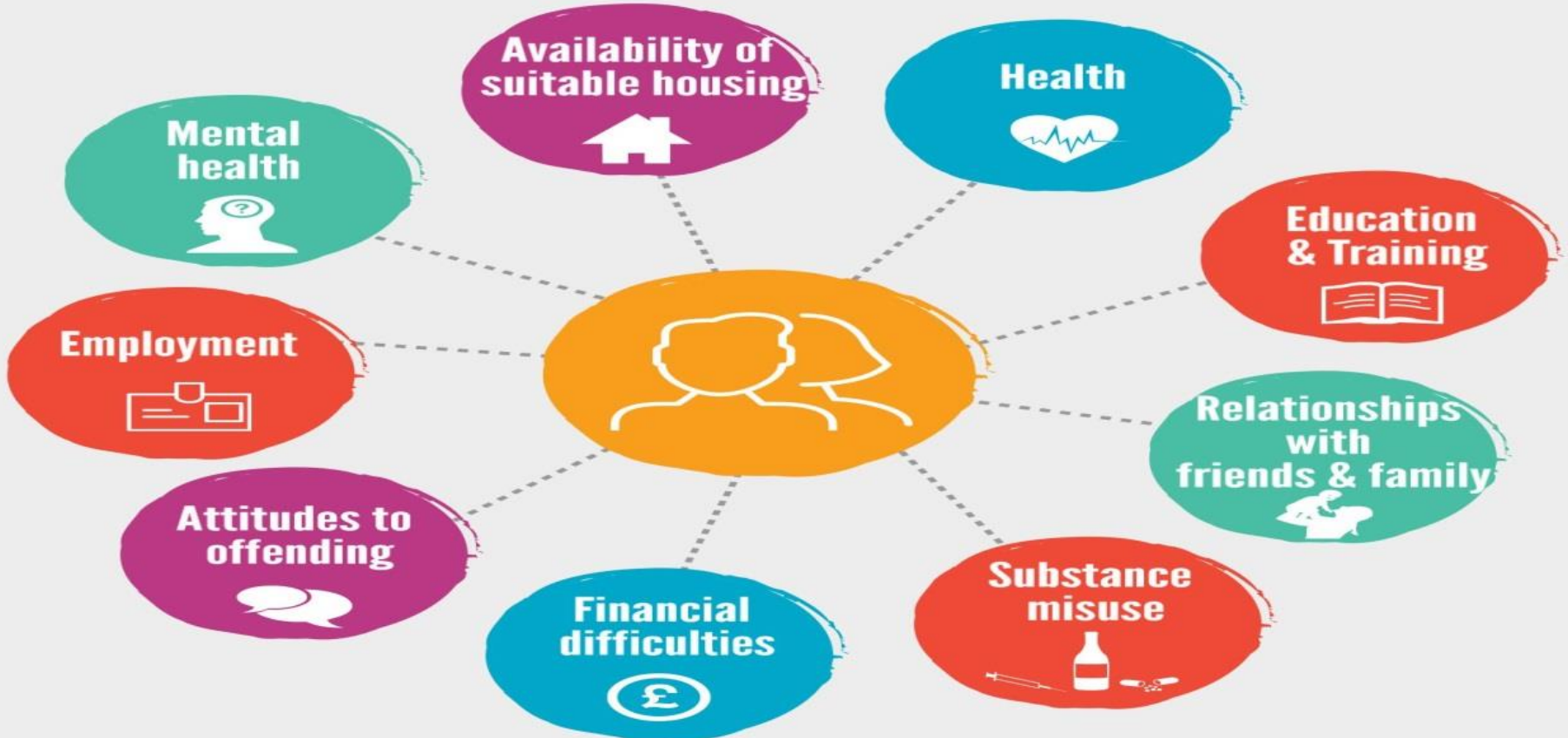
National aim	Priority action
1. Optimise the use of diversion and intervention at the earliest opportunity	1. Enhance intervention at the earliest opportunity by ensuring greater consistency, confidence in and awareness of services which support the use of direct measures and diversion from prosecution
	2. Improve the identification of underlying needs and the delivery of support following arrest by ensuring the provision of person-centred care within police custody and building upon referral opportunities to services including substance use and mental health services
2. Ensure that robust and high quality community interventions and public protection arrangements are consistently available across Scotland	3. Support the use of robust alternatives to remand by ensuring high quality bail services are consistently available and delivered effectively
	4. Strengthen options for safe and supported management in the community by increasing and widening the use of electronic monitoring technologies
	5. Ensure that those given community sentences are supervised and supported appropriately to protect the public, promote desistance from offending and enable rehabilitation by delivering high quality, consistently available, trauma-informed services and programmes
	6. Ensure restorative justice is available across Scotland to all those who wish to access it by promoting and supporting the appropriate and safe provision of available services

Community Justice

Developing our Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan (CJOIP)

