**GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED WITHIN PERFORMANCE INFORMATION AND REPORTING**

We have put together a glossary of the most commonly used terms; it should help explain some of our achievements.

Some of the terms below are links that will take you to further information that may be useful.

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| **Term / Phrase** | **Meaning** |
| [Business Gateway](https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/business-and-trade/business-gateway-service) | This service provides practical help, advice and support for new start and growing businesses in Argyll. |
| CARS | Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme |
| Cat 1 and Cat 2 | Road Classification in terms of route priority |
| Capital Regeneration FBC’s | Capital Regeneration Full Business Cases |
| CHORD | The Council’s regeneration projects in Campbeltown, Helensburgh, Oban, Rothesay and Dunoon |
| CIPFA - VFM | Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy - Value for Money |
| [Community Planning Partnership](https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/community-planning-partnership) | Group of organisations that work together to deliver the LOIP. The organisations include for example the local council, Police Scotland, Scotland’s Fire and Rescue Service, local NHS and voluntary sector. |
| [Corporate Parenting](http://www.gov.scot/Topics/People/Young-People/protecting/lac/lacimprovingoutcomes/corporate-parenting) | The formal and local partnerships between all services responsible for working together to meet the needs of looked after children, young people and care leavers |
| CPD | Continuing professional development |
| [Curriculum for Excellence](http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/learningandteaching/thecurriculum/whatiscurriculumforexcellence/) | Curriculum for Excellence is designed to provide a coherent, more flexible and enriched curriculum from 3 years to 18. |
| CTAX | Council Tax |
| ELCC | Early Learning Community Childminder |
| [Early Years Collaborative](https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/what-early-years-collaborative) | National project that aims make Scotland the best place in the world for children to grow up |
| Establishment | Any facility where children and young people are taught |
| FOI | Freedom Of Information |
| GTCS | General Teaching Council for Scotland |
| HLF | Heritage Lottery Fund |
| HR | Human Resources |
| Insight | Education management tool |
| JHIP | Joint Health Improvement Plan |
| Kinship care/placements | Kinship care is when a child is looked after by their extended family or close friends, if they cannot remain with their birth parents.  Kinship care includes children who are looked after and are placed in a formal kinship care arrangement by the local authority. |
| KPI | Key Performance Indicator |
| LAAC (Looked after and accommodated children) | Children and young people in the care of their local authority |
| LDP | Local Development Plan |
| [Local Government Boundary Commission](http://www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk/) | The Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland is responsible for:  •carrying out reviews of the boundaries of local authority areas;  •carrying out reviews of electoral wards for local authorities;  •responding to requests for reviews of electoral wards or local authority areas. |
| [LOIP (Local Outcome Improvement Plan)](https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/sites/default/files/soa_april_2014_v7.pdf) | Please see the explanation of the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) |
| NDR | Non Domestic Rates |
| PAThS | Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies.  Children and young peoples’ Emotional literacy programme |
| PDA | Professional development award |
| Public Realm | This refers to publicly owned streets, pathways, right of ways, parks, publicly accessible open spaces and any public and civic building and facilities. |
| REAP | Renewable Energy Action Plan |
| [Renewables](https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/renewable-energy-action-plan) | This is about developing new, sustainable forms of energy. |
| SME’s | Small and Medium size Enterprises |
| SOCITM | Society of Information Technology Management, |
| SRMCS | Scottish Road Maintenance Condition Survey |
| [SOA (Single Outcome Agreement)](https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/community-plan-and-single-outcome-agreement) | This plan is also being referred to within the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 as the LOIP (Local Outcome Improvement Plan).  This plan sets out how the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership (listed above) will together meet the challenges required to achieve the overall aim that [Argyll and Bute’s economic success is built on a growing population](https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-success) |
| [SUSTRANS](http://www.sustrans.org.uk/about-us) | Sustrans is a UK charity enabling people to travel by foot, bike or public transport for more of the journeys we make every day |