Appendix 1 – Indicative Delivery Plan
Draft for Consultation
Published: May 2021

Introduction

The delivery plan sets out indicative timescales and first steps for initiating the delivery of the priorities and opportunities identified in this draft framework.

It will be reviewed and updated regularly and monitored as part of the Local Development Plan Action Programme.

The Strathard Strategic Partnership's main role to date has been on communication and coordination of the work of public sector bodies and community bodies of Strathard. Members of the Partnership currently include:

- Scottish Environment Protection Agency,

- NatureScot,

- National Park Authority,

- Forestry and Land Scotland,

- Stirling Council,

- Strathard Community Development Trust,

- Strathard Community Council.

This draft framework will provide a focus for the Partnership going forward and can be used as a tool to prioritise and support delivery on the ground. A fundraising strategy will be required as part of the delivery plan for which a programmed approach should be established. An indicative delivery plan has been prepared below and it could become a working document for the Partnership. There are also various other sub-groups operating in the area that may be involved in steering groups set up for the following projects. The groups include:

- Strathard Heritage Network,

- Strathard Business Hub,

- Resilience Group,

- Outdoor Classroom,

- School community in PTA,

- Business,

- Aberfoyle Village People,

- Aberfoyle Traders,

- Residents Association,

- First Responders,

- Community Enterprises,

- Life Plan working groups,

- Loch Lomond and The Trossachs Countryside Trust.

There are three potential larger steering groups grouping together projects listed on the following table. A steering group would be able to guide and push forward topics that may or may not become projects. These include:

- Placemaking Priority/Mobility Hub – Stirling Council potential lead

- Tourism Strategy/Branding and Shuttle Bus/Active Travel Infrastructure – Community Trust potential lead

- Eco-system enhancement and Flooding – Strathard Initiative grouping plus community involvement

Table 1 – Potential Projects
Please note these project lists are in first draft stage. This is a working document and projects can be added and amended.

Activating Aberfoyle as the Hub

Indicative Project	Priority in Framework	Timescale	Year expected to start	Potential Lead	First Steps/Status
Masterplan village centre improvements / mobility hub	**Aberfoyle Priority 1**	Short-med	2021/22	TBC - Stirling Council	Set up a steering group and commission consultant to prepare a design options for a mobility hub/public realm improvements, undertake consultation and funding.
Tourism strategy/branding	**Aberfoyle Priority 1**	Short-long	2021	Strathard Community Trust	Using Tourism Strategy, developed by Strathard Community Trust, working in partnership with businesses to realise opportunities and continue events, website and heritage guide book.

Visitor Management

Indicative Project	Priority in Framework	Timescale	Year expected to start	Potential Lead	First Steps/Status
Visitor Management Pressures in Kinlochard and The Forest	**Area Wide Priority 1, Kinlochard Priority 1** Stronachlachar and Inversnaid Other opportunity	Short	2021	National Park Authority	Continue the work of the established steering group to formulate a longer term plan to tackle the pressures from day visitors in Strathard, particularly Kinlochard, Milton, working with Stirling Council - solutions for the 2021/22 season already considered. Next steps are to learn from this season and develop a longer term strategic plan.

Housing / Tourism / Economic Development

Indicative Project	Priority in Framework	Timescale	Year expected to start	Potential Lead	First Steps/Status
Affordable housing	**Aberfoyle Priority 3 Kinlochard Priority 2** Stronachlachar and Inversnaid Other opportunity	Med	2021	Stirling Council and Rural Stirling Housing Association	Investigate development sites starting with those identified around Aberfoyle, set up project group involving the community to explore options for affordable housing and community ownership on sites investigated and any other options.
Site and building audit	**Aberfoyle Priority 1**	Short-Med	2022	TBC - National Park Authority	Undertake audit of vacant sites, buildings, housing stock, tourism accommodation to understand need and demand for both housing and tourism.

Infrastructure

Indicative Project	Priority in Framework	Timescale	Year expected to start	Potential Lead	First Steps/Status
Shuttle bus service (electric/hydrogen) – combined with parking management	**Area Wide Priority 1,**	Med-long	2021/22	TBC - Strathard Community Trust	Seek funding, then undertake a feasibility study and survey people who might use the service – investigate route options – in Strathard linking to route from Aberfoyle to Callander, costing framework, in tandem with assessing parking management systems.
Renewables / Heat Networks	**Area Wide Priority 7, Stronachlachar Inversnaid Priority 3 The Forest Priority 3** Kinlochard and Aberfoyle Other Opportunity	Med-long	2022-2025	TBC - Kinlochard local working group could be expanded to Strath wide group with public agency involvement.	Set up a project group, undertake feasibility study looking into energy heat hubs, coppice for biomass, heat pumps, district heating, run-river hydro.
Signage Plan	**Forest Priority 1 Stronachlachar and Inversnaid Priority 1**	Short	2021	TBC - Strathard Community Trust	Scope out walking and cycling marketing plan alongside a signage plan – what would it include – branding, rationalising signs, directional signs for car parks and other visitor facilities and waymarking of walks and active travel routes.

