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2 June 2015

NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **HELENSBURGH & LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE** will be held in the **PILLAR HALL, VICTORIA HALLS, HELENSBURGH** on **TUESDAY, 9 JUNE 2015** at **9:30 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

> Douglas Hendry Executive Director - Customer Services

BUSINESS

- 1. APOLOGIES
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3. MINUTES

- (a) Minutes of previous Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee meeting held on 14 April 2015. (Pages 1 - 8)
- (b) Minutes from special Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee meeting held on 10 March 2015 (Pages 9 - 10)
- (c) Minutes from special Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee meeting held on 12 May 2015 (Pages 11 - 12)

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- 5. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE HELENSBURGH THOUARS TWINNING COMMITTEE Report by Executive Director – Customer Services. (Pages 13 - 18)
- 6. AREA SCORECARD FQ4 2014-15

Report by Executive Director – Customer Services. (Pages 19 - 26)

- 7. LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN (EDAP) Report by Economic Development Manager. (Pages 27 - 30)
- TEACHING AND LEARNING 3 12 PRIMARY SCHOOLS HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND PRIMARY SCHOOLS 2014/15 Report by Head of Education (Pages 31 - 54)
- 9. UPDATE ON THE TOWER DIGITAL ARTS CENTRE AND SOULWIND Report by Community Development Officer (Pages 55 - 56)
- HERMITAGE PARK UPDATE Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services (Pages 57 - 72)
- 11. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND PARKING REVIEW UPDATE HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND

Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services (Pages 73 - 90)

Councillor Maurice Corry Councillor Vivien Dance Councillor George Freeman (Vice-Chair) Councillor David Kinniburgh Councillor Robert G MacIntyre Councillor Aileen Morton Councillor Ellen Morton Councillor Gary Mulvaney (Chair) Councillor James Robb Councillor Richard Trail

Shona Barton – Area Committee Manager

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Public Document Pack Agenda Item 3a

MINUTES of MEETING of HELENSBURGH & LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE held in the PILLAR HALL, VICTORIA HALLS, HELENSBURGH on TUESDAY, 14 APRIL 2015

Present:	Councillor George Freeman (Chair)							
	Councillor Vivien Dance Councillor David Kinniburgh Councillor Robert G MacIntyre	Councillor Aileen Morton Councillor Richard Trail						
Attending:	Shona Barton – Area Committee Ma Arlene Cullum – Senior Developmer Melissa Simpson – Hermitage Park Jon Simmons – Gillespies – Landso Stuart McCracken – Amenity Perfort Audrey Baird – Community Develop Ishabel Bremner – Economic Develo Helen Ford – CHORD Project Mana Andrew Collins – Regeneration Proj Hugh Blake – Asset Manager	nt Officer Development Officer cape Consultant mance Manager ment Officer opment Manager ger						

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Gary Mulvaney, Councillor Ellen Morton, Councillor Maurice Corry and Councillor James Robb.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Robert MacIntyre declared a non-financial interest in relation to Item 17 - Unit 2, Ferry Road, Rosneath and in Item 7, specifically relating to the application from Rosneath Peninsula Highland Gathering by virtue of his involvement with the group, he left the room and took no part in the discussion of these items.

3. MINUTES

The Minute of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee held on 10 February 2015 was approved as a true record.

Matters Arising

Members noted that information had yet to be received from SGN, but that information was being made available to local people on works ongoing in the area. The Area Committee Manager agreed to contact SGN to ask that any information which is circulated to the public is also circulated to local Members.

Members agreed that an update on roads issues raised would be submitted to the next Business Day meeting.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chair invited questions from the public in attendance at the meeting.

Mr David Adams, Chairman of Helensburgh Community Woodlands Group, presented a petition to the Area Committee and Councillor Kinniburgh which asked the Council to take action under Section 179 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to ensure removal of the large piles of debris and logs still remaining on the Open Space Protection Area at Cumberland Avenue, Helensburgh some 4 years after the former woodland there was felled by the owners in May/June 2011.

Councillor Kinniburgh advised that he noted receipt of the petition and it would be passed to relevant Council officers for action.

Nigel Miller, Secretary of Helensburgh Community Council requested clarification on the Public Artwork which had recently been erected at the new Council Building on East Clyde Street. He questioned who the Artwork represented, how it was chosen and the cost of the design.

The Chair stated that he had also emailed Council officers to get clarification on these issues and would furbish Mr Miller with this information when he was in receipt of these answers.

There were no further questions submitted.

5. HERMITAGE PARK UPDATE

The Committee considered a report and presentation which provided an update on the work ongoing in relation to the development of Hermitage Park.

Members noted that a detailed report would be submitted to the Business Day meeting in May which would provide information on options for the delivery of associated car parking and the management and maintenance resourcing.

Discussion took place on the proposed access routes into the park, the consultation which had been undertaken with local residents, the plans for the café, the access arrangements and the sustainability aspects of the project.

Decision

Members agreed to note the contents of the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services, dated 14 April 2015, submitted).

6. AREA SCORECARD - FQ3

The Committee considered the Area Scorecard, with exceptional performance for financial quarter 3 of 2014-15 (October - December 2014).

Members requested clarification on the information relating to the Care at Home

indicator and specifically to the mention of the 7 hospitals. It was noted that information in the Scorecard comments should be specifically related to the relevant area and not Argyll and Bute as a whole.

Decision

Members agreed to note the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Customer Services, dated 14 April 2015, submitted).

7. THIRD SECTOR GRANTS 2015/16

The Committee considered a report outlining recommendations for the award of third sector grants (including events and festivals) to Third Sector organisations in Helensburgh and Lomond.

Members agreed to consider Item 13 – Rosneath Peninsula Highland Gathering first to allow Councillor MacIntyre to leave the room and then consider the remaining Grants.

The Committee heard from the Community Development Officer who provided an overview of the applications and advised that the application listed at Item 16. – Visit Helensburgh Limited had been withdrawn

Decision

Members agreed:-

- To approve the Third Sector Grants as set out in the table, with additional recommendations for Item 14, Soulwind that the funding is only released once the funding from the John Lewis Partnership is confirmed and Item 15, The Tower Digital Arts Centre that the funding is only released once confirmation is received that the event will be proceeding; and
- 2. That a report updating Members on the status of Tower Digital Arts Centre project would be submitted to the June Area Committee.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Community Services, dated 14 April 2015, submitted).

Ref No	Organisation	Grant Award 2013	Grant Award 2014		Amount requested	Recomme- -ndation	Amount approved
1	Argyll and Bute Youth Forum *	£250	n/a	£4,760	£1,000	£250	£250
2	Bicentenary Pipe Band Championships *	£4,000	£4,000	£10,520	£5,000	£3,200	£4,000
3	Dumbarton and District Branch - MS Society	£1,050	n/a	£4,921	£2,460	£800	£2,000
4	Friends of Hermitage Park Association *	New	New	£1,500	£750	£750	£750
5	Friends of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs (H&L)	New	New	£2,880	£1,440	£1,440	£1,440
6	Helensburgh and Lomond Foodbank	New	New	£3,311	£1,655	£,1,655	£1,655
7	Helensburgh and Lomond Highland Games*	£4,000	£4,000	£26,211	£7,000	£3,200	£4,000
8	Helensburgh Music Society	New	New	£15,450	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000
9	Luss and Arden Senior Citizens Association	n/a	n/a	£1050	£525	£525	£525
10	North Clyde Archaeology Society (NCAS)	New	New	£1,968	£968	£968	£968
11	RosneathandClynderSeniorCitizensAssociation	£260	£260	£2,380	£1,000	£260	£260
12	Rosneath Peninsula Amenity Society	£290	n/a	£950	£475	£475	£475
13	Rosneath Peninsula Highland Gathering *	£4,000	£4,000	£8,500	£4,250	£3,200	£4,000
14	Soulwind *	New	New	£17,560	£3,000	£3,000	£3,000
15	The Tower Digital Arts Centre *	New	New	£154,000	£4,000	£4,000	£4,000
16.	Visit Helensburgh Limited	New	New	£27,000	£4,000	£4,000	Application withdrawn
		Total				£29,723	£29,323
		Balance Re	emaining			£6,283 (incl c/f of £1,006)	£6,683 (incl c/f of £1006)

8. CAPITAL ROADS RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME - 2015/2016

The Committee considered a report which provided Members with details of the proposed roads reconstruction programme for 2015/16. Discussion took place on the timescales for the work proposed in the programme, with the Roads Performance Manager agreeing that he would circulate the calendar of proposed works to Members.

Decision

Members agreed to not the contents of the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services, dated 16 March 2015, submitted).

9. LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Committee considered a report on the Helensburgh and Lomond Economic Development Action Plan, and heard a presentation from the Economic Development Manager.

Discussion followed and Members raised concerns on the length of time taken to finalise the shop front development in Helensburgh, the lack of tourist promotion in the Helensburgh and Lomond area and highlighted the need to complete the cycle path between Colgrain and Helensburgh.

Decision

Members agreed:-

- 1. To note the content of the presentation on the delivery of the actions and in-year success measures for 2014/15 ; and
- 2. That the Area Committee would undertake a separate workshop session (late April/early May) with officers from the Economic Development Service to input to the content of the area-based EDAP for 2015/16;
- 3. That a similar workshop would be taken forward with the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group; and
- 4. That the Helensburgh and Lomond Area EDAP will then be submitted to the June Area Committee meeting for approval.

(Reference: Report by Economic Development Manager, dated 14 April 2015, submitted).

10. CARE AT HOME

The Committee considered a report Committee on the findings of the continuing quarterly evaluation of the Care at Home provision within the Helensburgh and Lomond area.

The Area Committee Manager advised that there was no officer in attendance at the meeting to speak to the report. Given the lack of officer attendance to speak to the report, no detailed discussion took place on this item.

Decision

Members agreed:-

1. That the report would be brought to a Special Area Committee which would be convened for 9.00am on Tuesday 12 May 2015 and appropriate

officers be requested to attend to speak to the report; and

2. That a report on local staffing issues in the local area be brought to the May Business Day meeting also to be held on Tuesday 12 May 2015.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Community Services, dated 23 March 2015, submitted).

11. THEMATIC REVIEW OF SELF-DIRECTED SUPPORT

The Committee considered a report Committee which provided a review of progress to date in respect of the implementation of The Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2013 following its enactment on 1st April 2014.

The Area Committee Manager advised that there was no officer in attendance at the meeting to speak to the report. Given the lack of officer attendance to speak to the report, no detailed discussion took place on this item.

Decision

Members agreed that this report be deferred for discussion at the Special Area Committee meeting to be held on 12 May 2015.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Community Services, dated 16 March 2015, submitted).

12. HELENSBURGH CHORD - ARTWORK PROGRESS REPORT

The Committee considered a report which updated on the progress to date in the delivery of the Artwork elements of Helensburgh CHORD town centre public realm improvement works funded through the main CHORD budget allocation and the S75 Artworks fund.

Decision

Members agreed to note the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services, dated 19 March 2015, submitted).

13. HELENSBURGH CHORD PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS - PROGRESS UPDATE

The Committee considered a report which outlined progress to date in the delivery of the Helensburgh CHORD town centre Public Realm Improvement works.

Decision

- 1. To note the report.
- 2. That the CHORD Programme Manager would forward the details of the snagging list to local Members.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services, dated 16 March 2015, submitted).

14. HELENSBURGH CHORD RISK REGISTER

The Committee considered a report which provided the detail of the Helensburgh CHORD Risk Register for March 2015.

Decision

Members agreed to note the report.

(Reference: Report by the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, dated 14 April 2015, submitted)

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public for the following items of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

15. HIGHLIGHT/PROGRESS REPORT HELENSBURGH CHORD

The Committee considered a report which provided an update on progress for the Helensburgh CHORD Project for the period 5 January 2015 to 16 March 2015.

Decision

Members agreed to note the report.

(Reference: Report by the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, dated 16 March 2015, submitted)

16. SITE OF FORMER HERMITAGE ACADEMY, HELENSBURGH

The Committee considered a report which related to the site of the former Hermitage Academy, Helensburgh. **Decision**

Members agreed to the recommendations contained within the report and the additional wording as agreed by Members at the meeting.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Customer Services, dated 19 March 2015, submitted).

17. UNIT 2, FERRY ROAD, ROSNEATH

The Committee considered a report in respect of Unit 2, Ferry Road, Rosneath.

Decision

Members agreed to the recommendations contained within the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Customer Services, dated 9 March 2015, submitted).

