



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Arran Locality Partnership

Wednesday 1 December 2021 at 5.00 pm via Microsoft Teams

Business

Item	Subject	Pg No	Ref	Officer	Timings
1.	Welcome and Apologies	-		Cllr McMaster	5.00 – 5.05
2.	Action Note Review the action note and deal with any outstanding items.	Pg 3	Enclosed	Cllr McMaster	5.05 – 5.10
3.	Learning Update Receive update.	-	Verbal	Head Teachers	5.10 – 5.25
4.	Grants Update Receive update from Rosemary Ramsay	-	Presentation	Rosemary Ramsay	5.25 – 5.35
5.	Islands Plan Receive update from Caitriona McAuley and Sarah Baird	Pg 10	Enclosed	Caitriona McAuley/ Sarah Baird	5.35 – 6.25
6.	Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund Receive update from Vicki Yuill.	-	Verbal	Vicki Yuill	6.25 – 6.35
7.	Locality Partnership Forum/HSCP Update Receive update from Ruth Betley	-	Verbal	Ruth Betley	6.35 – 6.50
8.	Remembering Together - Scotland's Covid Community Memorial Programme Receive update from Lesley Forsyth.	-	Verbal	Lesley Forsyth	6.50 – 6.55
9.	AOCB <ul style="list-style-type: none">Locality Membership	-	Verbal	Cllr McMaster Lesley Forsyth	6.55 – 7.00

Elected Members

Councillor Ellen McMaster **(Chair)**
Councillor Timothy Billings
Councillor Anthony Gurney

Community Representatives

Bill Calderwood, Arran Community Council
Tom Tracey
Diana Turbett
Fiona Laing *(Co-opted)*

CPP/Council Representatives

Vicki Yuill, Senior Lead Officer
Audrey Sutton, Lead Officer
Greg Hamill- Lead GP **(Vice Chair)**
Anne-Marie Hunter, North Ayrshire Council
Carol Norton, TSI
Michelle Sutherland, HSCP
Paul Storrie, SFRS
Alison Wilson, Police Scotland

Action Note

Meeting:	Arran Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	Thursday 16 September 2021 at 4.45 pm via Microsoft Teams
Present:	<p>Councillor Ellen McMaster (Chair) Councillor Timothy Billings Councillor Anthony Gurney Sarah Baird, Senior Officer (Islands) Lesley Forsyth, Senior Manager Information and Culture Susan Foster, Head Teacher (Arran High) Dr Greg Hamill, GP Lead (Vice Chair) Anne Marie Hunter, Engagement and Participation Officer Fiona Laing, Co-opted Community Representative Shirley MacLachlan, Head Teacher Carol Norton, Operations Manager, Arran CVS Tom Tracey, Community Representative; Diana Turbett, Community Representative Inspector Alison Wilson, Police Scotland</p> <p>Jennifer McGee, Community & Locality Planning Assistant, North Ayrshire Council (Notes)</p> <p>In attendance</p> <p>Judi Worthington, Argyle College Colin Duff, SKS</p>
Apologies:	<p>Paul Storrie, Scottish Fire and Rescue Vicki Yuill, Arran CVS (Senior Lead Officer) Audrey Sutton, Executive Director (Communities & Education) North Ayrshire Council (Lead Officer) Michelle Sutherland, North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership Sgt Dougie Robertson, Police Scotland</p>

ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were noted.</p> <p>Before the meeting, Arran Community Council advised that they choose not to attend the Locality Partnership meetings.</p> <p>The Chair on behalf on the Locality Partnership wished A Sutton a speedy recovery and looked forward to her re-joining the Locality Partnership after a period of recuperation. The Chair advised the Locality Partnership that L Forsyth will step in as Lead Officer to support the work of the Locality Partnership.</p> <p>The Chair also welcomed Colin Duff from SKS who will be observing the meeting. C Duff advised the Locality Partnership he is leading on a focus piece of community engagement around the impact covid had on priorities of the island.</p> <p>L Forsyth also welcomed C Duff to the meeting and extended an invitation to meet with her and the Chair to help with the piece of work he is</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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	conducting. C Duff confirmed that he would contact L Forsyth after the Locality Partnership meeting.	L Forsyth
2.	<p>Minutes from meeting held on June 2021</p> <p>The minutes arising from the meeting held on 17 June 2021 were approved and the following updates were provided:</p> <p>Brodick Nursery – L Forsyth advised that there are ongoing discussions taking place. An update will come back to the December meeting where there will be a much clearer picture.</p> <p>Street naming – L Forsyth highlighted that the team will be linking in with the schools to offer engagement sessions.</p>	<p>L Forsyth</p> <p>Noted</p>
3.	<p>Arran High Mountain Bike Club</p> <p>R McNeice provided the Locality Partnership with an update on the work of the Arran High Mountain Bike Club.</p> <p>The Club are in their pre-planning consultation stage and they currently waiting on quote forest and land Scotland for their 50% of the district valuer price of the land, everything else is being covered within the Community Asset Transfer application which is ready to submit once this is received.</p> <p>The design bill contract has been tendered which will hopefully allow building to start building late 2022.</p> <p>R McNeice commented that everything seems to be on track, and it is hoped that everything will be built by August 2023 in time for UCI trials.</p> <p>L Forsyth commented that if there an option in the future for CIF Funding she and A Hunter happy to support this.</p> <p>R McNeice asked whether it would be possible for the plans and survey to support the pre-planning consultation to be shared with the Locality Partnership. The Chair confirmed that she is happy for this information to be shared and asked R McNeice to share the details with J McGee who will then circulate to the Locality Partnership.</p> <p>The Chair thanked R McNeice for his update.</p>	R McNeice/J McGee
4.	<p>Community Engagement – Priority Refresh</p> <p>L Forsyth advised the Locality Partnership that due to capacity issues a short life working group was not held during summer. The Team will be contacting members of the short life working group to get meetings set up and an update will be brought to the December Locality Partnership meeting.</p>	L Forsyth
5	<p>HSCP Update</p> <p>G Hamill provided the LP with an update on HSCP.</p> <p>G Hamill highlighted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teams are still very busy, the pressures on the mainland are also reflected on the island, just at a smaller scale. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams continue to work in different ways. Lots of telephone consultations and triage to ensure people are getting the right support as quick as possible. • In terms of Covid, there has been small number of cases on the island and there are a high number of vaccinated residents across all age groups. • The Team are also preparing for 12-15 vaccine roll out as well as over 50 and HSCP Staff boosters. <p>The Chair conveyed her appreciation for all the work the HSCP Teams do on the Island.</p> <p>The Chair asked G Hamill whether the prescription delivery would be continuing. G Hamill highlighted that with everything opening up the GP Surgeries are opening up but in a soft start way. People who are in vulnerable groups, the team still aim to support them with deliveries. G Hamill commented that the volunteers who have been assisting with prescription deliveries to the wider community during the pandemic have been amazing.</p> <p>D Turbett highlighted that most people ready and able to collect their prescriptions again or back to their pre-covid set up having neighbours or family members collect.</p> <p>L Forsyth commented everyone is working amazing during challenging times and highlighted that if the Locality Partnership can help in any way, we are here to support.</p> <p>Cllr Billings asked how the HSCP are engaged in the priority refresh process. L Forsyth highlighted that R Betley is a key member of the short life working group and this work is being carried out in very much in partnership approach in terms of the four officers delivering this work.</p> <p>The Chair thanked G Hamill for his update.</p>	Noted
6.	<p>COSD Update</p> <p>L Forsyth provided the Locality Partnership with an update on the cost of the school day work. L Forsyth highlighted that this work hasn't progressed hugely due to schools just returning from summer break.</p> <p>L Forsyth advised that Council funding has been made available to support cost of the school date initiatives. The key areas are looking at food insecurity, ICT devices, green health/outdoor learning.</p> <p>L Forsyth highlighted that she would be happy to update at a future meeting.</p> <p>The Chair thanked L Forsyth for the update.</p>	Noted L Forsyth
7	<p>Learning Update</p> <p>Arran High</p> <p>S Foster provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools reopened mid-August and it has been a very busy start to the term; 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good exam results from senior phase last term; • 1st year pupils have settled in well. This is all down to all island schools collaborated well with an amended transition programme; • Singing is allowed again as well as the playing of musical instruments; • There are still challenges with recruitment. Two new Deputy Heads have been appointed and the English and RE teacher posts are being re-advertised; • The roll out of 1140 hours at Lamlash nursery is now underway. The Lamlash centre is open 8.00 am – 6.00 pm, 50 weeks per year. <p>Primary schools</p> <p>S MacLachlan provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The rollout of 1140 hrs also underway – 9.00 am – 3.00 pm Monday – Friday over the school year. Children also get hot lunch. • Building works planned over the summer have been delayed; • In terms of staffing, there are four vacancies; • Families moving to the island has slowed down but still happening. • Children enjoying being back, continue to have outdoor full school assemblies whilst the weather is good; • Working closely with the music school; • Enhanced cleaning and different entrances for pupils. • Continue to engage with parent councils; • Looking ahead, halls have been provisionally booked for shows and also bookings for residential have been made; <p>T Tracey highlighted that he was fortunate to meet with the Cabinet Secretary for Islands today. The focus of discussions was on sustainability was made and that we had a critical housing issue needing support resolving as well as the impact of the ferry. Tomorrow the Ferry Committee, Arran Recovery Group and the Council are meeting with Minister for Transport to reinforce the ferry side of things.</p> <p>L Fosyth advised the Locality Partnership that a music instrument library has been set up and that she would be keen to carry out a mini pilot project on Arran if the interest is there. L Forsyth highlighted that she would link in with Head Teachers separately.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>L Forsyth</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Update from Argyle College</p> <p>J Worthington provided the Locality Partnership with an overview of the work of the AC.</p> <p>J Worthington highlighted that Argyle College is part of the University of the Highlands and Islands and the Arran Centre is based in Lamlash. The College offers further and higher education on the island.</p> <p>September is the College’s busiest month with inductions, the College has 25 full time students with 11 studying at degree level. In addition to this, 22 school pupils are also studying, this is a higher level of engagement than before.</p> <p>The College is also providing part time courses, which currently accounts for 10 students as well as NQ qualifications, leisure classes and business training.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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	<p>Intake numbers are very positive this year as it has been the biggest intake in 21 years.</p> <p>As part of the pandemic the College made the immediate transition to online learning, as of September 21 the College will operate on a hybrid model which will be staffed and by appointment only. This has allowed inductions and face to face support to take place.</p> <p>The College will collaboratively with Skills Development Scotland, North Ayrshire Council, Argyll and Bute Council and Highlands and Islands Enterprise to identify the key areas of growth and future job creation both regionally and nationally.</p> <p>Discussions have also took place with DYW Ayrshire around collab projects with the College, Arran High and DYW Ayrshire. This would be in regard to operating a number of skills academies.</p> <p>The College are also provided, workforce training to SME's and support employers to recruit Modern Apprentices. One Modern Apprentice is in post with several more post being discussed.</p> <p>The Chair commented that in Shiskine there has been an influx of professionals due to digital working. She also commented that there is a need more skilled trades people on the island.</p> <p>The Chair thanked J Worthington for the update.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Islands Plan Engagement</p> <p>S Baird provided the Locality Partnership with an overview of the sense checking of the island plan engagement exercise that is currently underway:</p> <p>The island plan engagement exercise commenced in mid-August 2021 to sense check the findings of specific consultations, survey and feedback gathered during 2019 and 2020 to inform inclusive place-based plans for Arran and Cumbrae.</p> <p>A key area of focus is working in partnership with island communities, businesses, and wider stakeholders to develop and facilitate the delivery 10-year island plans that maximise the potential of Arran and Cumbrae.</p> <p>SKS Scotland are working on behalf of the Council to undertake a short, focussed exercise to check that the issues and actions identified through earlier island engagement are still relevant as we enter covid recovery period.</p> <p>S Baird highlighted that the Team are acutely aware of the interdependences and the need to avoid overlap and duplication of plans at island level. Therefore, a short one-page diagram on how of these plans fit together will be provided in due course.</p> <p>To ensure the engagement exercise is a success, a steering group with appropriate terms of reference meet on a weekly basis to take matters forward. This steering group is made up of island representatives, Community Planning Partners and officers from the Connected Communities and Corporate Communications Team.</p>	

