



Argyll and Bute Council
Annual Business Plan 2023 – 2024
Update Report

Council Priorities Action Plan 2023 - 2024

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<p>Educational Attainment and Wider Achievement – Developing the use of all the available data and intelligence on each of our educational establishments to focus on and drive improvement, achieving our stretch aims (goals to improve opportunities and outcomes for young people) as agreed with the Scottish Government.</p>	<p>Build staff capacity in</p>		<p>All schools fulfil a robust calendar of 16+ meetings with DYW and Skills Development Scotland (SDS) to identify those most at risk of negative destinations, and work with young people, families, employers and other agencies to ensure sustainable post-school destinations are achieved.</p>

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<p>Developing a broader curriculum offer to augment current opportunities with a range of wider achievement awards and accreditations. This will have a positive impact on leaver destinations through inclusive, skills - based programmes in each secondary school.</p>	<p>Support secondary schools via UK Shared Prosperity Funding to ensure accredited wider achievement opportunities exist for every pupil at each stage of their secondary education.</p>		<p>In June 2023 (data published Dec 23) we achieved or exceeded almost all of our stretch aims. Of particular note is the reduction of the gap between those residing in Q1 and Q5 in literacy and numeracy at P1/4/7 combined.</p>



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Develop the next generation of capital investment plan and priorities for our school estate.	Service Asset Management Plan (SAMP) for Education and delivery of Programme by Feb 2024.	All programmed work completed by the specified date and in line with the allocated capital budget.	Service Asset Management Plan (SAMP) for Education and delivery of Programme by Feb 2025.

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	<p>Lomond area contract with a BMW compliant contracted solution.</p> <p>Commence an EfW procurement by the end of the year for current waste PPP areas.</p>	<p>BMW compliant contracted solution.</p> <p>Procurement commenced for EfW.</p>	<p>2024. The team have put in place new arrangements to cover the services previously provided by BEL.</p> <p>Positive discussions progressing with Renewi with an update report due at the June EDI Committee seeking approval to progress a contract variation with the PPP contract on the basis that we are not expecting a derogation to be put in place. This includes provision for EfW.</p>

Encouraging households to increase use of recycling services to reach at least the Scottish average (with service exploring options to stretch

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			<p>A two-week social media campaign to promote the new pages on the website ran from 18 – 29 March and covered messages around reduce, reuse and recycle, and included a post about businesses having a legal duty towards recycling.</p> <p>A second social media campaign will take place in June and focus on behaviour changes which would help reduce the amount of waste going to landfill and pointed customers to supporting information, either on the council website or third-party sites.</p> <p>Marketing will continue with regular posts, and campaigns, throughout the year.</p>
Housing			
Supporting the provision of over 1,000 affordable homes by 2027 (247 in 2022/23 plus at least 750 additional homes over the life of the Strategic Housing Investment Plan).	Submit business case for housing to government through the Rural Growth Deal.	Successfully submit Business Case.	<p>OBC has been submitted for Tobermory element of Rural growth Deal. Contract let and due on site May 2024 to install road and infrastructure.</p> <p>Housing Emergency Action Plan being finalised following Housing Summit, will be</p>

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	<p>Look at number of properties required to be completed in 2023/24 - target agreed in Local Housing Strategy is 215 units.</p>	<p>Review number of completions against target set.</p>	
	<p>Submit the Annual SHIP for approval to Council in September.</p>		

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Partnership and Action - everyone has a part to play in Argyll and Bute's success

In our Priorities for the Council Term 2022 to 2027, we have set out our areas for action to deliver our vision for Argyll and Bute. There are elements of that vision which require action from other agencies at all levels - from our communities right up to national government. We will commit to working in partnership wherever we need to as well as calling on others, with responsibility, to take