



Argyll and Bute Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2024-34

FAQs



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Frequently Asked Questions about Community Planning

What is an Outcomes Improvement Plan?

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 requires each CPP to produce a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan. This Plan should:

- Demonstrate a clear, evidence-based and robust understanding of local needs, circumstances and aspirations of its local communities.
- Aim to tackle causes of inequalities rather than consequences.
- Use preventative approaches.
- Focus on a small number of local priorities where the CPP will add most value as a partnership - in particular by improving outcomes for its most vulnerable and disadvantaged communities and moderating future demand for crisis services.

What is a Community Planning Partnership?

Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) bring together a number of key public bodies to work together to improve local public services with a focus on addressing inequalities.

Each Council area in Scotland has a CPP which includes:

- Council
- Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE)/Scottish Enterprise
- NHS Board
- Police Scotland
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

In Argyll and Bute, the following bodies are also community planning partners:

- Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP)
- Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface (TSI)
- Highlands and Islands Transport Partnership (HITRANS)
- Historic Environment Scotland (HES)
- Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park (LLTNP)
- NatureScot
- Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)
- Skills Development Scotland (SDS)
- sportscotland
- Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT)
- University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) Argyll
- visitscotland

Why are there only three priorities?

We asked people in Argyll and Bute to rank their top three priorities so that the CPP can focus on the areas of greatest need to help improve people's lives in Argyll and Bute over the next 10 years. While the three priorities of **Transport Infrastructure**, **Housing** and **Community Wellbeing** will be the focus for the CPP, these themes do not sit in isolation, with many of the issues to be addressed within these themes overlapping into other areas of activity for the CPP.

Do the priorities for this plan mean that financial inclusion, climate change, digital inclusion, and diverse economy and skilled workforce are not important?

You told us that **Transport Infrastructure, Housing and Community Wellbeing** were your most important priorities.

A considerable amount of work has taken place from 2020 through the Community Planning Partnership on Financial Inclusion, Climate Change, Digital Inclusion, and Diverse Economy and Skilled Workforce.

You can read about this within the [agenda pack for Community Planning Partnership Management Committee meetings](#) which are listed by date.

Further to this, the Argyll and Bute Employability Partnership (ABEP) comprises representatives from many of the CPP partners as well as private companies and third sector organisations and reports to the CPP annually on the progress of its delivery plan. You can [read the latest update from July 2023](#) from page 74.

Other elements of the Diverse Economy and Skilled Workforce theme are being taken forward by the refresh of [Argyll and Bute Council's Economic Strategy](#) and through the [Highlands and Islands Enterprise Strategy](#).