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	<p>S Baird highlighted that since launching the survey on 2 September, 674 survey response have been received. 503 are from Arran and 171 from Cumbrae. People who are unable to access the survey online, the local library can provide a hard copy of the survey form C Duff from SKS also happy to meet with people individually.</p> <p>An online event will take place in September which will give people the opportunity to hear the key findings from the wide range of conversations and survey responses received. SKS will present the short, medium, and longer-term priorities and themes identified and S Baird will outline the next steps on how these findings will be incorporated into ambitious 10-year Island Plans for Arran and Cumbrae that will support an inclusive and green economic recovery. S Baird asked the Locality Partnership to share this event with their contacts once details have been published.</p> <p>S Baird advised that following the completion of the engagement work, draft island plans will be prepared for the pilot partners and stakeholders for consideration and approval with the aim of the plans being launched at the end of January 2022. There will then be an opportunity each year for input each year as part of the plans annual review.</p> <p>S Baird highlighted that in terms of island relating funding, the Island community fund application window closed on 16 July. The fund was oversubscribed with 180 applications. 41% of applications came from third sector and the remaining 59% from businesses. Final consideration is being made and applicants will be advised in due course.</p> <p>S Baird advised that North Ayrshire Council continue to highlight to the Scottish Government the importance of island specific funding.</p> <p>S Baird advised that she will provide an update at future meeting.</p> <p>The Chair thanked S Baird for her update.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>S Baird</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Grants</p> <p>The Partnership received a report L Forsyth on applications received in respect of the 2021/22 Elderly Grants Fund.</p> <p>The Locality Partnership agreed to award £2884 funding to Arran CVS to distribute funds to the elderly groups on the Island.</p> <p>L Forsyth highlighted that it would be useful to have a discussion with Arran CVS regarding the possibility of widening the scope of how this fund is distributed.</p>	<p>R Fotheringham</p> <p>L Forsyth/ C Norton</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <p>D Turbett advised the Locality Partnership that a Walking Group has been set up, if anyone would like to join, please contact her by email.</p> <p>A Wilson advised the Locality Partnership that Sgt Robertson will be retiring. His replacement will be Sgt Kevin Blackley, who is a regular visitor to the Island and has been placed during a summer secondment previously. Sgt Blackley will attend the Locality Partnership from December onwards.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Noted</p>

