

Argyll & Bute Community Planning Partnership

Helensburgh and Lomond Locality Plan
2017-2018

Introduction

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act requires Community Planning Partnerships (CPP) to have focused locality plans to reduce inequalities within a community. The CPP has used data from the Improvement Services' Community Planning Outcome Profile tool, results from the Place Standard Consultation held in April 2017 and combined knowledge to determine where focused activity should take place and what activities are required in a particular area.

The actions set out below are what the CPP believes it should do over the next 12 months to address inequalities within the Helensburgh and Lomond area and what communities will be the target of focused effort. The plan will be reviewed every 12 months to ensure that actions for the next 12 months are focused on the areas which need attention most.

The reasoning behind why these particular communities have been prioritised for the next 12 months is set out below the actions.

We have also listed strategic activity that the CPP knows is happening within the area and the Community Action Plans which exist within the area too. The actions listed below will complement ongoing activity from partners and its communities.

Once agreed, the Locality Plan will be progressed through the Area Community Planning Group which meets xxx.]

Helensburgh, with a particular focus on Helensburgh East

Action	Lead Organisation	CPP Outcome(s)
Work with local communities to have an increase in confidence regarding the retail/local business offering within Helensburgh	Argyll and Bute Council / Scottish Enterprise	Economy
Ensure the outcomes of the Maritime Strategic Defence Development Plan are delivered	Argyll & Bute Council / Ministry of Defence	Infrastructure
Focused activity on Hermitage Academy and Positive Destinations	Skills Development Scotland	Education
Establishment of Argyll College UHI within Helensburgh (3 year target)	Argyll College UHI	Education
Engage with Early Years' service regarding out of school provision for young people	Argyll & Bute Council	Children and Young People
Ask people in Helensburgh East what they would like in terms of social provision	Argyll & Bute Council	Children and Young People
Consult Health and Social Care locality plans in relation to reduction of hours of Vale Hospital	Health and Social Care Partnership	Health
Evaluate the impact of the work of Youth Engagement Officer in Hermitage Academy	Police Scotland	Safer and Stronger

Arrochar

Action	Lead Organisation	CPP Outcome(s)
Agree masterplan for Arrochar/Tarbet corridor (3 year action)	Argyll and Bute Council / Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park	Economy
Establishment of Destination development group within Arrochar	Argyll & Bute Council	Economy
Tackle issue of marine littering	Argyll & Bute Council	Infrastructure

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Why are we choosing these communities within Helensburgh and Lomond this year?

Helensburgh and Lomond has a total population of 25,259 (NRS 2014 Small Area Population Estimates) which has decreased from 26,170 in 2013.

The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2016 ranked two of the thirty-six data zones within Helensburgh and Lomond as being among the 15% most overall deprived data zones in Scotland with one being in the top 5% most overall deprived data zone in Scotland. Both of these data zones are within Helensburgh East.

The Improvement Service's Community Planning Outcome Profile tool looks at Intermediate Geography Zones (IGZ) and ranks these against 8 outcomes: Out of Work Benefits, Child Poverty, S4 Tariff Rate, Positive Destinations, Crime Rate, Emergency Admissions, Early Mortality and Depopulation. It is worth stating that the most up to date data within the tool is from 2014 however at that time the IGZ of Helensburgh East was ranked as the fourth area within Argyll and Bute experiencing the poorest outcomes with Helensburgh Centre ranking as the fifth.

30 people responded to the Place Standard consultation on Helensburgh. The categories where respondents felt there was significant room for improvement were: Traffic and Parking, Housing and Community and Influence and Sense of Control.

The CPP will monitor statistics and feedback from community consultations and will assess on an annual basis whether the communities receiving focused action should change.

What strategic activity is also happening within the Helensburgh and Lomond area?

The following strategic activity is also happening within the Helensburgh and Lomond area and will be a key factor in reducing inequalities faced by the area. The CPP believes that the chosen activities for the year ahead will complement this ongoing work.

- Kirkmichael Multi-Agency Working Group
- Health and Social Care Locality Plans
- Local Economic Development Action Plans

Existing Community Action Plans

The CPP is aware of the following Community Action Plans within the Helensburgh and Lomond area. A Community Action Plan is a community-owned and community-led document identifying the needs of a community which sets out actions to address these.

- Arrochar and Tarbet
- Cairndow
- Cove and Kilcreggan
- Luss and Arden