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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

A meeting of the **HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP** will be held **ON A HYBRID BASIS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS AND IN THE MARRIAGE SUITE IN THE HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND CIVIC CENTRE** on **TUESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2024** at **10:00 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

## **BUSINESS**

### **1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

### **3. MINUTES**

- (a) Meeting of the Helensburgh and Lomond Community Planning Group held on 7 November 2023 (Pages 5 - 14)

### **4. GOVERNANCE**

- (a) Area Community Planning Group Governance Arrangements (Pages 15 - 26)

Report by Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council

- (b) Appointment of Chair of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group (Pages 27 - 28)

Report by Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council

**5. ARGYLL AND BUTE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP - PUBLIC HEALTH**

- (a) Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership - Public Health Update (Pages 29 - 32)

Report by Health Improvement Lead, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership

- (b) Presentation on Children and Young People's Health and Wellbeing Profile

Presentation by Health Improvement Lead, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership

**6. DRAFT ARGYLL AND BUTE COMMUNITY JUSTICE PLAN 2023-2027**

Presentation by Community Justice Coordinator, Argyll and Bute Council (Pages 33 - 42)

**7. INCLUDEM - YOUTH JUSTICE**

Presentation by Research Associate, Includem (Pages 43 - 44)

**8. PARTNER UPDATES**

- (a) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Update (Pages 45 - 50)
- (b) Police Scotland Update (Pages 51 - 56)
- (c) Ministry of Defence Police Update (Pages 57 - 58)
- (d) Helensburgh Community Council Update (Pages 59 - 60)
- (e) Fun First Update (Pages 61 - 62)
- (f) Plastic Free Helensburgh Update (Pages 63 - 64)
- (g) Helensburgh Community Hub Update (Pages 65 - 66)
- (h) Argyll and Bute Council's Community Development Team (Pages 67 - 68)
- (i) Argyll and Bute TSI Update (Pages 69 - 70)
- (j) Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau Update (Pages 71 - 74)
- (k) UHI Argyll Update (Pages 75 - 76)
- (l) Live Argyll Community Learning Services Update (Pages 77 - 78)
- (m) Opportunity for Verbal Updates

**9. LIVING WELL NETWORK**

Presentation by Living Well Network Co-ordinator (Pages 79 - 82)

**10. AREA PLANS UPDATE**

Presentation by Corporate Support Manager, Argyll and Bute Council  
(Pages 83 - 96)

**11. COMMUNITY FOCUS**

(a) John Logie Baird Innovation Hub (Pages 97 - 108)

Presentation by Project Officer, Live Argyll

**12. CLIMATE CHANGE**

(a) Climate Change Working Group Update (Pages 109 - 112)

Report by Climate Change Project Manager

**13. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Report By Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council  
(Pages 113 - 116)

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 7 May 2024.

**Helensburgh and Lomond Community Planning Group**

Sarah Davies (Vice-Chair)

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP HELD ON A HYBRID BASIS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS AND IN THE MARRIAGE SUITE IN THE HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND CIVIC CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2023**

**Present:** David Moore (Chair), Scottish Fire and Rescue Service  
 Sarah Davies, Fun First/Plastic Free Helensburgh/Helensburgh Community Council  
 Stuart McLean, Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council  
 David Hagerty, Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council  
 Councillor Fiona Howard, Argyll and Bute Council  
 Councillor Gemma Penfold, Argyll and Bute Council  
 Councillor Paul Kennedy, Argyll and Bute Council  
 Rhona Grant, Community Learning Services, Live Argyll  
 Caryl McLean Argyll and Bute TSI  
 Rory Munro, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership  
 Victoria Daveney, Argyll College UHI  
 Angela Anderson, Time for Change Argyll and Bute/Plastic Free Helensburgh  
 Inspector Barry Convery, Police Scotland  
 Angela Robertson, We Are With You  
 Alasdair MacCuish, Helensburgh Gaelic Group  
 Veronica Ferguson, H&L Living Well Network  
 Allan Comrie, Strathclyde Passenger Transport, (SPT)  
 Duncan MacLachlan, Arrochar & Tarbet Community Development Trust  
 Vicky Brindley, Naval Families Federation

**Attending:** Andrew Galloway, Local Democracy Reporter, Argyll and Bute

## **1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

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

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of:

Gill Simpson, Helensburgh Community Hub;  
 Jayne Burnett, Visiting Friends;  
 Janice Kennedy, Scottish Enterprise;  
 Fiona Baker, Destination Helensburgh;  
 John Auld, Cove and Kilcreggan Community Council;  
 Councillor Mark Irvine, Argyll and Bute Council; and  
 Katrina Sayer, Jean's Bothy.

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

### 3. MINUTES

#### (a) **Meeting of the Helensburgh and Lomond Community Planning Group held on Tuesday 22 August 2023**

The Minutes of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group meeting held on Tuesday 22 August 2023 were approved as a correct record.

### 4. HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

The Group gave consideration to a report by the Committee Manager asking partners to consider the future meeting arrangements of the Group.

Partners were happy that meeting arrangements remained the same with meetings being held on a Hybrid Basis within the Helensburgh and Lomond Civic Centre and By Microsoft teams starting at 10am.

#### **Decision**

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided and agreed that existing meeting arrangements would continue.

(Reference: Report by Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council, dated 7 November 2023, submitted)

Having noted the technical difficulties faced by one attendee, the Chair agreed to vary the order of business. This Minute reflects the order in which discussions took place.

### 5. PARTNER UPDATES

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

The Group gave consideration to a report highlighting the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's (SFRS) FQ2 review of local performance across Helensburgh and Lomond 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.

The Chair highlighted that he is hoping that the Youth Volunteer Scheme will be up and running in Helensburgh in the new year and that it will be based in Helensburgh Fire Station.

#### **Decision**

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

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

(b) **Police Scotland Update**

Consideration was given to an update which included information on the ongoing work of the Service and provided information on fraud prevention and awareness, specifically Sextortion; bereavement support; road safety; the Friday night football which was ran in the summer holidays; the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers visit to His Majesty's Naval Base (HMNB), Clyde and the recruitment of a new Youth Engagement Officer for Helensburgh.

**Decision**

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

(Reference: Report by Police Scotland, submitted)

(c) **Ministry of Defence Police Update**

The Group gave consideration to a written update by PC Drew Omand, Ministry of Defence Police. The update highlighted that the Police Scotland Young Volunteers are still looking for opportunities to support the local community at events and asked that if any partners knew of any opportunities to get in touch.

The update also provided information on HMNB Clyde highlighting that it is a 'No Drone Zone' and that any sightings should be reported; the roadworks continue on the A814 at HMNB Clyde until the end of December 2023 with the road under traffic control and the provision of the annual internet safety campaign delivered in collaboration with Police Scotland targeting p5-p7 children from 11 primary schools.

**Decision**

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group:

1. considered and noted the information provided; and
2. noted that in the absence of a representative from Ministry of Defence Police, any questions could be forwarded to them following the meeting and any responses circulated to the Group.

(Reference: Report by Ministry of Defence Police, submitted)

(d) **Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership - Public Health Update**

Consideration was given to a public health update from Rory Munro, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership on the ongoing wellbeing and prevention activities overseen and delivered by the HSCP Public Health Team in Argyll and Bute. The update provided information on the alcohol and drug partnership with it being highlighted that the Scottish Government consultation on Minimum Unit Pricing is now live. Information was also provided on the alcohol and drug partnership grant funding to support the delivery of alcohol and drug prevention work in local communities; the coproduction training which was undertaken by two members of the Public Health Team; the support given on the provision of Good conversations training; the adult health profiles produced by the Health intelligence

Team and the child health profiles which are due to be published in November.

**Decision**

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

(Reference: Report by Health Improvement Lead, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership, submitted)

**(e) Argyll and Bute Council's Community Development Team Update**

Consideration was given to an update from David Hagerty, Community Development Officer at Argyll and Bute Council. The update included information on the recruitment of a new Engagement and Communities Lead; the delivery of Community Funding Training to community groups; the Helensburgh and Lomond Disability Access Forum and the Princess Louise Hall committee who have completed a number of community consultation events in October to get interest from the local community on future hall use.

**Decision**

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

(Reference: Report by Community Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council, dated October 2023, submitted)

**(f) Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau Update**

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 recruitment campaign for volunteer advisors; the annual programme of energy efficiency advice sessions and services that the Bureau provide.

**Decision**

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group:

1. considered and noted the information provided; and
2. noted that in the absence of a representative from Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau, any questions could be forwarded to them following the meeting and any responses circulated to the Group.

(Reference: Report by Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau, dated October 2023, submitted)

**(g) Live Argyll Community Learning Services Update**

The Group gave consideration to an update from Rhona Grant, Live Argyll - Community Learning Services. The update provided information relating to adult



literacy and numeracy provision and management changes including a new Services and Support Manager; Commercial Operations Manager and an Active Schools and Sports Manager.

**Decision**

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

(Reference: Report by Team Leader – Community Learning Services, Live Argyll, submitted)

(h) **UHI Argyll Update**

Consideration was given to an update by Victoria Daveney, UHI Argyll. The update provided information on new part time courses that are available; an open day scheduled for Tuesday 14 November and the advertising of the January start courses.

Victoria highlighted that the college building works are well underway with the completion date being week commencing 20 November and that students have been working in the new classrooms for several weeks with the social space hopefully ready to use early November.

**Decision**

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

(Reference: Report by UHI Argyll, submitted)

(i) **Fun First Update**

The Group gave consideration to an update by Sarah Davies from Fun First which referenced information contained within the Autumn newsletter, including the Hermitage Academy Parent Teacher Association Craft Fayre scheduled for 18 November and the Christmas Party which will be held on 14 December.

Sarah asked partners to encourage any local families with young children to join in their activities.

**Decision**

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

(Reference: Report by Sarah Davies, Fun First, submitted)

(j) **Helensburgh Community Council Update**

The Group gave consideration to an update from Sarah Davies, Helensburgh Community Council. Sarah informed the Group of the sad passing of Norman Muir, who was the Convener over the last eight years, highlighting her thanks to Norman

on behalf of Helensburgh for everything he did to make it a better place for residents and visitors.

