



Argyll and Bute Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2024-34

Frequently Asked Questions



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Frequently Asked Questions about Community Planning

What is a Community Planning Partnership?

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 states that certain key public organisations must work together in Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) to improve outcomes for people who use their services.

The key public organisations that must take part in the Argyll and Bute CPP are:

- Argyll and Bute Council
- UHI Argyll
- Police Scotland
- NHS Highland
- Highlands and Islands Enterprise
- Historic Environment Scotland
- Integration Joint Board (Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership)
- Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park (LLTNP)
- Scottish Enterprise
- Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
- NatureScot
- sportscotland
- Skills Development Scotland (SDS)
- Highlands and Islands Transport Partnership (HITRANS)
- Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT)
- visitscotland

CPPs must work with community organisations and groups that represent the interests of disadvantaged communities.

The community organisations and groups that take part in the Argyll and Bute CPP are:

- Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface (TSI)
- Scottish Ambulance Service
- Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)
- Bòrd Na Gàidhlig
- Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust (ACT)
- LiveArgyll
- Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament (MSYPs)

What is an Outcomes Improvement Plan?

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 states that each CPP must produce a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan that should:

- Show, using clear evidence, that the needs, circumstances and aspirations of its local communities are well understood.
- Aim to tackle causes of inequalities rather than consequences.
- Use preventative approaches.

- Focus on a small number of local priorities where the CPP will add most value as a partnership - in particular by improving outcomes for its most vulnerable and disadvantaged communities and moderating future demand for crisis services.

What are the outcomes that the CPP is focussed on in 2024-2034?

1. Transport Infrastructure
2. Housing
3. Community Wellbeing

Why are there three outcomes?

So that the CPP can focus on what citizens in Argyll and Bute have identified as priorities. A consultation run by the CPP in 2023, which involved around 2,000 people in Argyll and Bute, identified **Transport Infrastructure, Housing and Community Wellbeing** as the top priorities for the CPP. These were selected from a set of seven possible priorities which also included Financial Inclusion, Climate Change, Digital Inclusion, and Diverse Economy and Skilled Workforce.

Do the priorities for this plan mean that financial inclusion, climate change, digital inclusion, and diverse economy and skilled workforce are not important?

We recognise that the economy, climate change and digital are aspects of the three outcomes of transport, housing and community wellbeing, and therefore feature within these, for example green transport.

They also form an approach to the outcomes because the policy on the economy, climate change and digital requires us to ask questions of these within our actions to improve the outcomes of transport, housing and community wellbeing. For example: 'How does this action impact the environment?'; 'Is there a digital solution?'; 'How can this action support the local economy?'.

A considerable amount of work has taken place from 2020 through the Community Planning Partnership on Financial Inclusion, Climate Change, Digital Inclusion, and Diverse Economy and Skilled Workforce. You can read about this within the [agenda pack for Community Planning Partnership Management Committee meetings](#) which are listed by date.

