

## **APPENDIX B - Implementing an Argyll and Bute Economic Recovery**

Working across council services we have focused on providing detailed business support and helped process a number of business support funds including:-

[https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/sites/default/files/covid-19\\_infographic.pdf](https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/sites/default/files/covid-19_infographic.pdf)

We continue to speak to local businesses and pass on issues raised to the Scottish Government through official channels such as COSLA and SLAED.

We have articulated the economic situation facing Argyll and Bute at various on line meetings and webinars in an effort to attract additional support for our area.

We continue to receive, process and determine planning applications, building warrants and export certificates.

Working with HIE we have established the Argyll Economic Resilience Forum to help guide our future economic recovery.

We have made all interim payments in terms of our capital projects and have continued with tender processes.

We are assisting communities with existing and further bids to the RCGF for 20/21.

We have started the Lochgilphead CARs project following signing the contract with Historic Environment Scotland.

We have continued to progress our Rural Growth Deal and looked to see how projects with the greatest economic impact can be accelerated working with our key partners.

We have engaged with local businesses on Government social distancing requirements to provide local advice and guidance.

We have boosted our employability support at this time utilising additional government funding.

We are liaising with the Scottish Film and TV Industry to see how filming can restart safely in Argyll and Bute.

We have helped secure additional funding for the Oban and Dunoon BIDs through the Government emergency funding for town centres.

We are preparing Argyll and Bute business sector action plans to aid recovery.

We have agreed a memorandum of understanding with the AITC and made the first interim payment.

We are assisting people made homeless through the Covid 19 economic shock and have secured additional temporary accommodation from Argyll and Bute Tourist businesses.

We have made a detailed submission to The Scottish Government pop up active travel fund.

We are continuing the implementation of the Tourism Rural Infrastructure Fund projects.

We have helped acquire new sites for community based housing.

We have continued our PSO operations for key workers and making the plane suitable for cargo to be delivered to Coll and Colonsay.

We are continuing to progress key projects such as the Maritime Change programme, and the Lorn ARC.

We are discussing community benefits options for on shore and off shore renewable energy projects.

We have responded to the STPR 2 consultation process.