Sarah advised that the Community Council had been chosen as one of the preferred bidders for the Waterfront and that they are continuing to be involved in planning applications and regular beach cleans and scrub bed tidying's. Sarah further advised of the Annual Remembrance Day Parade in Hermitage Park at the War Memorial on November 12 at 10.30am.

The Chair on behalf of the Group passed on his condolences.

### **Decision**

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

(Reference: Report by Secretary, Helensburgh Community Council, dated October 2023, submitted)

#### **(k) Argyll and Bute TSI Update**

The Group gave consideration to an update from Caryl McLean from Argyll and Bute TSI. The update included information on year 3 funding for the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund; events held in the last quarter including the Community Wealth Building Workshops and current vacancies on the TSI Board, specifically Chair and Treasurer.

Caryl also highlighted the volunteer conference which is to be held on Thursday 16 November in Helensburgh Parish Church.

### **Decision**

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

(Reference: Report by Support Advisor, Argyll and Bute TSI, dated 24 October 2023, submitted)

#### **(l) Helensburgh Community Hub Update**

Consideration was given to a written update by Gill Simpson from Helensburgh Community Hub. The update provided information on the expansion of the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library programme; a successful open day held in September which aimed at getting feedback from the community regarding the first two years of the Hub's operation as well as ideas and suggestions for future activities and the Reading Minds Book Festival which is to be held on the 22-24 March 2024 in collaboration with Jean's Bothy and Helensburgh and Lomond Carers Centre.

### **Decision**

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group:

1. considered and noted the information provided; and

2. noted that in the absence of a representative from Helensburgh Community Hub, any questions could be forwarded to them following the meeting and any responses circulated to the Group.

(Reference: Report by Development Manager, Helensburgh Community Hub, dated November 2023, submitted)

(m) **Plastic Free Helensburgh Update**

Consideration was given to an update by Angela Anderson, Plastic Free Helensburgh. The update highlighted that in the last quarter, in partnership with Helensburgh Community Council, they had cleared 150kg of litter from the beaches and that with the grant from the Supporting Communities Fund they had ordered four litter picking stations.

Angela advised that Plastic Free Helensburgh had attended the Scottish Waters Stakeholders Annual Conference and have organised two events following this and highlighted the Scottish Waters “Bin the Wipes” campaign. The Group are also scheduled to visit the Helensburgh Sewage Treatment Works to better understand material that is removed from the drainage system.

**Decision**

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

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

(n) **Opportunity for Verbal Updates**

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT)

Allan Comrie advised that they are currently undertaking a consultation on Active Travel as part of regional active travel strategy, which ends on Sunday (12<sup>th</sup> November) with information on this on SPT’s website. Allan also highlighted that there has been no changes on any of the routes or change in fares.

Helensburgh Gaelic Group

Alasdair highlighted that the Gaelic Group is ongoing at Helensburgh Parish Church on Tuesday afternoons from 1.30-3.30pm with everyone welcome to attend

**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 Helensburgh and Lomond Area.

**Decision**

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

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

## **7. COMMUNITY FOCUS**

### **(a) We Are With You**

The Group gave consideration to an update from Angela Robertson from We Are With You. Angela highlighted that We Are With You provide support to adults over the age of 16 who are experiencing issues with alcohol, drugs or mental health as well as supporting the person's family and friends. Angela added that this support can be on a one-to-one basis or on a group basis within their own homes, in the offices or in a community setting, whichever is more comfortable for the person seeking support.

Angela advised that the referral pathway is really simple and only requires the persons name, phone number and the permission from the person to share this information with the organisation. It was highlighted that We Are With You work closely with other organisations on the referral pathway such as ACHA and the Scottish Ambulance Service and that an online support service is available up until 9pm.

The Chair on behalf of the Group commended Angela and her team for all the hard work they do.

### **Decision**

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

(Reference: Verbal Presentation by Operations Manager, We Are With You)

## **8. CLIMATE CHANGE**

### **(a) Climate Change Working Group Update**

Angela Anderson 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.

Angela advised that the new CPP Climate Change Project Manager, Andy MacPherson, will be in position by 30<sup>th</sup> November and that he lives in the Bute and Cowal area and has an excellent professional background in environmental and sustainable development projects in various authorities and public bodies. Angela added that Andy's focus will be on mitigation and adaptation at a strategic level for the CPP.

### **Decision**

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

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

(b) **TSI/ACT Climate Change Hub**

Angela Anderson 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 Scotgov Advisory Board on Friday 27 October 2023. Angela added that they expect to hear of the outcome of the bid during the latter half of November.

Angela also highlighted that they 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 Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Verbal presentation from Angela Anderson, Time for Change Argyll and Bute)

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

Angela Anderson highlighted that Time for Change Argyll and Bute had a hybrid round table warm homes event with Councillors and Council Officers on Friday 3 November in Lochgilphead with the main topic being home insulation and retrofitting. Angela added that Time for Change were also very pleased on the progress towards establishing the Argyll and Bute Regional Climate Hub.

**Decision**

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

(Reference: Verbal presentation from Angela Anderson, Time for Change Argyll and Bute)

**9. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Consideration was given to a briefing note which provided information on matters discussed during a meeting of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee, held on 7 September 2023.

**Decision**

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

(Reference: Report by Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council, dated 7 November 2023, submitted)

### **10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Group noted that the next meeting of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group would take place on Tuesday 13 February 2024.

The Chair thanked everyone in attendance at the meeting, and highlighted that this meeting was his last as Chair, advising that a report would be considered at the next meeting seeking nominations to this position.

The Chair encouraged partners to consider whether this was a role that they would be interested in fulfilling and if so to please contact the Committee Manager for further details.

The Committee Manager recorded his thanks to Davie for all his commitment and support as Chair of the Group.

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**Argyll and Bute Community Planning  
Partnership****Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community  
Planning Group****13 February 2024**

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**Area Community Planning Group Governance Arrangements**

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**Summary**

The report asks the Helensburgh and Lomond 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 Helensburgh and Lomond 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 Helensburgh and Lomond Area CPG for 2024/25 will be:-
  - Tuesday 7 May 2024
  - Tuesday 20 August 2024
  - Tuesday 12 November 2024
  - Tuesday 11 February 2025
  - Tuesday 13 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.

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Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference  
Appendix 2 – Membership list



## **Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**

### **Terms of Reference: Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group**

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group is a sub group, and reports 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 Helensburgh and Lomond.

#### **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 Scotland Empowerment 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 Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group is to:

- Oversee the development and implementation of the Area Community Planning Action Plan for Helensburgh and Lomond.
- 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 Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group has the authority to:

- Contribute to the development of an Area Community Planning Action Plan for Helensburgh and Lomond.
- Monitor progress of the Area Community Planning Action Plan for Helensburgh and Lomond.

- Provide the scrutiny role for the Community Planning Partnership within Helensburgh and Lomond 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 Helensburgh and Lomond 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 Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group must:

- Be approved at a meeting of the Helensburgh and Lomond 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 Helensburgh and Lomond 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 Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group; and in updates to the Management Committee
- Any changes to the above must be approved by the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group and recorded in the minute of the meeting

## **Equal Opportunities and Fairer Scotland Duty**

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

In doing so the Helensburgh and Lomond 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 Helensburgh and Lomond area.
- Membership is open to all public sector, third sector, private sector, community organisations and partnerships operating within the Helensburgh and Lomond area with an interest in at least one of the outcomes identified in the Argyll and Bute 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 Argyll and Bute Council Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee and, one other Elected Member from an Argyll and Bute Council Helensburgh and Lomond 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 Helensburgh and Lomond 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 Helensburgh and Lomond 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

Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group members have the following responsibilities:

- To consistently attend the scheduled Helensburgh and Lomond 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 Helensburgh and Lomond 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 Helensburgh and Lomond 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 Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group meetings.
- To contribute to the development, ongoing monitoring and review of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Action Plan.
- To participate in short term working groups as required.

## Meetings

### Chair

- The Chair and Vice Chair of the Helensburgh and Lomond 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 Helensburgh and Lomond 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 Helensburgh and Lomond 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 Helensburgh and Lomond 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 Helensburgh and Lomond 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, Legal and Regulatory Support.
- 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 Helensburgh and Lomond 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 Helensburgh and Lomond 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](mailto: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](mailto:cppadmin@argyll-bute.gov.uk). Paper copies can be made available and are downloadable from the webpage.

## Winding Up

The Helensburgh and Lomond 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 Helensburgh and Lomond 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 Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> 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 change to number of days meeting papers are to be circulated prior to meeting date in line with current practice.

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 2020 to reflect changes in language.

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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Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group Membership (incorporating changes in local communities since February 2023).