<p>3. Ensure that services are accessible and available to address the needs of individuals accused or convicted of an offence</p>	<p>7. Enhance individuals' access to health and social care and continuity of care following release from prison by improving the sharing of information and partnership-working between relevant partners</p>
	<p>8. Ensure that the housing needs of individuals in prison are addressed consistently and at an early stage by fully implementing and embedding the Sustainable Housing on Release for Everyone (SHORE) standards across all local authority areas</p>
	<p>9. Enhance individual's life skills and readiness for employment by ensuring increased access to employability support through effective education, learning, training, career services and relevant benefit services</p>
	<p>10. Enhance community integration and support by increasing and promoting greater use of voluntary throughcare and third sector services</p>
<p>4. Strengthen the leadership, engagement, and partnership working of local and national community justice partners</p>	<p>11. Deliver improved community justice outcomes by ensuring that effective leadership and governance arrangements are in place and working well, collaborating with partners and planning strategically</p>
	<p>12. Enhance partnership planning and implementation by ensuring the voices of victims of crime, survivors, those with lived experience and their families are effectively incorporated and embedded</p>
	<p>13. Support integration and reduce stigma by ensuring the community and workforce have an improved understanding of and confidence in community justice</p>

Complex Needs to Address



Community Justice Pathway Priorities

Point of Arrest (Police Scotland Custody Suites)

- **Develop a place-based Strategic Needs & Strengths Assessment to improve understanding of what is available within Argyll & Bute and within Custody Suites outwith Argyll & Bute where citizens are transported to**

Through Prosecution (Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal Services)

- **Main focus is Diversion from Prosecution, work ongoing with Justice Social Work awaiting outcomes from COPFS internal review and Scottish Government Diversion Working Group**

Sentencing (Scottish Courts & Tribunal Service)

- **Enhance local partnership working for Justice Social Work Bail Support service**
- **Create an improved understanding of needs of citizens and judiciary at point of sentencing**

Community Sentences (Justice Social Work)

- **Enhance partnership working and increase the options for referral pathways**

Liberation from Prison (Community Based Services)

- **Support development and delivery of commissioned Justice Advocacy pilot (1 year) with Lomond & Argyll Advocacy Service. Focused on those being liberated from prison from a sentence less than 4 years**

Timescales for draft local plan

Final draft for consultation: Mid-February 2024

Consultation period: mid-February – mid-March 2024

Publication date: April 2024

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**Argyll & Bute Community Planning
Partnership
Area Community Planning Group
Partnership update
Date: January 2024**

Partner update – Public Health

The paper provides an update on ongoing wellbeing and prevention activity overseen and delivered by the HSCP Public Health Team in Argyll and Bute.

Argyll and Bute Public Health Annual Report

The Public Health Team published their annual report for the period April 2022 to March 2023 in November 2023. Alison McGrory, Associate Director of Public Health, presented the paper to the Integration Joint Board in November 2023 where the board noted the wider prevention activity taking place throughout Argyll and Bute. The report outlines the role of the Public Health Team which includes:

- Improving the health and wellbeing of the people who live in Argyll and Bute
- Implementing national health and wellbeing strategy and policy in our area
- Supporting the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) in delivering effective services, for example, with evaluation or data analysis
- Working with a range of partners and communities to gather views to shape and inform our health and wellbeing activity

The report includes detail on; implementing the Living Well Strategy, work of the Living Well Networks, work of the Health Improvement Team, work of the Alcohol and Drug Partnership and the role of Health Psychology. Alison McGrory highlighted the vast range of work undertaken to the IJB and thanked the team for their efforts. The full report can be read at: <https://www.ablivingwell.org/resources-publications>.

Children and Young People Health and Wellbeing Profiles

Following positive feedback about the development of Adult Health and Wellbeing Profiles, the Health Intelligence Team developed profiles for Children and Young People's Health and Wellbeing. The profiles present an overview of indicators relevant to the health of children and young people in each partnership. The information presented covers a range of themes relating to babies, children and young people's health from pre-birth to young adulthood.

The profiles for each area are published at:

Oban, Lorn and The Isles:

<https://www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk/media/b5qfcgog/childhealth-obanlornandtheisles-2023.pdf>

Mid Argyll Kintyre and Islay:

<https://www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk/media/yqajnrq/childhealth-midargyllkintyreandislay-2023.pdf>

Bute and Cowal:

<https://www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk/media/ho3ivijp/childhealth-buteandcowal-2023.pdf>

Helensburgh and Lomond:

<https://www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk/media/zfgjvye3/childhealth-helensburghandlomond-2023.pdf>

Health and Wellbeing Profiles Workshops

The Children and Young People's Health and Wellbeing profiles were the latest addition to a series of profiles about demography and health in Argyll and Bute. Workshops have been developed by the Community Development and Public Health Teams to support community groups in their interpretation and use of the profiles. These are taking place in January and February 2024. A further session will be taking place following the area specific sessions and will be promoted by Community Development.

Cool2Talk

Cool2Talk is an online support service for young people aged 12-26. Young people post a question to the website then receive a bespoke answer within 24 hours, 365 days a year, signposting them to appropriate services including sexual health services, emotional support resources and other health related issues. The Public Health team are working to recommission the service until autumn 2024.