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	The Chair conveyed her thanks to Sgt Robertson for his support, especially during the pandemic and wished him well on his retiral.	Noted
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The meeting ended at 6.20 pm

Arran Locality Partnership

Date: 1 December 2021

Subject: Island Plan

Note: The **draft Arran Island Plan and 2022/23 Annual Action Plan** will be available to **view for comment from Monday 29th November at noon** until 4th January 2022 at **www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/islands**

Purpose: To provide the Arran Locality Partnership with an update on the development of the draft 10-year Arran Island Plan and seek endorsement from the Partnership of the production process undertaken to date and seek support for the proposed next steps.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Islands (Scotland) Act 2018 introduces measures to underpin the objective of ensuring that there is a sustained focus across Government and the public sector to meet the needs of island communities now and in the future. The Act also gives effect to a range of policy changes to improve outcomes for our island communities. This includes placing a duty on Scottish Ministers to publish a National Islands Plan and a duty to have regard to island communities in exercising their functions – in essence, this means island ‘proofing’ what and how we do things. The Act recognises that island communities often face different issues and challenges compared to the mainland. The National Islands Plan published in December 2019 provides a framework and 13 strategic objectives for action to meaningfully improve outcomes for island communities.
- 1.2 Aligned to the National Islands Plan, the Council is participating in an ambitious three-year Islands Recovery and Renewal Pilot in partnership with the SG and HIE to support an inclusive and green economic recovery and renewal of North Ayrshire’s Island communities in line with their unique needs. The pilot project is aligned to the delivery of the National Islands Plan and Community Wealth Building principles. A key area of focus within the pilot is working in partnership with island communities, businesses, and wider stakeholders to develop and facilitate the delivery of 10-year socio-economic Island Plans to maximise the potential of North Ayrshire’s islands.
- 1.3 In recent years, the Arran community have contributed to a variety of consultations and engagement exercises including locality planning, National Islands Plan consultation and others. These have produced a host of issues, aspirations, commitments, and actions. As we recover from the Covid-19 pandemic, it is timely to step back and sense check how relevant the issues and ideas that islanders have previously voiced are,

and to refresh the priorities for each island post-pandemic. To build on this previous engagement and inform the development of Island Plans, a comprehensive and in depth engagement process has taken place with communities on both Arran and Cumbrae over August and September 2021 to identify if previous priorities are still relevant and what changed or new priorities and actions are required to support island recovery and renewal.

- 1.4 To support the development of the Arran Island Plan, the Council commissioned and published research from the Fraser of Allander Institute on the disproportionate economic impact of Covid-19 on the Arran economy in September 2021 and provides an outline socio-economic baseline for Arran that can be updated and monitored moving forward to inform an evidence-based approach to policy development.