Public Document Pack Agenda Item 3b

MINUTES of MEETING of HELENSBURGH & LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE held in the PIILAR HALL, VICTORIA HALLS, HELENSBURGH on TUESDAY, 10 MARCH 2015

Present:

Councillor Gary Mulvaney (Chair)

Councillor George Freeman Councillor Vivien Dance Councillor James Robb Councillor Robert G MacIntyre Councillor Aileen Morton Councillor David Kinniburgh Councillor Richard Trail

Attending:Shona Barton – Area Committee ManagerHelen Ford – Helensburgh CHORD Project ManagerAndrew Collins – Regeneration Project Manager

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated from:-

Councillor Ellen Morton Councillor Maurice Corry

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Vivien Dance declared a financial interest in relation to Helensburgh SGN Gasometer Site, stating that this site development may have a positive impact on her business interests; she left the room and took no part in the discussion of this issue which is dealt with at Item 4 of this Minute.

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public for the following item of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 8 & 9 respectively of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. HELENSBURGH CHORD PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS - PROGRESS UPDATE

The Committee considered a report which outlined the progress to date in the delivery of the Helensburgh CHORD Town Centre Public Realm Improvement Works and the opportunity to purchase surplus CHORD granite paving slabs and granite paving setts for use for Public Utilities reinstatements and/or future extensions to the CHORD works.

Decision

Members agreed to the recommendations contained within the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure,

26 February 2015, submitted).

Councillor MacIntyre entered the meeting at 9.07 a.m.

4. HELENSBURGH SGN GASOMETER SITE - ALLOCATION OF S75 MONIES

Having previously declared an interest in respect of the Helensburgh SGN Gasometer site, Councillor Vivien Dance left the room and took no part in the discussion of this item.

The Committee considered a report which related to the purchase of the former Gasometer site from Scottish Gas Networks (SGN).

Decision

Members agreed to the recommendations as outlined within the report, subject to the additional wording which was agreed at the meeting.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure,

2 March 2015, submitted).

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MINUTES of MEETING of HELENSBURGH & LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE held in the PILLAR HALL, VICTORIA HALLS, HELENSBURGH on TUESDAY, 12 MAY 2015

Present: Councillor George Freeman Councillor Ellen I Councillor Vivien Dance Councillor Maurio

Councillor Vivien Dance Councillor Aileen Morton Councillor James Robb Councillor Robert G MacIntyre Councillor Ellen Morton Councillor Maurice Corry Councillor David Kinniburgh Councillor Richard Trail

Attending:Shona Barton – Area Committee Manager
Jim Robb – Head of Adult Care
David Hall – Reviewing Project Officer
Pamela MacLeod – Project Manager, Self Directed Support

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. CARE AT HOME

The Committee considered a report Committee on the findings of the continuing quarterly evaluation of the Care at Home provision within the Helensburgh and Lomond area.

Discussion followed and Members questioned the Helensburgh and Lomond Adult Services budget in relation to other areas and questioned if this was having an adverse affect on local services. The Reviewing Project officer highlighted that the demographics of the area was a long standing issue and this was reviewed and developed carefully in regards the care of local clients.

The Head of Adult Care affirmed that the total Adult Care budget was apportioned to each area on an equal basis of service needs. He continued that robust commissioning ensured that there was an efficient care service in place with reduced service costs.

Members queried other issues contained within the report in regards to externalising care homes, direct payments, wage scales for staff employed by contractors and missed visits.

The Head of Adult Care agreed to provide further detailed information on the issues raised by local Members to a future Business Day meeting.

The issue of the proposed budget reductions and the implications on services was also raised and the Head of Adult Care affirmed that this would be addressed as part of the Service Choices process.

Councillor Ellen Morton entered the meeting at 9.20a.m.

Decision

Members agreed:-

- 1. To note the report: and
- 2. That an updated report providing the detail of issues raised by local Members would be provided to a future Business Day meeting.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Community Services, dated 23 March 2015, submitted).

4. THEMATIC REVIEW OF SELF-DIRECTED SUPPORT

The Committee considered a report Committee which provided a review of progress to date in respect of the implementation of The Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2013 following its enactment on 1st April 2014.

Discussion followed and Members questioned the procedure if clients wished to manage their own direct care package. The Project Manager outlined the process for assisting clients which included assistance and advice in regards clients becoming 'an employer'.

Decision

Members agreed to note the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Community Services, dated 16 March 2015, submitted).

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee

Customer Services

9 June 2015

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE HELENSBURGH – THOUARS TWINNING COMMITTEE

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides information on a request from the Helensburgh Twinning Committee for assistance towards the costs of a visit to Thouars in July 2015 and asks Members of the Area Committee to agree to utilise the Twinning Budget for 2015/16.

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Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee

Customer Services

9 June 2015

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE HELENSBURGH – THOUARS TWINNING COMMITTEE

2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 A request for financial assistance from the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee Twinning Budget 2015/16 has been received from the Helensburgh Twinning Committee towards the costs of a visit to Thouars in July 2015.

3.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 Members are asked to note the request and agree to grant the sum of £833 from the Twinning Budget for 2015/16 towards the costs of this initiative.

4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 Helensburgh Thouars Twinning Association was set up in 1983 with Dumbarton District Council to link the town of Thouars, France with Helensburgh. The Twinning Agreement was re-signed with Argyll and Bute Council in 1999.
- 4.2 The Argyll and Bute Council budget available for the Helensburgh and Lomond area for 2015/16 is £833 to financially support twinning initiatives.
- 4.3 The twinning between Helensburgh and Thouars has proven to be successful with visits between the two towns, which has assisted French and Scottish young people with work experience in another country and is of great benefit to those who are learning languages.
- 4.4 The Association wishes to promote the twinning links locally, with a specific emphasis on increasing the number of young people and young families who participate in the twinning links.

4.5 The Twinning Association has organised a visit to Thouars which will take place from 12 to 19 July 2015, and will involve 39 adults and 12 children. They are seeking a grant to cover the costs of coach travel and possibly for the purchase of gifts to take on the trip.

5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 The Twinning Association wishes to continue to promote links with Thouars and this would be assisted by the awarding of the grant to help with the costs of the visit in July 2015.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy Consistent with the Council's policy of supporting twinning links between Helensburgh and Thouars.
- 6.2 Financial utilises the Twinning Budget for Helensburgh and Lomond for 2015/16.
- 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

Policy Lead - Councillor Robin Currie 18 May 2015

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Appendix 1 – letter from Helensburgh and District Twinning Association

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14th April 2015

FAO Mrs Belinda Ruthven Area Governance Officer Scotcourt House HELENSBURGH G84

Dear Belinda

As Secretary of the Helensburgh and District Twinning Association I am once again applying for a grant from Argyll and Bute Council for our forthcoming Twinning visit to our twin town, Thouars in France, from 12-19 July 2015.

The group will be 39 adults and 12 children, all staying with French families for the visit. We will be making our own travel arrangements, the majority travelling by plane with Ryanair from Edinburgh to Poitier. This airport is approximately one hours drive from Thouars.

The only other expenditure for the visit is the coach hire for trips and the airport run. Once again the Scottish Twinners will pay for the coach, usually this is in the region of £50.00 per head. If we were lucky enough in obtaining this grant, we hope it would pay for the children's contribution for the coach. It could also be used for gifts for the French committee and a special gift for the Mayor of Thouars. These gift will all be bought locally, as we feel it is important to support our local traders.

Once again we feel privileged to be able to take part in the Fète Nationale (Bastille Day) on 14th July, this is a National Holiday in France. Several of the children are members of the Margaret Rose School of Dance and they will be performing on this special day and also at other events arranged by our hosts.

As a group we continually fund raise for the visit to Helensburgh by our French friends. Twice a year we run the 'Tea Bar' at the Food and Craft Fair held in the Victoria Halls. More recently we held a Ceilidh and any money raised from these events all goes towards the next visit here in 2017.

I trust you will find this all in order and I hope the council will approve our application for some help with funding from the Argyll and Bute Twinning Budget.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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Sue Hume Secretary, Helensburgh and District Twinning Assoc.

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ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

HELENSBURGH & LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE

CUSTOMER SERVICES

9 JUNE 2015

AREA SCORECARD FQ4 2014-15

1 Background

1.1 This paper presents the Area Scorecard, with exceptional performance for financial quarter 4 of 2014-15 (January – March 2015). Where commentary has been entered in Pyramid, it is included here.

2 Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that the Area Committee notes the exceptional performance presented on the Scorecard.

Douglas Hendry Executive Director, Customer Services

Jane Fowler Head of Improvement & HR

For further information, please contact:

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Helensburgh & Lomond Area Scorecard FQ4 14/15

Children and Families	Target	Helensburgh & Lomond	1	Council
CP5 H&L - No of Children on CPR		10	Ŷ	23
CP16a H&L - No of Children on CPR with a completed CP plan		9	ŵ	17
CABD53 H&L - Open Cases - children with disability		37	•	119
CA12 H&L - Total No LAAC		33	₽	123
CA17 H&L - No of External LAAC		2	⇒	7
CA25 H&L - % Reviews of LAAC Convened within Timescales	85 %	75 % 🖪	4	94 %

Economy	Target	Helensburgh & Lomond	Council
H&L Business Gateway Customer satisfaction	85.0 %	86.0 % 🖸 🕯	
CC1 Affordable social sector new builds - H&L	0	0 🖸 🕹	14
% of Pre-App Enquiries Processed in 20 working days in H&L	75.0 %	89.7 % 🖪 😭	84.4 %
NEW All Local Planning Apps: Ave no of Weeks to Determine - H&L	12.0 Wks	10.2 Wks 🖸 🤑	9.7 Wks
NEW Householder Planning Apps: Ave no of Weeks to Determine - H&L	8.0 Wks	6.6 Wks 🖪 🌷	6.6 Wks

Roads & Street Lighting	Target	Helensburgh & Lomond	Council
% road area resurfaced/reconstructed - H&L FY 13/1	4 3.51 %	3.95 % 🖪 🕯	1.95 %
% road area surface treated - H&L FY 13/1	4 3.88 %	4.01 % 🖪 🌡	2.02 %
% Cat 1 road defects repaired timeously - H&L	90 %	83 % 🖪 🌡	96.3 %
% Cat 1 road defects repairs - rolling annual data		71 %	
Street lighting - % H&L faults repaired within 7 days		93 % 😭	94 %

Environment	Target	Helensburgh & Lomond	Council
Car Parking income to date - H&L	E 270,541	£ 104,944 🖪 😭	£ 883,008
Dog fouling - number of complaints H&L	12	37 🖪 🤑	147
Dog fouling - number of fines issued H&L	1	1 🕯	5
LEAMS - H&L Helensburgh	73	74 🖸 🕯	80
No of Complaints ref Waste Collection H&L			
Education	Target	Helensburgh & Lomond	Council
Primary schools % attendar tde:#8d H&L Term 2 14/15	96.0 %	95.6 % 🖪 🦊	95.0 %
School % attendance Hermitage Academy Term 2 14/15	94.5 %	92.3 % 🖪 🤑	91.7 %
H&L Teachers absence per FTE FQ4 14/15	1.63 Days	2.27 Days 🖪 🌷	2.27 Days
H&L Non-teacher staff absence per FQ4 14/15	3.70 Days	3.01 Days 🖪 🌡	4.02 Days
% positive destinations Hermitage Academy ACY 13/14		89 % 😭	91.0 %
Adult Care	Target	Helensburgh & Lomond	Council
H&L - % of Older People receiving Care in the Community	80 %	77 % 🖪 😭	76 %
H&L - % of Older People receiving Care in the Community - In Year	80.0 %	73.6 % 🖪 😭	81.2 %
H&L - Delayed Discharges awaiting Admission to a Care Home - In Year		8 🤑	22
H&L - No of LD Cases	107	107 😭	372
H&L - % of LD Service Users with a PCP	80 %	173 % 🖸 🕯	168 %
H&L - Total no of MH Clients	41	41 🎝	229
H&L - Number of SM Clients	91	91 😭	458

Success Measure	Target FQ4 14/15	Actual FQ4 14/15	Traffic Light	Trend	Comments
H&L - % of Older People receiving Care in the Community	80%	77%	Red	Ascending	Balance of Care is impacted by complexities faced in H&L area due to emergency admissions and discharge processes being managed through NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Hospitals. However the reference to 7 hospitals is likely to have over stated the issue, as majority come from Vale of Leven and RAH Paisley. Plans for Reablement are in the Joint Older Person's Improvement Plan for 2015/16 and beyond.
H&L - % of Older People receiving Care in the Community - In Year	80%	73.6%	Red	Ascending	As above
Primary schools % attendance H&L	96%	95.6%	Red	Descending	Of the eleven Helensburgh & Lomond primary schools, seven show a downward trend which is currently being investigated.