In the year 2022 to 2023 125 young people asked a question and received an answer; 53 of those questions were mental health related. Young people were signposted to various organisations to support their mental health and wellbeing. The site asks users to respond to a survey on the service, 80% of respondents stated they were either likely or very likely to use the service again. Users described the service as non-judgemental, friendly, trustworthy and understanding.

Director of Public Health Report

Public health and medication is the subject of the Director of Public Health Report this year. The report discusses the public health challenges, the use of prescribed

medicines and how medication has transformed how we deal with a variety of health and wellbeing issues – antibiotics and vaccinations to name two. However, there are negative consequences to pharmacotherapy such as antibiotic resistance and the environmental impact of medication. There are many non-pharmaceutical interventions which are valuable alternatives. Social determinants such as poverty, isolation, employment and housing have a substantial effect on people's health with an estimated 20% of people visiting a GP with non-medical needs. Medications may not be the most appropriate support provided in these instances. The report provides a variety of perspectives regarding the use of medicines and alternatives and their contribution to health, and ill health.

The Director of Public Health Report will be released in spring and the Public Health team will be delivering several presentations across NHS Highland to share the thought-provoking contents with partners. The Public Health Team in Argyll and Bute will present the report to the next round of Area Community Planning Groups in spring 2024.

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OFFICIAL**Fraud Prevention**

Frauds and scams continue to be a focus as offences are still being reported on a regular basis. The Scam Savvy Quiz has been delivered to a number of groups across Argyll, we are still looking for more groups to deliver this to especially around Oban, Lorn and the Isles so please let us know if we can provide this input to any community groups/organisations that you have involvement with. Call blockers are discussed at the Scam Input. Currently, officers are making use of a Friends Against Scams free call blocker initiative whereby any devices requested are being sought through this scheme which means there is no funding or divisional spend required. The most updated figures from trueCall who provide these devices is that we now have 262 call blockers installed in Argyll and Bute to protect older and vulnerable people from nuisance and scam phone calls. So far 86,504 calls have been blocked, and trueCall estimate that 141 scams have been prevented. It is estimated that over the 4 year life of these units they will have blocked 207,370 nuisance calls (of which 57,149 will have been scam phone calls), prevented 337 scams, saved vulnerable households £995,357, led to a reduction of £924,550 in NHS, social care & police costs, and an increase in wellbeing & quality of life valued at £1,072,235 - total benefits of £2,992,142. The financial benefits of £1,919,907 are 28 times the project costs of £67,858.

Out and About

Partnership and Prevention officers provided personal safety inputs to Lomond and Argyll Advocacy Service staff as well as information on county lines drug dealing methods and risks.

Community Policing in the Inner Hebrides starts early! PC Kevin Bonar recently spent time at Mull's Salen Primary School with P1 to P4 pupils. Community Policing is central to serving the public of Scotland. Should you be part of a community group or school that wants input from your local Police, please link with your local stations, who can put you in touch with the various Community Teams around your area.



Our designated Youth Engagement Officer continues to work with in Oban, primarily with the Oban High School. Should any Community Groups or Primaries wish for engagements, please, don't hesitate to link with Oban Police Station. As detailed on Mull, Community Policing is for all ages and it's important that the children in our communities know who to trust. Examples of work taken place in the MAKI area includes, *"Campbeltown Officers have also been busy, at Castlehill Primary they carried out Internet Safety and Online Gaming Workshops with Primary's 4-7. The main focus of the workshop was keeping children safe online, particularly in online gaming. They also covered the role of a Police Officer in our community. Further, Online Safety sessions took place at Castlehill Primary, Carradale Primary and Drumlembel*

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Primary. The aim of these sessions was to educate parents of the risks the children could face online and provide advice and support creating password protections and software updates.”

Divisional Recognition Awards 2023

The Argyll and West Dunbartonshire Divisional Awards 2023 took place in Oban this year to recognise the outstanding work that our officers, staff and partners do in the communities. The awards included Probationer of the Year, Special Recognition, Partnership, Outstanding Bravery, Unsung Hero, Commander’s Award, Above and Beyond and Team of the Year. Sergeant Cammy Lowe and DC Lorraine McBeth were the winners of the Unsung Hero Award. This award is for officers with a reputation in excellence in all areas and the quality of their work. Cammy and Lorraine were recognised for their annual work in Oban organising the local police Children’s Party for the last 10 years, bringing the Oban office together, and raising funds for this through office bake-off’s and their extra-curricular time and dedication to local children’s swimming and football clubs. The Runner up for the Partnership Award was Sheena McLean from Argyll and Bute Council. Sheena was nominated for her unmatched knowledge of Anti-Social Behaviour legislation, mediation skills and drive to improve CCTV throughout Argyll and Bute.



16 Days Against Gender Based Violence Campaign

Between 25th November and 10th December, officers supported the 16 Days Against Gender Based Violence Campaign. The theme for 2023 was ‘Imagine a Scotland without Gender Based Violence’. During the campaign period Police Scotland as part of the wider Violence Against Women and Girls Partnership in Argyll and Bute heavily promoted support networks for all affected by gender based violence as well as the Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse in Scotland (DSDAS). DSDAS aims to prevent domestic abuse by giving people the right to ask about the background of their partner. It also (anonymously) allows concerned members of the public, such as relatives or friends, the right to ask about someone’s partner if they are concerned that person has been abusive in the past. DSDAS enables potential victims to make the choice on whether to remain in a relationship, and working with partners, provide them with support to assist them in their decision. The campaign also involved some local pledges by prominent male roles

models in our community showing positive messages about what gender based violence means to them and what they can do to make a positive difference.