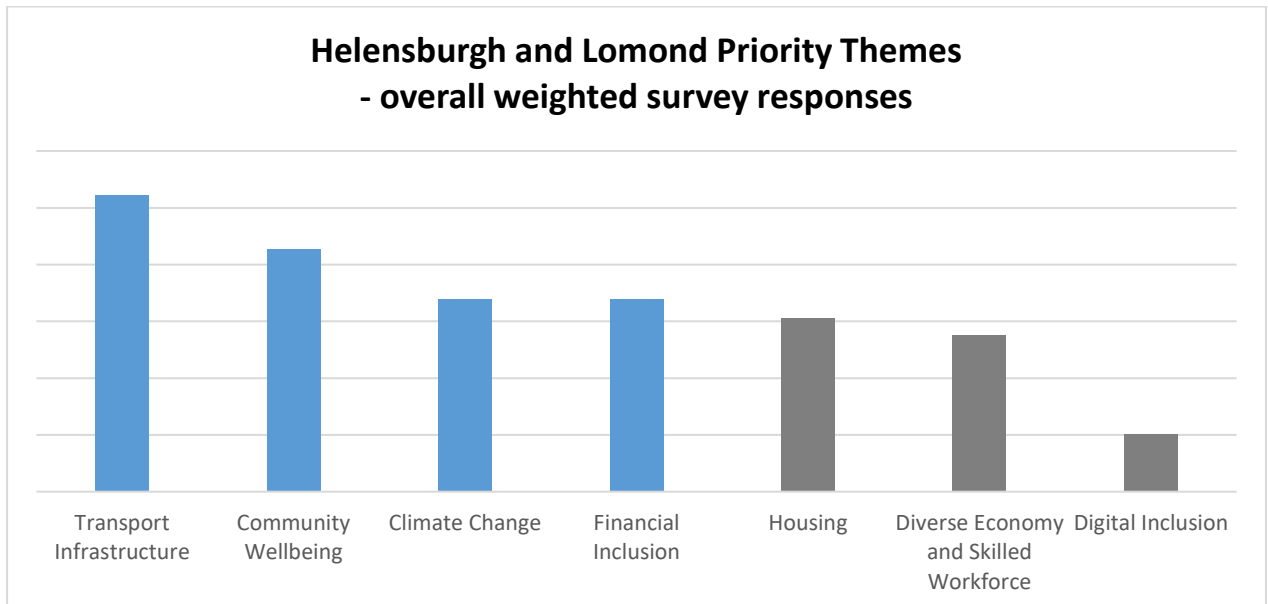
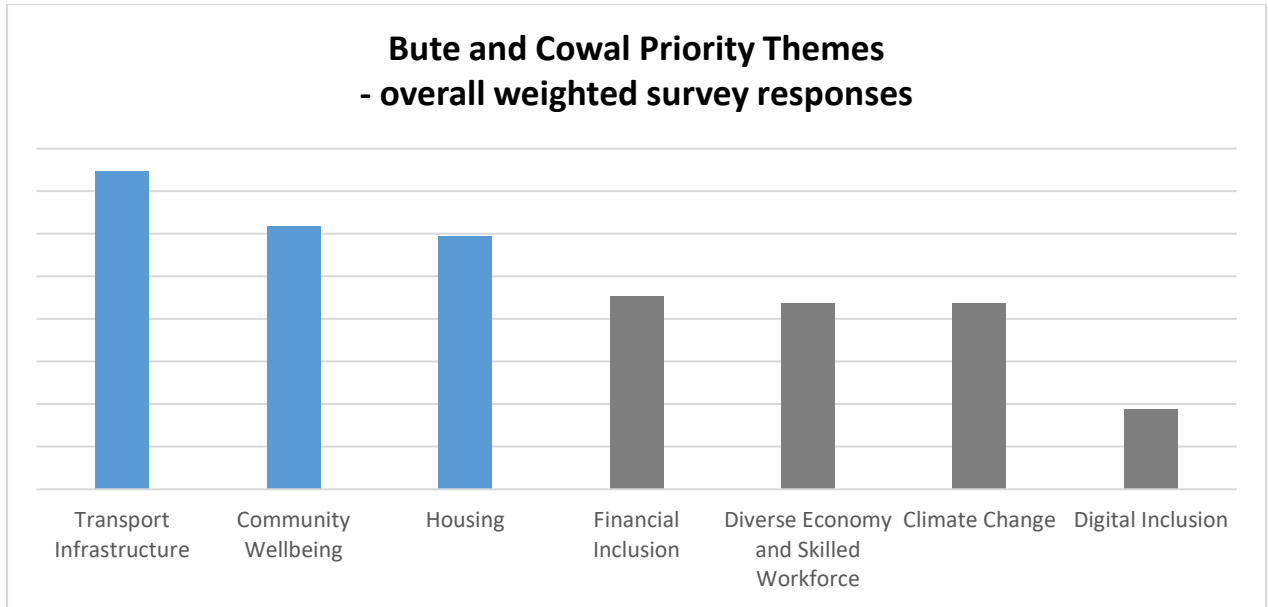
We recognise that the economy, climate change and digital are aspects of the three outcomes of transport, housing and community wellbeing, and therefore feature within these, for example green transport.

They also form an approach to the outcomes because the policy on the economy, climate change and digital requires us to ask questions of these within our actions to improve the outcomes of transport, housing and community wellbeing, for example, 'how does this action impact the environment?', 'is there a digital solution?', 'how can this action support the local economy?'

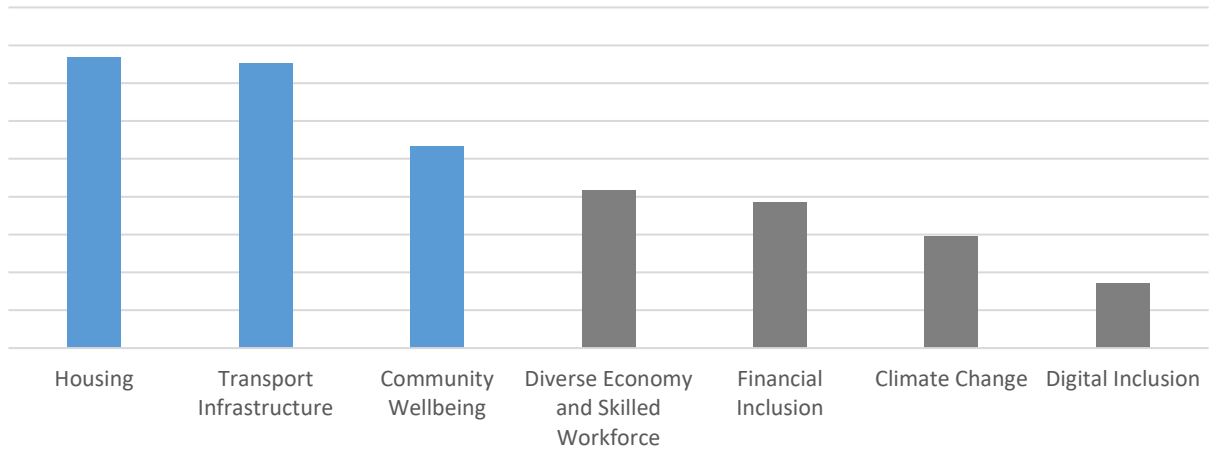
Are there different priorities for different parts of Argyll and Bute?

The new Outcomes Improvement Plan is for the whole of Argyll and Bute, however there were slightly different priorities for the four administrative areas of Argyll and Bute and the CPP will be working with partners and communities in each of these areas to create an area plan based on their specific priorities but linking to the Outcomes Improvement Plan.

