

APPENDIX 1 – STAYCATION ACTION PLAN

ACTION AS AT 28 APRIL 2021

Theme	Action Point	Date of Implementation	Responsible Officer	Action to Date
Communications	Web pages; social media posts	Draft content now available intent of having up and running before the 26 April.	Jane Jarvie	<p>Web pages and social media posts up and running.</p> <p>Links to national responsible camping established.</p> <p>Distributing web link to tourism businesses, community councils and partners.</p> <p>Purchased Be a Great Visitor posters for distribution across Argyll and Bute with a link to our web pages.</p>
Communications	Communication Plan	Draft plan available	Jane Jarvie	Available - Ongoing updates as appropriate
Communications	Mobile App			No need to progress as website will be available across all platforms (app friendly) and considered as good as a dedicated app.
Communications	Weekly communication each Monday (Tuesday at holiday weekends) to Elected Members	Commenced Monday 19 April 2021	Jim Smith / Mark Calder	At the time of writing edition 3 of a weekly member briefing has been issued to all members summarising staycation issues and other key events for the week past together with any known points of interest for the upcoming week. Currently low incidence but could change rapidly.

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Communications	Advice of Staycation behaviour	Looking at working on posters and web agreement on wording mid-April	Jolyon Gritten	Street posters arrived on Covid FACTS and have been distributed by Environmental Health Officers and Roads and Infrastructure prior to the 26 th of April. Linking to national campaigns on responsible camping presentations through our web site and our partners.
Communications	External	tbc	James Fraser Friends of Loch Lomond / Fergus Murray/ LLTNP	This bid has been successful with a total £90k investment in Staycation infrastructure. 17 lay by bins along A82 Additional portaloos at Duck Bay, Arrochar and information panels, 2 additional wardens and
Communications	Staycation information at all ferry Terminals; airports and bus transport	26 th April	Alan Morrison	Hugh and Alan to take forward 500 FACTS and 50 Lampost signs are in place – locations to be identified. Looking to get more.
Communications	Covid 19 Safety advice	Implemented now new Covid 19 officers and signage	Alan Morrison	Officers working with tourism businesses on safe reopening.
Interventions/ Facilities	Identification of suitable council carparks for	List of available sites included at Appendix 2	Jim Smith	A limited amount of sites being looked as part of a pilot - Sites to be promoted via the Council website. See Appendix 2.

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	possible use by Motorhomes			
Interventions/ Facilities	Identification of private waste water sites	Sites identified in Appin; Tarbet; Holy Loch Marina; MACC base; Lochgilphead Caravan Site; Portavadie; Scottish Water Ganavan Road Oban; Sites being contacted.	Craig Wilson/Fergus Murray	Mixed response– progress being made but not ready on site(s) by 26 th April Most problematic area; Ganavan Road rejected by Scottish Water looking at site at Corran Halls location being identified with Andy Spence and ex Scottish Water employee. Looking to have a site set up at Oban Airport; Appin proceeding on their own; new application for motor home site at Benderloch with waste water disposal point. Looking at a site at Duck Bay/Arrochar car park. Potential to supply capital funding to assist third party providers and grant offers have been made in Mull, Cowal and Kintyre.
Interventions/ Facilities	Identification of Portaloo site (confirmed not needing planning consent).	Sites already identified Duck Bay; Arrochar car park; Ardentiny; Possible Oban Airport; Ganavan, West Port – still to be discussed. Looking at other locations; they will all be	Jim Smith/Fergus Murray	Duck Bay portaloo in place. Arrochar portaloo on grassed area To be confirmed when made available – Funding secured

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		<p>serviced by a private contractor.</p> <p>It should be noted we have received planning and environmental health advice some will be able to be implemented before 26th others before Summer 21.</p>		
Intervention/ Facilities	Toilets - External	tbc	James Fraser Friends of Loch Lomond / Fergus Murray/ LLTNP	<p>External</p> <p>1. Duck Bay Toilets- Temporary toilets for 6 months between 26th April and end of October. Permissions and funding package already in place but funding is being used as leverage to draw down the NatureScot funding.</p> <p>2. Arrochar Bay Toilets-Temporary toilets for 6 months from May-October. Permissions in principle in place from Luss Estates and Argyll & Bute Council. Site on grass area to be identified and prepared with type 1 bottoming-possibly more level area near the cluster of recycling bins and to minimise visual impact.</p>