Drink & Drug Driving

OLI and MAKI Police continue to be proactive in tackling those that would drive whilst under the influence of alcohol and drugs and taking them off the roads. Even in today's Scotland, where the dangers that such crimes cause for other road users and pedestrians are well known, as well as the impact on the person's own life through loss of licence and sometimes job, this problematic crime type continues. In the month preceding the 2nd January, your local officers proactively caught, arrested and charged 15 people with drink and drug offences relating to driving vehicles on our roads. We will continue to try and stamp this out to make our communities safer. We need your help make us even more effective. Should you know of people that drink drive, please, report it to your local station through 101, utilise the varying methods on our website - <https://www.scotland.police.uk/contact-us/> or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111. Together we can help to make the environment that we live in safer.

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Oban, Lorn and the Isles CPG Briefing Report

Q3 2023/24

Performance & Activity Report

From:	1st October 2023	To:	31st December 2023
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Introduction

Welcome to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Community Board Performance Report. This performance report is designed to provide citizens, stakeholders and partners with information relating to Community Board based activity undertaken by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Whilst using historic statistical benchmarking data, consideration must be taken of the random nature of fire related incidents and events, and how this can pose difficulties in interpreting emerging patterns and trends. This is of specific relevance where Community Board level data is analysed due to the small number of actual incidents/events that occur in Community Board areas.

However, regardless of statistical anomalies, emerging patterns and trends in fire related incidents and events can assist the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Community Planning Partners plan and implement preventative intervention initiatives to target reducing fire related incidents and events.

Local Firefighter Training Plan

Below is a list of subjects the operational crews have been focusing on within this period. Each subject has been covered both practically and theoretically and recorded in the Fire Service Training recording system.

	October/November/December
Training Subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CFBT / Tactical ventilation Q3 ● Casualty Care Q3 ● RTC (Road Traffic Collision) and Extrication Q3 ● HAZMAT Q3 ● TFOC (Training for Operational Competence) RTC Module ● Environmental Protection Module ● P&P – Hoarding Module ● Firefighting in Buildings Module RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete)

Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Oban North & Lorn	2	4	0
Oban South & the Isles	2.3	4	1
Community Board Total	4.3	8	1

ADF Casualties

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Oban North & Lorn	0.3	1	0
Oban South & the Isles	0.3	0	1
Community Board Total	0.6	1	1

Deliberate Secondary Fire Setting

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Oban North & Lorn	0.6	0	1
Oban South & the Isles	0	0	0
Community Board Total	0.6	0	1

Fires in Non-Domestic Property

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Oban North & Lorn	0.6	1	1
Oban South & the Isles	1.6	0	2
Community Board Total	2.2	1	3

Casualties from Non-Fire Emergencies

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Oban North & Lorn	1.6	4	0
Oban South & the Isles	3.3	6	3
Community Board Total	4.9	10	3

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Oban North & Lorn	15.3	26	3
Oban South & the Isles	30	42	15
Community Board Total	45.3	68	18

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)

We continue to work with partners across Argyll & Bute to support duty holders in reducing unwanted fire alarm signal incidents. A new UFAS mobilisation policy has been devised by a dedicated project team within SFRS (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service) with an aim at reducing UFAS incidents further. This policy went live from 1st July 2023, and we have seen a vast reduction in the number of UFAs incidents. This has been reflected in the relevant KPI's contained within this report.

Road & Water Safety campaigns

In this reporting period, we have continued to work with various partners across Argyll & Bute including Police Scotland, The RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institution) and local business on Road and Water safety campaigns. We have recently established a new Road Safety group with Police Scotland's L Division. The group meet each quarter to discuss road safety issues and includes various partners.

As part of National Road Safety week, Oban Green watch & CAT (Community Action Team) Team visited Bun Sgoil Achadh na Creige/Rockfield Primary School. Providing Road Safety Scotland materials in Gaelic/English, we also discussed the green cross code with the kids and supplied SFRS high-viz vests.

We continue to participate in Partnership Approach to Water Safety (PAWS) and attended Argyll & Bute quarterly meeting in December. We have also prepared our Community Action Team (CAT) to deliver Water Safety Scotland Ice Safety presentations across schools in Argyll & Bute.

Community Engagement Activities

- Youth Volunteer Scheme (YVS) re-established at Tobermory.
- Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR) following every domestic incident.
- Continue to deliver Fire Safety advice via HFSVs (Home Fire Safety Visits) and provision of smoke detection.
- Representation on Multi Agency Risk Assessment (MARAC) for those affected by domestic violence.
- Continue to support 'Make the Call' campaign and On Call recruitment drive for retained and volunteer stations within Argyll and Bute
- Supporting Partnership Approach to Water Safety (PAWS) group and engaging with the public: #RESPECTTHEWATER campaign.
- We engaged with community groups utilising the Winter Thematic Action Plan (TAP)
- Careers engagement pathway engagement sessions delivered by CAT to schools across Argyll & Bute including Dunoon Grammar, Oban High, Lochgilphead joint campus. Hermitage Academy is scheduled for 25/1/24.
- We delivered Bonfire/Fireworks safety presentations to every High school in Argyll & Bute
- In December we attended the annual Argyll & Bute Ukrainian resettlement event held at the Civic Centre in Helensburgh.

