

Introduction

The purpose of the *SOA Local: Oban, Lorn and the Isles* 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 Oban, Lorn and the Isles.

Outcome 1 – the economy is diverse and thriving

PRIORITIES: The group felt that raising awareness of the qualities of the area to attract people to live, work, invest, visit and study in (1.3.1) and optimising public sector employment and training opportunities (1.8.3) were the most important areas in this outcome.

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	Tax Incremental Fund (TIF) project	Potential for developing the shellfish and fishing industries international trading further
1.1.4	Support Business Growth (including social enterprise) through HIE / SE account management and Business Gateway (BG)	Tax Incremental Fund (TIF) project Health and Wellbeing Fund (HWF) and Third Sector Grants (TSGs) available for local third sector / social enterprise initiatives Development Trusts in the area	Publicise local grant schemes which support growth of social enterprise sector e.g. TSGs, HWF Development of small business spaces / office space – development space – not just for new business but to support existing small businesses Develop dirty, technical spaces for small engineering / builders etc
1.1.7	Ensure businesses are ready to take advantage of the opportunities offered by improved Broadband speeds		Monitor consistency of roll-out and impact on areas that don't benefit

1.2.5	Undertake a scoping / feasibility study on positioning Oban as a university town.		<p>Develop more distance learning opportunities so people can stay in their local community and gain a qualification</p> <p>Oban to act as a hub to service the outlying areas and islands</p> <p>Update on plans / the scoping exercise</p>
1.2.6	Deliver Community Account Management model to support sustainable growth and community empowerment		<p>Support available for communities outwith Community Account Managed projects to develop Community Action Plans</p> <p>Feedback on impact of these projects so ACPG partners can see the benefits</p>

1.3.1	Raise awareness nationally of the qualities and attractiveness of Argyll and Bute as a location for investing, working, living, studying and visiting	<p>A range of locally produced promotional videos are available for use to promote the area.</p> <p>Promoting LORN ARC as a place for new and enhanced business activity to take place and encouraging investment from outside the area</p> <p>Oban and Lorn Tourism Association</p> <p>Argyll and the Isle Tourism</p>	<p>Awareness raising among Third Sector and Community Planning partners to let them know what resources are available</p> <p>Explore feasibility of gathering tourism figures at a local level.</p>
1.4.1	Increase awareness of marine employment, education and business opportunities through engagement with SAMS and all local stakeholders	<p>Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS) outreach programme and work with schools and colleges.</p> <p>Ocean Discovery Centre</p>	
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.	Discover Tiree	More strategic co-ordination between public, third and private sectors to make sure we maximise opportunities presented by all the "year of" initiatives
1.6.2	Create partnership structures with the capacity and desire to develop the culture and heritage sector to maximise the unique opportunities	Funding application that includes Dunollie, Tiree Museum and Dunollie.	

	provided by the unique culture and heritage of the area.		
1.6.3	Support the delivery of high quality tourism experiences across Argyll and Bute		
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.		
1.8.4	Optimise local benefits through public sector procurement process through continued usage of supplier development programme, utilising community benefit clauses where appropriate		Support to local businesses and social enterprises for them to understand how to tender and what they need to develop

Outcome 2: We have infrastructure that supports growth

Priorities: Road improvements (2.1.1) and influencing the speed and investment in the grid (2.3.1) were seen as the most important areas for development.

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		
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.	<p>Reports from Community Transport completed</p> <p>Ardchattan transport report (2 yrs old)</p> <p>Chord programme</p> <p>Tax Incremental Fund projects</p>	<p>Consider outcome of SMART ticketing pilot initiative in Oban.</p> <p>Police Scotland and Council working with Traffic Scotland to monitor and respond to road closures and consider methods of reducing impact.</p> <p>Sleeper service</p> <p>Parking- Town Centre</p> <p>People need communication re travel issues & timetables</p> <p>Discussion on integration of transport and timetabling</p> <p>Discussion on flexible solutions for rural areas</p>