Partner Organisation	Contact Name
Argyll and Bute Council	Cllr Mark Irvine, Cllr Fiona Howard & Cllr Gemma Penfold
Community Councils	Arrochar, Cardross, Cove and Kilcreggan, Garelochhead, Helensburgh, Luss and Arden, Rhu and Shandon, Rosneath and Clynder
Police Scotland	Chief Inspector Allan Dickson, Inspector Bart Simonis, PS Eddie McGunnigal & PC Laura Evans
Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust	Duncan MacLachlan
Scottish Fire and Rescue	David Moore, Anthony Mallon, Anthony McGloin , Christopher Spence
Health and Social Care Partnership	Samantha Campbell
TSI	Carly McLean
Strathclyde Partnership for Transport	Allan Comrie
Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park	Hannah Robinson
Live Argyll	Rhona Grant
Grey Matters Active Aging	Alison Gildea, Robert Snodgrass
Garelochhead Station Trust	Morevain Martin
Visiting Friends	Jayne Burnett
Gibson Hall	Laura Cameron
Scottish Enterprise	Janice Kennedy
Department for Work and Pensions	Elizabeth MacBrayne, Kevin Allibone, Rita Easterbrook
Transport Scotland	Neil MacFarlane
Ministry of Defence	PC Drew Omand, Sophia McArdle, Tracey Megson
Skills Development Scotland	Susan MacRae
Living Well Network	Veronica Ferguson
Helensburgh Gaelic Group	Alasdair MacCuish
Plastic Free Helensburgh	Angela Anderson, Sarah Davies
Destination Helensburgh	Fiona Baker
Helensburgh Community Hub	Gill Simpson

Gareloch Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA)	Kate Benet
Kilcreggan Youth Café	Susie Will
Fun First	Sarah Davies
Argyll College UHI	Victoria Daveney
Chamber of Commerce	Vivien Dance
We Are With You	Yvonne McLeod, Angela Robertson
Wild About Argyll	N/A
Carr Gomm	Becs Barker
Jean's Bothy	Katrina Sayer
Helensburgh and Lomond Foodbank	Mary McGinley
Naval Families Federation	Vicky Brindley
Home Start Lomond	Laura Eales
Naval Families Federation	Vicky Brindley
Helensburgh and Lomond Foodbank	Celia Scanlan
The Submarine Family/Royal Navy & Royal Marines Charity	John Lewis
Helensburgh Art Hub	Karlyn Marshall
Friends of Hermitage Park	Alan Morrison
Time for Change Argyll and Bute	Angela Anderson
Poverty Alliance	Becky Hothersall

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**Appointment of Chair of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group**

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**Summary**

The following report provides information relating to the appointment of a Chair for the Helensburgh and Lomond 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, David Moore has been in post since November 2021. In accordance with the Terms of Reference the Chair and Vice-Chair positions are for a period of 2 years. The Group is therefore 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 Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group.

4.3 Some further information on the commitment required:-

- Attend meetings of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group;
- Attend meetings of the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee or the Full Partnership;
- 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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Area Community Planning Group  
Partnership update  
Date: January 2024**

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**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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# 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**

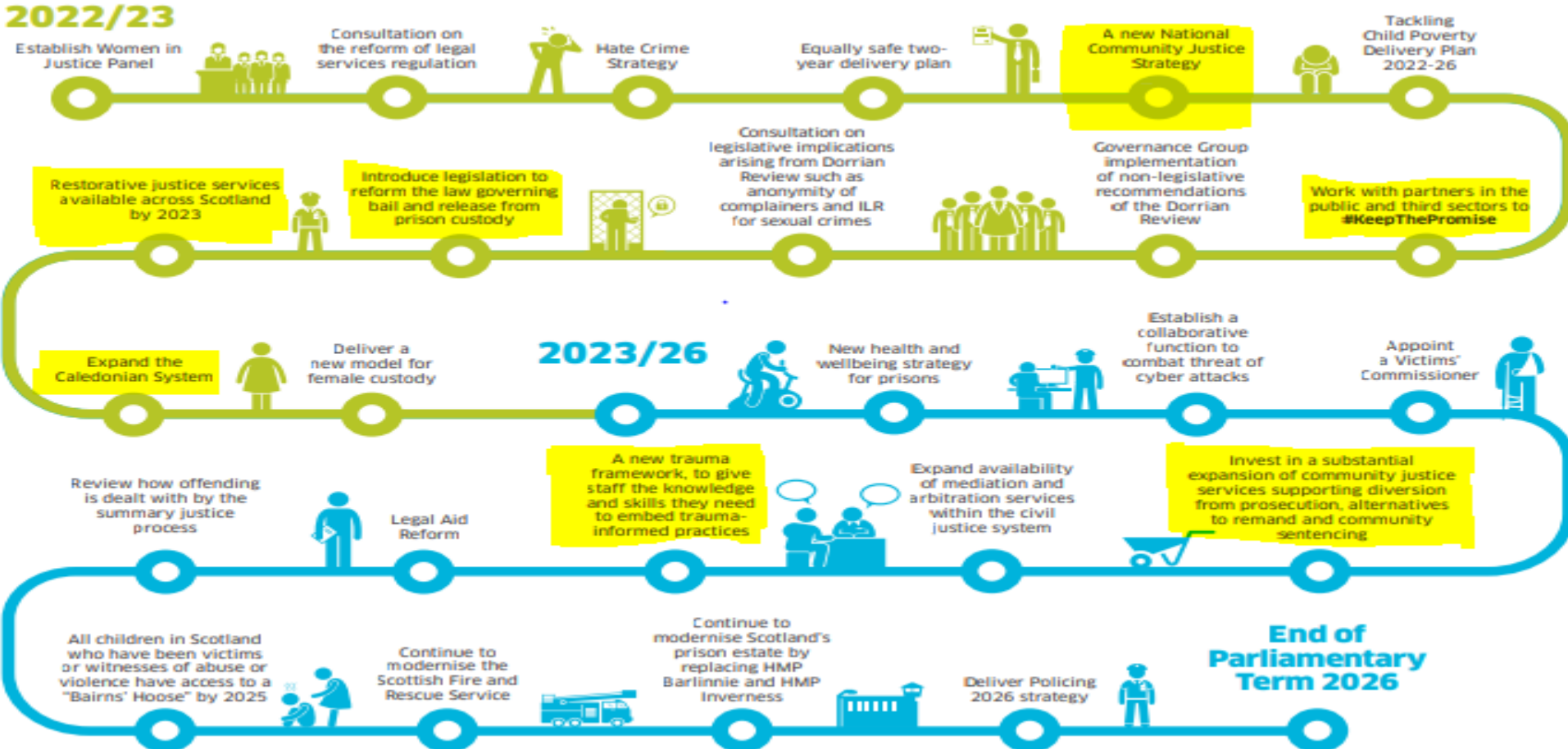
**Third Sector Interface Chief Executive**

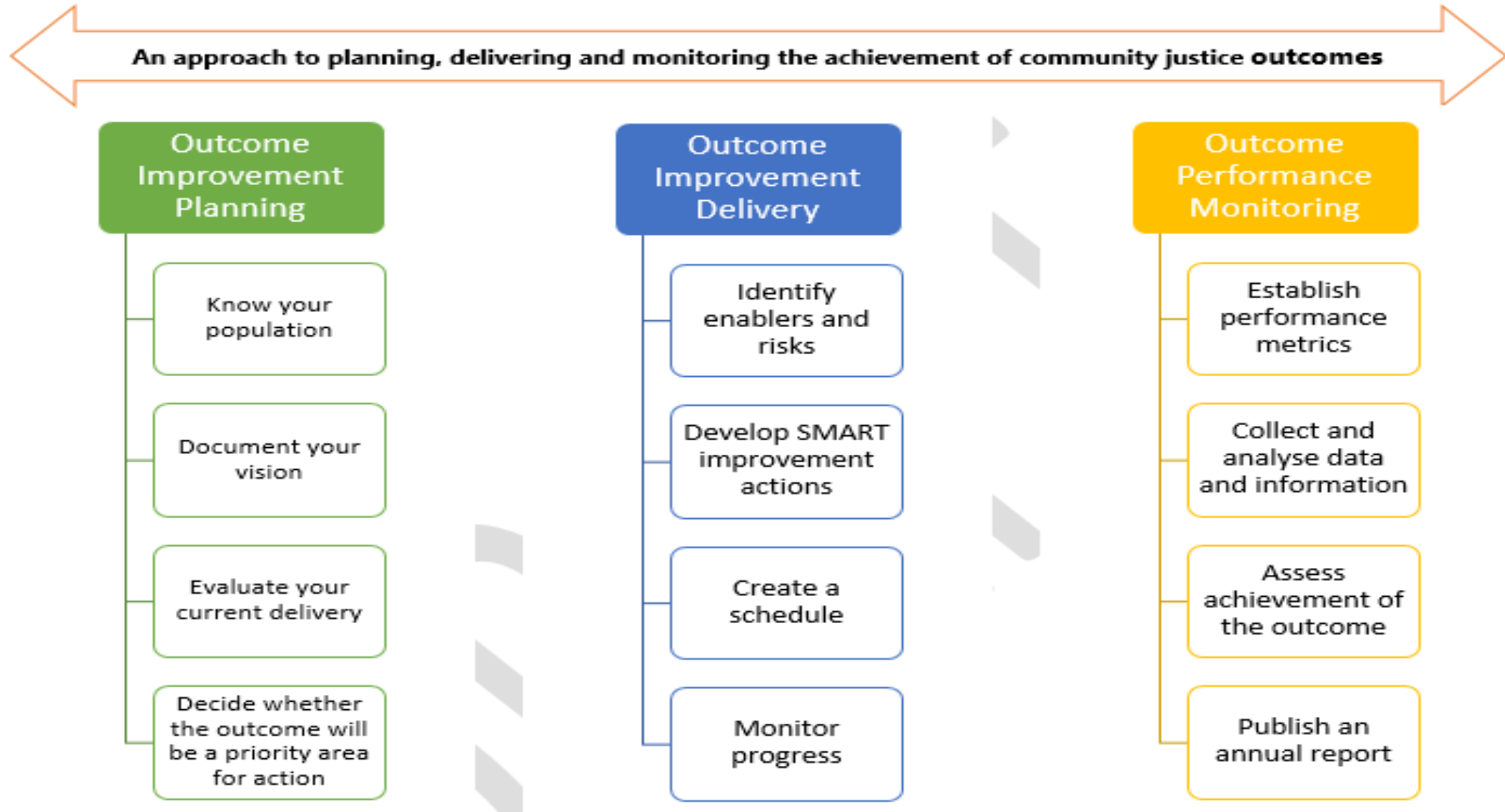
**Community Justice Scotland Chief Executive, Specialist Adviser and Improvement Lead**