School % attendance- Hermitage Academy	94.5%	92.3%	Red	Descending	Schools are being asked to monitor the reasons for absence to identify lower than expected performance in this area. Weeks 31 and 34 have been taken as an example of reasons for absence and figures are: (A&B level) Week 31 Parental Holidays Authorised 96 Parent Holiday - 12 Unauthorised Absence - 31 TBCs - 517 Week 34 Parental Holidays Authorised 144 Parent Holiday - 51 Unauthorised Absence - 229 TBCs – 1,753 'To Be Confirmed' (TBC) is the cause of the poor attendance figures although parental holidays and Unauthorised Absence are also much higher than the previous week. Oban HS have 892 TBCs for Week 34.
					previous week. Oban HS have 892 TBCs for Week 34. Lochgilphead HS are the majority of the Unauthorised Absence for week 34.

% Cat 1 road defects repaired timeously	90%	83%	Red	Descending	Commentary A&B: No of Cat 1 defects reported – 54. No of Cat 1 defects completed within the allocated period – 52. The overall percentage of Cat 1 defects attended to within the allocated 5 day time period remains at a high level of 96% (93.5% last quarter). The overall number of Cat 1 defects reported in the fourth quarter of 54, although an increase since the last quarter, this figure compares favourably with 120 recorded for the same period last year – this is perhaps reflective of the milder weather conditions experienced over the recent winter period, or perhaps, reflects a general overall improvement in road condition. Figures for the Areas are as follows:- Bute and Cowal – 100% Helensburgh and Lomond – 83% Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay – 100% Oban Lorn and the Isles - 93%
Car Parking income to date - H&L	£271K	£105K	Red	Deteriorating	The level of income remains below the target, for various reasons. The support from the Amenity Services Enforcement Wardens has been hindered through the service being two wardens down for various reasons. Also the usage of off-street car parks is considerably down. With the CHORD project now nearing completion and the improvements visible to residents and visitors, it would be hoped that car parking income will increase in the summer months of 2015.

Dog fouling - number of complaints H&L	12	37	Red	Deteriorating	The current position of being 66% down on the number of Amenity Services Enforcement Wardens in the Helensburgh and Lomond area reflects on the current level of complaints. The service is currently recruiting to the position and this should act as a deterrent to dog fouling and also other areas of enforcement that the service is responsible for.

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HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN 2015/16

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **1.1** The purpose of this paper is to provide an update for the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee on the preparation of the Helensburgh and Lomond Economic Development Action Plan (EDAP), 2015/16.
- **1.2** The following recommendations are for consideration:
 - The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee notes the content of this paper.
 - The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee agrees to the revised timescale for the preparation of the Helensburgh and Lomond Economic Development Action Plan, 2015/16.
 - The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee agrees that the Helensburgh and Lomond Economic Development Action, 2015/16 (as an ongoing working document) is discussed and endorsed by the Area Committee at the meeting in August 2015.

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HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN 2015/16

2. INTRODUCTION

2.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide an update for the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee on the preparation of the Helensburgh and Lomond Economic Development Action Plan (EDAP), 2015/16.

3. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- **3.1** The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee notes the content of this paper.
- **3.2** The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee agrees to the revised timescale for the preparation of the Helensburgh and Lomond Economic Development Action Plan, 2015/16.
- **3.3** The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee agrees that the Helensburgh and Lomond Economic Development Action, 2015/16 (as an ongoing working document) is discussed and endorsed by the Area Committee at the meeting in August 2015.

3. DEVELOPMENT AND PREPARATION OF THE HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND EDAP

- **3.1** A workshop session was held in Helensburgh, on Friday, 22nd May 2015 to discuss the required specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and timebound (SMART) actions and success measures for inclusion in the Helensburgh and Lomond Economic Development Action Plan, 2015/16.
- **3.2** From a list of 51 invited elected members and Community Planning Partners, a total of 15 individuals were able to attend, including the Director, EKOS Economic and Social Development consultants who facilitated the session. The turnout did not detract from having a focused discussion on a variety of issues.
- **3.3** From the issues discussed during the workshop it is clear that the Helensburgh and Lomond Economic Development Action Plan, 2015/16 requires the inclusion of a lead organisation and responsible person/post for ensuring that the in-year actions are delivered in order to achieve the proposed success measures. Therefore, additional preparation time is now required to work up specific actions with partner organisations that were unable to be present on 22nd May.
- **3.4** Furthermore, the Council's Strategic Management Team has also requested that they have an opportunity to input to the area-based EDAPs. This process will take place during June 2015, to ensure the Helensburgh and Lomond EDAP is recirculated to all partners and stakeholders for further comment prior to the submission of the plan and a supporting paper on Friday, 17th July for discussion at the pre-agenda meeting on Tuesday, 28th July 2015.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee notes the content of this report and agrees with the revised timescale proposed.

5. IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The implications for the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee are as outlined in **Table 5.1** below.

Table 5.1: Imp	plications for the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee						
Policy	The Helensburgh and Lomond EDAP 2015/16 (and subsequent in-year plans) must align and adhere, as appropriate, to the overarching EDAP, 2013-2018, Local Development Plan and the SOA Local/SOA Delivery Plans.						
Financial	The Helensburgh and Lomond EDAP will ensure that the area's resources are allocated efficiently and effectively with regard to the economic development priorities and ambitions for Helensburgh and Lomond. There will need to be annual consideration of best alignment between resources and priorities.						
Legal	All legal implications at project level will be taken into consideration.						
HR	The Helensburgh and Lomond EDAP priorities will be resourced in terms of staff time in the context of the Council's annual service planning process and through shared staff resource discussions with Community Planning Partners.						
Equalities	The Helensburgh and Lomond EDAP will comply with all Equal Opportunities policies and obligations.						
Risk	If the Helensburgh and Lomond EDAP for subsequent financial years (2015/16 onwards) is not approved, then there will be no clear focus on or understanding of the economic development activities, and the associated resources, that will have the greatest beneficial economic impact for the area over the next three financial years.						
Customer Service	The Helensburgh and Lomond EDAP will provide internal and external customers with a clear articulation of the key priorities for developing the Helensburgh and Lomond economy, thereby facilitating focus, effective resource planning and partnership working at the local level.						

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Community Services: Education

Page 33 Primary School Profiles: Helensburgh and Lomond

	Primary School Roll (as at census) *									
Cluster Primary Schools	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	% change in Roll over 5 years ¹				
Arrochar Primary School	56	60	61	64	59	5.4%				
Cardross Primary School	194	190	182	183	176	-9.3%				
Colgrain Primary School	256	271	266	253	256	0.0%				
Garelochhead Primary School	91	90	100	89	83	-8.8%				
Hermitage Primary School	379	382	390	381	398	5.0%				
John Logie Baird Primary School	229	226	193	167	170	-25.8%				
Kilcreggan Primary School	68	72	77	75	86	26.5%				
Luss Primary School	21	16	20	19	16	-23.8%				
Parklands School	11	9	11	14	16	45.5%				
Rhu Primary School	190	187	165	179	194	2.1%				
Rosneath Primary School	89	95	83	85	91	2.2%				
St Joseph's Primary School	182	176	190	181	190	4.4%				
Total Roll for cluster	1766	1774	1580	1520	1735	-1.8%				

Notes

* Data for rolls provided at Census each year

1: Please note the % change in Roll over 5 years shows the percentage change in roll figures from 2010/2011 to 2014/2015 and is not an average.

Page 34 <u>Footwear and Clothing Grant and Free School Meal Information for</u> <u>Helensburgh & Lomond Cluster</u>

	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15
Clothing and Footwear Grant (CFG) (number of pupils) ²	306	278	242	287	255
Clothing and Footwear Grant (CFG) (% of cluster school roll)	17.3%	15.7%	15.3%	18.9%	14.7%
Total CFG for Primary Schools in Argyll and Bute	1119	1118	947	1096	1113
Total CFG for Primary Schools as a % of total school roll in Argyll and Bute	19.2%	19.3%	16.6%	19.2%	19.2%
	10/11	11/12 ³	12/13	13/14	14/15
Free School Meals (number of pupils)	214	0	211	225	198
Free School Meals (% of cluster school roll)	12.1%	0	13.4%	14.8%	11.4%
Total Free School Meals for Primary Schools in Argyll and Bute	870	0	871	898	856
Total Free School Meals for Primary Schools as a % of total school roll in Argyll and Bute	14.9%	0	15.2%	15.8%	14.8%
National Average for Free School Meals for Primary Schools (%)	19.8%	22.6%	22.1%	22.0%	Not yet collated

Notes

2: Clothing and Footwear Grant (CFG) is not shown as a National Average as each authority set their own criteria and therefore cannot be compared accurately. Please note that 2014-2015 data for CFG and Free School Meals (FSM) is to date (March 2015) and therefore may change as the year progresses.

3: Please note that Free School Meals data was not collated by Argyll and Bute for the year 2011/2012

National Averages for Free School Meals have been taken from 'Summary statistics for attainment, leaver destinations and healthy living, No. 3: 2013 Edition'

Exclusion and Attendance Information for Helensburgh and Lomond Cluster

	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15 ⁶
Attendance (% of cluster school roll) ⁴	95.29%	96.07%	95.44%	96.02%	95.25%
Unauthorised Absence (% of cluster school roll)	0.74%	0.68%	0.86%	0.81%	0.89%
Authority Average – (%) Primary Schools in Argyll and Bute	95.25%	95.74%	95.40%	95.87%	95.42%
National Average for both Secondary and Primary Pupils (%) ⁵	0.75%	0.79%	0.87%	0.89%	0.89%
	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15 ⁷
Exclusion Openings	102	73	30	30	7
Exclusion Incidents	22	14	5	5	2
As a % of Total Argyll and Bute Primary School Exclusion Openings	24.1%	19.6%	10.1%	14.9%	4.8%
As a % of Total Argyll and Bute Primary School Exclusion Incidents	22%	15.2%	7.1%	8.1%	5.9%

Notes

4: Authorised absence includes bereavement, short – term exceptional domestic situations, religious observance, weddings of immediate family. Unauthorised absence includes truancy, unexplained absence and most family holidays during term time. Attendance and absence is outlined in Management Circular 3.03.

5: Attendance, Absence and Exclusion information is now collected on a biennial basis and was not collected for 2011/2012 or 2013/2014 academic year.

6: Please note that attendance data for 2014-2015 is for the year to date and not a complete year. It is therefore subject to change.

7: Please note that exclusion data for 2014-2015 is for the year to date and not a complete year. It is therefore subject to change.

National Averages for Attendance have been taken from Summary Statistics for Schools in Scotland, No.4 | 2013 Edition, 11th December, 2013 (amended 11th February 2014).

Introduction

The Helensburgh and Lomond area consists of eleven primary schools and Parklands School providing education for pupils of primary school age. Nursery provision is provided within 5 of these schools and 9 partner provider provisions.

There have been changes to the headships in two schools this session with Emma McDermid and Denise Donald appointed to permanent posts at Rosneath and Garelochhead respectively.

Teaching and Learning

Health and Wellbeing

Learning in health and wellbeing ensures that children and young people develop the knowledge and understanding, skills, capabilities and attributes which they need for mental, emotional, social and physical wellbeing now and in the future. Learning through health and wellbeing enables children and young people to:

- make informed decisions in order to improve their mental, emotional, social and physical wellbeing
- · experience challenge and enjoyment
- · experience positive aspects of healthy living and activity for themselves
- apply their mental, emotional, social and physical skills to pursue a healthy lifestyle
- make a successful move to the next stage of education or work
- establish a pattern of health and wellbeing which will be sustained into adult life, and which will help to promote the health and wellbeing of the next generation of Scottish children.

Parklands awarded for their Nurture Class

Parklands applied for the Marjorie Boxall Quality Award for their nurture class. As part of the assessment process they had a visit from an assessor who spent Thursday 2nd of April with the school talking to parents, staff and pupils. On 23 April the school were contacted by the head of training at the Nurture Network to say that they had been successful in their application and will be awarded the Marjorie Boxall Quality Award. They are the first nurture class in Argyll and Bute to receive this award.

The nurture group network 2000[®] helping children and young people to succeed

Page 37 Rosneath and Colgrain keep safe AND fit!

