

**Management Committee**

**Date: 22 June 2023**

**Agenda Item:**



## Scottish Fire and Rescue

All Groups gave consideration to reports that highlighted the Scottish Fire and Rescue associated reports included information on the local firefighter training plan; incidents during the period; unwanted fire alarm signals; road and water safety campaigns; community engagement activities; East and West Dunbartonshire and Argyll and Bute Local Senior Officer Activities and home fire safety activities.

## Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau Update

Representatives from the Citizens Advice Bureau outlined the provision of their services across Argyll and Bute with offices in Lochgilphead and Helensburgh and outreach services available in Dunoon, Oban, Campbeltown and Mull. The presentation included information on the advice provided to clients since 2021; the audit and assessment standards that require to be met and staffing numbers and information on the training programmes provided to volunteers.

## Live Argyll - Community Learning Services Update (Bute and Cowal, Helensburgh and Lomond and Oban, Lorn and the Isles)

The afore-mentioned Groups gave consideration to an update by Live Argyll which included Scottish Youth Parliament Elections which are being held in November and the summer G.I.V.E. programme. The Groups were also advised of collaboration with Dunoon Grammar School on 2 school programmes, information on the continuing work on the SAWA New Scots/Refugee project in Bute and adult learning activities in Helensburgh. Drop in sessions are also being held in Oban Library to support.

## Argyll and Bute TSI Update (Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands, Helensburgh and Lomond and Oban, Lorn and the Isles)

Consideration was given to a report which provided an update on the work of Argyll

UHI Argyll (Bute and Cowal, Helensburgh and Lomond and Oban, Lorn and the Isles)

The Bute and Cowal, Helensburgh and Lomond and Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Groups considered an update from UHI Argyll. The update highlighted that all staff have now returned to working from their local learning centre and that they expect all students to return to centres from August. The update also advised that UHI centres continue to provide additional support in response to rising living costs and that open days are scheduled to be held in various centres over the summer months.

**Bute & Cowal** (Meeting Papers - [LINK](#))

The Group gave consideration to an update by Scenic Sandbank which highlighted that they had been awarded funding from the Scottish Land Fund to purchase vacant ground for a community garden. Partners were advised that Scenic Sandbank had produced a booklet at the start of the year which contained t96(i)-27(n)56(e)-6(d)-6( )-9t96(i)-27(n)5

was the first car ferry service in Scotland and that should the service be reintroduced



aim to have 0% emissions by 2040. Jackie reported that the Energy Efficient Scotland Area Based Scheme is available to home owners or private rented tenants

the Port Ellen Playing Fields; the response to the new fund set up by Ardbeg Islay single malt Scotch whisky to support community and environmental projects on Islay and the installation of new fuel pumps at Port Ellen Filling Station. Discussion was had in relation to the issues faced due to the lack of child care provision on the island. Ms McGillivray advised the team in the hope of securing a venue for this service.



Colin Buchanan from Isle of Luing Community Trust gave a short presentation on the work that the Trust is carrying out on Luing, specifically the development of a small scale slate enterprise to regenerate the economy on the island. Colin advised that the Trust have the mineral rights to the slate with the income generated being used to support housing, employment and climate change related projects. A feasibility study suggested that the project could support 5 full time jobs and the extraction of 200 tonnes of slate per year. The expectation is to bring in £100k per year to develop