Community Justice

Strategic Context

Vision for Justice in Scotland





# Community Justice

## Developing our Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan (CJOIP)

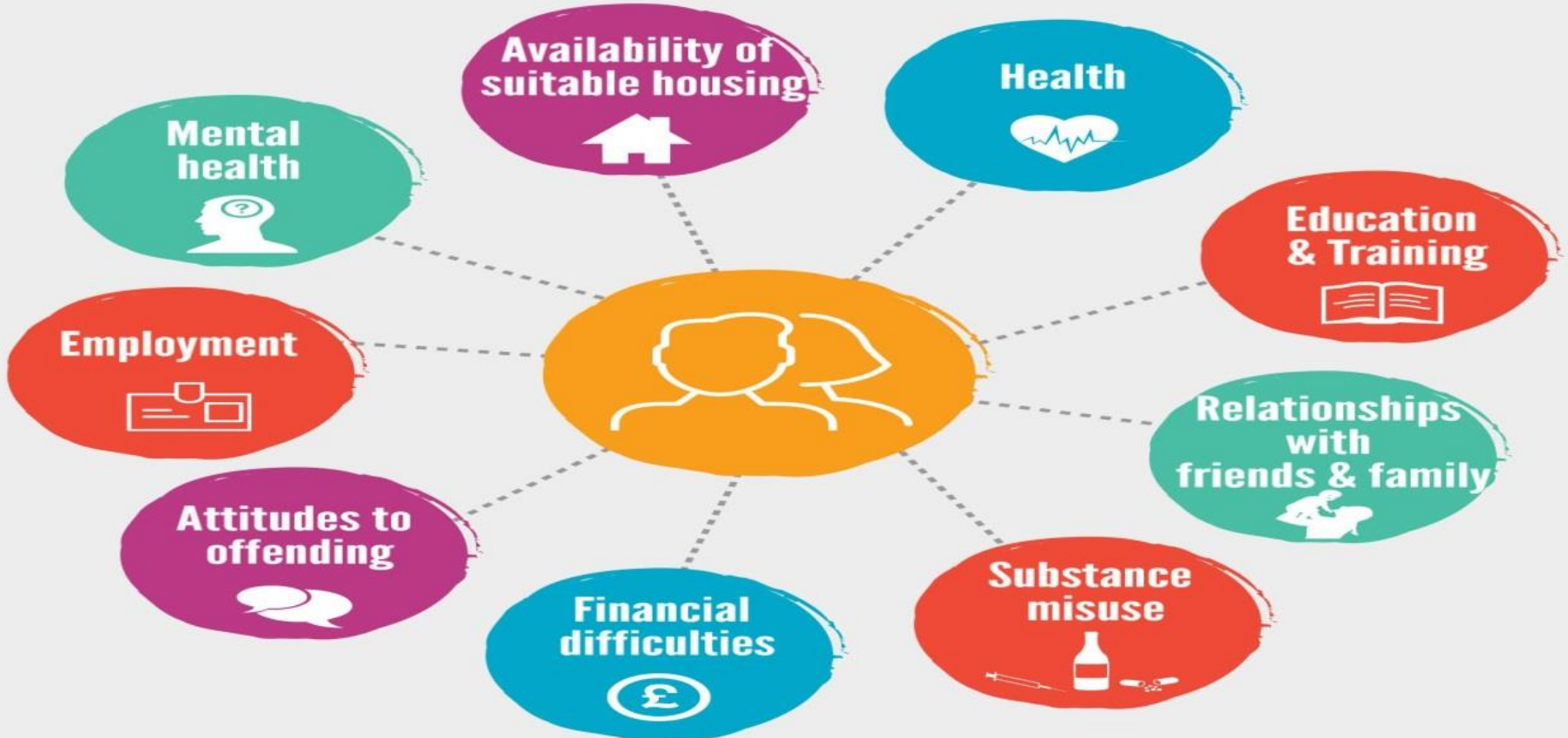
National aim	Priority action
1. Optimise the use of diversion and intervention at the earliest opportunity	1. Enhance intervention at the earliest opportunity <b>by</b> ensuring greater consistency, confidence in and awareness of services which support the use of direct measures and diversion from prosecution
	2. Improve the identification of underlying needs and the delivery of support following arrest <b>by</b> 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 <b>by</b> ensuring high quality bail services are consistently available and delivered effectively
	4. Strengthen options for safe and supported management in the community <b>by</b> 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 <b>by</b> 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 <b>by</b> promoting and supporting the appropriate and safe provision of available services

# Community Justice

## Developing our Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan (CJOIP)

<p><b>3. Ensure that services are accessible and available to address the needs of individuals accused or convicted of an offence</b></p>	<p>7. Enhance individuals' access to health and social care and continuity of care following release from prison <b>by</b> 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 <b>by</b> 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 <b>by</b> 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 <b>by</b> increasing and promoting greater use of voluntary throughcare and third sector services</p>
<p><b>4. Strengthen the leadership, engagement, and partnership working of local and national community justice partners</b></p>	<p>11. Deliver improved community justice outcomes <b>by</b> 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 <b>by</b> 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 <b>by</b> 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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# 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

We help people move forward



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# **Helensburgh and Lomond CPG Briefing Report**

## **Q3 2023/24**

## **Performance & Activity Report**

<b>From:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> October 2023</b>	<b>To:</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> December 2023</b>
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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"> <li>● CFBT / Tactical ventilation Q3</li> <li>● Casualty Care Q3</li> <li>● RTC (Road Traffic Collision) and Extrication Q3</li> <li>● HAZMAT Q3</li> <li>● TFOC (Training for Operational Competence) RTC Module</li> <li>● Environmental Protection Module</li> <li>● P&amp;P – Hoarding Module</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Firefighting in Buildings Module RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete)</li> </ul>
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## Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Helensburgh & Lomond South	1	0	3
Helensburgh Central	2	3	0
Lomond North	1.7	0	1
<b>Community Board Total</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

## ADF Casualties

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Helensburgh & Lomond South	0	0	0
Helensburgh Central	0.33	0	0
Lomond North	0	0	0
<b>Community Board Total</b>	<b>0.33</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## Deliberate Secondary Fire Setting

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Helensburgh & Lomond South	0.33	1	0
Helensburgh Central	1	1	1
Lomond North	2	1	4
<b>Community Board Total</b>	<b>3.33</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>

## Fires in Non-Domestic Property

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Helensburgh & Lomond South	0.33	0	0
Helensburgh Central	1.33	1	2
Lomond North	0.33	0	0
<b>Community Board Total</b>	<b>1.99</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

## Casualties from Non-Fire Emergencies

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Helensburgh & Lomond South	0.67	0	0
Helensburgh Central	0.33	1	0
Lomond North	3.67	8	1
<b>Community Board Total</b>	<b>4.67</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>

## Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Helensburgh & Lomond South	9	12	3
Helensburgh Central	27.3	29	22
Lomond North	11.67	10	15
<b>Community Board Total</b>	<b>47.97</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>40</b>



## **Incidents/Activities of Note**

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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**

- 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:08000731999)
- Text "FIRE" to 80800 from your mobile phone.

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



## **Argyll & West Dunbartonshire Division**

### **Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group**

### **COWAL, BUTE & HELENSBURGH PRIORITIES 2023-2026**

The priorities for your area are decided by data from our strategic assessment which details threats and risks, and also from feedback from local authorities, partners, and residents in the [Local Policing Survey](#)

- Serious organised crime
- Crimes of theft and dishonesty
- Road safety and road crime
- Violent crime
- Public protection.

#### **Serious & Organised Crime**

Cowal, Bute & Helensburgh benefits from a dedicated Pro-active Serious and Organised Crime Team (SOCT). These specialist officers are supported by dedicated intelligence officers in tackling serious and organised crime in our communities.

The work of the SOCT and the continued upturn in detection rates of those involved in the supply of controlled drugs in our communities, is underpinned by the valuable work undertaken by our Local Policing Teams (LPT), providing the local connection to target drug dealing, developing local intelligence and progress concerns identified by members of the community.

We encourage our communities to share concerns and suspicions around drug dealing either by calling 101 or by reporting anonymously via Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

#### **Acquisitive Crime**

Acquisitive crime remains a local priority. Figures across the country are on an upward trajectory, which in part is a result of the cost of living. We are working with our Preventions team looking at maximising our crime prevention opportunities and looking at innovative ways to increase local awareness. We are working with our communities to identify areas of vulnerability where we can engage with our partners to maximise our response.

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Crime Type	5 Year Average	PYTD	YTD	% Change from previous Year
Common Theft	32.6	32.6	46	+24.3%
Fraud	14.6	24	20	-24%
Housebreaking (Domestic)	7.4	3	5	+66.7%
Theft shoplifting	30	37	28	-24.3%

**Road Safety & Road Crime**

A local Partnership Approach to Road Safety group has been formed. This group will focus on locations of concern and key contributing factors from road traffic collisions where someone has been killed or seriously injured to enable us to prioritise education and enforcement towards key locations and demographics.

We have continued to maximise our visibility on the trunk roads with our focus on speed detection and driver behaviour being the primary activities. Our festive road safety campaign has ensured that we were prepared for the increase in road users across our communities during the festive period.

The vast majority of local officers are trained in the hand held speed detection equipment and are regularly utilising these tactics across our communities. Most disposals for road traffic crime is by the issuing of fixed penalty notices. These figures are not recorded in this data.

**Violent Crime**

Violent crime continues to be closely monitored and reviewed with investigations being resourced across Local Policing Teams and the Criminal Investigation Department. Each crime is subject of daily review and scrutiny and thereafter allocated to the most appropriate department to progress to assist in identification of repeat victims, offenders and locations. Any emerging issues and risks are shared and appropriate actions identified

Crime Type	5 Year Average	PYTD	YTD	% Change previous Year
Minor Assault	78.4	87	95	+9.2%
Attempt Murder	0.2	1	0	-100%
Serious Assault	4.6	4	8	+100%
Murder	0.2	0	0	

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### **Public Protection**

We are upskilling our staff ensuring they are able to deliver a victim centred approach to gender-based violence. We are introducing domestic abuse champions to ensure officers are confident, supported and properly equipped with skills and up to date guidance when dealing with these often serious and complex investigations. Bespoke perpetrator management plans have been introduced to robustly police those offenders posing the greatest risk of harm in a domestic setting. These plans complement our existing safeguarding processes for victims and children at risk of domestic abuse.