P1 pupils at Rosneath and Colgrain had been learning about road safety and how to stay safe when crossing the road. They couldn't believe their eyes when a very special visitor arrived in their classroom...it was Ziggy!! The children were very excited to meet Ziggy who has come from another planet to learn about safety on Earth. Cardross primary were delighted to scoop the Christian aid trophies in both football and netball this year. Both teams faced stiff competition from Colgrain and their respective finals. The events were well organised and the pupils enjoyed taking part. Well done to all involved!

Health Week at Rosneath

In November, Rosneath pupils enjoyed an action packed Health Week. They experienced a range of activities and workshops, including: Stramash, Heartstart, SOS Fitness, Community Police and Community Lollipop Lady. The health week coincided with the free school lunch pilot for P1-3 and the staff were delighted to see a large number of pupils tucking into healthy school lunches, yum yum! P1-7 parents were also invited to join their children for a school lunch.

Hermitage health focus

Hermitage Primary pupils also participated in a health week. As part of their activities, pupils were involved in bleep fitness tests, street dance and aerobics with tuition from external instructors and workshops. Hermitage Primary School promotes health and wellbeing throughout the year, focusing on fitness and healthy eating.

The health focus programme proved a great success as pupils reaped the benefits of various fitness activities.

Heartstart in HALCO

Pupils from across HALCO schools worked with trainers from the local Rotary Club on Heartstart – learning how to respond in an emergency, they hope they never have to put these vital skills into practice; but this activity equips pupils with essential and valuable skills including practical and theory work. Pupils were confidently trained to treat bleeding, or choking, as well as to place the unconscious patient into the recovery position. Using the Annie Manikin, the pupils gained valuable practical experience in conducting CPR until help could arrive.



Luss gets growing!

Luss Primary School has taken part in the Waitrose Grow and Sell scheme, which encourages children to grow their own fruit and vegetables.

Day of Dance

In February, Primary 7 pupils from across HALCO went to the Victoria Halls in Helensburgh to take part in The Day of Dance. The Primary 7 pupils came together to dance with each other and meet one another. This was organised by the active school co-ordinator, Martin Caldwell and the Scottish Country Dance Association. Pupils danced The Flying Scotsman, Strip the Willow and the Virginia Reel and several other Scottish dances. Afterwards the Primary 7s felt tired out but had a brilliant day.

Page 38 John Logie Baird pupils are listening and talking

JLB have written a progressive programme of work connecting Listening and Talking with the relevant Health and Wellbeing outcomes targeting:

- strengthening relationships
- improving resilience
- improving social and emotional health
- higher order thinking skills
- restorative approaches.

Two classes have piloted the programme, with the whole school due to implement at the start of next year.

Cross Country with Cardross

At Cardross throughout the rain and wind of cold and damp October and November days, P6 and 7 pupils faithfully trained in weekly cross-country sessions. Their fitness and ability improved week by week and their commitment, perseverance and endurance must be commended.

Kilcreggan embrace active inclusion

Kilcreggan Primary staff undertook UK Disability Inclusion Training provided by Scottish Disability Sport UK. As a result the school and one pupil in particular, is the focus of a Case Study and Qualitative Study published in July 2014. The study looked at the impact these training courses had on young people with a disability. The study reports that this pupil's pathway to

Anti-Bullying

Schools across HALCO have been focusing this session on the Respect Me approach to anti bullying. Staff, pupils and parents have been trained in this methodology and schools have reviewed their own anti bullying policies. date from nursery to early primary school has been enriched through his teachers' increased awareness, training input and their growing skills and confidence in ensuring his inclusion within class physical education, play and activities. This work led to the HT being asked to speak about active inclusion at the "Legacy 2014 Celebaration Event" at Murrayfield in June 2014.

Rhu P3 take up bowling!

Primary 3 at Rhu completed an 8 week course of bowls led by members from Helensburgh Bowling Club. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed a wide range of activities and learned how to accurately deliver a bowl and control its direction and speed.

Dangers of drugs with Strathclyde Police

Strathclyde Police visited Garelochhead Primary, to educate P7 about the dangers of drug misuse.

Although they had already covered a great deal about Smoking previously, during their Smoke Free lessons, P7 were really interested in learning about illegal drugs used in the wider world. PC Crawford brought a variety of drugs for pupils to look at. They were safely locked in glass cases, but highly visible, to give an idea of what different drugs looked like. Pupils spent a long time fact finding and some of the stories PC Crawford told were definitely not fairy tales with happy endings. Pupils are now more knowledgeable and will be able to make informed choices to lead a healthy lifestyle in the future.





Teaching and Learning

Numeracy

Being numerate helps us to function responsibly in everyday life and contribute effectively to society. It increases our opportunities within the world of work and establishes foundations which can be built upon through lifelong learning. Numeracy is not only a subset of mathematics; it is also a life skill which permeates and supports all areas of learning, allowing young people access to the wider curriculum.

We are numerate if we have:

developed the confidence and competence in using number which will allow individuals to solve problems, analyse information and make informed decisions based on calculations.

John Logie Baird close maths gaps

Trained staff continue to deliver the Maths Recovery programme across HALCO schools to highlight gaps in learning caused by interrupted learning. Although initially funded by an MOD grant both forces and non-forces children have benefitted from this programme. In JLB significant progress in attainment in Primary 3 has been evidenced as a result of this programme being implemented.

Active learning

Garelochhead's P7 Class enjoyed baking delicious 'Christmas Spiced Biscuits' as part of their active learning in numeracy. After budgeting money, planning the most economical recipes and then measuring out their ingredients, they produced fabulous biscuits to wrap and sell at their Christmas Fayre.



Beebot app used at Rhu

P2 pupils at Rhu Primary explored Position & Movement through the Beebot app on the ipads. Pupils were highly motivated and engaged in this interactive approach to learning. It was a great way to combine Mathamatical and ICT skills.

Kilcreggan tracks progress

Planning for progression in maths has been reviewed this session at Kilcreggan and staff are much clearer about planning pathways and tracking progression in maths and numeracy. This will ensure that when pupils move on for session staff are able to give clear, concise information to the next teacher about exactly where each pupil is with their maths and numeracy learning.

Hermitage shop takes off

As part of Numeracy a group of Primary 7s at Hermitage Primary ran a healthy tuck shop during the interval on Fridays. This involved costing goods and managing a budget. The tuck shops made a small profit which the children will donate to charity in June. The shop which offered wholemeal toast, fruit and cereal was very popular with pupils.

Numeracy development

At Parklands all classes continue to develop numeracy at their own level, in a variety of different contexts appropriate to age and ability, e.g. Sensory, through gardening or in the community. Numeracy has also been incorporated into swimming, PE and through apps on the ipads.

Teaching and Learning

Literacy

Language and literacy are of personal, social and economic importance. Our ability to use language lies at the centre of the development and expression of our emotions, our thinking, our learning and our sense of personal identity. Language is itself a key aspect of our culture.

Literacy is fundamental to all areas of learning, as it unlocks access to the wider curriculum. Being literate increases opportunities for the individual in all aspects of life, lays the foundations for lifelong learning and work.

The literacy experiences and outcomes promote the development of critical and creative thinking as well as competence in listening and talking, reading, writing and the personal, interpersonal and team-working skills which are so important in life and in the world of work.

Kilcreggan Bookbug reading buddies a great success

P7/6 pupils at Kilcreggan Primary school shared Book bug bags and stories with P1 pupils before pupils took their bags home to share with parents. The senior pupils showed great leadership skills reading the stories to their buddies and guiding them through discussions about each book. P1 pupils showed excellent listening and talking skills during the sessions which took place over three weeks in preparation for Bookbug week.

Schools engage with Scots language

Teachers in JLB planned for Scotland and its Place in the World using the significant aspects of learning for literacy including engaging with Scots language and Scots text. Pupil's written work is being collated and moderation is taking place between JLB and Luss to ensure consistency and a sharing of standards.

Members of JLB staff joined a professional learning community and implemented the work of Reading Force into the school this year. Although aimed at forces children the group was open to all and comprised of a variety of forces and non-forces children. It served to help:

- identify children who were experiencing detachment from a family member (through deployment, or those relatives who live far away)
- use literacy as a means of continuing to nurture long distance family relationships
- have time to share experiences, emotions and thoughts through the context of a chosen novel and through 'picnic' events.

Blitz re-enacted!

Primary 6/7 pupils at Colgrain learned about events of The Clydebank Blitz. In March they were shocked to return to their classroom after lunch to discover that the school had been hit by a stray bomb! To protect themselves from any

more possible attacks they spent the afternoon working under their desks. The children worked together to produce ARP reports on the damage sustained and produced poetry based around their feelings of being caught up in the Blitz.

Page 41 Magic Castles and the Titanic!

In Rhu P4 undertook a Magic Castle Storyline and concluded it with a celebration of their work. The children gave parents and family a guided tour of the class and described some of the learning experiences they had. Fantasy Broomsticks, Secret Panels, The Owlery and The Magic Spell Recipe Book were just some of the attractions and the audience were captivated throughout! To celebrate that they had learned about the Titanic Primary 7 pupils at Rhu had a 'Titanic Character Day'. The children arrived in the 'fashion of the day,' having



decided if they were a first, second or third class passenger. Some children also dressed as staff aboard the Titanic, and were very helpful to the 'passengers'. During the course of the day the children took part in diary writing, designing and creating their own lifejackets and using i-pads to capture interviews with the 'survivors' as they boarded the 'Carpathia' and arrived in New York. Towards the end of the day the children's parents joined them and helped celebrate their success.

Story time at Cardross

P1-5 at Cardross enjoyed storytelling from the talented Susan Wilson. The children really look forward to seeing her and Onion, her puppet friend. Her story chest was packed with Scottish stories this time round which delighted the pupils.

Nessie programme

Children in Garelochhead benefit greatly from using the Nessy programme for their reading and spelling. This programme helps to raise standards in these curriculum areas and it's working! The children find it fun and enjoyable.

Reciprocal reading training

In Kilcreggan reciprocal reading training focussed staff thinking on how they are teaching reading skills. One teacher is now piloting a new approach to reading within her classroom and is focussing on reciprocal reading skills. The pupils undertaking this approach are being carefully tracked to assess the impact of this different pedagogy.

Parklands embrace synthetic phonics

Pupils from Parklands Sunshine Nurture Group invited classmates from JLB and St Joseph's to join them for an interesting story session with three story tellers. Parklands staff continue to develop their knowledge of Makaton through the use of their Makaton board with new words and signs changed on a termly basis and training updated throughout the year. In some of the classes they have also introduced the use of talking mats to

obtain opinion and thought from pupils as well as using a talking pictures application, which encourages good communication from home and school. The use of synthetic phonics has helped to provide a clear and structured programme for the introduction of phonics, with those pupils accessing the programme in the primary class making some progress.

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Wider Achievement: Outdoor Learning

Cardross and Rhu work towards their John Muir Award

All 12 schools in the HALCO cluster participate in the Eco-School Programme and Cardross and Rhu Primaries are currently participating in the John Muir Award. For their award, Rhu Primary are focusing on: increasing biodiversity in their school grounds, local woodland and a woodland

in Helensburgh. They are also conducting surveys of trees and wildlife too. A Lomond Park Ranger has been building hedgehog homes and 'bug hotels' with pupils and the local group that manage Duchess Woods have set them conservation challenges of bug and tree surveys, tree planting and clearing areas for further planting. Pupils have also taken part in the 'simple pleasure' of nature, woodland art and shelter building. Primary 6 pupils at Cardross are working towards their John Muir Award by spending time assessing risks associated with the outdoors. They have also learned



how to construct group shelters (a vital skill in our climate and have taken their learning down to Ardmore Point to undertake some conservation work in conjunction with the Ardmore Point Nature Reserve Committee.

Outdoor Learning Training

Staff from Rhu, Arrochar, Luss, Kilcreggan and Rosneath Primaries have attended Outdoor Learning training events in Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park to support the delivery of outdoor learning across the curriculum in each of their schools.

Veg and flowers with Operation Greenfinger

As part of project Operation Green Finger Rhu Primary School will be working in partnership with Rosslea Hall, where pupils will have their own vegetable plots and flower beds in the hotel grounds.

John Logie Baird develop their grounds!

JLB Nursery and school have been developing their grounds:

- A new adventure trail was installed for P4 7
- All classes helped to plant over 200 trees and shrubs, parents attended each of the days
- P6 and P7 selected and built new willow tree designs in the grounds
- Working with HMS Heroes some classes sowed poppy seeds

Garelochhead and Rosneath outdoors with Stramash

Garelochhead and Rosneath have both work in partnership with STRAMASH to further develop quality PE and outdoor learning. Pupils from both schools very much enjoyed participating in these lessons. The next steps are to share these lessons and activities with other schools.