Indicative Project	Priority in Framework	Timescale	Year expected to start	Potential Lead	First Steps/Status
Aqueduct path and heritage routes	**Forest Priority 2**	Med	2022/23	TBC – Countryside Trust	Undertake feasibility study to identify path connections required, improvements to existing path, costings and funding opportunities.
Active Travel route between Kinlochard and Aberfoyle	**Forest Priority 1**	Short/Med	2021/22	TBC - Stirling Council or FLS	Undertake feasibility study to identify improvements to surface required along existing forest road and signage requirements. Link to community e-bike hire scheme.
Aberfoyle to Stirling cycle network	**Area Wide Priority 1, Aberfoyle Priority 1**	Long	2024-2030	Stirling Council	Scoping exercise completed by the council, challenges identified include flooding, engineering challenges, 3rd party agreement, lack of verge on roadside) so first step is to revisit route options if funding becomes available.
Network of EV charging for cars/bikes	**Aberfoyle Priority 1 Kinlochard Priority 3 Stronachlachar Inversnaid Priority 3**	Short	2022	TBC - Stirling Council	Map out existing EV charging and bike charging and potential for new sites and review local grid capacity – speak to tourism businesses and investigate funding opportunities.
Broadband = connection for all households in Strathard	**Kinlochard Priority 3 Stronachlachar Inversnaid Priority 2**	Med-long	2022-2025	Strathard Community Trust (Funding Stirling Council)	Trial to be completed 2020/21. Continue work with Stirling Council to secure installation of broadband infrastructure, investigate further funding and partnership provider.

Natural Capital and Flood Management

Indicative Project	Priority in Framework	Timescale	Year expected to start	Potential Lead	First Steps/Status
Natural Flood Management – Wood Debris Dams/Wetland Trial	**Area Wide Priority 2,**	Med	2021	Forest and Land Scotland	Gain funding for Natural Flood Management measures on the Duchray catchment in partnership with other Strathard Initiative group members and the community.
Flood Management – Aberfoyle Wetland and Flood Alleviation Scheme	**Aberfoyle Priority 2**	Med	2025	Stirling Council	Await outcome of funding bid for flood scheme (wetland is part of the proposal) by Stirling Council, if not successful, explore other funding options. Develop alongside masterplan and then develop detailed plans for consultation.

Indicative Project	Priority in Framework	Timescale	Year expected to start	Potential Lead	First Steps/Status
Peatland Restoration	**Area Wide Priority 6**	Med	2025	National Park Authority	Work with landowners to investigate opportunities and funding.
Herbivore management (feral goats)	**Area Wide Priority 3**	Short/Med	2021	East Loch Lomond Management Forum	Feral Goat Management Plan developed, FLS/Glen Falloch will cull goats in accordance with this plan. RSPB to develop a communications plan before culling goats.
Herbivore management (deer)	**Area Wide Priority 3**	Med	2021	East Loch Lomond Management Forum	Support Drumlean and Ledard Estates to join the East Loch Lomond Management Forum. NatureScot have the lead role in relation to the designated sites and statutory powers in relation to deer.
Invasive Non-native species removal – Rhododendron, mink and riparian INNS	**Area Wide Priority 3** Aberfoyle Land Use Opportunity	Med	2021	National Park Authority	NPA currently leading on rhododendron removal to eradicate complete colonies, focussed round protected sites and their buffer zones and adjacent to areas tackled by FLS. FLS have undertaken extensive clearance from the National Forest Estate and have a programme for follow-up control. LLTNPA, Forth Rivers Trust and FLS are working on riparian INNS and mink control
Dark Skies	**Area Wide Priority 4**	Med-long	2023	TBC - Kinlochard local group could be expanded to Strath wide group with public agency involvement.	Establish new group and investigate funding options. Aspects of project could include raising profile with the community, working with businesses, investigating Dark Sky Sanctuary status or Discovery Sites, updating sky quality/darkness survey, lighting management plan and light replacement.