

Introduction

The purpose of the *SOA Local: Bute and Cowal* is to provide information about community planning partnership activities at a local level.

This document is a record of additional information gathered through the SOA:Local workshop process which is not contained within the local delivery plan, but which maps other local activity partners are aware of which relates to the outcomes, as well as themes that arose which were considered to be opportunities for future development. This might be through updates to raise awareness of partners about work that is already happening or discussion and action planning to create additional activity.

This document should be cross-referenced with the SOA:Local to give a fuller picture of activity across Bute and Cowal.

Outcome 1 – the economy is diverse and thriving

SOA Code	SOA Delivery Plan Action	Additional local activity we know is taking place, relating to these themes	Areas for future development
1.1.2	Support an increase in international trade through more businesses trading internationally and businesses increasing international turnover		'Buy local' initiative to develop local trading markets and brands – businesses could buy local/buy Argyll & Bute (eg Bristol Pound currency type project)
1.1.4	Support Business Growth (including social enterprise) through HIE / SE account management and Business Gateway (BG)		
1.1.7	Ensure businesses are ready to take advantage of the opportunities offered by improved Broadband speeds		Outlying areas require broadband access
1.2.2	Develop a cross sectoral (Private, Public and Third sectors) Action Plan to attract new residents to Dunoon and Cowal		Need a plan for Bute and Cowal Planned mountain bike trail to attract people to the area; help local businesses and make it an attractive place to live and visit
1.2.3	Develop a holistic Regeneration Plan for Rothesay working with SURF		
1.2.6	Deliver Community Account Management model to support sustainable growth and community empowerment		
1.4.1	Increase awareness of marine employment,		

	education and business opportunities through engagement with SAMS and all local stakeholders		
1.4.2	Secure tenants for Malin House Dunstaffnage, European Marine Science Park,		
1.5.3	Support the development of the local energy supply chain		
1.6.1	Secure and maintain ongoing sustainability of the Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative Ltd (AITC) (trading arm of AISTP) to further develop the tourism value chain linked to the area's unique heritage, provenance and authenticity.		Jobs in tourism could be developed but need to expand tourist season Create quality jobs
1.6.2	Create partnership structures with the capacity and desire to develop the culture and heritage sector to maximise the unique opportunities provided by the unique culture and heritage of the area.		Undertake a communication exercise relating to Business Improvement District
1.6.3	Support the delivery of high quality tourism experiences across Argyll and Bute		ACPG needs to feed in ideas, not wait for others
1.6.4	Build upon the local food and drink offering		
1.7.1	To provide support business starts in each of the four council administrative areas.		
1.8.3	To optimise public sector employment and training opportunities including work experience, apprenticeships, graduate placements, research, etc.		Invite update / further information on local arrangement

1.8.4	Optimise local benefits through public sector procurement process through continued usage of supplier development programme, utilising community benefit clauses where appropriate		
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Outcome 2: We have infrastructure that supports growth

SOA Code	SOA Delivery Plan Action	Additional local activity we know is taking place, relating to these themes	Areas for future development
2.1.1	To support Transport Scotland with their planned improvement works to the A82, A83 and A85		Explore local issues and potential solutions re ferries
2.1.2	To produce a Local Development Plan Action Plan with a focus on economic growth for Argyll and Bute covering essential services, connectivity including road, integrated transport, rail, ferries, ports, air, active travel, digital technology and grid. CHORD, TIF and Maritime Change Programme.		
2.1.4	Establish Green Networks in each of our Main Towns		
2.2.1	Deliver the roll out of high speed next generation broadband	Community initiatives being developed.	
2.2.2	Work with key agencies to improve coverage and quality of mobile phone signals		Need public support to campaign / lobby
2.3.1	Influencing the scale and the speed of the investment in the grid		More pressure to ensure change

2.4.1	To preserve and expand the supply of good quality housing units across all tenures to enable population growth.		Expand Home Energy Efficiency Programme for Scotland (HEEPS) to whole of Cowal
2.6.2	Establish a simplified planning zone (investment zone) in our town centres as a pilot (Dunoon)		Ensure public involvement
2.7.2	Develop policy framework which maximises economic benefit from our surplus land and building assets		Work with private land owners e.g. Bute Estates Map of all land ownership in Bute and Cowal as a resource for communities (and Planning)
2.7.4	Develop a plan to promote our Piers and Harbours		Require a timeline and more information

Outcome 3: Education, skills and training maximises opportunities for all

SOA Code	SOA Delivery Plan Action	Additional local activity we know is taking place, relating to these themes	Areas for future development
3.1.2	Develop a range of programmes, courses and qualifications for the Senior Phase to support schools and pupils with course options that reflect local labour market employment opportunities and opportunities for progression to further study		
3.1.5	Increase the number of young people achieving accredited learning opportunities		Senior pupils should be able to access 1 st year degree study Access to opportunities for home schooled children
3.2.1	Improve the alignment of education and training with business requirements and the economic opportunities in Argyll and Bute		Can contracts build in the need to provide local apprenticeship opportunities? Explore ways of encouraging businesses to take on apprentices Care training is essential to meet local demand Training in specialist care areas e.g. disabilities, (care sector not just elderly care)