Arrochar wins!

Arrochar Primary School were winners of the annual school's bulb competition, held by Helensburgh and Gareloch Horticultural Society in conjunction with Ardardan Estate. The children grew beautiful hyacinths and pots of daffodils. This is the third year Arrochar Primary have won the shield as Eco and gardening are totally embedded in their school curriculum.





Every year, Arrochar pupils participate in the Arrochar Challenge. This involved selecting one of three challenges and completing it. This year, they had three challenging walks covering all abilities, from Pre-5 to P7. The pupils and parents thoroughly enjoyed participating in this event and receiving their medal for completing the challenge.

Autumn face lift!

Pupils at Kilcreggan Primary were aided by a group of parents and carers who spent a day in October tidying up the school grounds and harvesting crops in preparation for autumn. The activities were undertaken as part of an Eco Day and were a great success. The 'Anderson shelter' was sanded down and painted by senior pupils while parents brought along saws and other tools to help with the heavy work. Planter boxes which had started to rot were broken down and the area prepared for planting a wild flower garden. Paths were cleared and shrubs and trees trimmed. Pupils weeded, swept, planted, and worked very hard to give the grounds a face lift. To fuel the hard workers, the school's catering staff provided an outdoor lunch of hotdogs and cookies. Students have seen the fruits of their labour after a harvest of tomatoes, sweetcorn, potatoes, and apples. Some samples were cooked by the primary four/ five class for everyone to taste.

Parklands 'Grounds Day'

This year Parklands continue to extend our resources for outdoor learning and have now established raised beds for all classes to access and have planned and incorporated a grounds day to involve parents as well as pupils in looking after their school grounds. Staff continue to plan and use a variety of resources outside and seize opportunities to use weather and other outdoor events and activities to further pupils learning. A group of pupils were also involved with the consultation of Hermitage Park and spent time with the designer to show what items they use in the park as well as highlighting accessibility difficulties. Classes have continued to use a wide range of trips to develop their knowledge and skills including visiting Mount Stuart and Inchcaloch.

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Wider Achievement: Enterprise

John Logie Baird take centre stage at film event

Exclusive and prestigious awards were presented to the children of John Logie Baird Primary School for their innovative and very professional films. At a sell out event, and the first school to utilise Helensburgh's wonderful Digital Arts Centre 'The Tower', the children showcased their films to an enthralled audience of over 600.

The press attended this never-been-seen-before event, capturing everyone in their finery. Many compliments were showered upon both children and staff for the amazing spectacle and electric atmosphere, acknowledging their sheer hard work, skill and commitment to making this a 'once in



a lifetime' event. The children of John Logie Baird Primary took centre stage in all aspects; from directing and editing their films, creating soundtracks, comparing in the evening and performing high class entertainment to presenting heartfelt and moving thank you speeches.

The evaluation of this work indicated huge far reaching benefits for pupils including a significant improvement in engagement and focus, improved confidence and problem solving skills It also highlighted that parents were being fully informed at home by their children, of the learning taking place, just through their sheer enthusiasm.

An evening to remember!



Rosneath Primary School, P7/6 held a superb Burns Supper on the evening of Monday 27 January 2015. After a supper of Soup followed by Haggis, neeps and tatties, then some of Mrs Johnson's famous shortbread, the pupils gave an excellent evening of entertainment in true Burns fashion, from their 'toasts', to poetry, singing and dancing for all. All this supported by a piper and some highland dancers made this an evening for all to remember.

Colgrain Christmas Cafe

The Primary 6 and 7 pupils at Colgrain Primary held a very successful enterprise event on Friday 12th December. As part of their enterprise education they planned and ran a Christmas café and crafts morning in the school hall. Pupils in the school had been busy making a range

of Christmas decorations and crafts which sold out on the day. As well as the crafts there was a table heaving with delicious home baking, a very popular tombola, competitions and a second hand book stall. The school were very proud to announce that over £600 was raised.

Page 45 Technology Challenge using cooperative learning

Bringing their interdisciplinary topic to a close, P7 pupils at Hermitage Primary School took part in their Technology Challenge presentation evening in December. The challenge incorporated Technologies, Maths, Language, Science and PSD. The Technology Challenge required pupils to work in cooperative groups to plan and design a working electrical vehicle which was supported by a good business plan. Their progress had to be recorded in form of a booklet and Keynote presentation. Vehicles had to move forwards, backwards and have working lights and were to be created within a given budget. In addition, pupils were granted an additional £10 by the Head Teacher in order to add extra technology such as LED lights, pulley operated doors, a working lift and even a moving dragon's head! Following weeks of hard work, last week, the 10 teams of 6 pupils spoke to a panel of 3 judges and an audience of invited guests and gave a presentation highlighting their achievements. The winning team impressed the judges with their mobile recording studio which included a working recording and playback sound module.

Dragon's Den winning team heads off competition

Young entrepreneurs from Rhu impressed judges in the Dragon's Den when they presented a wide range of new inventions developed over an intensive 6-week challenge. The children had worked in co-operative groups to invent a new product that would make life easier. They carried out market research in a wide range of areas before settling on a product to develop. The children investigated inventions to make life easier in the home, at school or to make an eco-impact in their world. Three invited business people volunteered their time to judge the final products. In preparation for the final, the groups had watched extracts from the real TV Dragon's Den. They had created a budget and marketing strategy for their product and put together a formal presentation. The winning team had invented a 'cool' skateboard cap to provide safety protection for kids who wanted to ride a bike or skateboard but didn't like helmets.

Teaching and Learning

Wider Achievement: Community Partnership

'Baubles' at Cardross

At Christmas, Cardross Infants presented 'Baubles' to their friends, families and some of the oldest and youngest members of the community. P3 narrated, P2 formed the school band and P1 were cast in the principal roles.



CSI visit to Glasgow University

Pupils from P6 & P7 at Cardross Primary were invited to attend a CSI session at The University of Glasgow hosted by STEM Ambassador Dr Nicola Craise. The pupils were asked to solve the case by DNA profiles, blood, urine and hair sampling. It was a fantastic day!

Page 46 Christmas with the community

Primary 7 and Primary 6/7 pupils at Colgrain Primary hosted a Christmas party for the senior citizens of Helensburgh. The pupils and staff organised Ceilidh dancing, Christmas presents and teas and coffees for their invited grandparents and other senior citizens in the community. The ladies and gentlemen were then treated to highlights from the Primary 1 Nativity and Christmas songs from pupils in the nursery. The visitors enjoyed their afternoon thoroughly and were quick to compliment the behaviour and the responsibility of the pupils. The Parent Council who are a fantastic support, provided and served teas and coffees at the party.

STEM, Active Play and award winner at St Joseph's

Nicholas, a P6 pupil at St. Joseph's Primary School in Helensburgh recently attended Hampden Park for the winner's day out following the 'Show Racism Red Card Competition'. Each year Show Racism the Red Card hosts a creative competition where children are invited to enter their creative ideas on how to promote anti-racism in a visual form. All possible winners were invited along to the celebrations at Hamden Park, this year on 19th March, 2015. Nicholas won a 'Highly Commended' award on the day and had a wonderful time.

Everyone at St. Joseph's was delighted to have a winner among them, with a number of the children having entered the competition. With annual entries almost at the 5000 mark, Nicholas' ideas were obviously highly impressive.

St Joseph's Primary involved the expertise of parents and

family members who were engineers in the delivery of the practical aspects of their 'life as an engineer' project. This was a STEM partnership project. However, rather than solely involving visits from STEM engineers the school made use of their connections with engineers from the school community. This step proved to be both informative and highly motivational for pupils.

Active Play sessions have been held in St Joseph's Family Learning Centre. These took place on Wednesdays from 1.30 – 3.00 p.m. and are conducted by Jeanette McGourley, Early Years and Family Support Worker with the focus on 'play@home'. All parents/carers and children under 5 were welcome for 6 weeks of fun activities. Parents and children enjoyed these fun sessions.

Parklands opens its doors

In Parklands nearly all pupils are participating in an external award scheme. These include ASDAN for senior pupils and the introduction of Caledonian awards for younger pupils. Pupils continue to work alongside RDA and have been awarded certificates in recognition of the hard work and progress they have made. The majority of staff including teaching, instructor and support staff took part in their first Doors Open day where they invited other professionals from Argyll and Bute to visit and engage in professional dialogue with staff about various aspects within the area of additional support needs of a complex nature. This was well received with Parklands staff gaining reassurance and a level of moderation in sharing their own practice alongside the visiting staff who found the day extremely helpful with feedback asking for more days as they had found lots of useful information and ideas.



Autism Awareness

In April HALCO schools worked in partnership with the Helensburgh and Lomond Autism/Asperger's Society to promote World Autism Awareness days. A number of pupils wore blue to highlight the day, schools raised awareness at their end of term assemblies, we launched a competition to design a new logo for the organisation and the festivities ended with a fantastic Balloon launch at Colgrain Primary involving their staff, parents and pupils and visitors from JLB.

Hermitage and Parklands deliver a 'Taste of St Andrew'

Primary Five pupils at Hermitage Primary School and Parklands' pupils had a great time. They were fortunate enough to secure funding from the Scottish Government's 'Food For Thought' programme.

This enabled them to plan, prepare and deliver a 'Taste of St Andrew' dinner for their parents on the evening of Thursday 27th November in the Victoria Hall, Helensburgh. The planning started even before school broke up in summer as they had to plant potatoes which would be ready to harvest later in the year. Loch Lomond Homes and Garden Centre supplied their expertise and advised on which vegetables could be grown and harvested in November. Scottish Beef supported, too, by coming to school and promoting the benefits of good Scotch Beef and also demonstrated how to cook meat.Cameron House, Loch Lomond helped by sending one of their restaurant managers to show the pupils how to prepare for an event, set tables, fold napkins, serve and pour drinks - good Scottish water only of course!! Dino's Café owner advised on a delicious Scottish flavoured tablet ice cream for a dessert. Pupils also took part in cooking sessions in the kitchen at Parklands School, supported by a very talented parent, and prepared fruit coulis and shortbread prior to the event. The manager



of the Riverhill Courtyard restaurant in town provide his expertise and labour on the day and helped the pupils devise recipes which would be suitable for such an event. Waitrose sent two very enthusiastic members of staff to talk to the pupils about Scottish produce and the issues around food miles. The pupils themselves created the menu, made the invitations, table decorations and place cards for the event. Glen Fruin Fiddlers gave their time by playing a selection of Scottish tunes to welcome the guests as they arrived on the evening. The pupils also provided a selection of contemporary Scottish songs and a dance routine as entertainment at the dinner. All in all, a great night was had by all.



We tried out different recipes



Stay safe on line

Internet Safety sessions were offered to parents at JLB and Children were given sessions in school too delivered by Youth Services.

Rhu creates 'Iron Giants' at Hermitage Academy

The primary 7 pupils of Rhu really enjoyed reading the 'Iron Man' and had been busy making their own models based on the descriptions Ted Hughes provided. When Miss Baird, from Hermitage Academy, heard about this work she invited the pupils to her Technology classroom to work with the 3-d Printer. Miss Baird taught the children how to navigate the software and within two hours they had designed their own 'Iron Giant' and began printing them. Two weeks later staff and S6 pupils who had helped on the day came to visit and



deliver the 'Iron Men' to the children. They had also chosen three designs that they thought were innovative and unusual, providing prizes for the excited winners.

Game On at Rosneath

4 lucky children from Rosneath Primary were invited to Glasgow City Chambers in November to attend a Game On Scotland Celebration Event. They had the opportunity to meet up with 80 other children from schools all over Scotland for a fun-filled day where they met Team Scotland/ Team GB athletes from 4 different sports. All schools taking part had been awarded a Game On Scotland plaque and shared their challenges. The athletes were more than happy to share experiences and answer questions.

Many children across Scotland took part in a Glow Meet on the day but to actually be there in person at the City Chambers was an experience second to none!

Kilcreggan pupils develop skills and celebrate our culture

The development of skills was a priority for Kilcreggan. They have been looking at how best to record skills development and plan next steps for taking forward skills within the whole school curriculum. They have focussed on the skills of being an "EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTOR" and are moving on to look at the skills of being a SUCCESSFUL LEARNER. Pupils have been very involved in this process and a number of assemblies have focussed on skills. Pupils are now reflecting on their skills within their learning logs each week. This is also helping parents to understand this development.