EWDAB (East & West Dunbartonshire, Argyll and Bute) LSO Activities

- Continued roll out of new fleet SFRS Electric Vehicles and on-station charging points within the area.
- Ongoing On-call recruitment campaigns – Participation in Practical Selection Tests for new candidates as well as successful completion of Task and Task Management by new On-call Firefighters across the area.
- SFRS personnel across EWDAB took part in supporting the 16 Days of Activism, tackling gender-based violence against women and girls.
- WC McGloin and members of the Community Action Team attended Argyll & Bute Head Teachers Conference at the Queens Hall, Dunoon. Showcasing VR Headsets which we plan to roll out across EWDAB to promote road safety in 2024.

Home Fire Safety

As part of our commitment to building a safer Scotland we offer everyone in Scotland a free home fire safety visit. We will help you sort out a fire escape plan and provide information about smoke, heat, and carbon monoxide alarms.

For a Free Home Fire Safety Visit, please:

- Call [0800 0731 999](tel:0800 0731 999)
- Text "FIRE" to 80800 from your mobile phone.

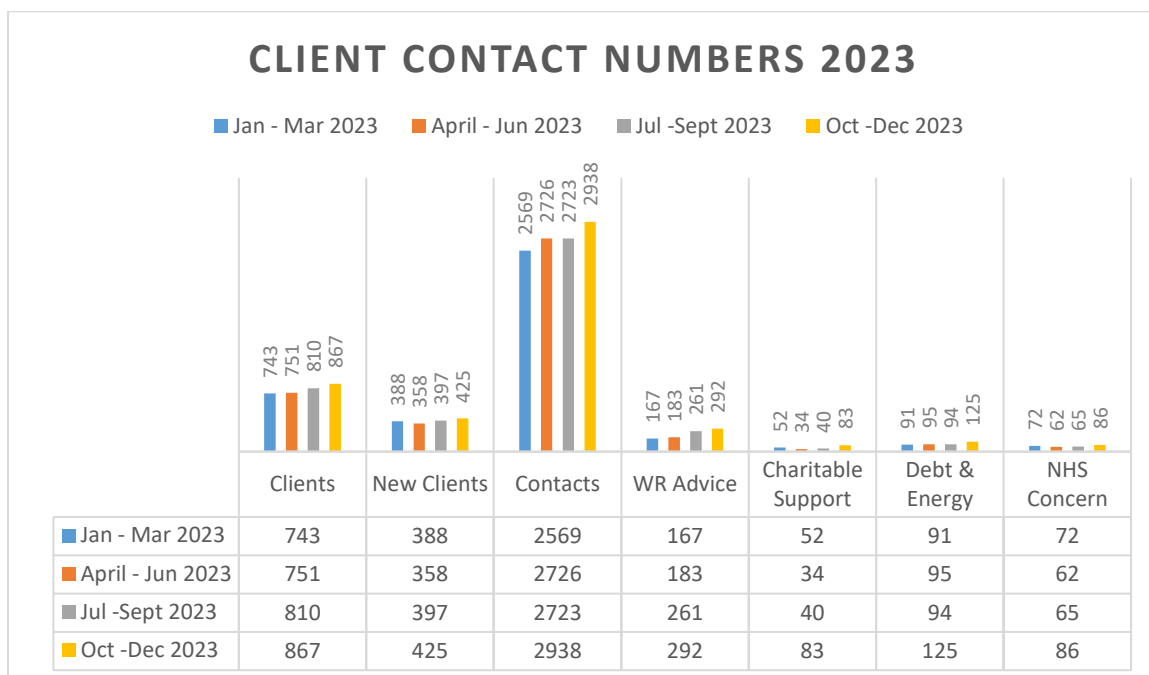
Twitter link: <https://twitter.com/abewdhq>



Argyll & Bute Citizens Advice Bureau

Community Planning Partnerships Update

January/Feb 2024



Client numbers have continued to increase over the last quarter. With a higher proportion seeking emergency assistance due to being in fuel and food poverty.

We doubled the number of crisis fund applications we processed between Oct and Dec. Our work has generated a client financial gain of £425,467 over this period bringing our total for Jan-Dec 2023 to £1,495,278 to clients across Argyll & Bute.

Volunteer recruitment

We are delighted to have restarted our Volunteer Adviser training programme this week with 7 new volunteers joining the Bureau and commencing their training as generalist advisers. We now have

Energy Efficiency Advice Sessions

Our city & guilds qualified adviser continues to provide energy efficiency advice sessions once again. We are providing 1:1 and group information sessions on energy efficiency measures. To arrange a session please contact Libby Dobbie at the bureau 01546 605550 or email info@abcab.org.uk But please hurry as these will stop in March 2024.

