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### **SUPPLEMENTARY PACK**

**HELENSBURGH & LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE - PILLAR HALL, VICTORIA HALLS,  
HELENSBURGH on TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2013 at 9:30 AM.**

I enclose herewith a report in respect of item 11(a) (**Helensburgh off street carpark proposals during CHORD Project**) which was marked as “to follow” on the agenda for the above meeting and a report in respect of item 11(b) (**Helensburgh Pier Carpark – CHORD Project**) which was marked as “to follow” on the agenda for the above meeting.

Douglas Hendry  
Executive Director - Customer Services

### **BUSINESS**

#### **11. HELENSBURGH CHORD PROJECT**

- (a) Helensburgh off street carpark proposals during CHORD Project  
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**10 December 2013**

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**HELENSBURGH OFF STREET CAR PARK – CHORD PROJECT**

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**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1** Phase 2 of the construction works are due to start on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014 and programmed to be completed by 11<sup>th</sup> May 2014. The works include the improvements to Sinclair Street Car Park. The recent revised programme submitted by the contractor indicates that the car park works will commence on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014 for a period of 6 weeks.
- 1.2** In support of the CHORD project construction works and the reduction in the number of on street parking spaces being available within the town centre the Council agreed earlier this year to provide free of charge parking spaces within both the Sinclair Street and the Pier Car Parks.
- 1.3** In order to progress the improvement works within Sinclair Street Car Park this will result in the loss of these free parking spaces. Albeit that the on street parking provision has been restored along the length of West Clyde Street the works on West Princes Street will result in the loss of on street parking.
- 1.4** During the construction works to Sinclair Street Car Park it is anticipated that residents and visitors to the town will migrate and use the short stay and long stay cars parks within the Pier. It is, therefore, proposed that during the construction phase of the Sinclair Street Car park improvements, the full area of the charging car park located at the Pier be designated as non-charging.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Area Committee recommends that:

- 2.1** the Council approves the request that during the construction phase for the Sinclair Street Car Park improvements, the full area of the charging car park located at the Pier be designated as non-charging.

- 2.2 the Helensburgh CHORD budget contributes £10,000 to the Road's revenue budget to offset any loss of car park income.

### 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Phase 2 of the construction works are due to start on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014 and programmed to be completed by 11<sup>th</sup> May 2014. The locations involved are primarily Colquhoun Square, West Princes Street and the improvements to Sinclair Street Car Park which is being funded by the Drum Section 75 contribution. The recent revised programme submitted by the contractor indicates that the car park works will commence on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014 for a duration of 6 weeks anticipated.
- 3.2 In support of the CHORD project construction works and the reduction in the number of on street parking spaces being available within the town centre the Council agreed last year to provide free of charge parking spaces within both the Sinclair Street and the Pier Car Parks.
- 3.3 In order to progress the improvement works within Sinclair Street Car Park this will result in the loss of these free parking spaces. Albeit that the on street parking provision has been restored along the length of West Clyde Street the works on West Princes Street will result in the loss of on street parking.
- 3.4 During the construction works and the temporary loss of both the free parking and the charging parking within the Sinclair Street Car Park, it is anticipated that residents and visitors to the town will migrate and use the short stay and long stay cars parks within the Pier.
- 3.5 There will be a reduction in the Car park income both from the close of the Sinclair Street Car Park and the proposed non-payment of charges within the Pier Car Park.

Income Generated over the last 3 years (during proposed 6 week closure period of Sinclair St car park) at the above locations is as follows:

	2011	2012	2013
Sinclair Street	£5,581	£5,316	£4,858
Pier Car Park	£4,597	£4,890	£4,329

On completion of the CHORD project it is anticipated that the numbers of people visiting Helensburgh will increase therefore the short fall in come will be recovered in the long term.

- 3.6 The Council through the construction works associated with the CHORD Project have endeavoured to support the local business community and the residents by providing alternative non-charging car parking areas.

#### 4. IMPLICATIONS

Policy:	None
Financial:	As outlined in 3.5 above plus the CHORD budget contributes £10,000 to the Road's revenue budget to offset any loss in car park income.
Personnel:	None
Equal Opportunity:	None
Legal:	None

Robert Pollock, Development Services, Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation 3 December 2013.

For further information please contact Campbell Divertie, CHORD Technical Manager (01436 658866)

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**10<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

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**HELENSBURGH PIER CAR PARK – CHORD PROJECT**

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**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1** A report dated 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013 (copy enclosed for ease of reference) was submitted and subsequently approved by the members to allow the contractor carrying out the works for the CHORD project to use a section of the main car park for the provision of the site compound. Due to the reported delay with the phase 1 works there is now a back log of the imported granite surfacing material used in the phase 2 pedestrian areas. This is currently being held within the docks at Grangemouth.
- Phase 2 is due to start early in the new-year with Colquhoun Square the largest area with the greatest requirement for this specialist surface material.
- The CHORD project officers request that during the period January to March 2014 the Area committee consider the use of a section of the non-charging area of the Pier Car as a temporary storage area.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1** That the Area Committee approves the request that an area within the non-charging area to be designated as a temporary storage area to accommodate the specialised granite surface materials to be incorporated into the final works within Phase two.
- 2.2** That the Area Committee agrees that no charge be made for use of this area of the car park through this period, however, any damage to the car park surface will be repaired at the contractor's expense.

### 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Helensburgh CHORD project incorporates significant improvements to a number of streets within the town centre. The scheme has already been approved by the Council and the construction phase of the project now in progress.
- 3.2 Phase 1A West Clyde Street is substantially complete. However, during a public realm construction of this scale a number of civil unknowns were encountered hence the reason for the delay.
- 3.3 The contract administrators advise that from a commercial aspect the delays may result in additional cost to the client therefore to allow the use of the non-charging area of the car park would assist with the mitigation of any potential cost along with operational benefits of knowing the material is on site.

### 4. IMPLICATIONS

Policy:	None
Financial:	Potentially mitigate against a cost to the Council
Personnel:	None
Equal Opportunity:	None
Legal:	None

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**9<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2013**

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**HELENSBURGH PIER CAR PARK – CHORD PROJECT**

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**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1** A report dated 20<sup>th</sup> December 2011 (copy enclosed for ease of reference) was submitted and subsequently approved by the members. Due to a number of reasons the works did not proceed as planned. The agreed works are now imminent therefore the CHORD project design team request that the members extend the dates to utilise the same area in the main car park for the provision of the contractors site compound during the period of the construction phase.
- 1.2** As there are no other changes, the CHORD design team request that the Council forego charging for the same area being used.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1** That the Area Committee approves the request for an extension in the time period from the Helensburgh CHORD project team for the provision of the contractor's compound during the period of the construction phase including the initial mobilisation period.  
Programme dates 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013 – 30<sup>th</sup> August 2014
- 2.2** That the Area Committee agrees that no charge be made for use of this area of the car park through this period.

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1** The Helensburgh CHORD project incorporates significant improvements to a number of streets within the town centre. The scheme has already been approved by the executive committee with the construction phase of the project being delayed to allow a final opportunity to consult with the local community. This consultation process resulted in minor changes to the design.

**3.2** These amendments were incorporated into the documentation required to procure the works and in conjunction with our procurement team, the successful contractor is due to be appointed the first week in April. It is envisaged the start date for the construction phase will be late April early May.

**4. IMPLICATIONS**

Policy:	None
Financial:	No change from the previous report.
Personnel:	None
Equal Opportunity:	None
Legal:	None

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