### **Local News**

#### **Fraud Prevention**

Frauds and scams continue to be a focus as offences are still being reported on a regular basis and we would welcome invites from any community groups or organisations in the Helensburgh and Lomond area after some successful inputs at Grey Matters Active Ageing, Centre 81, Helensburgh and Lomond Carers and Garelochhead Station Trust. Currently, officers are making use of a free call blocker initiative being run by 'Friends Against Scams' who are a National Trading Standards organisation. Any devices requested are being sought through this scheme which means there is no local funding is required at this time. 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 (LAAS) staff as well as information on county lines drug dealing methods and risks. Officers also attended the Welcome Day for Ukrainian resettlers in Helensburgh to ensure barriers were broken down between police and new members of our community and that personal safety advice as well as Scottish legislation was passed over. Retail premises are also being offered free crime prevention security surveys following recent reports of shoplifting. 3 of these crime prevention surveys have taken place in the Helensburgh area.

### **Divisional Recognition Awards 2023**

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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. The Partnership Award was presented to Jim Bowles, National Observer for the Institute of Advanced Motorists. Jim acts as a volunteer in his role to promote road safety and was vital in his role during the Helensburgh Road Safety event earlier this year. 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.

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*Useful Links/Contacts*

- **Argyll and Bute Community Directory** - <https://abcd.scot/> including warm spaces information
- **Crimestoppers** – [Crimestoppers in Scotland | Crimestoppers \(crimestoppers-uk.org\)](https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/)  
[0800 555 111](https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/)
- **Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime** – [www.scottishparc.co.uk](http://www.scottishparc.co.uk)
- **Women's Aid** - [Home - Women's Aid \(womensaid.org.uk\)](https://www.womensaid.org.uk)
- **Citizens Advice** – 0808 164 6000
- **Argyll and Bute Council Trading Standards** – 01546 605 519
- **Argyll and Bute Council** – <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/my-council/how-contact-us>
- **Transport Scotland** – road related incidents and road closures - <https://www.traffic.gov.scot/traffic-information/incidents>
- **Scottish Water** - <https://www.scottishwater.co.uk/Help-and-Resources/Contact-Us>  
[0800 0778 778](https://www.scottishwater.co.uk/Help-and-Resources/Contact-Us)
- **NHS24 (including mental health support)** – 111 or <https://www.nhsinform.scot/>

*Follow us on Social Media and help share local appeals and education messages*

- Facebook - Police Scotland Argyll and West Dunbartonshire
- X (formerly Twitter) – PSOSArgyllBute and PSOS ArgWestDunb

Sign up to Neighbourhood Watch to receive local alerts and bulletins for your community area - <https://neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/#0>

Have your say on your local policing priorities - <https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/your-police-2023-2024/>

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### **MOD POLICE UPDATE**

- Storms over previous weeks has caused disruption in the area around HMNB Clyde and surrounding roads. MOD Police/Police Scotland have continued to make efforts to control traffic when appropriate for the safety of road users. We can only apologise for any delays on passing/entering HMNB Clyde.
- Drones - I have to reiterate the increasing number of drone pilots around the area of HMNB Clyde/Coulport. It is a security concern and can lead to prosecution if drones are flown in 'NO DRONE ZONES'.

Details to report - time, location, description, direction of travel and details of any operator. You can contact HMB Clyde if you spot a drone around HMNB Clyde/Coulport on 01436 655 765

- Internet Safety Awareness - MOD Police Community Officer/ Police Scotland Youth Engagement Officer are working together to engage with local primary schools to deliver a variety of topics they think the Police should be highlighting to pupils. Primarily, Internet Safety for the P5-7's and Road Safety for P1-4. It has been very effective so far.
- Fly tipping has also been on the rise in recent times especially on MOD Land. Increased patrols will continue in the area as well as engagement between Police and A+B Council to reduce this.
- Police Scotland Youth Volunteers - Any requests from local groups or events that are taking place that you think will benefit our volunteers (ages 14-16) then please get in touch. [haining.gallagher@scotland.police.uk](mailto:haining.gallagher@scotland.police.uk) or [andrew.omand100@mod.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.omand100@mod.gov.uk)

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## Helensburgh Community Council Update February 2024

- ❖ Helensburgh Community Council supported by experts from the community and our findings from Vision for Helensburgh and recent community consultations has submitted a bid for the Waterfront. This is currently under consideration by Argyll and Bute Council. Our bid is for an open area with an event space, the skateboard park, coach parking, recreational and water play areas and provision for pop up shops and food outlets. Phase two and three of the projects would include covering the event area, linking with the pier to provide a welcome/visitors centre and further recreational facilities including a multi purpose sports facility. Our bid has been widely publicised in the Helensburgh Advertiser and Lochside Press and sits amongst five other bids.
- ❖ Pier Regeneration Project -Following the announcement that the pier could become a community asset, the community council is working with the Pier Regeneration Project( a sub committee of the Community Council formed following Vision for Helensburgh) to negotiate with Argyll and Bute and investigate a way forward to restoring the pier for use by marine traffic

Warm Spaces- The issue of the provision of Warm Spaces was raised with the Community Council by a member of the public. In particular the question is where can information could be easily found regarding their provision? The TSI had a list on their website. This is now being updated and linked to the Argyll and Bute website for easier access. Please can we encourage any community organisation/facility to ensure that they have given/updated their provision with the TSI. These are the updated links  
<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/my-council/advice-serviceshttps://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-tax-and-benefits/money-advice/heat-your-home-managing-rising-costs>

- ❖ Petition to the Scottish Government Prioritise local participation in planning decisions  
 We currently have a petition lodged with the Scottish Government calling for more local involvement in planning decisions. We would ask all partners to read, sign and share with others in order that we can get the issue discussed in parliament.

Please follow this link for further information and to sign- <https://petitions.parliament.scot/petitions/PE2075>

- ❖ Sadly following the death of our long standing Convener Norman Muir our deputy convener Peter Brown is acting as Convener and it has been agreed that we will elect a new convener at our May AGM.
- ❖ A reminder that Community Council meetings are public and open to all. They are held on the last Thursday of every month at the Civic Centre. Please join us and feel free to raise local issues and concerns. We also have one vacant space currently to co opt a councillor if you are interested.
- ❖ Any queries or questions with regards to Helensburgh Community Council should be directed to the secretary Sarah Davies email [sarahdavesde@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarahdavesde@yahoo.co.uk)

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## Fun First Update February 2024

### Fun-Friendship -Community

- Fun First is continuing to provide sessions for pre school children and their parents with sessions every day somewhere between Helensburgh, Cardross, Garelohead and Rosneath.
- All sessions are popular in particular Mondays in Helensburgh Library and Fitness sessions at Victoria Halls. This year's fitness sessions are supported by a generous grant from Argyll and Bute Supporting Communities Fund.
- In November all our leaders and committee members participated in First Aid for Mental Health training which proved to be extremely useful. We would highly recommend it to other organisations
- In March we will be participating in training to run Outdoor Sessions for parents and children with Under the Trees Outdoor Learning from Falkirk. We then hope to start regular outdoor sessions, initially in Helensburgh, to prepare children for the outdoor and forest school activities they will experience in both ELC settings and when they start school. We also hope this will further encourage young families to spend more time outside enjoying everything our beautiful area has to offer.
- We were delighted to receive a grant from the TSI Health and Wellbeing Fund to fund our Fun First Friends sessions this year. These sessions are not only for our current users, but also for expectant parents and families new to the area. They are held fortnightly in the Drumfork Community Centre family room. Relevant speakers are invited for a short presentation, refreshments are provided, children can use the soft play and above all friendships are made and relevant support and information shared. Signposting support is an important part of our service.
- We are currently recruiting for two new leaders and we are always looking for new and interested members of the community to join our committee.
- Our AGM will be on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30 on zoom. We encourage you to join us to find out more about our work and activities.
- Please contact [contactfunfirst@gmail.com](mailto:contactfunfirst@gmail.com) or our Chair [sarahdaviesde@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarahdaviesde@yahoo.co.uk) for further information about our service or to receive the link for our AGM.

Sarah Davies

Chair Fun First -Tel 07845 193590



**Plastic Free Helensburgh CPP Quarterly Report Winter 2023-24****Planned Meeting for the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024 1300 1600 Parish Hall Colquhoun Square  
Round-table Conversation between Groups Active in or about the Environment and  
Supported by the new ABCAN Climate Action Regional Hub.****Litter Picking Stations**

We now have Four 2 minute Litter Picking Stations with thanks to the A&B 'Supporting Communities Fund'.

One of these will be sited in Hermitage Park and looked after by the Cafe, there is also a station at Kidston Park sponsored by the GRAB Trust.

We have identified places for the remaining stations but welcome any suggestion as to places in need with a nearby premises that might be willing to look after it.

**Scottish Water Nature Calls and Treatment Plant Visit**

On 18<sup>th</sup> of November, PFH had a successful Event with Scottish Water promoting their 'ban the wipes' campaign and promoting our activities at Hermitage School Winter Fair and in a very wet Colquhoun Square. This was preceded by a very informative visit to the water waste treatment plant at Ardmore,, where we observed both the process and the volume of light and heavy solids removed from our combined sewage and drainage system be the remainder is aerated to enhance bio-digestion and further filter. In effect clear water is discharged and everything we flush or drop into the drainage system is mechanically recovered. Scottish Water stencilled the streets highlighting the 108 street blockages fixed by them and the further 80 odd across the area. All of this costs, we will continue to put the message out that the drainage system is not a bin.

**A&B Area Meeting December. Flooding and Blocked Drains**

We followed this up with a question to the Council Area Committee in relation to flooding of standing water in known hotspots and

water running at depth down Sinclair Street among others having surveyed Sinclair Street and found the gullies from Sinclair Street down to the front on both sides stapped with grit and rubbish and largely not taking in any water.

The response is there is a routine clean due in March, and a problem with out of service vehicles.

With the persistent heavy fall fall experienced in the last quarter predicted to become normal or worst free flowing drainage will be increasingly important. Once the gullies are cleared we will run a cleaner streets and drains campaign.