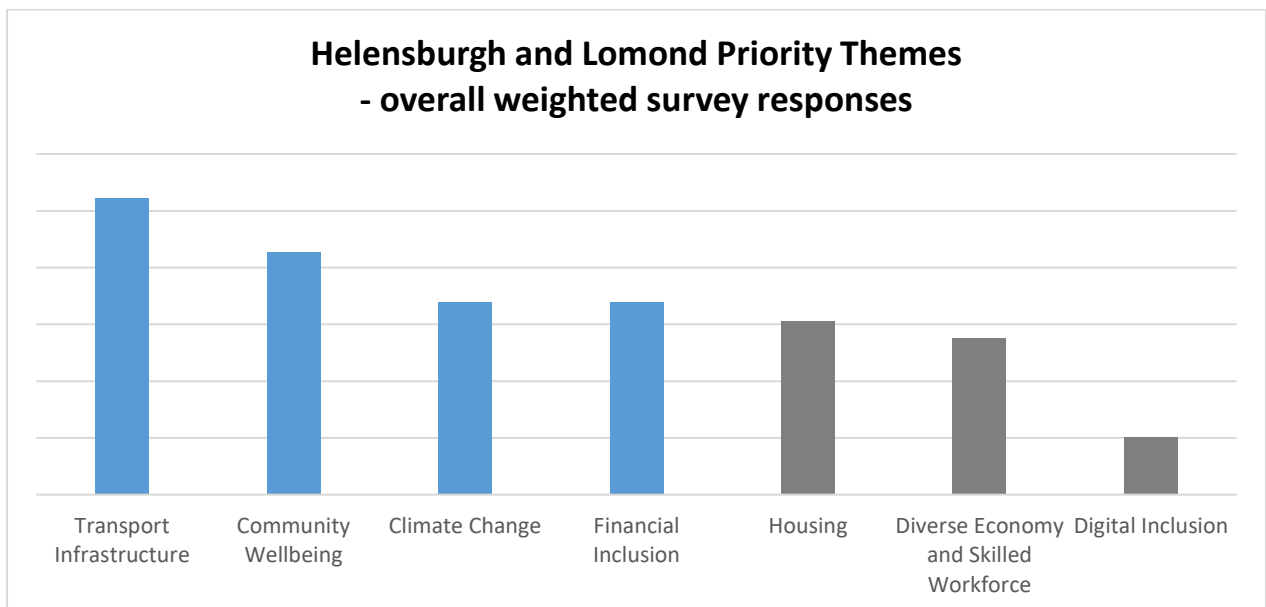
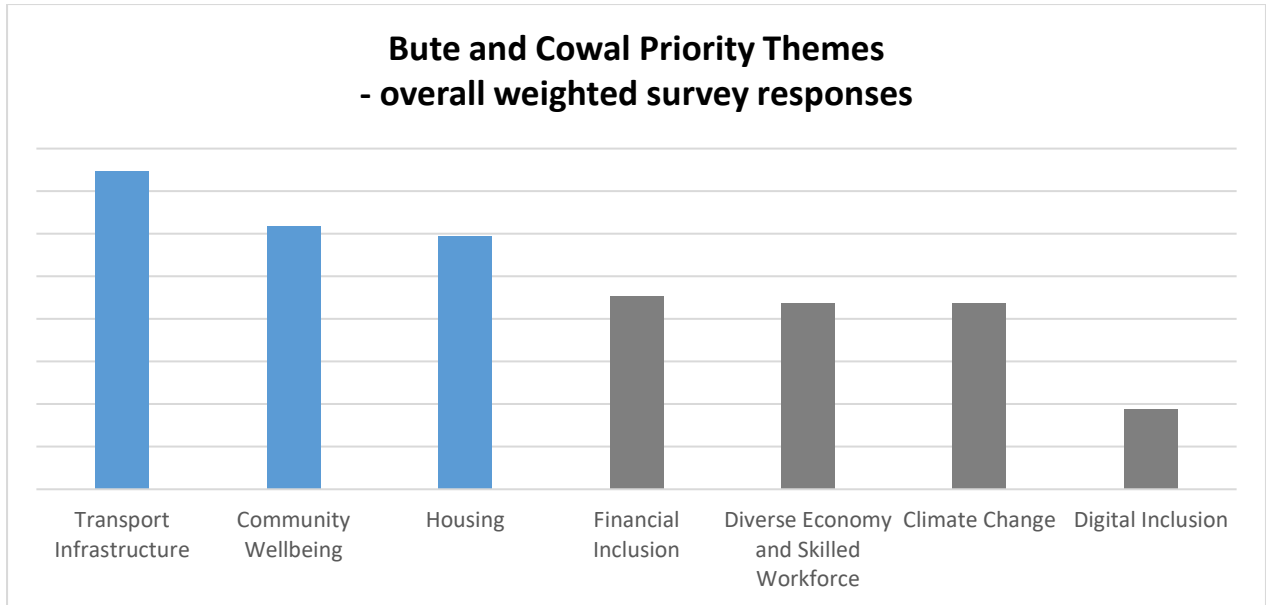
Further to this, the Argyll and Bute Employability Partnership (ABEP) comprises representatives from many of the CPP partners as well as private companies and third sector organisations and reports to the CPP annually on the progress of its delivery plan. You can [read the latest update from July 2023](#) from page 74.

