

Could Mr. Smith please provide his management plan.

This must include some method of controlling the use of the car park by caravans and campervans, which at times made the area unusable by the general public. It must also address the wider issue of accommodating these visitors elsewhere in Oban - perhaps the old Council yard could be used temporarily? It has water, electricity and sewage facilities.

Response from Head of Roads and Infrastructure Services

In the absence of a relevant officer the Committee Manager read out the following statement from the Head of Roads and Infrastructure Services.

At the Council Budget meeting held on 25th February, the Council allocated funding to deal with staycation visitors as detailed in the table below.

Investing in Argyll and Bute's Opportunities - £0.830m		
£500k	Staycation Argyll and Bute - Supporting recovery and renewal by maximising the potential for growth in Argyll campervan staycation market	Additional funds to be spent across 2021/22 and 2022/23 to support the delivery of a range of facilities across Argyll and Bute necessary to support camping and caravan staycations. This will include provision of additional waste disposal facilities to be available prior to the summer of 2021 and other facilities that will be informed by the Motorhome and Informal Camping Survey. Additional wardens to be employed over the period April to October 2021 to raise awareness in respect of camping responsibly.

At a Council wide level work is currently underway to help promote and manage responsible staycation experiences across the Council area. The work on the ground is being progressed by officers from Development and Economic Growth, Roads and Infrastructure and a multitude of partner agencies.

In terms of parking generally, a report was presented to the EDI Committee in December 2020 and it was agreed that follow up reports are to be taken to the June Area Committee which will cover TROs and parking matters across the council area.

The current TRO for Ganavan car park permits the following vehicle types to park:

- Motor Car, Car-derived van, dual purpose vehicle;
- Motor Cycle;
- Invalid Carriage;
- Light commercial vehicle;
- Trailer (with towing car);
- Caravan (with towing car), Living Van; and

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Response from Committee

Concerns were raised by Councillor McCuish, Councillor Robertson, Duncan Martin and Marri Malloy that the report and response from the Head of Roads and Infrastructure were general in nature and did not specifically address concerns in Ganavan or the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area as a whole. It was agreed that the Committee Manager would seek a further response from the Head of Roads and Infrastructure Services providing specific detail in relation to Ganavan and the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area.

Following a query from Councillor McGrigor, it was agreed that the Committee Manager would also request more detailed information from the Head of Roads and Infrastructure Services in relation to facilities which would be available across the Argyll and Bute area. The Committee Manager agreed to circulate any responses received to Mr Martin and Members of the Area Committee.

The Chair confirmed that she had raised concerns around the situation at Ganavan and across the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area in advance of restrictions being eased with the Policy Lead and Council Leader.

Question from Marri Malloy, Oban Community Council

Marri Malloy requested clarification as to how the situation at Ganavan would be managed and whether wardens would be able to manage the situation at Ganavan whereby people used the car park to stay in overnight and left early in the morning.

Response from Committee

In the absence of the Head of Road and Infrastructure Services, it was agreed that the Committee Manager would forward this question to him and circulate any response to Ms Malloy and Members of the Area Committee.

Question from Charles Fotheringham, Appin Community Council

Mr Fotheringham advised that concerns had been raised by local parents at the beginning of the pandemic around possible issues in recruiting teachers for Oban High School, following reports that some pupils did not have teachers for some subjects.

Response from Committee

Councillor McCuish sought and received confirmation from Mr Fotheringham that he would be happy for Councillor McCuish to ask the Head Teacher of Oban High School this question at item 5 (a) of the agenda.

Councillor Devon provided information around the planned co-ordination of timetables for Tobermory, Tiree and Oban High Schools that helps to expand the number of subjects pupils can access.

Alison Chadwick raised concerns around the process and noted that she would prefer that the process was changed or efforts were made by Officials to adapt the procedure to ensure that settled status was not agreed prior to consultation being completed as she did not feel this was a democratic way for a major planning document to be agreed..

process of decanting pupils. Councillor Devon advised that parents remained concerned about having a safe, healthy environment for their children and the school being fit for use by the additional 74 pupils.

Councillor Lynch sought and received confirmation from Councillor Devon that regular updates around this would be shared with Ward 4 Councillors.

Councillor Devon highlighted issues around availability of offices for the school nurse to see pupils in need of assistance, noting that this had been raised with the Head of Education and assurance had been provided that an office would be available for this purpose.

Question from Marri Malloy, Oban Community Council

of assets, such as car parks and the leasing of toilets. Ms Malloy advised that this was affecting the recreational and green spaces available to those who lived in Oban. Ms Malloy requested confirmation from the Council(o)-Etscho whentmethsingsould-18(b)-3(e)-38cone[)]TJETBT1 0 0 21.07464 547.99 Tm[)

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee agreed:

1. to note the performance presented on the Scorecard and supporting commentary;
2. that upon receipt of the Quarterly Performance Report the Area Committee contact either the Responsible Named Officer or Sonya Thomas with any queries; and
3. to note that work is ongoing and to respond to Sonya Thomas with requests or comments regarding the layout and format of the Report and Scorecard.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with Responsibility for Customer Support Services, dated 10th March 2021, submitted)

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(a) Oban High School

The Committee gave consideration to a progress report for Oban High School providing information in relation to the context of the school; partnership working with other high schools across Argyll and Bute; SQA results; pupil and staff wellbeing; blended and home learning; contingency planning; the school roll; clothing and footwear grants; free school meals; and attendance, absence and exclusions.

In response to a question raised at item 4 of the agenda, the Head Teacher of Oban High School confirmed that there were currently no issues in fulfilling vacancies within the school.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee noted the contents of the report and thanked the Head Teacher, staff and pupils of the school for their work throughout the Covid-19 pandemic to ensure that education was able to continue.

(Reference: Report submitted by Head Teacher, Oban High School, dated March 2021, submitted)

(b) Tiree High School

The Committee gave consideration to a progress report for Tiree High School providing information in relation to the context of the school; partnership working with Oban High School and courses being delivered through Google Meet; SQA results; pupil and staff wellbeing; blended and home learning; contingency planning; the school roll; clothing and footwear grants; free school meals; and attendance, absence and exclusions.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee noted the contents of the report and thanked the Head Teacher, staff and pupils of the school for their work throughout the Covid-19 pandemic to ensure that education was able to continue.

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The Committee gave consideration to a report which provided an update to Members on the proposed development of a number of car parks in the Oban area.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee:

1. noted and considered the outcome of the site investigations, the responses from the prospective developers and from Environmental Health & Roads confirming that the Tweeddale Street car park was unsuitable for development based on the risks and costs;
2. noted and considered that the Albany Street car park had generated significant

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The Committee gave consideration to a report which provided an update on the Housing Services activity within the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area.

The Housing Team Leader clarified an error within the report at page 103 of the agenda pack, noting that the SHIP project at North Connel was not yet on site and discussions with ACHA were ongoing.

Decision

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee considered the contents of the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with Responsibility for Development and Economic Growth, dated 23rd November 2020, submitted)

During consideration of the foregoing item, Councillor McGrigor briefly took the Chair due
-assumed the role of
Chair prior to the decision of the Committee being reached in relation to the item.

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