**Beach Cleaning**

The combined cleans with HCC are currently scheduled from the last Saturday in March to the Last Saturday in September. There has been a huge amount of debris deopsied along our shores again and there are many intrepid beach cleaners removing stuff on a regular basis.

The violence of the storms is evident with the very lsrge iron spiked wharf type structure currently stranded along the sea wall and a battation of vehicles and workers reinstating the breach caused in the seawall.

We are pleased that the Rhu clean up crew are in full swing every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month meeting at the Rhu Public Toilet and that cleans are going on along the Kilcreggan and Loch Long shores.

PFH pitched in with the GRAB Trust and LLTNP clean at Arrochar which is back to being a full on litter sink. 340 kgs plus wood, wheels and a head board.



# BEACH CLEANS

2024 10am - 11:30am

<b>SAT MAR 31</b>	<b>HELENSBURGH PIER</b>
<b>SAT APRIL 13</b>	<b>EAST BAY</b>
<b>SAT APRIL 28</b>	<b>HELENSBURGH PIER</b>
<b>SAT MAY 26</b>	<b>HELENSBURGH PIER</b>
<b>SAT JUNE 15</b>	<b>EAST BAY</b>
<b>SAT JUNE 23</b>	<b>HELENSBURGH PIER</b>
<b>SAT JULY 28</b>	<b>HELENSBURGH PIER</b>
<b>SAT AUG 25</b>	<b>HELENSBURGH PIER</b>
<b>SAT SEPT 7</b>	<b>EAST BAY</b>
<b>SAT SEPT 29</b>	<b>HELENSBURGH PIER</b>







Helensburgh Community Hub – CPG update February 2024

### **Reading Minds – Helensburgh’s Book Festival**

Following the success of last year’s pilot (funded through the SG Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund), which was attended by more than 200 people, we are continuing this collaboration with Jean’s Bothy and H&L Carers Centre. The second Helensburgh Book Festival will take place from 22-24 March at the three organisation’s venues.

This year we have secured Scottish Book Trust Live Literature funding and are able to offer a wider range of events, including two school events (at Hermitage Academy and Colgrain Primary) and a weekend session aimed at young people.

Booking is through Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/helensburgh-book-festival-59725571793> and hard copy programmes are available at various locations in Helensburgh.

### **Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library**

We now have 157 Helensburgh children registered and we have been chosen as one of four Scottish programmes to be part of an exhibition in the Scottish Parliament being hosted by The Dollywood Foundation in March.

### **Further Reading for Pleasure related activity**

We hosted a pre-Christmas visit for Hermitage Primary P4s who played games in the hall and chose books in the Book Nook.

We are working with NHS staff from the School Health and Wellbeing Pathway team and Parklands bus monitors to provide them with appropriate books for various uses.

Working in partnership with Helensburgh Writers’ Workshop we are starting a weekly Young Writers’ Workshop in the Hub from mid-February.

### **Volunteers**

The Hub now has more than 30 volunteers who support us with the Book Nook, crafting sessions, the website and organisational governance through our volunteer Board. To thank them we hosted them at The Tower for a special screening of the Dolly Parton classic 9 to 5. We are interested in collaborating with other organisations to repeat last year’s highly successful Volunteers’ Week Scotland event that was organised by the Hub, Visiting Friends and photographer Kath Polley.

Like many community organisations we rely on the great work of our volunteers and again like many other groups we always need to recruit more. There is a need to better support volunteering across Helensburgh and Lomond with signposting, recruitment, management and recognition.

### **Hub Garden**

We badly need help to regenerate the garden in front of the Hub, and there are other community groups with outside spaces that need maintenance (eg Recovery Cafe) so we would like to collaborate with others to try and create a funded gardening project that could benefit organisations across Helensburgh and Lomond.

**Development Manager Gill Simpson 01436 678088 / [manager@helensburghcommunityhub.org.uk](mailto:manager@helensburghcommunityhub.org.uk)**

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## **Community Development Update for Helensburgh and Lomond ACPG**

### **Supporting Communities Fund 2024/25**

The Supporting Communities Fund 24//25 will be opening for application on the 5<sup>th</sup> February. The fund accepts applications to the value of £2,500 from community organisations looking to make a difference in their local community.

The fund focuses on the 4 areas of Fairer, Resilient, Greener, Creative communities and CDOs can advise groups on their eligibility prior to submitting an application.

Further information can be found at:

[Supporting Communities Fund | Argyll and Bute Council \(argyll-bute.gov.uk\)](https://argyll-bute.gov.uk/supporting-communities-fund)

### **Education Scotland inspection.**

The Community Learning & Development Partnership; (Live Argyll's Community Learning & ABC's Community Development Team) recently completed an inspection from Education Scotland on the partnerships' work taking place between the 8-10<sup>th</sup> of January. This included focus groups with community activists and learners working with CDOs across Argyll and Bute.

Immediate positive verbal feedback was given by Education Scotland Inspectors, on the breadth and quality of work across the two organisations. The full published report is anticipated within 6 weeks.

### **Joint webinars with NHS Public Health**

NHS Public Health and Community Development have followed up work with the Area Community Planning Groups by offering 4 webinars to community activists across the 4 administrative areas. Approximately 60 community members, staff and members of the voluntary sector have attended the sessions in January 2024.

This was an opportunity to further explore the use of the reports and statistics in preparing grant applications with the Community Development Team as part of these sessions.

### **New Gaelic Development Officer started:**

Mairi MacLennan has recently started as the Council's Gaelic Development officer, joining the Community Development team. Mairi's role will be looking to build on the language learning and rich heritage of Gaelic in Argyll and Bute. This includes developing opportunities for new learners and speakers of Gaelic to use their language / new skills in different settings.

Much of Mari's work will be in partnership with existing language and learning groups; schools, colleges and national organisations. If you want to say hello or learn more, feel free to email

[Mairi.MacLennan2@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:Mairi.MacLennan2@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

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## **Argyll and Bute TSI update February 2024**

### Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund 2023-24

The TSI has reviewed applications for year three of the Scottish Government's Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund (CMHWB Fund). Funds being disbursed total £282k, however, requests for support amounted to twice this amount from a wide range of organisations. Applications were particularly strong this year and indicate the level of need across Argyll and Bute.

A total of 11 groups sought funding from the Helensburgh and Lomond area and seven were successful in their application to the Fund.

### 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.

Seed capital funding of £40,000 was available for micro and small climate action projects (fund closed 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 they want the TSI to do to support community groups.

### TSI website

The TSI is launching a new website on February 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

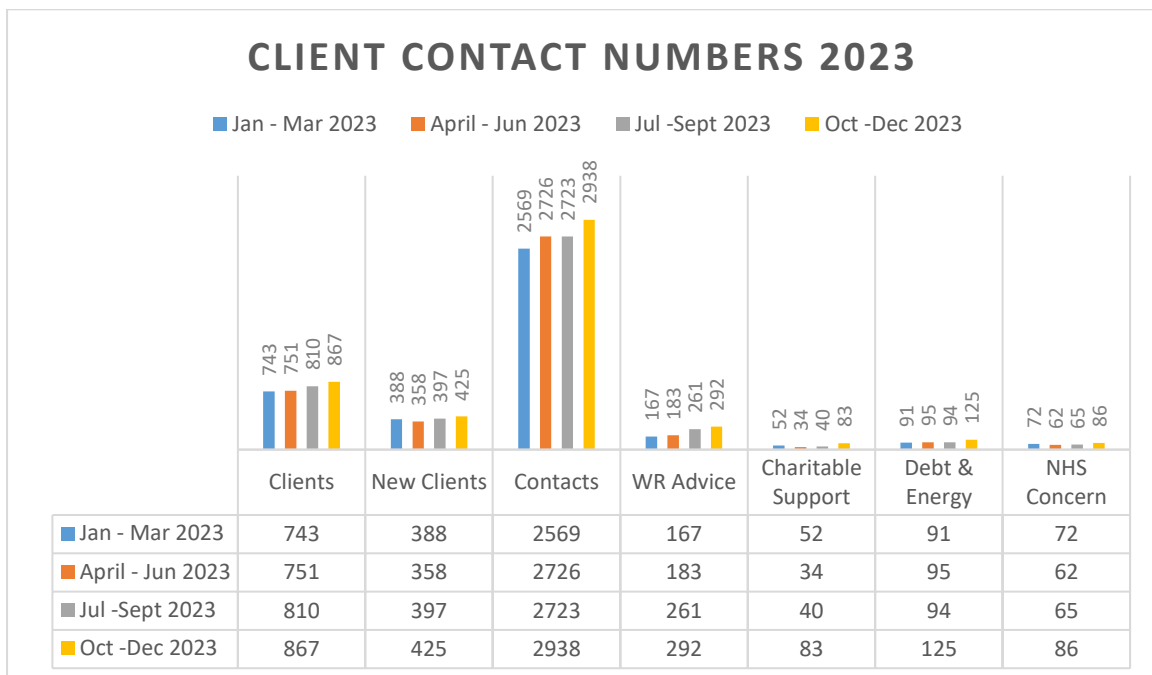
### Budgets 2024-25

It is no surprise 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 overall 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.



**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](mailto: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](mailto:jen.broadhurst@abcab.org.uk)

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# UHI | ARGYLL

We have had a busy start to semester 2 with around 40 students beginning a range of courses in Helensburgh. Many of these are short full-time courses, some are part-time. We have several Hermitage Academy pupils coming to college on a regular basis this semester. These are pupils who can leave school this year, both summer and Christmas, with the aim of keeping them engaged with education and helping them with the process of transitioning from school to further education. We also have several Ukrainian students on our ESOL courses. Our semester 2 courses are:

- NC Horticulture
- Access to FE
- Access to Care
- ESOL beginners
- ESOL Level 4
- NC Social Sciences Level 5
- Childcare infill
- Business infill

Our open day in January was well attended, with several visitors to the centre. Our next open day is scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> March.