Other elements of the Diverse Economy and Skilled Workforce theme are being taken forward by the refresh of [Argyll and Bute Council's Economic Strategy](#) and through the [Highlands and Islands Enterprise Strategy](#).

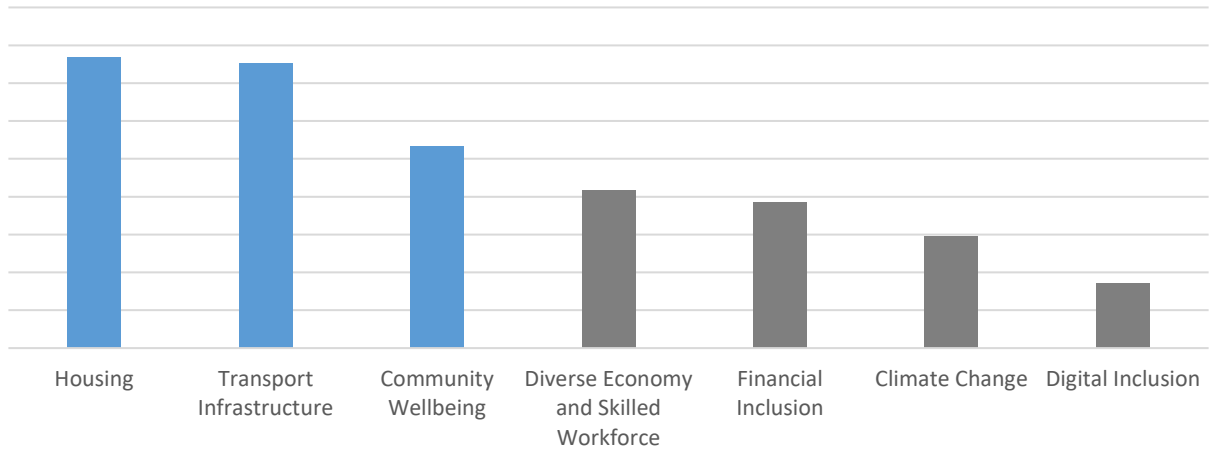
Are there different priorities for different parts of Argyll and Bute?

The Outcomes Improvement Plan is for the whole of Argyll and Bute. Our consultation results showed that people living across the whole area would like to see Transport Infrastructure, Housing and Community Wellbeing improved the most. When we look at the results from the perspective of the four Council administrative areas there were some slight differences to the order of priorities.

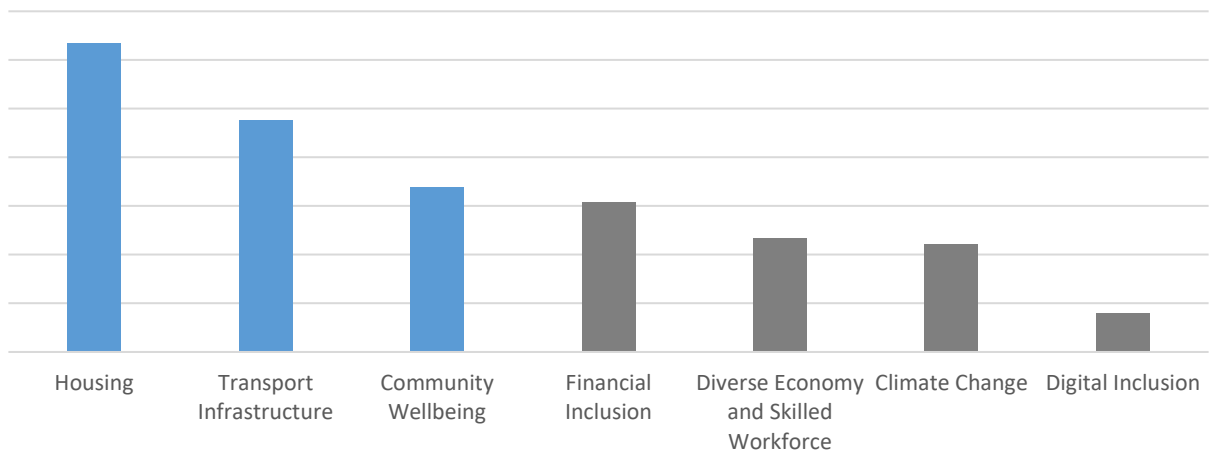
The graphs below show the top priorities for each of the four administrative areas in Argyll and Bute.



Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Priority Themes - overall weighted survey responses



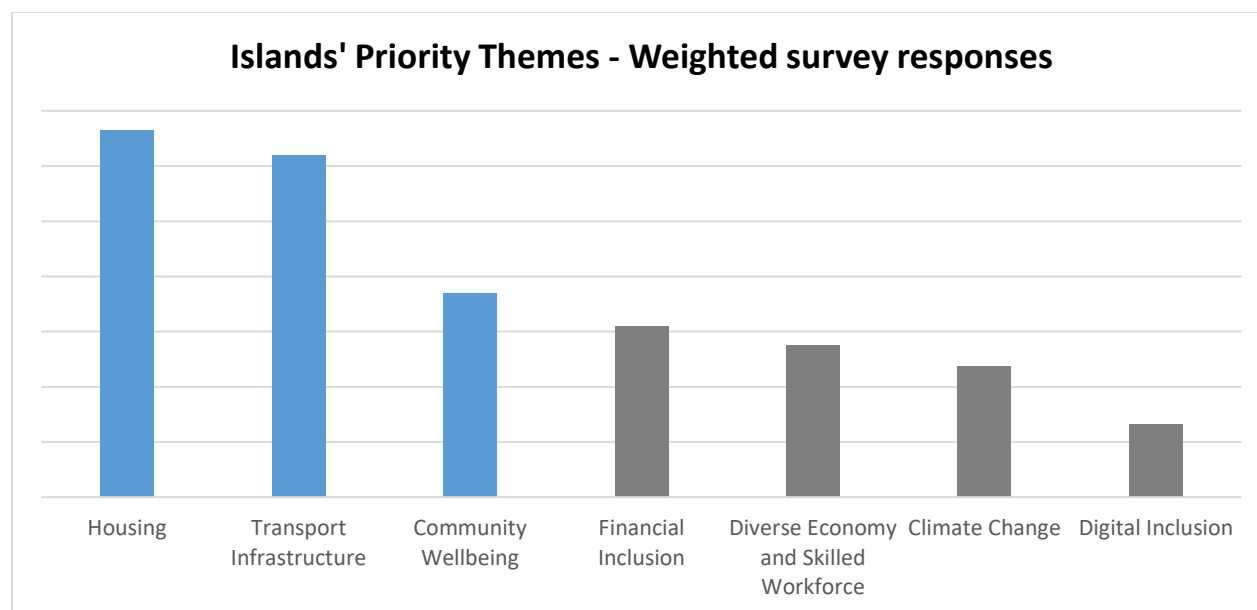
Oban, Lorn and the Isles Priority Themes - overall weighted survey responses



Are there different priorities for the islands?

The Islands (Scotland) Act 2018 states that many of the key public organisations that take part in the Argyll and Bute CPP must consider the specific circumstances of island communities. In terms of the Outcomes Improvement Plan, the CPP will consider the specific priorities highlighted by residents living on Argyll and Bute's 23 inhabited islands.

The graph below show the top priorities for island residents in Argyll and Bute.



Where can I find more information?

You can keep up to date with the approval, implementation and delivery of the Argyll and Bute Outcomes Improvement Plan 2024-2034 on the [dedicated web page](#).