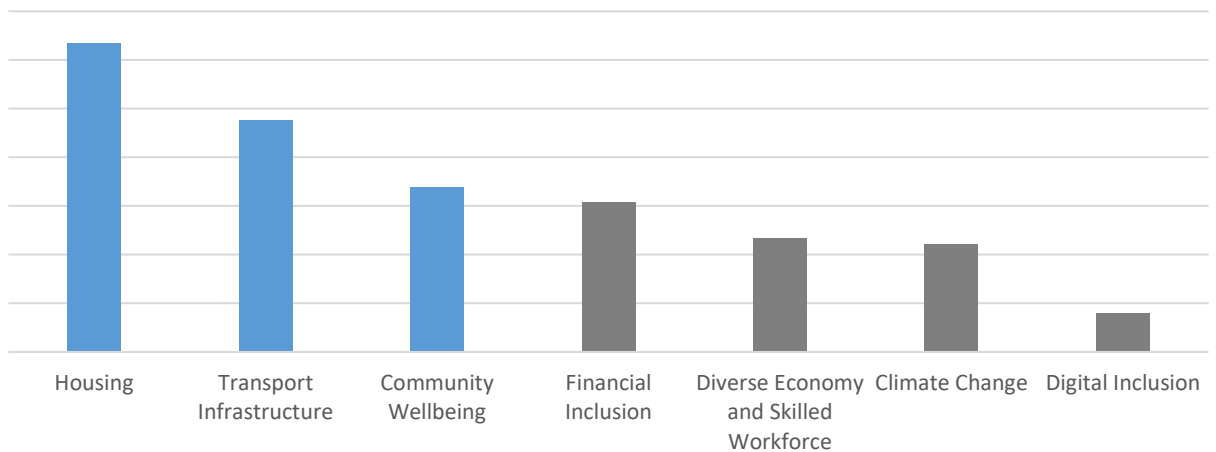
The graphs below show the top priorities for each of the four administrative areas in Argyll and Bute.



Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Priority Themes - overall weighted survey responses



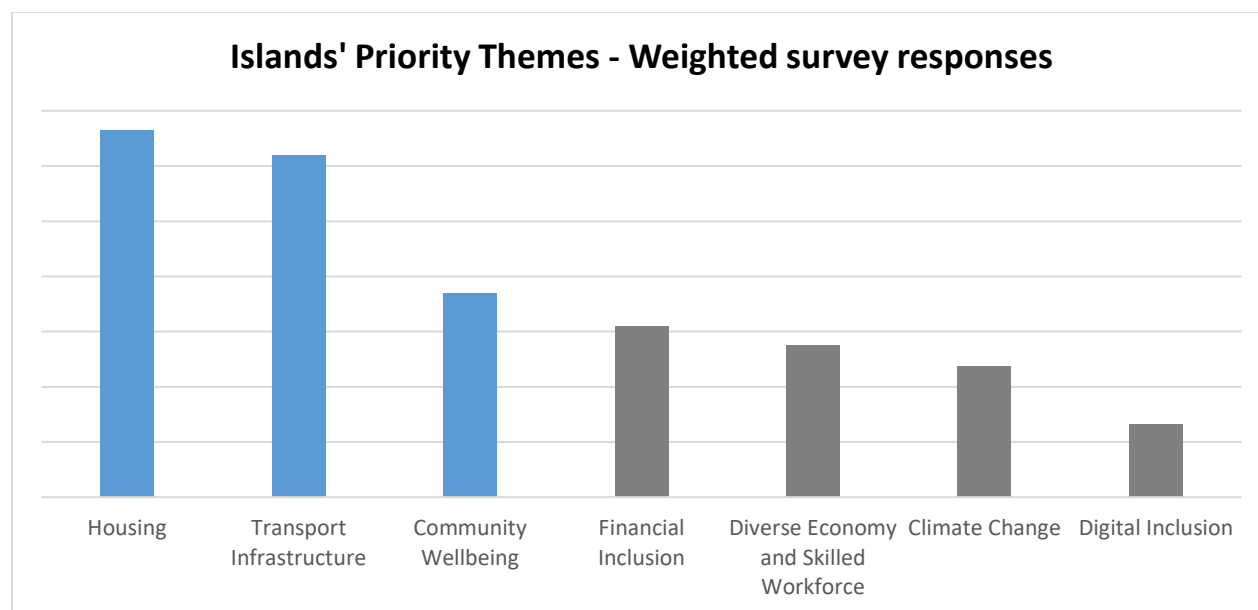
Oban, Lorn and the Isles Priority Themes - overall weighted survey responses



Are there different priorities for the islands?

Many of the statutory bodies represented on the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership have duties under the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018 to have regard to island communities in carrying out their functions. In terms of the new Outcomes Improvement Plan, the CPP will consider the specific priorities highlighted by residents living on Argyll and Bute's 23 inhabited islands.

The graph below show the top priorities for island residents in Argyll and Bute.



Where can I find more information?

You can keep up to date with the approval, implementation and delivery of the new Argyll and Bute Outcomes Improvement Plan on the [dedicated web page](#)