			<p>Support information for relatives accompanying emergency trips to Paisley re accommodation etc that can be accessed during unsociable hours.</p> <p>Awareness raising within Argyll and Clyde re some of the practicalities rural communities accessing services face</p>
2.1.3	To achieve a new service of a regular commercial air link between Oban and Glasgow/ Oban to Barra.		
2.1.4	Establish Green Networks in each of our Main Towns		Consider existing carbon reduction work being undertaken by the third sector and opportunities for further integration and development
2.2.1	Deliver the roll out of high speed next generation broadband	Community initiatives being developed.	<p>Need more info locally on plans - How, when, where, what cost, will we all get it?</p> <p>Argyll & Bute Council (ABC), Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) and Community Broadband Scotland (CBS) are developing plans to help market, inform and educate - both business and social</p>

			applications. HIE will do a roadshow in Oban in the spring for businesses.
2.2.2	Work with key agencies to improve coverage and quality of mobile phone signals		No mobile signal at all in some places - Consider awareness raising of how community initiatives can be developed and supported
2.3.1	Influencing the scale and the speed of the investment in the grid		Updates on response to outages Problem in more rural areas – has an impact on tourism Grid capacity limiting community renewables developments
2.4.1	To preserve and expand the supply of good quality housing units across all tenures to enable population growth.	Small affordable community led builds developing in some areas with support from partners	
2.6.1	To undertake Action Plans for each of our six Main Town Centres		
2.7.4	Develop a plan to promote our Piers and Harbours		
2.8.1	To develop a marketing strategy to dispose of public sector surplus property and land		More information locally about community empowerment bill

			Details of what land and assets public sector own Optimise community benefit and community buy out
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Outcome 3: Education, skills and training maximises opportunities for all

Priorities: General feedback was that the whole outcome was a priority and only some of the group participated in prioritising specific opportunities for future development – there was no clear one priority identified.

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	Scottish Association for Marine Science educational programmes working with local schools and colleges	
3.1.5	Increase the number of young people achieving accredited learning opportunities		
3.2.1	Improve the alignment of education and training with business requirements and the economic opportunities in Argyll and Bute	West Highland Housing Association working with Oban High School Argyll and Bute Employability Partnership Carrgorm work experience Pathways programme delivered via schools and partners Activity agreements supporting targeted young people into positive destinations i.e. Education, Employment or training	Awareness raising of support available to local businesses to help them take on an apprentice and support them through the paperwork and requirements. Consider ways of care as an important job, not low level – needs to be promoted. Needs to be thought of as high value employment
3.2.2	Increase the number of opportunities		Do businesses need support

	for work placements for Senior Phase pupils		to take someone on work experience and make it a useful experience?
3.2.3	Provide new and existing SMEs in Argyll with the opportunity to access business skills workshops to help them develop	Courses open to third sector organisations	
3.2.4	Encourage local apprenticeships and training programmes which align with the demands of the local job market		Explore whether businesses feel they need more support to take on apprentices
3.2.5	Increase the number of targeted recruitment and training Community Benefits (e.g. apprenticeships, jobs, leadership training etc		Consider whether the actions identified in the SOA: Local are sufficient or whether there are opportunities for community or ACPG work to enhance this.
3.2.7	Develop a curriculum for Argyll College which is responsive to local needs		Explore post-school learning opportunities available in the area, including IT for older people
3.3.3	Promote opportunities for young people to access vocational learning through emergency services and uniformed services programmes	Recruitment campaign being re-invigorated in Jan 2015 Looking to recruit local people for local area & review of recruitment process	Potential for young firefighters initiative to be implemented in Oban Police cadet programme Some islands have no police presence at all Promote local recruitment for all emergency services
3.4.3	Increase the number of young people		

	engaged in volunteering		
3.6.1	Support children and young people to promote good citizenship and engage in wider decision making with partner agencies	North Argyll Youth Forum Young Carers' Group Oban Youth Cafe	
3.6.2	Develop the Argyll Young Entrepreneurs website to support young entrepreneurs		
3.6.3	Increase the capacity of community groups	Support to social enterprise Council Community Development Officer for Oban, Lorn and the Isles AVA – third sector officer (part-time) now in place and based in Oban Highlands and Islands Enterprise Community Account managed posts within Ulva Ferry and Tiree Just Enterprise support programme Education Scotland inspections recently graded “impact on Communities” as Excellent for the Tobermory High School cluster and “Very Good” for Oban High School.	Argyll and Bute Social Enterprise Network officer – extend support
3.6.4	Provide the opportunity for adults for adults to participate in certificated courses across Argyll and Bute		

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	IT courses of various levels and topics available through community based adult learning programmes and college courses.	Opportunities for older people to participate in IT training. Intergenerational IT projects?
3.6.7	Provide opportunities for older people to be involved in community projects	Local activities are mapped through the OLI Health and Well-being Network and Living it Up website	Employability skills / preparation for workplace expectations for young people

Outcome 5: People live active, healthier and independent lives

PRIORITIES: Improving access and developing more opportunities for people to participate in physical exercise and activity (5.2.2) was prioritised as the most important area for development within this outcome.