Additionally our advisers can support clients to negotiate with their suppliers, and have additional supports available to those households that are off-grid or who rely on alternative sources of heating. We are referral partners to a wide range of emergency supports:

We continue to be a referral partner for Home Heating Advice support fund- which offers debt reduction and ongoing awards possible for PAYG & dry meters clients' dependent on details. However we have been advised this week that the fund will close next month due to the Fuel Assistance fund closing this year. Therefore we have a limited window to process any applications for support to this fund.

We continue to be referral partners to the Fuel Bank Foundation- which provides Emergency support available for PAYG clients and alternative fuel clients

We have been awarded a small discretionary fund from the A Cruach Windfarm for households that sit within their catchment area, so if you are aware of any household/constituent who may be experiencing hardship due to energy costs please refer them to the Bureau.

Services with the Bureau

Welfare Rights – support with completing applications, submitting mandatory reconsideration requests and representation at tribunal/appeals.

Housing Debt – support for people in housing arrears or facing debts that threaten tenure retention. FCA regulated support to address debts and seek free solutions includes court representation where required.

Energy efficiency and debt support – Support to negotiate with Suppliers, seek debt reduction, change tariffs,, submit complaints to suppliers and Ombudsman.

Lloyds Pre-debt – referrals from Lloyds for people experiencing 'pre-debt'.

Armed Services Advice Project, targeted support to serving and former military personnel and their dependents

Patient Advice Support Service – advice on patient rights, complaints to GP's, HSCP, and SPSO.

Money Talks – Income maximisation project looking to reduce costs, increase income through benefits entitlements and address low persistent debt.

Carers Advice Project. – Provision of targeted advice to carers across Argyll & Bute. Support to access care, raise issues, complete applications for Power of Attorney etc, address financial supports and access benefits.

Generalist advice on Housing, Employment relationship, court processes, parking charge notices and neighbour disputes.

Outreach Locations

Dunoon [Food bank, Crossroads Carers and JC+]

Oban [Hope Kitchen and JC+]

Campbeltown JC+

Helensburgh Carers Centre

Research areas

Private Rental Sectors – looking at impact of local housing market on communities in and across Argyll & Bute. We have been working in conjunction with the Council's Housing team looking into the issues faced by landlords across the region in order to feed into the Council's Housing Emergency work it has been carrying out. The results have been illuminating with around 35% disclosing they intend to divest themselves of their rental properties over the next year or so.

Cost of Caring – Investigating the impact of the cost of living crisis on carers across Argyll's communities. We have been working closely with the Carers Act Implementation Officer to look at ways of offering additional support and advice to carers accessing support via the Carers Centres and beyond.

Horizon Scanning-

Council tax Debt

The Bureau has been working recently with the Council's Revenue & Benefits manager to review and support the work of the council and better understand the debt recovery processes employed by the council in order to support vulnerable clients and increase payment opportunities for both parties. This work is currently unfunded, however of great importance to clients facing summary warrants and increased living costs as well as to the council's income and service provision.

Development Planning

The Bureau is currently in the process of updating our Development Plan for the next 3 years and welcome any input from elected members and community representative groups. If you would like to present your services, group or organisation and how to access or refer in to you, to our staff and volunteers at one of our communications meetings please arrange to do so by contacting me on jen.broadhurst@abcab.org.uk

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Oban and Lorn and the Islands Living Well Network

28/12/2023

Oban, Lorn and the Islands Living Well Network Coordinator Carol, continues to try and get as much information as possible about support that is available for people in our communities, to the people who need that support. You can help.

Recent Highlights

Wednesday 29th November 2023 – Oban, Lorn and the Islands Living Well Network Meeting was held by Zoom. This meeting was supporting the Network priority of **Signposting**. 8 Living Well Network members shared information about the work they do and the support they provide across the area. Pain Association Scotland, NHS Breathing Space, Argyll and Bute Council Children's Rights and Child Poverty, Age Scotland, Oban Youth Café, Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice- Patient Advice and Support Service, ALI Energy, Social Security Scotland.

The Living Well Network, **Alcohol and Drug Partnership Funding** is available to apply for through the TSI and we are hoping that by the closing date of 12th January 2024, enough applications will have been received to use all of the £15,000 of funding that is available.

Contact Information has been sent to Coll, Tiree, Colonsay and Mull and Iona **Community Directories** from 22 of our Network Members to try and spread the word about the support that is available. **If your rural community has a local telephone directory, please contact Carol who will be happy to let you have the members details to include.**

Coming in 2024

Tuesday 14th May 2024 at the Rockfield centre, Oban, 10am till 12 noon – Living Well Network Meeting in Oban for Living Well Network Members.

Tuesday 14th May 2024 at the Rockfield centre, Oban in the afternoon - Living Well in Oban and Lorn Networking Event (Information sharing). We hope to welcome lots of members of the public to this event. They will be able to gather information from charities, organisations, people who provide support about the support that is available for them.

Wednesday 28th August 2024 – Living Well on Tiree event at An Talla, Isle of Tiree. Mainland based organisations, charities etc. will be welcome to come to Tiree for the day to share information about the support they provide to people on Tiree.