The college building works are almost complete, with only the external painting to be completed. The extension has improved the appearance of the building and provided us with much needed extra space. Our new classrooms are being put to good use, particularly on Wednesdays and Thursdays this semester when all our classrooms and study spaces are utilised. The new student hub is proving popular with students, they can relax and socialise in between classes and during lunch break. The UHI student union have bought sofas and a coffee table for the space.

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## Community Learning Services LiveArgyll Update

### HMI Community Learning and Development (CLD) Progress Visit of Argyll and Bute Council January 2024.

Argyll and Bute Council has just undergone and HMI CLD Progress Visit (08/01/24 – 10/01/24) As with previous inspection models, the starting point was the CLD current Strategic Partnership Plan 2021 -2024 and How good is our Community Learning and Development?

Overall Argyll and Bute received a positive outcome and this will reflect in the published report which we hope to receive and circulate 6 – 8 weeks' time.

### Newly Elected MSYPs for Argyll and Bute

We are delighted to announce Alasdair Paisley, Mariska Silkowski & Sophie Bennie-Twist as the new Members of Scottish Youth Parliament elect for Argyll & Bute. They will embark on a period of training and development and will officially start their new positions from February 2024. Alasdair and Mariska will represent Argyll and Bute, whilst Sophie will represent Helensburgh and Lomond. Entirely youth led and diverse, the Scottish Youth Parliament provides a national platform for young people to discuss the issues that are important to them, and campaign to effect the change they wish to see; developing young people to be the leaders of tomorrow through training and international opportunities, encouraging young people in decision making, supporting youth action and developing essential life skills for leadership. It is a true model of youth participation and a key aspect of democracy in Scotland.

You will find out more about your MSYP elect's in the coming weeks so follow to find out more.

[#youthvoice](#) [#youthaction](#) [#bethechangeyouwanttosee](#) [#liveargylllyouthwork](#) [#syp](#)

Here's the link to the Facebook post:

<https://www.facebook.com/LAyouthwork/posts/pfbid0ha5wHk8kYEVZ7LmKmuGNhGSfWhwAtmbMrQJZadufLdedTudXqgh1NipUd7ceWY8FI>

### Independent Review of Community Learning and Development (CLD) - A programme of Engagement and Consultation

The Minister for Higher Education, Further Education and Skills, has actioned an independent review of Community Learning and Development (CLD) across all authorities and has appointed Kate Still who is an Independent Reviewer – Community Learning & Development.

A programme of events will take place through face-to-face engagement, events online, engagement events and an online consultation surveys for both CLD practitioners and Stakeholders and also for Learners and service Users.

Further Information is being circulated through Partners, Organisations and other communication channels please see the links for two surveys/consultations and encourage members of your groups and organisations, service users and learners to complete.

The link to the survey is <https://consult.gov.scot/lifelong-learning-and-skills/community-learning-learners/>. It consists of 12 questions, which can be answered online. Please encourage CLD learners and potential learners to complete the survey.

Also published is a separate survey, also available on Citizen Space, to hear from CLD practitioners, budget-holders, decision-makers, organisations with a direct or indirect interest in CLD, professionals and volunteers working in other services related in some way to CLD services e.g. employability, mental health, money advice, etc. This survey can be found at <https://consult.gov.scot/lifelong-learning-and-skills/community-learning-practitioners-stakeholders/>. Once again, the survey can be completed online, If that is not possible, then you can send your thoughts to the CLD Review mailbox at [cldindependentreview@gov.scot](mailto:cldindependentreview@gov.scot). If you do send it to the mailbox, please make sure to structure your input in line with the online survey questions. Doing this will help me make sure your contribution is not missed.



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Notes for H&L Area Community Planning Meeting

What is the LivingWell Network

**The Helensburgh and Lomond Living Well Network is available for anyone with an interest in improving the wellbeing of the citizens of Helensburgh & Lomond. It comprises of members from local charities, support groups, community councils, statutory and private sectors and interested members from our communities. New members are always welcome. Quarterly face-to-face LW Network meetings are held in Helensburgh with an online option.**

**The LWN meets at least 4 times a year, to network, build partnerships, share knowledge and presentations. In between meetings, members receive bulletins with relevant news and information.**

**You can also find out lots of information and we can share what you're doing on our Facebook page**  
<https://www.facebook.com/LWNHelensburgh/>

What have we been doing?

Our last meeting was January 30th. We had 20 members present. We heard from physio Emma King Venables about the new LivingWell Programme being introduced this year as a joint service funded by NHS Highland, HSCP, MacMillan and LiveArgyll.

The LivingWell Network has £15000 grant funding from the Alcohol and Drugs partnership to award to charities doing any work in the community that meets the ADP priorities. We will allocate this money on February 21st where we invite applicants along to share with the network members how they would spend the money and we decide as a group who will be funded. Applications welcome until Monday February 19th. The sharing which will be on Wednesday February 21st from 9.30-11.30 in Helensburgh Library, all welcome.

We have established that while there are a lot of amenities and services available in Helensburgh, that there could be better communication between service users and service providers and anyone involved in health care of what is available. Despite our many means of communication often people are unaware of facilities. As a network we hope to be able to address this by becoming more visible and raising awareness amenities.

I have been in post since late 2023 and had two LivingWell Network meetings but members present have contacted me to say they found them very useful for networking which is exactly the aim of the network.

Going forward, there will be a big LivingWell Network event in the Helensburgh Leisure Centre on Sunday 16th June where anyone working in health of any description, from Jean's Bothy to a singing group, to Grey Matters will be invited along. I anticipate being able to offer a taster session of what is available in the leisure centre as well as food and tea and coffee. If interested in being present please contact me. The objective will be for everyone to encourage one person along who they



**feel would benefit from simply getting out for the day or someone who needs encouragement to join a group, or is lonely or struggling in any way with physical or mental health. Please look out for info and support if you can.**

**Feel free to get in touch if you would like added to my database. I forward info from NHS, local groups and charities and generally what's happening in Helensburgh and Lomond.**

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The role of Living Well Network Coordinator for Helensburgh & Lomond is one day a week. This means there may be a delay in me replying to e-mails.

Living Well Networks are in operation across Argyll and are funding and coordinated by the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership's Public Health Team

You are receiving this email as you have said that you wanted to become a member of the Helensburgh and Lomond Living Well Network. If you no longer want to be a member, please reply to this email stating, asking to leave the network, and your contact details will be removed. Please note you are receiving this email as you are a member of the Living Well Network. If you would prefer not to receive emails then please reply confirming you wish to have your contact email address removed from the membership list.

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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?

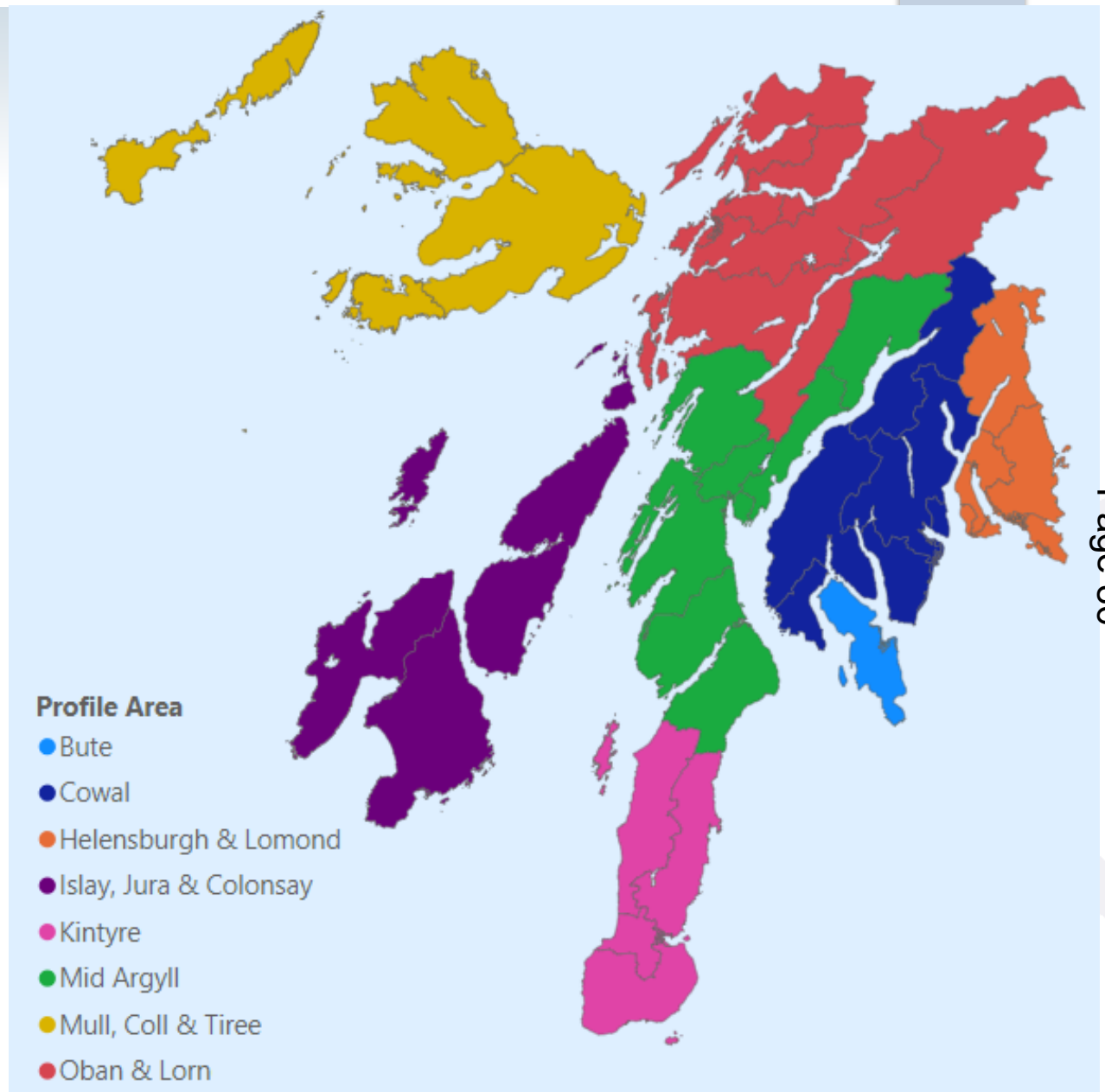
- ▶ Through consensus, forward plan investment opportunities that improve outcomes.

