

TARBERT HERITAGE REGENERATION PROJECT - DELIVERY PHASE

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise members that following the submission of two delivery phase grants to take forward the Tarbert Heritage Regeneration Scheme, the council has been successful in securing delivery grant funding from Historic Environment Scotland (HES) and National Heritage Lottery Fund (NHLF). The report seeks formal approval to progress with the delivery phase.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Council:-

- Confirm officers to progress with the Development Phase of the Tarbert Heritage Regeneration Scheme.
- Confirm £60,000 of match funding from Crown Estates funding, agreed in principle at Policy and Resources Committee in June 2022.
- Agree in principle that a Delivery Phase application is submitted to Historic Environment Scotland's Heritage and Place Programme (HPP) and National Lottery Grants for Heritage for a 5 year Tarbert Heritage Regeneration Scheme. Officers will report back prior to the submission of the delivery phase application.
- Note the terms of the previous decision at the Policy and Resources Committee in June 2022 to the principle of match funding from the Council for the delivery phase were a stage one development bid to go forward and be successful.

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to seek formal sign off for the Development Phase of the Tarbert Heritage Regeneration Scheme.
- 2.2 The Council has been successful in its applications to Historic Environment Scotland's Heritage and Place Programme (HPP) and National Lottery Grants for Heritage to develop the Tarbert Heritage Regeneration Scheme and submit a Delivery Phase application for a 5-year scheme.
- 2.3 The Council has secured £40,000 from the HPP and £40,000 from the National Lottery Grants for Heritage for the Development Phase. The council is asked to confirm £60,000 of match funding from the Council through Crown Estates Funding, to allow officers to progress with the Development Phase. Officers will update Council on final costs prior to the submission of the Delivery Phase application.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Council:-

- Confirm officers to progress with the Development Phase of the Tarbert Heritage Regeneration Scheme.
- Confirm £60,000 of match funding from Crown Estates funding, agreed in principle at Policy and Resources Committee in June 2022.
- Agree in principle that a Delivery Phase application is submitted to Historic Environment Scotland's Heritage and Place Programme (HPP) and National Lottery Grants for Heritage for a 5 year Tarbert Heritage Regeneration Scheme. Officers will report back prior to the submission of the delivery phase application.

- Note the terms of the previous decision at the Policy and Resources Committee in June 2022 to the principle of match funding from the Council for the delivery phase were a stage one development bid to go forward and be successful.

4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 Historic Environment Scotland's Heritage and Place Programme (HPP) and the National Lottery Grants of Heritage have joined forces to jointly provide area-based funding to support the regeneration of Scotland's places and create better places to live, work and visit.
- 4.2 The HPP supersedes the Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) funding, which HES made available over eight rounds between 2007 and 2019. Over the course of the 12 year period, the Council successfully secured eight rounds of CARS funding, equating to £6.6m, and which totals £23m of investment made to 6 key Argyll and Bute town centres, when match funding is taken into account.
- 4.3 The Council has been successful in its applications to the HPP and Heritage Fund to develop the Tarbert Heritage Regeneration Scheme and submit a Delivery Phase application for a 5 year scheme. The council was one out of the eight local authorities successful in the competitive process, with the majority of those projects central based, and only two including Tarbert from the Highlands and Islands region.
- 4.4 The Council has secured £40,000 from the HPP and £40,000 from the Heritage Fund for Development Phase. The Council is asked to confirm £60,000 of match funding from the Council through Crown Estates Funding, to allow officers to progress with the Development Phase, agreed in principle at Policy and Resources Committee in June 2022.
- 4.5 Throughout the Development Phase, the Council will appoint a Project Officer to help inform the priorities for the Tarbert Heritage Regeneration Scheme and this will involve undertaking the development and submission of the delivery application; engaging with the community and forming a partnership group to help shape the project's key actions; priority building surveys and cost analysis; energy efficiency pilot scheme and a skills audit.
- 4.6 It should be noted that if the council was successful in the Delivery Phase application, there will be a requirement to identify Council funding towards the Delivery Phase costs. For the Delivery Phase, HES will grant support of up to 50% of the costs and grants will typically range between £750k and £1.5m. For the Heritage Fund, grant requests between £250k to £1m, require at contribution of at least 5% of total costs, and applications between £1m - £10m require a contribution of at least 10% of total costs.

- 4.7 It is difficult to estimate costs for the 5 year Delivery Phase at this stage as this will be established throughout the Development Phase activity, but previous levels of match funding from the council in regard to CARS has been in the region of £500k and with the current economic climate we anticipate around £650k of Council match funding, seeking under £1m from each of the funders for a £2-£3m scheme. There is the option for capital funding to come from future Crown Estate funding and it would be spread over a 5 year period. Also, there is an option of Private Sector Housing Grant funding for the match, which would also include a contribution from building owners as part of the match funding package.
- 4.8 Officers will update Council on final costs prior to the submission of the Delivery Phase application in 2024.

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The Council is asked to formally confirm officers to progress with the Development Phase of the Tarbert Heritage Regeneration Scheme.
- 5.2 The Council is asked to confirm £60,000 of match funding from Crown Estates funding, agreed in principle at Policy and Resources Committee in June 2022.
- 5.3 The Council is asked to agree in principle that a Delivery Phase application is submitted to Historic Environment Scotland's Heritage and Place Programme and National Lottery Grants for Heritage for a 5 year Tarbert Heritage Regeneration Scheme. Officers will report back prior to the submission of the delivery phase application.
- 5.4 The Council is asked to note that match funding will be required for delivery phase and it is estimated that this would be around £650k. Final match funding costs will be established throughout the development phase and officers will update council on final costs prior to the submission of the delivery phase application.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy – The scheme aligns with objectives set out in the Council's Corporate Plan and Economic Strategy.
- 6.2 Financial – Match funding requirement for the Development Phase is £60,000 and is recommended comes from Crown Estate funding from 2023/24 allocation. If successful in the Delivery Phase application, the council will require to commit match funding for this phase, spread over a 5 year period. It is difficult to estimate costs at this stage as this will be established through Development Phase activity, but previous levels of match funding from in regard to CARS has been in the region of £500k and with the current economic climate, we anticipate around £650k of Council match funding required. There is the option for capital funding to come from future Crown Estate funding as well as

Private Sector Housing Grant funding. Contribution from building owners would also form part of the match funding package.

- 6.3 Legal – Council will comply with funding requirements of both HPP and Heritage Fund programmes.
- 6.4 HR – Staff resources will be required to appoint and manage the Project Officer post. Staff resources will also be required to undertake the necessary work to support the Project Officer in submission of the Delivery Phase application.
- 6.5 Fairer Scotland Duty:
 - 6.5.1 Equalities - protected characteristics – None.
 - 6.5.2 Socio-economic Duty – Funding is designed to offer improved socio-economic opportunities for local communities.
 - 6.5.3 Islands – None.
- 6.6 Climate Change – It is a requirement from the funders to fully consider and propose climate mitigation measures within the Development and Delivery Phases of the project.
- 6.7 Risk – There is a risk to align both HES and NHLF programmes, however, both funders have stated that they are working closely to make this as aligned as possible. The scheme is reliant on strong support from the local community and building owners including businesses. It is anticipated that we will be successful with our Delivery Phase application, however, as this is a competitive process there is a risk we will not proceed to the Delivery Phase.
- 6.8 Customer Service - None.

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