Please e-mail tcmhwn@gmail.com if you would like to hear more about the **Oban, Lorn and the Islands Living Well Network**.

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Oban and District Access Panel

Update Braille Labelling Campaign – January 2024

As intimated at the last meeting, the Scottish Government Petitions Committee was going to assess the updated information lodged in support of the campaign.

I am pleased to report that the Committee agreed to keep the Petition **OPEN** and asked for further information to be supplied by Food Standards Scotland and the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs with reference to possible timescales. The Committee was particularly interested to learn more about the recently completed European study which has confirmed that technology alone is not the solution to the highlighted problem but is a useful tool to complement the original identification of the product using Braille.

Should anyone who has not supported the Campaign they can register their support by using the following link <http://petitions.parliament.scot/petitions/PE1997>.

Locally we have contributed to information which was circulated on World Braille Day, 4th January 2024.

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Argyll and Bute TSI update January 2024

Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund 2023-24

The TSI has been reviewing applications for year three of the Scottish Government's Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund (CMHWB Fund). Funds to be disbursed total £282k but requests for support amounted to double this amount from over 70 organisations. Applications were particularly strong this year and indicate the level of need in Argyll and Bute. 42 groups have been supported and grant letters are being sent out. Groups that have been unsuccessful will be offered support from their TSSA and signposted to other available funds.

Community Wealth Building strategy report

The TSI has been leading on the commissioning of a Community Wealth Building (CWB) strategy and action plan for Argyll and Bute's Community Planning Partnership. The January 2024 meeting approved the 20 high level recommendations, and the April 2024 CPP meeting will approve the final report.

All recommendations are centred around the five pillars:-

- Plural ownership of the economy.
- Making financial power work for local places.
- Fair employment and just labour markets.
- Progressive procurement of goods and services.
- Socially productive use of land and property.

Watch this space for further work to implement the recommendations as well as the forthcoming Scottish Government legislation on CWB. For more details on the local CPP recommendations see item 7 from the [last CPP meeting](#).

Argyll and Bute Climate Action Network (ABCAN)

With funding from the Scottish Government Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust (ACT) is leading on the establishment of the Argyll and Bute Climate Action Network, supported by Time for Change and the TSI. The goal of the network is to provide grassroots community level support to promote climate knowledge, mitigation and action. There are four local engagement leads mirroring the administrative areas of Argyll and Bute and to March 2024 there is £40,000 in seed capital funding available for micro and small climate action projects. See <https://www.argylltsi.org/climate-action-network-fund.html> and apply by 10th February.

Towards a TSI strategy 2024-2029

Following on from the development of the Community Planning Partnerships new ten year plan the TSI will be consulting with community groups over the next three months about what you

want your TSI to do to support your community and community groups. More details in February about ways to have your say.

TSI website

The TSI is launching a new website on February 20th and there will be new ways of getting help and support for members. This is the start of providing a much more interactive website and we look forward to hearing your views on how it works! In 2023 we launched a new funding portal and in 2022 we launched a community directory. The TSI is committed to investing in new digital services which can help promote the work we do and make some tasks easier.

TSI Oban office

The TSI has taken an office in the Rockfield Centre in Oban and we will be offering a single hot desk for members who would like a temporary touch down desk when they are in the area. More details to be published on our website.

Budgets 2024-25

It is no surprise to you all that budgets are going to be very tight again this year and we await the implications of the Scottish Government's budget announced in December 2023 as it filters down to programme level. The TSI network has been working with SCVO on a fairer funding campaign and all TSIs are looking to develop a long term campaign to demonstrate the impact of our sector on our communities. Ultimately we want recognition of the work we all do to be reflected in three year funding settlement agreements as well as greater transparency on funding decisions and involvement of the sector in service planning discussions.

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UHI Argyll – Oban: Update for Oban and Lorn Area Community Planning Group
29/1/2024

January-start courses

Since the last meeting, we have publicised our January-start courses and have been busy preparing for semester 2, which began on 22nd January.

January-start courses available in Oban are:

- Access to Further Education (short full-time)
- Beauty Care and Make-up NC Level 5 (short full-time)
- NC Horticulture, (short, full-time)
- NC Social Sciences (short full-time)
- Introduction to Psychology (part-time)
- Introduction to Criminology (part-time)
- Introduction to Sociology (part-time)
- Access to Care (short full-time)
- Introduction to Health and Social Care (part-time)
- Social Services, Families and Young People (part-time)
- Care of Children (part-time)

Multiply Programme

Argyll and Bute Council commissioned UHI Argyll to deliver the UK Government's Multiply Programme.

Multiply is an adult numeracy programme, which aims to support people with no or low-level maths skills get back into work. The scheme offers free tutoring, digital training, and flexible courses to improve adults' numeracy skills. The focus of the Argyll and Bute UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan, 2022-2025 is to prepare, develop and deliver:

- Courses for parents wanting to increase their skills in order to help their children and help with their own progression.
- Courses designed to help people use numeracy to manage their money.

