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SUPPLEMENTARY PACK

BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE, CASTLE HOUSE, DUNOON, TUESDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2015, 9:30 AM

I enclose herewith item 6. (Strategic Urban Regeneration Forum), item 10. (Location of Dunoon Christmas Tree) and Item 11. (Holocaust Memorial Day) which were marked as “to follow” on the Agenda.

Douglas Hendry
Executive Director of Customer Services

‘TO FOLLOW ITEMS’

- 6. STRATEGIC URBAN REGENERATION FORUM** (Pages 1 - 4)
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Report by Area Committee Manager

Bute and Cowal Area Committee

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ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

Bute & Cowal Area Committee

DEVELOPMENT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Tuesday 6 October 2015

SURF in Rothesay –Update

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As members will be aware in October 2014 Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) commissioned SURF, established in 1992 as the independent regeneration network for Scotland, to carry out a feasibility study into establishing whether there is interest and value in pursuing an 'Alliance for Action' project in Rothesay.

An 'Alliance for Action' is a collaborative and shared learning programme and SURF is presently co-ordinating the work in Rothesay.

The purpose behind the Alliance is to work with local people and national agencies and partners to;

- Build local capacity, strengthen local resilience, increase practical outcomes and improve the well-being of local residents
- Link local knowledge, initiatives and assets with national networks, policies and resources in support of more co-ordinated and holistic regeneration activity
- Draw out transferable learning towards more successful and sustainable policy and practice in community regeneration
- To agree appropriate and sustainable regeneration vision and priorities for the town.

Recommendation

That members note the contents of the report and note that SURF are also reporting on progress through the Bute and Cowal Community Planning Group and the Community Planning Management Committee.

SURF in Rothesay – Update

2.0 INTRODUCTION

Scotland's independent regeneration network (SURF) were engaged in October 2014 by HIE to produce a feasibility study to assess the potential for developing a sustainable 'Alliance for Action' regeneration initiative focussed on the town of Rothesay. SURF has been working with the community since their initial engagement and this report is to update members on progress.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Members to note the content of the report and note that SURF have also been asked to report on progress through the Bute and Cowal Community Planning Group and the Community Planning Management Committee.

4.0 DETAILS

An 'Alliance for Action' is a collaborative and shared learning programme and SURF is presently co-ordinating the work in Rothesay.

SURF is working with relevant local and national partners to;

- Build local capacity, strengthen local resilience, increase practical outcomes and improve the well-being of local residents
- Link local knowledge, initiatives and assets with national networks, policies and resources in support of more co-ordinated and holistic regeneration activity
- Draw out transferable learning towards more successful and sustainable policy and practice in community regeneration
- To agree appropriate and sustainable regeneration vision and priorities for the town

4.2 What has been achieved to date?

The Alliance, including community, business and public sector representatives, has met as a group on five separate occasions since its inception in Spring 2015, to

discuss and agree upon a way forward. The meetings have been well attended with a forward looking approach and are led by members of the community, with SURF providing a support/facilitative role. A clear early outcome of the Alliance for Action work has been the formation and development of a wide range of working relationships across the variety of organisations engaged with the Alliance to date. Work is ongoing to engage further organisations and individuals to widen the Alliance and ensure that everyone who wants to take part is able to.

Council officers and Councillors have participated in the Alliance, together with other public sector partners, and their input has been invaluable.

The proposed short to medium term activities being considered by the Alliance includes:

- A Charrette – Following early discussion with Scottish Government SURF will submit a proposal seeking charrette funding on behalf of the Alliance in the next few weeks
- The Community Council and the Isle of Bute Trust are currently looking at a joint proposal to the Scottish Town Centre Communities Capital Fund
- Using the outputs of the public meetings to develop a list of projects and to identify the means by which funds may be acquired to deliver these
- Developing processes by which young people might get more directly involved in decision making about their town through working with the school, the youth workers and Achievement Bute.
- Appointment of a part time officer, to be advertised in the next few weeks, to support/facilitate the delivery of the Alliance for Action work. HIE have provided the funding for the post which will be managed by SURF
- A second public event will be held on 1st October to progress with the work on the development of the vision.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The project, which is being led by SURF with funding from HIE, is progressing and the appointment of a part time officer will secure the continued develop and delivery of a sustainable 'Alliance for Action' regeneration vision which will be used to direct future regeneration activities. SURF, with funding from HIE, propose to commence a similar piece of work in Dunoon over the next few months.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

