
**Argyll and Bute Community Planning
Partnership**

**Oban, Lorn and the Isles
Area Community Planning Group**

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Community Planning Partnership Management Committee Update

This briefing relates to the meeting of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Management Committee which was held on 10 April 2024. The briefing is for noting and relevant discussion.

Summary

CPP Governance

The Communities and Partnership Manager, Rona Gold, gave an overview of a proposed new governance structure for the Community Planning Partnership to deliver the actions for the Argyll and Bute Outcomes Improvement Plan (ABOIP).

The report noted that additional partner organisations must participate in the delivery of Community Planning as per the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and that other relevant partner organisations can be included in delivery but their involvement is not formally legislated. Miss Gold noted the need to move forward with a focus on action delivery.

It was agreed that a Community Planning oversight group would meet in person, twice a year. A full partnership meeting involving all delivery partners would be held annually for a full day to discuss the delivery of the Outcomes Improvement Plan and to share information. Consequently the planned June CPP Management Committee has been cancelled with the first Full Partnership day in September 2024.

Argyll and Bute Outcomes Improvement Plan (ABOIP) for 2024 2034

Outcome 1 - Transport Infrastructure

John McLuckie, Partnerships Lead, highlighted the work being taken forward against this outcome, highlighting the current Islands Connectivity Plan consultation. Mr McLuckie advised that Transport Scotland are undertaking a number of events to promote the consultation which focuses on the strategic approach to the vessels and ports plan and the reliability, resilience, impact and affordability of ferry services.

Outcome 2 - Housing

The Communities and Partnership Manager advised that the Council hosted an Emergency Housing Summit in November 2023 with the Management Committee being asked to consider which of the resulting 34 priority actions points, under four key themes – delivering more market homes, delivering more homes for workers, delivering more affordable homes and making best use of existing homes, they could lead on or provide support to.

Pippa Milne, Chief Executive Argyll and Bute Council, advised that there are now four Councils in Scotland that have declared a Housing Emergency (including Argyll and Bute) with it being explored nationally through COSLA, and in the Highlands and Islands via the Regional Economic Partnership and the Convention of the Highlands and Islands.

The Development Policy and Housing Manager, Matt Mulderrig, highlighted issues around the systemic housing failures in Argyll and Bute and the lack of housing supply which has knock-on effects on economic growth and provision of services. Mr Mulderrig identified seven action points that he hoped CPP partners could specifically take a lead on or support, such as freedom to use Scottish Government housing funding more flexibly and as an allocation with local administrative control.

Outcome 3 - Community Wellbeing

The Communities and Partnership Manager highlighted the areas of focus for the Community Wellbeing priority and the activities in place to address these, including:

- Broadening equality of access to Community leadership opportunities.
- Furthering equality of access to services, facilities and community assets.
- Working with partners to maximise sustainability of community facilities and services.
- Enabling a voice in collective decision making.
- Enhancing communications within communities, and
- Better understanding how communities achieve a sense of connection and belonging.