Kilcreggan Primary's Scottish evening was moved from its usual venue at the school to Cove Burgh Hall this year as the popularity of the annual event meant it has become increasingly difficult to fit everyone in. 130 family, friends and village folk in attendance a super evening of song, dance, music and food. Pupils from primary one to primary seven entertained their guests to poetry recitations with winners from each class reciting poems. Primary six and seven pupils gave the traditional Address to the Haggis which was piped in by Simon Pender. Recorders and singers from primary four to primary seven provide a selection of Scottish music throughout the evening. Violin and woodwind players showed off their skills while dinner was served. playing a selection of traditional tunes. Talented pupils played the solos on the piano and the accordion. Pupils from upper primary classes who have been learning Scottish Country Dancing as part of the curriculum demonstrated their dance skills. A fabulous band of willing helpers cooked and served a traditional meal of haggis, neeps, and tatties for all the guests and performers. The evening was a super success raising more than £400.

Page 49 Science demonstrations create buzz!

Hermitage Primary was a hive of activity in March as each class was challenged to share their science learning with another. There was an audible buzz of excitement as presenting teams readied themselves to discuss their experiences, share their learning and demonstrate scientific concepts to live audiences. The pupils made wonderful teachers and were incredibly motivated by an afternoon of peer learning, as well as the opportunity to conduct experiments with live audience participation. As the first round of presentations kicked-off, it quickly became clear what a powerful learning experience this was for the children. Pupil feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Presenting teams found it to be an incredibly enjoyable and empowering experience while the pupil audiences were also highly engaged and left with new perspectives on the world around them.

Menu and car designs win competitions

Arrochar Primary School won the Loch Lomond & The Trossachs, National Park Community Partnership 'design a World War 1 menu' competition. Pupils, staff and parents were invited to attend a WW1 commemorative showcase event on Saturday, 11th April at Gartmore Village Hall. They were presented with their prizes, £100 for the school, Horrible Histories and Frightful First World War books and had the opportunity to try out their menu for themselves. This competition fitted beautifully in to the class interdisciplinary learning topic on WW1, where they also produced a community booklet in conjunction with the local Heritage Group.



Lachlan O'Neill, P3 at Arrochar Primary School, won the under-8 'design a dream car' competition, organised and sponsored by Helensburgh Toyota. He won £100 for the school and a Kindle Fire HD. This was the second year in a row he has won this competition.

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Wider Achievement: Contributions to charities

St Joseph's dress up for charity

In October St. Joseph's staff and children were delighted to welcome along to assembly Stacey Cameron of Mission Matters Scotland. The school has a long standing association with Mission as it is one of the foremost charities they support in any academic year. Stacey gave a very informative and colourful presentation to the children about how Mission's money is spent to assist children throughout the world. The children had lots of fun dressing up as peoples from different continents and we were delighted to hand over another cheque to Mission, this time for £186.66. Their support of Mission continues!

Arrochar's mucky mud slide

Recently, Arrochar Primary School held a 'mud slide' day in aid of Comic Relief. The pupils all had a fabulous, mucky afternoon.



Page 50 Puppeteers raise crisis funds

Meet the management of the P5 Rhu Puppeteers. As an enterprise project the pupils applied for jobs in the company, developed team writing groups, wrote scripts and put on seven performances of their shows. They raised £180 for the Ebola Crisis. William's dad is on a ship in Sierra Leone and the money will be delivered straight to the affected area.



Roald Dahl Cardross fundraiser fun



If you'd popped in to Cardross Primary in September you could have thought you had stepped straight into the pages of a Roald Dahl book! Staff and pupils thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as characters from this favourite children's author's books and spent their day engaged in learning activities related to his writing. All involved donated money for the Roald Dahl charity which goes to support children and families with particular conditions and needs and a total of £152.50 was sent to them.

Union Jack helps raise cash at Rosneath

On Friday 3rd October staff and pupils at Rosneath Primary School wore an array of red, white and blue to raise money for three main service charities: Royal Navy and Marines Charity; ABF The Soldier's Charity and RAF Benevolent Fund. All pupils enjoyed learning about the significance of Red, White and Blue Day and the union jack flag. Primary 1 pupils put their baking skills to good use by beautifully decorating cupcakes with red, white and blue icing and sprinkles. The school dinner ladies very kindly provided a Red, White and Blue themed lunch. As the Faslane Naval Base is a very important part of our community in Helensburgh and the surrounding areas, Rosneath Primary School were more than happy take part in an enjoyable and colourful day and were delighted to raise a fantastic £107.15 for these very worthy charities.

Foodbank support

Always keen to help the local community, St. Joseph's pupils, parents and staff decided to support the new local independent Foodbank. The organisers were delighted with their offer of help and asked in particular for the following items of which they were short: UHT life-long milk, small bags of sugar (500g), cup-a-soups and toothbrushes.

The whole school community started collecting. Soon the collection container was full to bursting and in February the first load was uplifted. The foodbank were thrilled and thanked the school community for their generosity.

The school continues to fill their container for the Foodbank and are delighted it will help so many people in the local community.



Page 51 Talent show helps 'Make a Wish'

Hermitage has definitely got Talent! The Pupil Council organised and promoted a Talent Show that was a fantastic event full of song and dance. There was even a comedian, soccer skills and a mime artist! Importantly, the Pupil Council raised over £300 for the Make a Wish Foundation.

MOD Pupil Support

This session funding has supported 2.5 additional support for learning teachers to support MOD pupils in schools.

It has supported the continuation of the Professional Learning Community (PLC) in which Primary and Secondary teaching staff and other professionals with an interest in understanding more about the issues faced by children from service families have been coming together. The PLC runs in twilight sessions and is hosted by Evelyn Cook and Marie Glancy. The members of this community are dedicated to improving the lives of service children in our local area. They've committed themselves to attend these sessions to learn from Marie and Evelyn who are very knowledgeable and able to give them examples of good practice happening throughout Scotland.

Very recently we have been able to appoint a temporary Parent Support Advisor to liaise between schools and families, coordinate all services and supports to these families arising from the bids, establish more Heroes groups, provide support to families arising from mobility and deployment issues, liaise between families and the base and to train staff in schools to support understanding of the specific challenges faced by Naval families in the area.

In February Headteachers from all of the Helensburgh and Lomond Schools were invited to attend an Armed Forces Covenant Education Day to further share understanding of the working of the base and local education provisions. Host for the day was Captain J HAYES Royal Navy (James) – Captain of the Base (CoB).

Continuation of support for Hear for You, a one to one support service for young people in Hermitage Academy. It can be a stand-alone service or part of a package of support for a young person. Bullying, self-esteem, domestic violence and self-harm are a few of the problems that the project supports. Support can last for weeks or years dependant on the needs of the young person. Within this project there are also opportunities to participate in the wider range of youth services activities which include Duke of Edinburgh Awards, Saltire awards and Youth Achievement Awards as well as the summer activity programme.

The Heroes Group at JLB is run by three parent volunteers who are very proud of the success of their group, as they should be! They do a fantastic job keeping approximately 20 children active and involved with activities and discussions each week for an hour. They have two 'Heroes' teddy's which children get to take home each week with a diary, to record what adventures they've been on with the teddy. The adventures are then shared with other pupils. Some children fill in diaries where they can write about their feelings and emotions. Each child has the opportunity to share any news with the rest of the group. The heroes take part in different activities such as art and crafts, outdoor and indoor games. The heroes also travelled to London in November making an appearance on the televised remembrance service attended by the Royal Family.

Supported by our Forces Parent Support Officer, Colgrain established their first successful Heroes Group in March. The club is being run by three volunteer parents who are all passionate about giving the children an opportunity to come together and support each other. About 18 pupils attend and a number of the sessions have been held outdoors to take advantage of the sunshine! The parents are keen to work in partnership with the Heroes group at JLB to deliver shared events.

In the Royal Navy, Royal Marines Families Centre the Headteacher and Depute from JLB delivered a presentation on Curriculum for Excellence to prospective Naval families moving into the area.

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Creative Arts in Schools (CAST)

Rosneath and St Joseph's sign up for samba.

The rhythmic sound of surdo drums, agogo bells, tamborims and ganza shakers playing together will be heard throughout school grounds during the spring and summer terms. A Youth Music Intiative music practitioner is leading various sessions in school prior to delivering a performance. They are focussing on teaching samba rhythms using a range of Brazilian instruments. The children will have the opportunity to increase their listening and playing skills, and work collaboratively to create interesting and fun compositions. The session leaders ensure the experience is lively, fun and enjoyable.

The annual samba drumming project for p5-7 is delivered by a music specialist, focusing on rhythm using Brazilian percussion instruments. In the last week of the block the children will have an opportunity to perform either to other pupils or an invited local audience.



The sessions comprises a consecutive six week block of approx 1 hour-long sessions (depending on numbers) programmed to fit the school's timetable between January and June 2015.

Playing samba increases pupils' playing and listening skills whilst taking part in collaborative music making giving pupils a chance to enjoy the pleasure of performance in a collective music situation. This project has often been expanded to include a rich variety of cross-curricular CfE opportunities inc. expressive arts, social studies and languages.

It is funded by Creative Scotland Youth Music Initiative funding which is an annual grant that the

council's music service recieves to enable delivery of music to P5. It is a targeted fund for Scotland's 32 local authorities with £8 million being distributed based on a Scottish Government formula.

Primary 7/6 at Rosneath took part in 6 weeks of Samba Drumming Lessons with Instructor Rob Welsh. On the last week it was over to the pupils for SHOWTIME and they showcased their newly acquired skills to the rest of the school and their parents. Pupils certainly developed confidence and musical talent!



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HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY SERVICES

9 JUNE 2015

THIRD SECTOR GRANTS 2015/16

Update on The Tower Digital Arts Centre and Soulwind

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the progress of two projects proposed by The Tower and Soulwind and provisionally awarded Third Sector Grant funding at the April Area Committee.
- 1.4 A total of £29,323 was awarded to 15 successful applicants in round 1 of the Third Sector Grants at the Area Committee in April.
- 1.5 The deadline for completed applications for funding for the second round of Third Sector Grants is Monday 15 June. More information can be found at http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/third-sector-grants.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the £3,000 awarded to Soulwind in round 1 is added to the funding available for the second round of Third Sector Grant funding allocated at the August Area Committee.
- 2.2 That the conditional £4,000 award agreed at the April Area Committee to The Tower Digital Arts Centre stands.
- 2.3 If recommendations 2.1 and 2.2 are agreed, the funds remaining for round 2 of the Third Sector Grants is £9,683 (including a carry forward of £1,006).

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 The applicant for The Tower Digital Arts Centre has submitted a proposal to delay the Innovate Festival until March 2016. The Festival would draw on the life and achievements of John Logie Baird.
- 3.2 Soulwind received a conditional award of £3,000 at the April Area Committee but due to unforeseen circumstances the proposed 'Kilcreggan to Kibble' project will not take place in 2015. As a result the funding is no longer required.
- 3.3 The total Third Sector Grant budget made available by the Council for allocation in Helensburgh and Lomond for 2015/16 is £36,006, including a carry forward from 2014/15 of £1,006.

3.4 Up to 10% (or £3,500) of unallocated Third Sector Grant funding can be carried forward to the Third Sector Grants programme in the next financial year.

4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 That members agree to the recommendations above.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy: None
- 5.2 Financial: The £4,000 awarded to The Tower Digital Arts Centre may not be drawn down if the applicant does not achieve the additional funding needed to deliver the project. Only £3,500 can be carried forward into the 2016-17 Third Sector Grants programme.
- 5.3 Legal: None
- 5.4 HR: None
- 5.5 Equalities
- 5.6 Risk: None
- 5.7 Customer Service: None

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Agenda Item 10

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

HELENSBURGH & LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE

DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

9th June 2015

Hermitage Park Update

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.0.1 This report provides an update on the current development phase of Hermitage Park.
- 1.0.2 A draft masterplan was presented to the public on 29th April 2015, following which minor amendments are being made to develop the final draft masterplan.
- 1.0.3 A report on options for delivery of associated car parking and the associated budget implications (outwith scope of Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) funding), and also management and maintenance resourcing and budgetary implications were presented at the 12th May 2015 business day.
- 1.0.4 The project is on track for a 31st August 2015 deadline for the application to HLF.

