

Update from HIE following August 2018 OLI CPG Meeting

I would firstly like to thank the OLI CPG for considering this update in detail. We were using the update to share the key activities of the HIE Argyll Team with the three CPP CPG's that sit within the area within which HIE covers. We do not regularly attend the area CPG's, due to our limited resources, with only 13 members of staff within the Argyll and the Islands team. We are a key partner, and outcome 1 lead of the CPP management committee (whose meetings the area CPP chair also attends), and we hope that the update was useful to provide an overview of HIE's key areas of activity for the LPG.

In response to the specific queries raised, the HIE Argyll team do not allocate resource on an area basis. We focus on our key priorities within our Operating Plan.

HIE owns and has been developing Glenshellach over several years. The site is a business allocation in the Local Development Plan, previously approved by Councillors. Indeed, senior officials and elected members at Argyll and Bute Council have been encouraging us to bring the site forward to enable local firms to expand, as well as to attract new businesses.

I note your suggestions of other potential sites, however these are not owned by HIE, with the exception of the European Marine Science Park (EMSP). We are currently entering the second phase of development there, however, the park is designed and approved specifically for companies operating in marine science and related fields, whereas Glenshellach Industrial Estate can accommodate businesses operating within Use Class 4, 5 and 6.

I hope this helps respond to the queries raised. Our Area Manager, Jennifer Nicoll, would also be happy to discuss further with the Chair, as required, when they are next at the management committee meeting.

With kind regards,
Karen