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Intervention/ Facilities	Community Hotspots identified via community councils/individuals and members	Survey completed	Craig Wilson	Continuing to look at hotspot issues which are being addressed as far as practicable with implementation phased until the Summer. Main Action so far – council run public toilets reopened on the 1 st of April.
Intervention/ Facilities	Luss new 260 space carpark	Open 30 th April and temporary toilets	Luss Estates	External – No overnight motorhome parking allowed. Car park open on a 24 hour/7 day basis
Interventions/ Facilities	External – A82 Lay-By Litter Bin Pilot Scheme	Tbc	James Fraser Friends of Loch Lomond / Fergus Murray/ LLTNP	A82 Lay-By Litter Bin Pilot Scheme- A proposal worked up by the Friends and currently with various bodies for approval. Purchase and siting of 20 bins at busier laybys between Arden and Tarbet with frequent collection during the period May-October. A possible forerunner to an adopt a bin/layby scheme in future years. Funding secured.
Interventions/ Facilities	External – Litter Bags	Tbc	James Fraser Friends of Loch Lomond / Fergus Murray/ LLTNP	Litter Bags - Production of a quantity of recyclable litter carrier bags with appropriate messaging for use by businesses to hand out to walkers/campers etc. based on pilots run by Jayne and Stuart last season. Jayne to obtain quotes and JF to check out if this would be eligible as part of bid with NatureScot contact. Looking to extend this across Argyll and Bute – pilot also being tried out on Islay.

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Interventions/ Facilities	Arrochar Carpark 1	Luss Estates to open	Luss estates	External operator
Interventions/ Facilities	Arrochar Carpark 2	Looking to purchase	Jim Smith/Hugh O'Neil	Bid being prepared closing date 30 th April; no update as yet.
Interventions/ Facilities	Ganavan Carpark, Oban	June	Jim Smith	Design being progressed for a height control barrier at carpark as a pilot project. Restricting night time access. Still enables higher vehicles to leave at all times.
Interventions/ Facilities	Future Facilities	Completed for 2022	Fergus Murray, Craig Wilson, Hugh O'Neill	There are a number of larger scale interventions planned at Tobermory, Arrochar Car Park; Duck Bay etc. Bidding for additional funds RTIF for more permanent facilities; We have been successful for Tobermory with £375k; Naturescot staycation funding short term measures bid submitted 12 th May.
Interventions/ Facilities	GRAB Trust Litter mitigation intervention and reduction	14 May 2021	Fergus Murray/	Intending to Bid to Naturescot fund to cover majority of costs. Coverage across Argyll and Bute May to August (This may be extended depending on funding and demand)
Resources	Recruitment of wardens	Underway and advertised hoping to get in post asap.	Jim Smith/Tom Murphy	Adverts out internally now going external and appointments will be made asap probably late May at earliest due to difficulty in recruiting staff.

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		Operational plans being pulled together to ensure supervision and support is in place for out of hours and weekends. In addition we will look to carry out joint patrols with Police Scotland and council wardens where it is considered necessary and police have available resource to commit to this.		
Resources	Appoint Staycation Officer	Currently approved looking to get in post May	Jim Paterson	Officer in post Zalina.dzhatieva@argyll-bute.gov.uk
Resources	Community Warden Luss	Now in operation 4 days per week	Luss Estates	External
Resources	Visitor Services Warden	tbc	James Fraser Friends of Loch Lomond / Fergus Murray/ LLTNP	Visitor Services Warden- Recruitment of 2 full-time seasonal wardens to undertake a range of duties at the head of Loch Long including litter clearance, site maintenance, cleaning the temporary toilets, liaising with visitors and monitoring site/toilet useage. Job description to be based on one being

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				prepared by Simon and Sir Malcolm Colquhoun as they have recently recruited a Community Warden in Luss.
Resources	Additional Police Officer Time	Implemented for the National Park looking at proposal for the rest of Argyll and Bute	Fergus Murray	The Police have presented a proposal for additional officer time to assist enforcement /information assistance in hotspots – Cost £23k. Bid accepted. Additional 416 hours of police time over 13 weeks plus extra capacity to call on as and when required.