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1. Argyll and the Islands LEADER funding was allocated to 4 projects at the LAG meeting on 20th June 2019. These amounted to a LEADER allocation of £1,009,937.49. This takes the total of Argyll and the Islands LEADER projects either approved or approved in principle to 39, which includes a total of 5 co-operation projects. The total amount of LEADER funding committed is 78.82% of the total LEADER fund of £4m (excluding admin costs). This reflects a couple of significant projects that were unsuccessful in gaining LEADER approval. The funding awards are broken down by the LDS themes as depicted below:
 - 22 community projects; award £2,188,538.82;
 - 5 co-operation projects; award £102,647.28;
 - 3 farm diversification projects; award £140,186.17
 - 9 small business support scheme projects; award £721,244.09;

ALL SERVICES

5. The reduction in staff in response to reducing budgets has resulted in limited resilience for day to day operational activities. Some very experienced members of staff have left the organisation and services have been amalgamated. This has left some key areas where we are having to recruit and will mean staff covering much larger areas until we have a full complement of trained staff.

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Secure heads of terms agreement for the Rural Growth Deal through negotiation with the Scottish and UK Governments.

Extensive consultation with stakeholders and public consultation has been undertaken to shape the Rural Growth Deal. Continue negotiation with key civil servants from the Scottish and UK Governments and key project stakeholders. Aim to sign a Heads of Terms Agreement with both Governments in late 2019, although this is at the discretion of the Scottish and UK Governments.

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November 2019 (estimated)

Head of Development and Economic Growth/Strategic Transportation Manager

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To transfer operation of the Helensburgh Park and ride Car Park to ScotRail.

Following completion of the construction of the Helensburgh Park and Ride Car Park, funded by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT), the Council

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3. Lobby Transport Scotland for greater investment in local transport infrastructure and services as part of the National Transport Strategy (NTS2) /Strategic Transport Project Review (STPR2) process.

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Update and Improve our Conservation Area Appraisal Coverage. Continuing to deliver 2 conservation area appraisals in the absence of the conservation officer who was on maternity leave until January 2019. Cover arrangements had been planned within the LDP team, but workload pressure within the LDP work (as above) and the extended length of consultation period that was required for the Slate Island Conservation Area Appraisals means that the planned timetable of work slipped. In addition it is now necessary for the Design and Conservation officer to support the development policy team writing the Proposed LDP2.

Conservation Area Appraisals for Ellenabeich and Easdale will be reported to PPSL during FQ2 as will the designation of Helensburgh Town Centre Conservation Area. Further work on Lochgilphead and Tarbert will follow late in the year.

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FQ4 19/20

Senior Planning and Strategies Officer

Effective service management, meeting our core statutory priorities and our improvement agenda
Deliver the

N	FQ4 19/20	Head of Development and Economic Growth/Head of Roads and Infrastructure Services
<p>Transfer of ferry services to Transport Scotland. Council currently subsidising these services to the order of £1m. Changes being introduced by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) are likely to mean that the current Lismore ferry will not meet new criteria. This is expected to be applicable by October 2021. Discussions are ongoing with Transport Scotland and CMAL regarding a replacement vessel that will meet the future MCA requirements.</p>		
<p>Discussions commenced with Transport Scotland as part of Ferries Transfer. A further report will be prepared for Environment, Development and Infrastructure (EDI) Committee which will set out the timeline for decisions on ferry replacement subject to the outcome of the ferry transfer proposal.</p>		
Y	Ongoing	Marine Operations Manager



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INDICATOR REF: PR102_03-Amount of income generated by Welfare Rights				
	£625,000	£584,083	Margaret-Ann Moran	Although this figure is slightly below target, there will be an adjustment to the figures next quarter which should achieve the target.

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Alan
Morrison

The service requires to carry out routine interventions to commercial premises for a variety of different disciplines, including food hygiene, food standards, licensing standards. Animal health and welfare, and trading standards. This is undertaken on a risk-based targeted approach, with all premises being rated according to the type of business and the risks they pose (potential or actual) and they are classified high risk. Medium and low. Inspections are programmed depending on the risk, wit

INDICATOR REF: ET110_02-Increase visitor numbers (Business Gateway Argyll & Bute)

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188,417 visitors April and May. June figures not yet available. The Heart and Soul marketing campaign has now concluded. The paid digital campaign had a total reach of 2.83 million, total film views amounted 155,000, 20,000 unique users to the campaign landing page and 5,596 email sign ups. £10,000 was granted to AITC towards a strategic marketing campaign in 2019/20 (working title UISGE 2020) this project was successful in being offered VisitScotland Growth Fund match funding in April, this campaign has a marine tourism focus and covers the wider west coast of Scotland not just Argyll. It is hoped it will position the region to gain maximum coverage in the Year of Coasts and Waters themed year in 2020. Another grant of £10,000 has been made to AITC towards a Food and Drink focused campaign to be delivered in 2020/21, this is subject to a successful VisitScotland Growth Fund application in the following financial year.

INDICATOR REF: RA113_03-Days lost due to breakdown or maintenance of our marine assets or infrastructure

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Clark

INDICATOR REF: RA113_05

'Making Argyll and Bute a place people choose to live, learn, work and do business'

The screenshot displays a real estate website interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes a logo on the left and a 'Click here for' link on the right. Below the navigation, a header section shows 'Scored 5.5%', the name 'Pippa Milne', and 'FQ1 19/20'. The main content area is a grid of property listings. Each listing features a large image of a house, a title, a price, and a 'View Details' button. The listings are arranged in two columns. The first listing in the left column has a price of '£375k' and 'FQ1 19/20'. The second listing in the left column has a price of '£715k' and 'FQ1 19/20'. The first listing in the right column has a price of '£715k' and 'FQ1 19/20'. The second listing in the right column has a price of '£775k' and 'FQ1 19/20'. Below the grid, there is a section with a blue background and white text, followed by a section with a green background and white text. The bottom of the page features a large image of a house with a blue sky and a white building.