3.2.2	Increase the number of opportunities for work placements for Senior Phase pupils		
3.2.3	Provide new and existing SMEs in Argyll with the opportunity to access business skills workshops to help them develop		
3.2.4	Encourage local apprenticeships and training programmes which align with the demands of the local job market		
3.2.5	Increase the number of targeted recruitment and training Community Benefits (e.g. apprenticeships, jobs, leadership training etc		
3.2.7	Develop a curriculum for Argyll College which is responsive to local needs		Need to attract young people to return to the area after training. Training for setting up new businesses
3.4.1	Increase the number of young people engaged in youth forums / CPP decision-making process		Increase awareness of youth forum activities among ACPG members and the wider community Consider how to make ACPG meeting more youth friendly
3.4.3	Increase the number of young people engaged in volunteering		Encourage youth volunteering in community activities as a means of

			improving their CVs
3.6.1	Support children and young people to promote good citizenship and engage in wider decision making with partner agencies		
3.6.2	Develop the Argyll Young Entrepreneurs website to support young entrepreneurs		
3.6.3	Increase the capacity of community groups		Funding and disinvestment in this area is a factor
3.6.4	Provide the opportunity for adults for adults to participate in certificated courses across Argyll and Bute		Range is reducing Many do not want certificated training – what about non-certificated
3.6.6	Support adults to access learning opportunities and progression so that they gain skills and confidence with a particular focus on digital literacy		
3.6.7	Provide opportunities for older people to be involved in community projects		Develop mechanisms for partners and community groups to work together to attract funding for community projects

Outcome 5: People live active, healthier and independent lives

SOA Code	SOA Delivery Plan Action	Additional local activity we know is taking place, relating to these themes	Areas for Future Development
5.1.1	Continue to shift the balance of care from institutional to community based settings		Create consistency / balance of provision Care provision harder to provide in rural settings
5.1.5	All service providers use an approach which encourages mobility and promotes strength and balance reducing falls in older people		
5.1.6	Maintain a new build social housing programme including housing for varying needs to enable people to live more independently	Development Trusts	Progressive Care houses
5.1.7	Carers are identified, supported and enabled to fulfil their roles		Awareness of training for carers and identifying gaps / how to plug them
5.2.1	Work in partnership to tackle obesity and diabetes		Identify local arrangements and gaps
5.2.2	Improve access and develop more opportunities for people to participate in physical exercise / activity	Third sector initiatives already happen	Explore ways of subsidising or providing free access to facilities e.g. Riverside

			<p>Work with PA23 BID to consider whether they could support discounted or free access for local employees</p> <p>There is a need for free play recreational areas i.e. for kicking a ball around</p> <p>Cost of activities can be prohibitive</p>
5.2.3	Increase accessibility to outdoor environments / green spaces	<p>“Green Space” providers</p> <p>Partnership working with “Green Space Providers” e.g. Stronafian, Bute and Kilfinan Community Forests and other third sector land, to deliver programmes such as “Branching Out”. In partnership with Community Woodlands Assoc, Forestry Commission Scotland and NHS Highland taking groups referred from mental health for 12 week programme of outdoor activity which counts towards their John Muir Award.</p>	
5.4.1	Promote and build social networks to improve mental health	“Branching Out” programme	

5.4.3	Implement systems which support all people who have lost others to suicide either in a professional or personal capacity		
5.5.2	Deliver services that assist with the re-ablement of older persons		
5.6.7	Adverse effects of welfare reform are minimised		

Outcome 6: People live in safer and stronger communities

SOA Code	SOA Delivery Plan Action	Additional local activity we know is taking place, relating to these themes	Areas for Future Development
6.2.2	Ensure people are safe in their homes and the risk of harm and injury is reduced		
6.3.1	Ensure effective multi agency tasking processes are in place to tackle disorder, anti social behaviour and assaults through identification of hot spot locations and the management of repeat offenders.	Cowal Community Safety Forum	
6.4.3	Deliver education and prevention inputs to groups identified as high risk road users		
6.5.2	People in Argyll & Bute receive appropriate and timely support for drug and/or alcohol problems	Cowal Health and wellbeing Forum	
6.6.1	Work in partnership and support Community Councils to develop community emergency plans		
6.6.2	Develop training programme to test and review community emergency plans		
6.6.4	The third sector works to achieve sustainability and improve resilience (e.g. breadth of income streams)		
6.6.5	Communities are empowered through peer, social and third sector connections to work and play together and to have a voice which is heard	Community Councils Development Trusts	