There is potential for this contract to be continue until 2025, however from now until end March 2024 we will be offering:

- Positive about numbers – level 4/5 maths.
- Positive about money – budgeting/money management at level 4.
- ESOL at levels 3 (currently Helensburgh only) and 4 and progressing to level 5 if there is the requirement.
- Confident about communications – level 4 and 5 literacy to enable parents to support their children at school.
- Life skills – aimed at young people leaving home for the first time that will include money management, nutrition, resilience, online safety, and signposting to other college courses.

These courses were scheduled to begin in December and January but initial uptake for some courses was quite slow, so certain start-dates were rescheduled to January to allow time to better publicise them. This has proved beneficial, and there has been significant uptake in recent weeks (particularly for ESOL courses).

Open day

We held an open day on 11th January to encourage people to come into their local centre and enquire about January-start and Multiply courses, as well as any other general enquiries. This was well attended at all of our centres across Argyll.

We have a further open day provisionally scheduled for mid-March.

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

Date: 25 January 2024



Addressing the Climate Emergency in Argyll and Bute: Argyll and Bute Climate Action

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the CPP Argyll and Bute Climate Action project: developing a Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan for Argyll and Bute.

2.0 Recommendations

The CPG are asked to:

- Note the approach and status of the project outlined in the report.

3.0 Background

The CPP sub-group working on climate change is known as the Climate Change Working Group. It took a fresh look at its remit and potential outputs, which have ultimately centred on producing a Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan for Argyll and Bute.

The plan is to be produced by employing a Climate Change Project Manager to lead on the process, who is now in post.

This update sets out the current position.

4.0 Detail

4.1 Funding update

The Climate Change Working Group pulled together a funding package to support the post of the Climate Change Project Manager, which was estimated to be in the region of £120,000 over two years. Funding is now mostly in place.

£30,000	NHS Highland - Argyll & Bute Health and Social Care Partnership
£50,000	Argyll and Bute Council
£15,000	NatureScot

£20,000 Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface (TSI)

Total = £115,000

There is still a small shortfall, with approximately £13,500 needing to be found to cover the final months of the project, approximately August to October 2025.

Thank you to all those supporting the project.

4.2 Progress

The CPP Climate Change Project Manager, Andy Macpherson, started in post on 30 October 2023, working 0.8 FTE and employed by Argyll & the Isles Coast & Countryside Trust (ACT).

Since starting in post, main activity has been:

- One to one meetings with Steering Group, CWG members and other key personnel to identify priorities
- Steering Group, ACT Board and CPP Management Group meetings
- Meetings with core/potential national partners, notably Sustainable Scotland Network and Adaptation Scotland including discussion of methodology suitable for specific needs of Argyll versus more urban regions. AS have offered some dedicated time from April 2024 to support development of the Strategy
- including reviewing methodology but are also actively engaged in supporting
- Nearing the end of initial literature review to inform methodology and best practice in addition to known progress and gap analysis
- Supporting Islay Energy Trust in collaboration with Adaptation Scotland to work up and secure funding for pilot participatory mapping project on Islay with a view to enable further rollout to support climate impact profiling and risk assessment across Argyll and Bute.

Immediate next steps are:

- Any changes to work packages/timing
- Brand and image
- Confirm engagement programme in conjunction with Climate Hubs
- Work up draft vision to bring back to Steering Group, CPP and communities
- Start work on Theory of Change
- Structure proposal (incl gap analysis format)

4.3 ABCAN (Argyll & Bute Climate Action Network) Hub

The Climate Change Strategy project works in close conjunction with the ABCAN (Argyll & Bute Climate Action Network) Hub, which sits within the wider suite of Act Now climate projects in which ACT is engaged.

With Scottish Government funding, and overseen by a collaboration between ACT, Argyll & Bute Third Sector Interface and Time for Change Argyll & Bute, the Argyll & Bute Climate Action Hub is working to establish a network of hubs based in each locality, providing staff resource to coordinate and build on current climate activities, deliver carbon literacy training, facilitate climate conversations, provide seed funding for climate mitigation, engage with hard-to-reach groups and identify opportunities for partnership working across the region to ensure that Argyll & Bute has a cohesive approach to tackling climate change in our communities.

The ABCAN Hub project is ideally placed to support the strategic CPP Argyll & Bute Climate Action project with grass roots engagement as other Climate Hubs in Scotland are doing.

ABCAN funding and governance are separate to the Climate Change Strategy project.

4.3 Governance

Andy's work will be lined managed by ACCT and guided and supported by the project Steering Group, a sub-set of the CPP Climate Change Working Group.

The CPP Climate Change Working Group will moderate its activity while this project is ongoing, and meet once a quarter rather than the monthly meetings we have been holding.

Stan Phillips has completed his term as the Chair of the CPP Climate Change Working Group. Current arrangements are for Rona Gold to take on the role on an interim basis, with Stephen Kelly (Station Commander, Argyll and Bute, East Dunbartonshire and West Dunbartonshire, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service) acting as Deputy Chair. We would still be interested in hearing from anyone willing to take on a term as Chair of this group, and thanks go to Stan Phillips for his contribution as Chair that has led to this stage.

Andy Macpherson, Climate Change Project Manager

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