1.1 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1.1.1 The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee note the content of this report.
- 1.1.2 That members consider and provide approval in principal to sign off the final draft masterplan.
- 1.1.3 Members consider and if agreeable approve the additional car parking provision as described in option one, and approve the associated budget which would require to come from the remaining Section 75 monies as it is out with the scope of the HLF funding bid. However members should note that in approving the Section 75 monies for car parking that this means that it would then not be available for use in other projects such as the Helensburgh Pier head.
- 1.1.4 Members approve using part of the surplus Indian Granite setts, purchased as part of the CHORD project, for use in Hermitage Park.

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HELENSBURGH & LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE

DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Hermitage Park Update

2. INTRODUCTION

2.1 This report provides the members attending the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee with an update on the current development phase of Hermitage Park. The main purpose of the report is to presents the final draft masterplan to the area committee for approval in principal, which includes additional car parking provision with associated budget implications (out with the scope of the HLF funding application). In addition the report seeks approval for the use of surplus Indian Granite setts purchased in association with the CHORD project.

3. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee note the content of this report.
- 3.2 That members approve in principal the final draft masterplan.
- 3.2 Members consider and if agreeable approve the additional car parking provision as described in option one, and approve the associated budget which would require to come from the remaining Section 75 monies as it is out with the scope of the HLF funding bid. However members should note that in approving the Section 75 monies for car parking that this means that it would then not be available for use in other projects such as the Helensburgh Pier head.
- 3.3 Members approve using part of the surplus Indian Granite setts, purchased as part of the CHORD project, for use in Hermitage Park.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Following a number of area committee and business day reports, the Heritage Lottery Board met on the 17th December 2013 and the Hermitage Park bid was awarded a first round pass and development grant. Subsequently the full council approved HLF terms of grant on 23rd January 2014.
- 4.2 Through the process all groups were supportive of the desire to improve Hermitage Park and the overall general vision and values the Friends of Hermitage Park had presented. This vision which included proposed works was detailed at the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee Business Day on 14th August 2012.

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- 4.3 These works include;
 - 4.3.1 Restoration of historic fabric including walled memorial garden, pond and gates, old mill remains, Hermitage Well and the Millig Burn paths, bridges and walls,
 - 4.3.2 Restoration/reinterpretation of historic planting, including open up lines of site to improve safety of visitors,
 - 4.3.3 Celebration of heritage through interpretation and community involvement and upgrading of the paths and drainage to increase access to the park,
 - 4.3.4 Reconsideration of the recreational elements which include the children's play park, bowling green, tennis courts, putting green and recreational pavilion, shelter and toilets.
 - 4.3.5 Consideration of relevant car parking (outwith scope of HLF funding).
- 4.4 These works would meet the wider social needs of the community, allowing for traditional leisure needs, whilst encouraging use of the park as a location for education and learning. The vision includes a greater heritage and environmental aspect to the park, with the possibilities of interpreting the heritage and exploring the potential of community gardens, sensory gardens, increasing the habitat for wildlife, birds, etc. and minimising future maintenance requirements.
- 4.5 The timeline agreed between HLF and council officers is as follows:
 - 4.5.1 Appoint consultants 24th October 2014 COMPLETED
 - 4.5.2 Draft masterplan for consultation February 2015 COMPLETED
 - 4.5.3 Final masterplan and all documents July 2015 ON SCHEDULE
 - 4.5.4 Second stage application prepared August 2015
 - 4.5.5 Notification of second stage December 2015
 - 4.5.6 Works commence on the ground March/April 2016
 - 4.5.7 Project completes (revenue/interpretation/training) 2019/2020.
- 4.6 The Hermitage Park Steering Group continues to meet monthly and includes representatives from The Friends of Hermitage Park Association, Schools and Youth, Ministry of Defence, Leisure Services and Helensburgh Community Council. The group is chaired by Tom Murphy, Amenity Services Manager and is governed by a partnership agreement.

5. DETAILS

5.1 The HLF Parks for People is a two stage application process. The first stage pass which was awarded includes a development phase to take the project to RIBA Work Stage 3 for the second stage application. The proposed final costs in stage two are currently being finalised and there will be an increase on the original stage one costs as a consequence of the need to demolish the existing pavilion due to structural issues and replace it with a new pavilion building. HLF are agreeable to consider a request for additional funding from them if a clear case can be demonstrated. It has been made clear that there will be no additional funding from the council. Officers are currently investigating other funding options and these will be made available to members should they wish.

- 5.2 The report to the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee Business Day on 12th May highlighted to members two key areas where there will be a financial and resource commitment required from the council. These specifically relate to car parking provision, which is out with the scope of the HLF grant funding, and to the on-going management and maintenance requirements of the Park for 10 years post the HLF capital funding investment.
- 5.3 Work is progressing to schedule with the following milestones being met;
 - 5.3.1 A preview meeting with Heritage Lottery Fund took place on 7th April to review progress and assess the draft masterplan and key documents. This was followed by a meeting on 11th May to provide further support for the completion of a formal review stage and confirmation that the project is on track.
 - 5.3.2 The draft masterplan was presented to the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee 14th April 2015, followed by a public presentation event on 29th April. Following this minor amendments have been made and the final draft masterplan will be presented to the area committee today, 9th June 2015, for approval in principal.

5.4 Hermitage Park draft masterplan

- 5.4.1 The main changes to the current park layout and function as presented in the final draft masterplan are as follows:
 - Belvedere at outer wall of memorial gardens
 - Bedding area next to Hermit's Well to be redesigned as footprint of former Hermitage House and removal of Japanese style shelter
 - Play park to become demonstration garden (with play equipment resited)
 - Redesign of sports area to adventure play, a putting green and fountain plaza/event space/informal play
 - New pavilion with covered deck area to incorporate café, toilets and community space for volunteers/other
 - Introduction of seating both formal and informal
 - Additional car and cycle parking
 - All ability paths from four access points through the park that will be lit
 - Consolidation and re-interpretation of Milligs Mill site
- 5.4.2 Members are asked to approve in principal the final draft masterplan for Hermitage Park.

5.5 Car parking and associated costings

5.5.1 Following recommendations from the area committee business day on 12th May 2015, where three options were presented for the provision of car parking, members recommended option two; to redesign and extend the existing car park at Victoria Halls, to provide an addition 27 car parking spaces in the extended area, cycle racks and possibly an electric charging point. Following discussion members requested that a further reconfiguring of the area be considered adding more spaces if possible.

- 5.5.2 Through reconfiguring Victoria Halls' car park we have increased the capacity of car parking spaces from 20 to 33 spaces. The two options set out below show this increase, and proposed additional car parking within the Hemitage Park boundary. Members should be made aware that at this stage figures are estimates and the final number of spaces may vary slightly, however the budget figures will remain set:-
 - Option One: Fifty-six spaces in total made up of 33 spaces within the Victoria Halls area and a further 23 new spaces at a cost of £75k. This amounts to an overall increase of 36 from current provision.
 - Option Two: Sixty-eight spaces in total made up of 33 spaces within the Victoria Halls area and a further 35 new spaces at a cost of £150k. This amount to an overall increase of 48 from current provision.
- 5.5.3 The increase in costs for undertaking option two are a result of works required to rectify the change in gradient and for excavation and additional bank reinforcement works. This is because the increased area takes the new car park on to the edge of the bowling green.
- 5.5.4 Both options include the following considerations:-
 - Central access path between the car parking areas In discussion with the council's Health and Safety Officer a preliminary assessment of risk has been undertaken considering the access path and the crossing of vehicular traffic. It was felt sufficient provisions could be put in place to ensure any risk remained low.
 - Planning permission Initial discussion with the planning department indicate option one would not be an issue, however, the encroachment onto the Bowling Green needed as part of option two would need input from Sportscotland's advisory team. This has not been undertaken.
 - Car parking assessment and traffic management requirements In discussion with the council's Technical Officer, Roads and Amenity Services, additional parking provision within the Victoria Halls site and proposed new area of Hermitage Park may require an additional traffic controlled signalised crossing to facilitate the increase in traffic, taking into account both pedestrians and cyclists. In addition, consideration of the appropriate guidance will be undertaken when the project is in detailed design and planning. Should traffic management be required, this has been estimated at £30,000, for which funding will be sought from SPT.
 - Victoria Hall's car parking requirement Discussions with the council's Community Service representative has been undertaken to ensure the Halls' requirements are met.
- 5.5.5 The surface material will be primarily tarmac, close to the Victoria Halls, and recycled plastic Geogrid with gravel infill within the new area, which will limit surface water runoff.
- 5.5.6 The only source of funding for the car parking provision identified to date is the Section 75 monies. It is understood that there is £75,000 remaining in this budget and if it is used for the Hermitage Park car parking it will not be available for other projects such as the Pier head. There is no budget to take forward option two. Option one provides, as requested, a number of additional spaces and funding has been identified using Section 75 monies, whereas option two is not considered value for money.

- 5.5.7 Members consider and if agreeable approve the additional car parking provision and approve the associated budget which would require to come from the remaining Section 75 monies as it is out with the scope of the HLF funding bid. However members should note that in approving the Section 75 monies for car parking that this means that it would then not be available for use in other projects such as the Helensburgh Pier head.
- 5.5.8 Any increase in car parking may require an additional traffic management system (traffic lights for pedestrian, cycling and vehicular crossing), which has been estimated at £30,000. This applies to both option one and option two. Funding for this will be sought through SPT.

5.6 Management and maintenance

- 5.6.1 An update on the management and maintenance implications were presented to the area committee business day on 12th May 2015. The report highlighted the council's requirement to sign up to a formal contract with HLF, which include the following conditions:
 - The council cannot sell, let or otherwise part with the property without the approval of HLF.
 - The property must be maintained in good repair and condition to the satisfactions of HLF for a period of 10 years following the completion of the works.
 - The park must obtain the Green Flag award following completion of the capital works and that all steps necessary to retain the Green Flag award are taken for at least six years.
- 5.6.2 Initially the delivery stage of the HLF project (post stage two approval) will provide the funding for the appointment of a Parks Manager who will assist the Project Manager with delivering this stage. The delivery stage will be complete within five years and thereafter, as per the condition of any grant, a subsequent ten year management and maintenance programme will require to be resourced and delivered and it will be closely monitored by HLF. This will require a ring-fenced budget to be provided for the maintenance of the park for a period of up to 10 years following completion of the works.
- 5.6.3 A fully detailed management and maintenance plan is being completed based on the current masterplan. This will not be available until after the area committee day but will be made available to committee members in August 2015.
- 5.6.4 The main issues and risks for the council are highlighted below.

Service choices	There will be a requirement to ring-fence management and maintenance resource for the park for up to10 years following completion. It is currently estimated that the future maintenance costs will exceed the current maintenance costs. This is due to the existing maintenance provision having been significantly reduced and the former Victorian standards having been reduced to a basic care and
	standards having been reduced to a basic care and maintenance provision.

HLF	It is anticipated that the service choices process will further reduce resource available for amenity and parkland. This will result in any ring-fencing reducing flexibility and reducing delivery specifications to none ring-fenced areas. If we do not proceed with the park's development there may
funding	be a requirement to reimburse HLF development costs. This amounts to £169,700.
Capital investment	If we do not proceed then the opportunity to harness over £2million of external investment in the park in order to make it sustainable, will be lost.
Health and Safety	If the park continues to deteriorate the limited resource available will have to be prioritised to ensure there are no health and safety implications for park users. If HLF funding is not secured there will still be a requirement to seriously look at the future management and maintenance of the park.
Reputation	If we do not proceed local goodwill and the positive media profile will be lost.
	There needs to be a sustainable maintenance plan in place that ensures resources are available for up to 10 years following the completion of the works. This maintenance plan also needs to take into consideration resource requirements and maintenance standards for the remaining council area.

5.7 Indian granite

- 5.7.1 As part of the CHORD project an amount of surplus Indian granite material was purchased using CHORD project funding, approximately 1400m2 of paving and 740m2 of setts.
- 5.7.2 The material will be used for public utility reinstatement works and as part of further improvements works within the CHORD area, which could include the Pierhead project. In discussions with the CHORD Project Manager and Head of Roads and Amenity Services, once an amount has been deducted for reinstatement works (20m2),720m2 of setts is surplus to requirement.
- 5.7.3 This report seeks approval for the surplus 720m2 of setts to be used as part of the Hermitage Park development project. Its use will assist with offsetting additional costs associated with the need to replace rather than refurbish the pavilion. This would amount to a saving of £29k, and would help to achieve a reduced maintenance requirement. It would also link the park with the CHORD development works and improve the aesthetics of the park and proposed features. Two linked areas within the park have been highlighted for its possible use (see Appendix Three) the fountain plaza and upper paved area with a small amount set aside for reinstatement works, in total 720m2, leaving 20m2 for the CHORD reinstatement works.