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| 6.1 | Policy | The delivery of this project fits with the Council's Corporate Plan and Single Outcome Agreement. The potential economic outcomes from this project will contribute to the Council's Economic Development Action Plan at a strategic and area based level. |
| 6.2 | Financial | None at present. |
| 6.3 | Legal | None |

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| 6.4 | HR | None |
| 6.5 | Equalities | No equal opportunities implications. |
| 6.6 | Risk | None at present as work is only at feasibility stage. |
| 6.7 | Customer Services | Working with local people |

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ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

BUTE AND COWAL BUSINESS DAY

DEVELOPMENT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

October 2015

Christmas Tree location Dunoon

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The site on Argyll St that is generally used to house Dunoon's Christmas tree is under construction as part of the Fyne Futures development at St Cuthbert's cross and Amenity Services have to consider alternative options for 2015. This report has been provided to facilitate discussions with Elected Members at Area Committee.

Christmas tree location Dunoon

2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 The purpose of this report is to advise on the proposed alternative options to house Dunoon's Christmas tree in Dec 2015

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That members note the contents of this report and consider options being Proposed by Amenity Services.

4.0 DETAIL

4.1 As the area in front of St Cuthbert's site is not available for 2015, Amenity Services & Roads Lighting Sections have looked to provide alternative options to house the Christmas tree in Dec 15.

4.2 It was necessary to look at options that would allow the tree to be kept within a central location and practicable in terms of erection of tree and fittings etc.

4.3 The 2 preferred options are;-

- Option 1, Within the grounds of St John's Church on Argyll St – this will be near to location previously used and be protected from public as housed within fenced grounds. The Church fabric convener has agreed to this request by Amenity Services and Roads Lighting Section considers this site as the preferred option for installation.
- Option 2, Bandstand site in Argyll Gardens – this would be suitable location in terms of infrastructure. However, the area would be more prone to potential vandalism and inclement weather.

5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 This report provides 2 options that are considered most suitable for a temporary location to house the Dunoon Christmas tree in Dec 15. Members should advise on the preferred options to allow plans to be put in place for Dec 15.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1	Policy	None
6.2	Financial	As present – budget identified via R&AS revenue.
6.3	Personnel	None
6.4	Equalities Impact Assessment	None.
6.5	Legal	None.
6.6	Risk	None
6.7	Customer Service	None.

Executive Director of Development & Infrastructure
02 Oct 2015

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ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

Bute and Cowal Area Committee

Customer Services

6 October 2015

Holocaust Memorial Day

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report sets out information on Holocaust Memorial Day which is held on 27 January each year and asks that Members of the Area Committee provide support to any events which are taking place in the local area.

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

Bute and Cowal Area Committee

Customer Services

6 October 2015

Holocaust Memorial Day

2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 A request has been received by the Council from the organisers of Holocaust Memorial Day asking that consideration is given to organising an activity for the day on 27 January 2016. This report sets out information on Holocaust Memorial Day.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The Area Committee agrees:-

- (1) to note that Holocaust Memorial Day will take place on 27 January 2016; and
- (2) that Members offer their support for events which are taking place in the local area where appropriate, and promote the opportunity for communities to participate in the commemoration.

4.0 DETAIL

4.1 Holocaust Memorial Day takes place on 27 January each year, and is an opportunity for everyone to learn the lessons of the past; challenge ourselves to work to end discrimination and racism; and pledge to help create a safer, better future. In 2015 over 3,600 activities took place across the UK.

4.2 A request has been received by the Council from the organisers of the Day asking that consideration be given to organising an activity to commemorate the day on 27 January 2016. Similar requests have been received in the past, for example the Diamond Jubilee celebrations and The Big Lunch, in both of these cases Members agreed that the events would be promoted in their communities and support would be offered if appropriate.

4.3 It should be noted that a number of schools in Council area participate annually in commemorating Holocaust Memorial Day as part of their PSE curriculum. Any further information provided by the organisers of the Day will be circulated to relevant services to allow for appropriate support to be provided.

5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 This report sets out proposals to support Holocaust Memorial Day which is taking place on 27 January 2016.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1	Policy	None
6.2	Financial	None
6.3	Legal	None
6.4	HR	None
6.5	Equalities	None
6.6	Risk	None
6.7	Customer Service	None

Executive Director of Customer Services
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16 September 2015

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APPENDICES

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