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	<p>Integration of Health and Social Care</p> <p>Reshaping Care for Older People consultation ongoing</p> <p>Joint improvement teams e.g. dementia, mental health.</p>	<p>Support for communities to help out e.g. car scheme</p> <p>Lack of care workers in the community</p> <p>Explore whether we can do more than statutory obligations</p> <p>Dementia awareness training for communities</p> <p>Not enough resources and budget available for this</p>
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	.	
5.1.7	Carers are identified, supported and enabled to fulfil their roles	North Argyll Carers Centre Crossroads North Argyll Dementia Resource Centre in Oban	
5.2.1	Work in partnership to tackle obesity and diabetes	Lorn and Oban Healthy Options Carers Cooking session Health and wellbeing Network	Links to 5.4.1?
5.2.2	Improve access and develop more opportunities for people to participate in physical exercise / activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crossroads Fitness and Laughter Club • Argyll Voluntary Action – Zumba for older people - walking group (frail) – Men’s Shed –Lunch Club – Tea Dance – Gaelic Ceilidh for older people • Alzheimer Scotland photography and walking group • Pathways to Health • Living it up • Health and Wellbeing Network asset lists in place • Living it up website • Freestyle Fridays at Atlantis Leisure(secondary school age) • Atlantis Leisure Playsport programme 	<p>Need provision for activities that are not sports related</p> <p>Should be prevention, not reactive</p> <p>Communication / advertising of what is available</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oban Community Playpark group have secured funding – significant new outdoor play area for age 5+ to be in place by Autumn 	
5.2.3	Increase accessibility to outdoor environments / green spaces	<p>Lorn Organic Growers</p> <p>H20 polytunnel project at Glencruitten – number of groups accessing gardening activities there</p> <p>Glenorchy & Innishail Community Orchard</p> <p>Oban Mountain bike crew working on trail developments at Glencruitten Estate, Oban</p> <p>Community Learning & Development - Wood Words</p> <p>Oban Sensory Garden</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing Network asset lists in place</p> <p>Living it up website</p> <p>Stramash activities</p>	Map of footpaths around Oban
5.4.1	Promote and build social networks to improve mental health	<p>Mental Health Strategy</p> <p>A Local Information System for Scotland (ALISS)</p> <p>Argyll and Bute Advice Network (ABAN)</p>	<p>Reduction in mental health awareness training capacity</p> <p>Information about opportunities/ clubs /</p>

		Living it up project Health and Well-being Network	social networks needs to be on a variety of mediums, not just digital
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happening through Reshaping Care for Older People project • Dementia Resource Centre support workers (2 LINK workers and Dementia advisor) and groups. One link worker specifically for the islands • Carers Centre groups and specialised staff • Minority Ethnic Carers of Older People Project • Crossroads Fitness and Fun Group • Fire Service Home Safety Visits 	Number of care beds very limited
5.6.7	Adverse effects of welfare reform are minimised		

Outcome 6: People live in safer and stronger communities

Priorities: Prioritisation under this outcome was scattered but support for people with drug and alcohol problems (6.5.2) and keeping people safe in their own homes (6.2.2) received some support, as did the need for community activities and involving people in discussions to express their views (6.6.5) were the most popular. It was commented that the group felt addressing isolation was missing from this outcome.

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.		
6.4.3	Deliver education and prevention inputs to groups identified as high risk road users	Speed limit reduction proposed along A85 Police proactive in education and enforcement Multi-agency road safety group	More emphasis on personal responsibility – not acceptable to break rules (education?) Needs signs asking slow moving vehicles to pull in and allow overtaking Roll out of Cut it out initiative to other High

			Schools in the area
6.5.2	People in Argyll & Bute receive appropriate and timely support for drug and/or alcohol problems		
6.6.1	Work in partnership and support Community Councils to develop community emergency plans	Many communities have plans in place	No emergency plan for Oban town in place yet
6.6.2	Develop training programme to test and review community emergency plans		Outlying Community Councils don't all have police presence at their meetings
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	OLI Health and Well-being network asset list	