2. Engagement Activity

- 2.1 Starting in August 2021, SKS Scotland CIC were commissioned by the Council to undertake a proactive engagement exercise with island businesses, communities, young islanders, Elected Members, local stakeholders, Locality Partnerships and wider partners for the Isles of Arran and Cumbrae. The purpose of this exercise was to sense check the findings of specific consultation and feedback gathered during 2019 and 2020 to ensure that the issues and actions identified through earlier island community engagement and planning are still relevant as we enter a Covid-19 recovery period and, where required, develop new actions. From late August until mid-September the following activities took place:

- Desk-based analysis and summary of previous island engagement and consultation;
- Launch of short-life engagement website;
- Open short-term survey to allow people to have their say (with paper copies made available at key island locations);
- Contact with community organisations, business networks and other stakeholders to arrange discussions;
- Two public online community conversations for Arran and Cumbrae;
- Two final public online discussions – one for each island where islanders came together to discuss the short, medium and longer-term priorities that will inform Arran and Cumbrae’s 10-year Island Plans.

- 2.2 The engagement is supported by a small Short Life Working Group with representation from each island (membership includes Arran Locality Partnership, Cumbrae Community Council, Arran Recovery Group and various Council services). The role of the group during the engagement process included: clarifying expectations of the engagement process and outputs; providing relevant knowledge, contacts and share any local sensitivities to be aware of; monitoring and agreeing any amendments to the approved work programme; approving content for all project related communications and sharing communications with relevant networks.

¹ Report available at: <https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/Documents/EconomyCommunities/Impact-of-Covid-19-on-Arran-economy.pdf>

The engagement process for Arran received a wide range of responses and perspectives as demonstrated in Table 1.

Table 1. Engagement process reach

Arran engagement figures
551 responses to survey
22 people attended online meeting
30 attended final online discussion
31 organisations invited to contribute
471 unique website visitors (across both islands)
9 individuals directly contacted SKS to input (across both islands)

2.3 The key themes that engagement participants raised for Arran are outlined below in Table 2.

Table 2. Themes arising from engagement process

Arran themes
Affordable Housing
Labour Market
Transport Reliability
Population Profile
Economic Diversification

2.4 Following the conclusion of the above activity on 30 September 2021 work has been underway to draft the 10-year Arran Island Plan. There is now a particular focus on the development of the accompanying 2022/23 annual action plan.

2.5 A key intention of the Islands Recovery and Renewal Pilot is for the Island Plans to be developed in partnership with local communities and therefore draft 'Island Plans for comment' (including sample 2022/23 annual action plans) will be made publicly available from **noon on Monday 29th November** for final comments, invite ownership of actions and partner contribution, and provide example case studies to ensure a robust and inclusive 2022/23 annual action plan is prepared.