# 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.

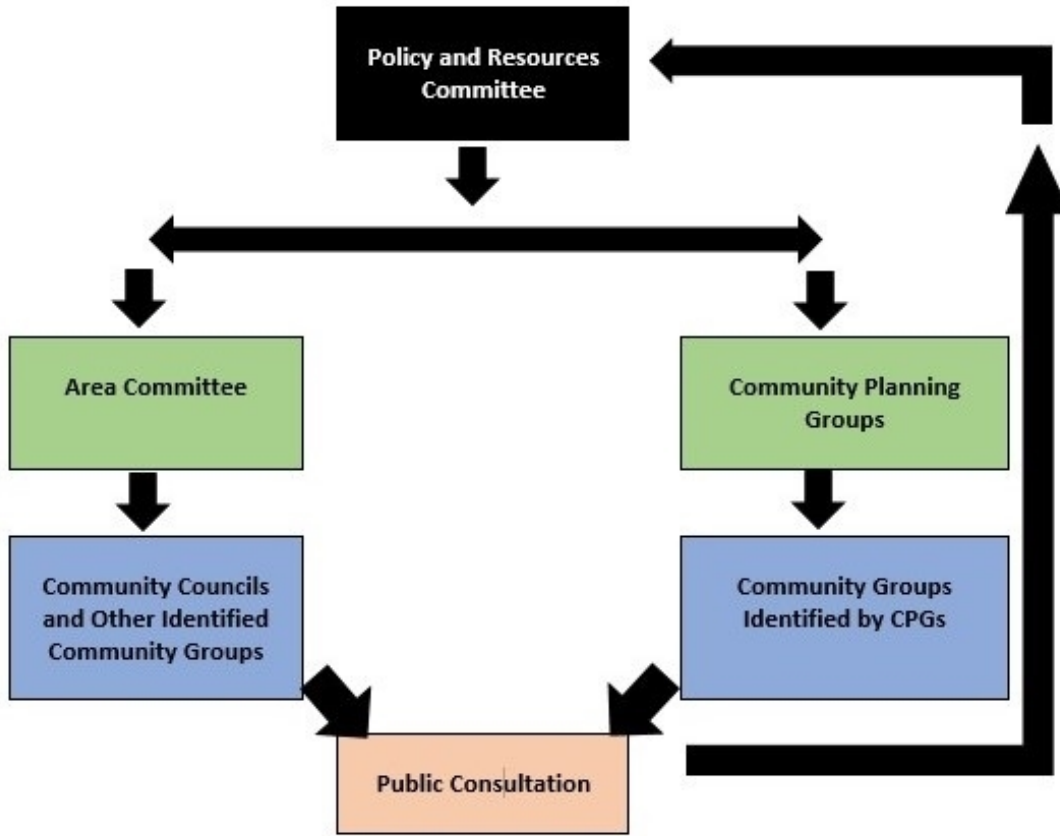


- ▶ Clear synergies to develop in tandem with;
  - ▶ Community Planning Group Area Plans.
  - ▶ Community Wealth Building.
- ▶ Careful consideration given to;
  - ▶ Efficient and optimal use of resources.
  - ▶ Co-ordinated consultation.

# 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
<b>Governance</b>
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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# John Logie Baird Innovation Hub

# What is the JLB Innovation Hub?



- ❖ Joint initiative between liveArgyll and Helensburgh Community Council
- ❖ Based in Helensburgh Library
- ❖ Opened for business in July 2023 (originally due to open in March 2020)
- ❖ JLB Hub is a co-working space, but more than just office accommodation

# Who is the JLB Innovation Hub aimed at?



- ❖ Typical Hub users:
  - Self-employed individuals
  - Small firms or start-ups
  - Entrepreneurs
  - Innovators
- ❖ Subscribers/users who can work independently or together within a business community
- ❖ Perfect environment for individuals to share ideas and opportunities with other entrepreneurs

# The JLB Innovation Hub Offer



- ❖ Access to the JLB Hub space for over 40 hours per week
- ❖ Dedicated BT Enterprise network – superfast, non-filtered, broadband
- ❖ Free wireless printing
- ❖ Bookable meeting rooms
- ❖ Registered business address
- ❖ Unlimited tea, coffee and water

# JLB Innovation Hub: Subscription Packages

- ❖ Gold Package
  - Full monthly opening hours (approx. 182 hours per month)
  - Subscription cost = £149.99 pcm
  
- ❖ Silver Package
  - 81 hours per month (equivalent to 2 full weeks)
  - Subscription cost = £99.99 pcm
  
- ❖ Bronze Package
  - 40.5 hours per month (equivalent to 1 full week)
  - Subscription cost = £69.99 pcm

# JLB Innovation Hub: Casual Users



- ❖ Full day desk hire
  - 7.5 hours (9 hours on a Thursday) - Cost = £24.99
  
- ❖ Half day desk hire
  - 3.5 hours (4.5 hours on a Thursday) - Cost = £14.99
  
- ❖ Casual users get access to:
  - Dedicated BT Enterprise network – superfast, non-filtered, broadband
  - Free wireless printing
  - Unlimited tea, coffee and water

# Helensburgh Library

- ❖ Libraries now being used for a variety of non-library activities
- ❖ Library staff are customer friendly and are IT literate
- ❖ Co-working Hubs offer libraries additional revenue streams
- ❖ Why base the JLB Hub in Helensburgh Library?
  - Dedicated room within a contemporary building
  - JLB Hub room can accommodate 6 service users
  - Car parking at the rear of library
  - Fully accessible toilets

# JLB Innovation Hub Room

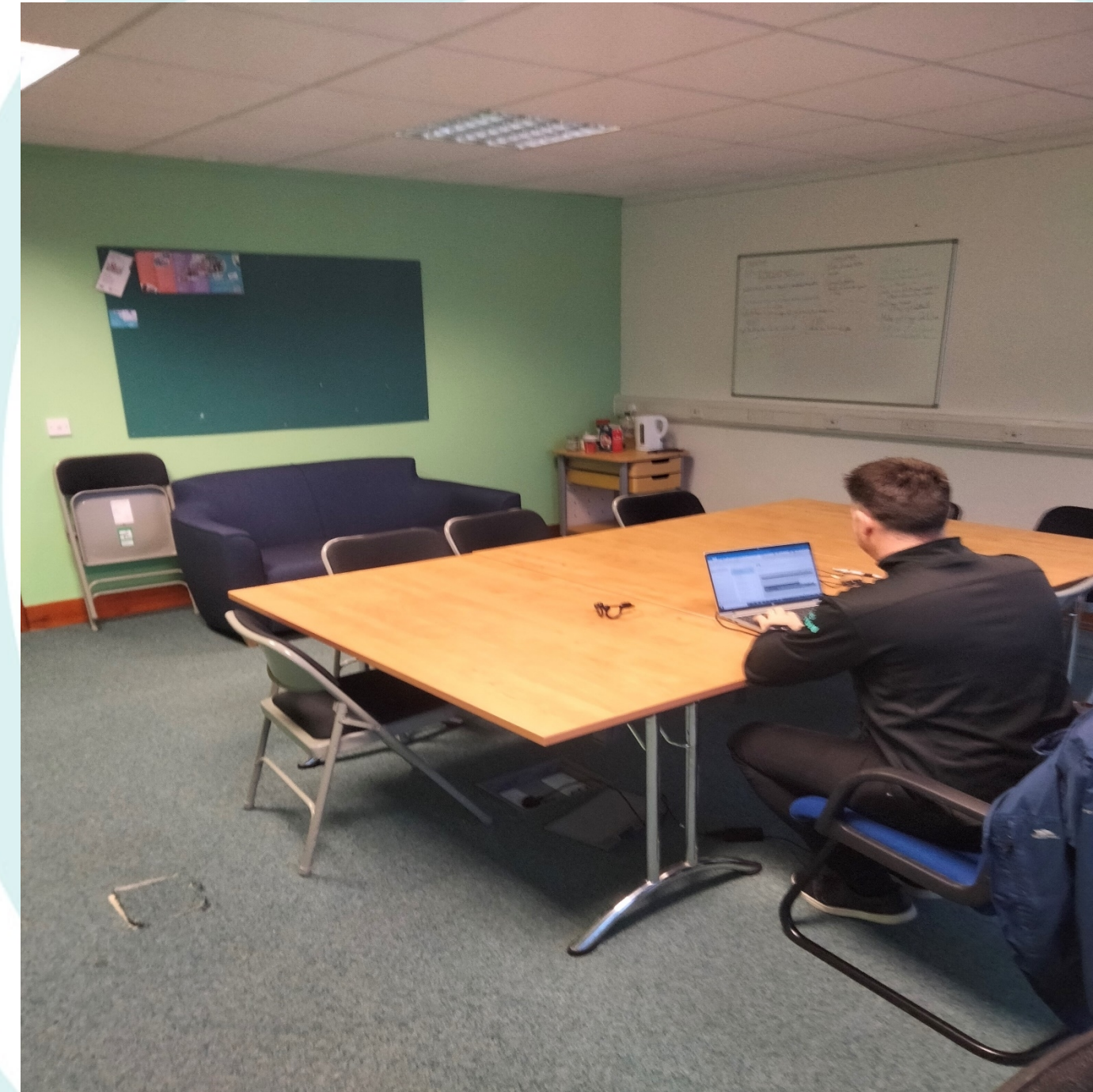




# JLB Innovation Hub Room



# Meeting Rooms





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**Date: 25 January 2024**

**Helensburgh & Lomond Area Community  
Planning Group  
13 February 2024**

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## **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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**Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership****Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group****13 February 2024**

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**Community Planning Partnership Management Committee Update**

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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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