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**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**

**Helensburgh & Lomond Area  
Committee**

**Development and Infrastructure  
Services**

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**HELENSBURGH CHORD SURPLUS FUNDS – PROJECTS UPDATE**

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**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

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### 5.0 DETAIL

#### 5.1. HELENSBURGH CHORD – Surplus Funds Works

1. **Esplanade Footpath** (Between William Street and Kidston Park) – The surfacing scope was reduced due to health and safety concerns with respect to personnel working along the edge of the area of the esplanade that is without the seawall edge restraint. Currently we have completed the section from Kidston Park to Sutherland St, and we will subsequently undertake localised repairs to the section without the seawall edge restraint.
2. **Maitland Street footways** (Incl Bin Stores) – Kerbing and surfacing 80% completed, however we have been unable to progress the section adjacent to the building on the corner of Clyde St due to the stability issues.
3. **East Clyde Street footways** (Charlotte Street to Sinclair Street) – Kerbing and surfacing 85% completed, however we have been unable to progress the sections adjacent to the building at Maitland St and the newly discovered unstable culvert at Millig Burn (Opposite Farm Foods Store on East Clyde Street).
  - a. The works were delayed in the first instance due to the closures related to the “unstable” building and the diversion route along Princes St also delayed us moving to the western sites.
  - b. In both the above cases (2 and 3), works will be completed when the building and culvert are repaired / made safe and we have the necessary safe access.
  - c. There have also been three separate closures at this junction due to buried

services faults, gas and water, which have also delayed operations.

4. **Maitland Street** (Carriageway and carpark works) – delayed until full access is available.

**Note:** Maitland Street South footways have been surfaced in conjunction with the East Clyde Street operations. The Surplus Funds works presented roads officers with the opportunity to respond to enquiries from residents and businesses in the immediate area who were calling for the footways to be resurfaced. Officers identified that there would be an efficiency if they were able to deliver the footway improvements in conjunction with the CHORD works. These additional works are funded from the Helensburgh and Lomond Footway Capital improvements budget 2017-18.

5. **West Princes Street** (Footway and Carriageway) – Re-programmed for Sept/Oct (Aug/Sept in original programme) following on from planned Roads Capital surfacing works.
6. **James Street** (Granite Footway) – works will be delivered by a specialist external contractor and make use of the surplus granite materials held at Blackhill depot. The Invitation To Tender (ITT) will issue in Mid- September and the works are programmed to commence on site in late October for a period of 7 weeks. We will deliver works on the west side of James Street in Phase 1, as this is where the shops are, and we want to minimise disruption in the run up to Christmas. James Street will remain open to vehicular traffic at all times and will provide a loading/unloading area for deliveries to, and pickups from, the shops. Parking bays in this section of James Street will be suspended to enable the installation of the kerbs, and a couple of bays on West Princes Street and the northern part of James Street for the duration of the works (welfare and storage).
7. **James Street** (Carriageway) – in sequence with the above, assuming external contractor has completed the footway works. If required these works will be postponed till after Christmas Period.
8. **West Clyde Street, Flood Risk Assessment** - Draft report received, and officers are currently working with the report author's to better understand issues in respect of buildability and affordability of the proposed solutions. Following on from this we hope to have discussions with Scottish Water in respect of how an agreed solution might be implemented and funded.
9. **John Street** (Footway and Carriageway) the current plan is to deliver these works following the implementation of the preferred West Clyde Street drainage solution, subject to agreement on an affordable and deliverable solution.

## 6.0 CONCLUSION

- 6.1. Significant progress has and continues to made delivering of the Helensburgh CHORD Surplus Funds Works.

## **7.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1. Policy – The delivery of the CHORD programme fits with the Council's Corporate Plan, Single Outcome Agreement and approved Development Plan policy for town centre regeneration. The economic outcomes from these projects will contribute to the Government's Economic Strategy.
- 7.2 Financial – The level of surplus funds has been agreed with Finance.
- 7.3 Legal – Legal Services will provide support as and when required.
- 7.4 HR – The Helensburgh Regeneration Project Manager continues to project manage the project on a day to day basis, supported by colleagues from other departments of the Council.
- 7.5 Equalities – None.
- 7.6 Risk – Risk is regularly monitored by the Helensburgh Regeneration Project Manager.

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