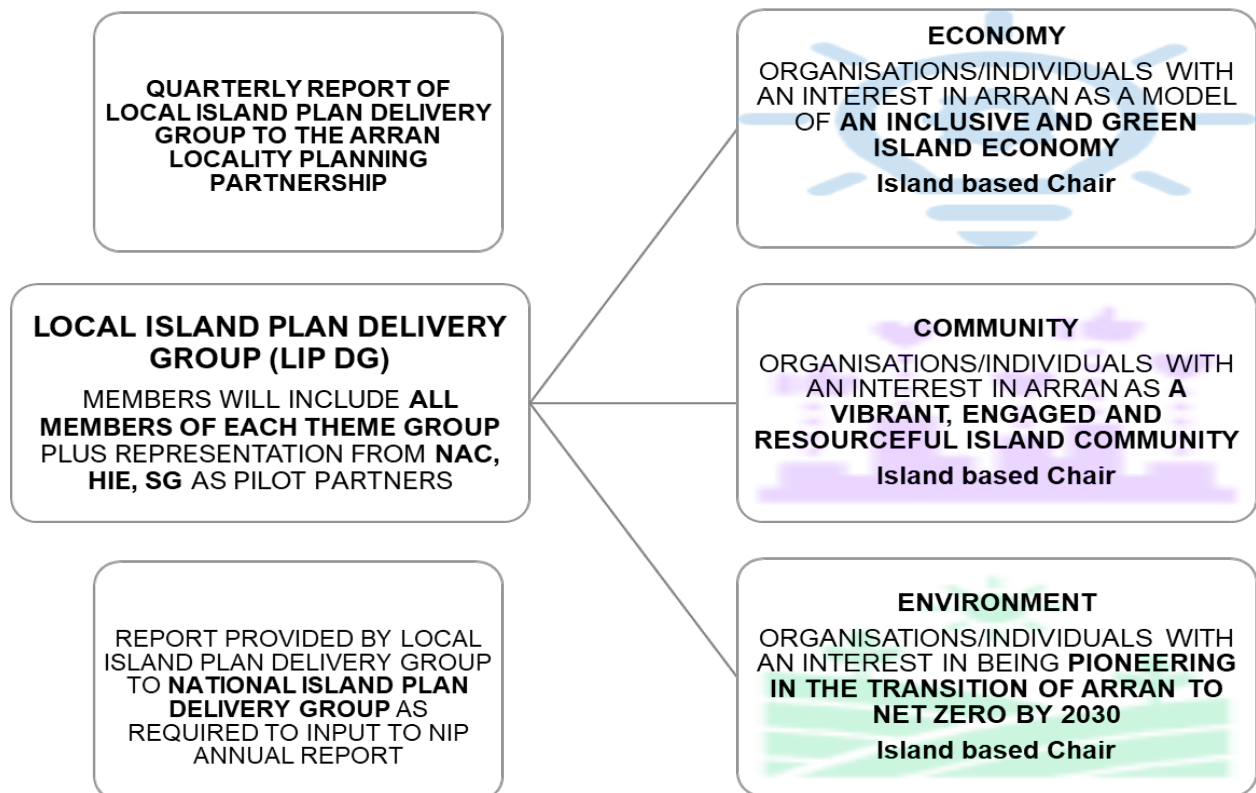
3. Arran Island Plan

3.1 The Arran Island Plan structure is:

- Foreword
- Executive Summary
- Introduction
- Profile of Island
- Strategic Context
- Engagement and Participation
- Vision for Island and Key Themes

- Given the inclusive/wellbeing economy, Community Wealth Building and net zero focus, the themes are focused on economic, community and environmental wellbeing
 - Case studies of community, Council and partner activity will be covered in this section
 - Implementation including governance
 - Appendix 1 –2022/23 Annual Action Plan (under development)
- 3.2 A key area of focus for the Island Recovery and Renewal Pilot is to contribute to closer and more coordinated working between the island communities, partners and national and local government and agencies to ensure stronger island-focused partnership working and will work collaboratively to unlock the knowledge, resources and support necessary to bring the Arran Local Island Plan to life. What will be key to the implementation stage will be the governance model that will have responsibility either collectively or individually for the delivery of the actions.
- 3.3 Whilst it is essential that governance of the Island Plan aligns to the Arran Locality Partnership structure, there is also a need for thematic expertise and wider islander input. A draft governance model for consideration and further exploration is included within the Plan, with an appointment process to be established to ensure appropriate and inclusive representation. The ‘delivery group’ approach has also been taken by Scottish Government for the delivery of the National Islands Plan.

Figure 1. Draft governance model for further consideration



3.4 The draft Arran Island Plan and 2022/23 Annual Action Plan will be available to view for comment from Monday 29th November at noon until 4th January 2022 at www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/islands. The final version will then be collated after the comments close on 4th January 2022 to include;

- Actions already being delivered or planned by community organisations
- Actions already being delivered or planned by partners, for example HIE and SG
- Actions already being delivered or planned the Council
- New actions suggested from engagement process that are feasible and deliverable

4. Next Steps

4.1 The timeline below outlines key next steps for the production and agreement of the Island Plans:

- Publication of draft 'Island Plans for comment' online at www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/islands – 29 Nov-4 Jan
- Presentation of draft plan and endorsement of process to date and next steps at Locality Partnerships: Arran Locality Partnership – 1 Dec
- Collate feedback and circulate final draft 2022/23 Annual Action Plan -5 Jan-12 Jan
- Final design stage – 12 Jan-14 Jan
- Cabinet paper preparation – 21 Jan
- Cabinet meeting – 22 Feb
- Launch of Local Island Plan (post call-in period) – 3 March TBC

5. Action Required by Locality Partnership

5.1 It is requested that the Arran Locality Partnership:

- a) Notes the update on the Arran Island Plan engagement activity;
- b) Endorses the Island Plan production process undertaken to date;
- b) Provides feedback on the draft Arran Island Plan and sample annual action plan;
- c) Notes that the draft island plan is 'live' for comment from Monday 29th November at noon until 4th January 2022 at www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/islands and that further development work is underway to expand the documents through a call for island case studies and further island actions relating to economic, community and environmental wellbeing and;
- d) Notes and supports the proposed next steps.

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