5.8 Next Steps

- 5.8.1 Following approval in principal of the final draft masterplan, the associated documents required for the park which include the conservation plan, activity plan, interpretation plan, management and maintenance plan, pavilion business plan and marketing plan are being fully developed for the final bid to HLF.
- 5.8.2 A report on options for delivery of the management and maintenance resourcing will be prepared for the August 2015 business day.
- 5.8.3 The associated documents required for the stage two bid to HLF will be finalised and submitted before 31st August 2015 with notification of the outcome in late December 2015.
- 5.8.4 The Hermitage Park Project Development Officer post will end on 7th August 2015.

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 Following a final presentation of the draft masterplan to the public on 29th April 2015, and car parking recommendations following the area committee business day meeting 12th May 2015, minor changes have been made. A final draft masterplan and car parking plan is presented for sign off by the area committee on 9th June 2015. The project is on track for a 31st August submission to the HLF.

7. IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Policy None.
- 7.2 Financial £20,000 has been allocated within the budget process for development in 2014/2015. A further £280,000 has been allocated from ear marked reserves for potentially 2015/16 onwards depending on HLF approval. The provision of additional car parking and the associated budget is out with the scope of the HLF bid and budget for this will therefore require to be identified from elsewhere. The only option identified for this is the Section 75 monies of which there is £75,000 remaining but if allocated to this project would then not be available to any other projects such as the Pier Head. There is no budget that would allow option two to progress. Traffic management of circa £30,000 would be sought from SPT if required.
- 7.3LegalBound by HLF terms of grant approved by Council 23rd
Jan 2014.
- 7.4 HR New staff post funded by HLF ends 7th August 2015.
- 7.5 Equalities None but the proposed improvements increase accessibility of the Park to those with mobility problems and visitors with pushchairs.

- 7.6 Risk Further match funding must be secured.
- 7.7 Customer Services None.

8. APPENDICES

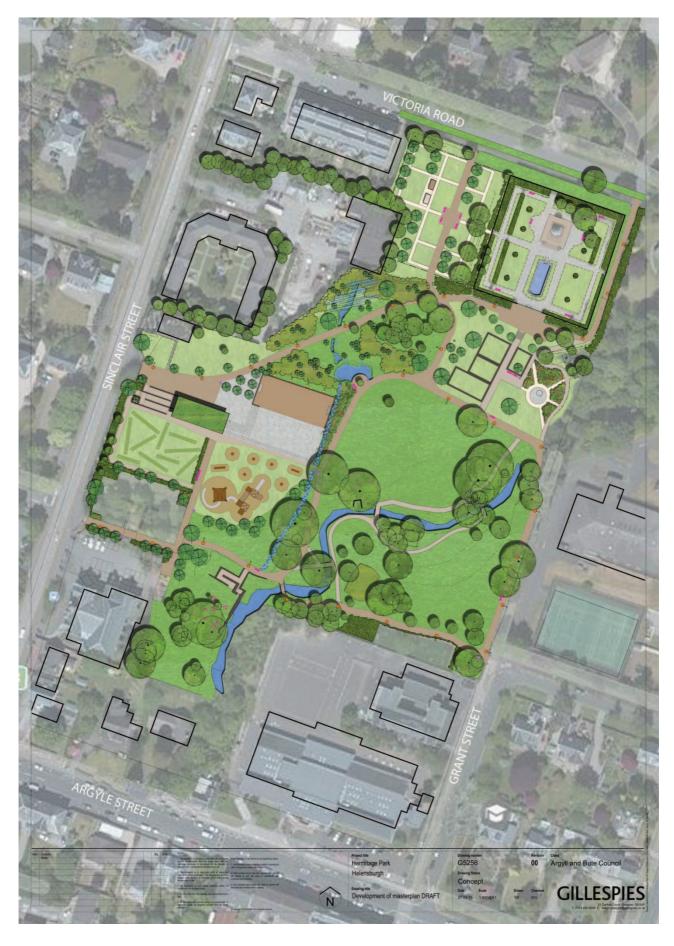
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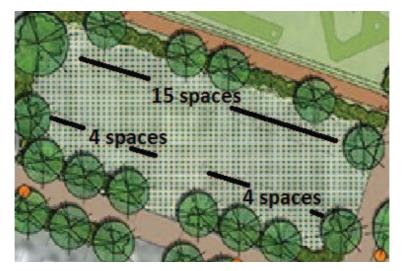
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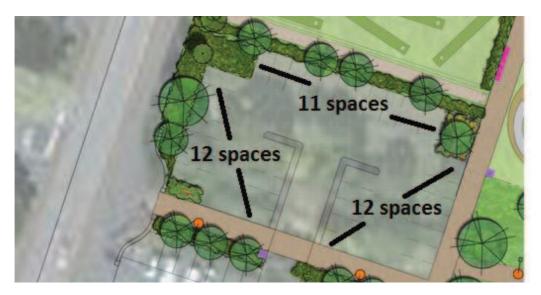
- 8.2 Appendix Two Car parking options
- 1. Victoria Halls reconfigured car park from 20 to 33 spaces



2. Option One: 56 in total - additional 33 in Victoria Halls plus 23 new £75k



3. Option Two: 68 in total - additional 33 in Victoria Halls plus 35 new £150K



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8.3 Appendix Three Proposed area for use of Indian granite

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HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE JUNE 2015

DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND PARKING REVIEW UPDATE HELENSBURGH and LOMOND

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 In May 2014 the Council took on the responsibility for enforcing parking restrictions across Argyll and Bute. By assuming this responsibility we are able to ensure effective traffic management in our town centres. This is known as decriminalised parking enforcement (DPE).
- 1.2 This move was as a result of the police no longer employing traffic wardens.
- 1.3 Effective traffic management has a number of benefits, including supporting the local economy by ensuring parking turnover, safeguarding access for blue badge holders, for deliveries, for loading and for emergency vehicles as well as ensuring road safety by managing inconsiderate and irresponsible parking.
- 1.4 Our amenity wardens patrol all areas of Argyll and Bute where parking restrictions are in force. These include, but are not limited to, areas with yellow lines, pay and display bays, loading and unloading areas, disabled bays, limited waiting areas and off-street parking areas.
- 1.5 In Helensburgh the public realm improvement works were still ongoing at the time of introduction, meaning we were unable to fully implement DPE until May 2015, when the pre-planned restricted parking zone (RPZ) went live.
- 1.6 Within the RPZ motorists can park only in marked bays; parking anywhere else is a violation of the parking regulations. On-street parking remains free of charge but is limited to one hour.
- 1.7 Following a reasonable bedding-in period for DPE it was always intended to carry out a parking review across the Council area; this is the process we are currently going through.
- 1.8 A member workshop was held on 9 March where the scope of the Helensburgh parking review was discussed. A public consultation exercise was carried out which included public meetings in Helensburgh on 24 March and Luss on 31 March.
- 1.9 Following this consultation exercise officers have developed parking proposals for Helensburgh and Lomond which are detailed in this paper for the consideration of members.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Members recommend the following proposals be taken to Environment Development and

Infrastructure Committee for approval:

Helensburgh

- i) Maintain one hour free on-street parking in the restricted parking zone bays (status quo).
- ii) Note that car parks at the new Council offices on Clyde Street will be available for public parking outwith office hours and will be free of charge.
- iii) Maintain the free car spaces in the Pier Area car park (status quo).
- iv) Change the unlimited charging structure in John Street and James Street to be consistent with the restricted parking zone (1 hour in bay free parking).
- v) Not to proceed with the introduction of an "outer zone" zone.
- vi) Change the charging structure in the Sinclair Street car park to the first 2 hours free with charges thereafter.
- vii) Review town centre parking arrangements by the end of 2017 to measure the effectiveness of the parking management.

Luss

- i) Residents only parking in the core village area, supported by a Restricted Parking Zone.
- ii) Year round off street charges to the Council run car park.
- iii) Pay and display parking on the first section of Pier Road from Old Luss Road
- iv) Double yellow lines to the full extent of Old Luss Road other than where the carriageway is sufficiently wide to allow pay and display parking bays to be installed.

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE JUNE 2015

DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND PARKING REVIEW UPDATE HELENSBURGH and LOMOND

3.0 INTRODUCTION

This report provides a summary of the parking review process to date and the issues raised through the member workshop and informal public consultation. The report also provides an overall programme for the implementation of any changes to the current arrangements and the associated statutory consultation process.

4.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.1 Members recommend the following proposals be taken to Environment Development and Infrastructure Committee for approval:

4.1.1 <u>Helensburgh</u>

- i) Maintain one hour free on-street parking in the restricted parking zone bays (status quo).
- ii) Note that car parks at the new Council offices on Clyde Street will be available for public parking outwith office hours and will be free of charge.
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- iv) Change the unlimited charging structure in John Street and James Street to be consistent with the restricted parking zone (1 hour in bay free parking).
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- vi) Change the charging structure in the Sinclair Street car park to the first 2 hours free with charges thereafter.
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4.1.2 <u>Luss</u>

- i) Residents only parking in the core village area, supported by a Restricted Parking Zone.
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- iii) Pay and display parking on the first section of Pier Road from Old Luss Road
- iv) Double yellow lines to the full extent of Old Luss Road other than where the carriageway is sufficiently wide to allow pay and display parking bays to be installed.

5.0 DETAIL

Parking Review:-

- 5.1 Members will be aware that a review of car parking throughout Argyll and Bute is currently being progressed. This process involved holding a series of workshops with Members and Officers to discuss the provision of parking in all four administrative areas of Argyll and Bute. Following the workshops an informal public consultation was carried out on a series of draft parking proposals prior to member approval. This will be followed by a statutory consultation process on any changes to the existing Road Traffic Orders.
- 5.2 Under the initial scope for Helensburgh and Lomond it was proposed that a parking review and parking workshops be carried out in Helensburgh Town Centre and at Luss, both locations having received representation from Community Councils and other bodies. On this basis Cardross, Rhu, Shandon, Garelochhead, Arrochar, the Rosneath Peninsula and other settlements within Helensburgh and Lomond are not in scope for the review.
- 5.3 The Process for the Helensburgh and Lomond parking review is summarised as follows:-
 - Member Workshop.
 - Public consultation exercise.
 - Report to the Area Committee with a list of proposals for statutory consultation.
 - Any changes to charges to be reported to the EDI Committee in line with the Council's parking policy.
 - Advertise drafts of any TROs as part of the statutory consultation process.
 - Representations considered by Area Committee.
 - Finally, consideration will be given to any representations received and traffic orders will be progressed as part of the legal process.

The process is currently at the third bullet point above.

5.4 Following implementation of any changes, a review will be carried out to ensure any alterations have had a positive effect.

The parking reviews are being undertaken in line with the Council's Parking Policy Framework which seeks to:

- Improve road safety for all road users.
- Improve traffic management to reduce pollution, conserve fossil fuels, contribute to sustainable development and reduce the environmental impact that multiple motor vehicles have.
- Ensure that all adopted measures contribute positively towards the economic viability of our towns. Including suspension of charges for specific events aimed at encouraging economic and community growth; such as Festivals.

- Encourage modal shift to non-car enabled journeys with a view to reducing the amount of space in our town centres occupied by parked vehicles.
- Ensure adequate provision is maintained for disabled drivers, whose dependence on cars is often critical to their quality of life.
- Encourage the use of peripheral parking areas away from town centres and the use of park & ride where practical.
- Establish and exercise a consistent approach to parking provision across Argyll and Bute.
- 5.5 The overall financial impact of the proposals in this report cannot be quantified at this time, however, the implications are, broadly speaking, expected to be cost neutral but would need monitored to manage within overall budget. This would include a review of parking management at the end of 2017, or earlier should cost pressures become apparent.

Existing Parking Provision - Helensburgh.

5.6 As part of the Helensburgh regeneration works a Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ) has been created in Helensburgh Town Centre (area within the blue broken line shown at Appendix 1). The RPZ has been introduced to reduce clutter from individual signs marking bays etc. The RPZ is indicated on the ground with 'entrance' signs which state the restrictions between certain hours. Under the RPZ it is permitted to park only in a designated parking bay for the time permitted. Parking outwith a marked bay may result in a PCN being issued.

There are a total of 268 on street parking spaces available in the RPZ detailed in Table 1 below. The total off street parking provision is 989 spaces making a total of on and off street spaces (Restricted Parking Zone and car parks detailed below) of 1257.

5.7 Table 1 - Number of on-street parking bays within the RPZ - Helensburgh

Parking Bay Type	No. of Bays
Limited 60 minutes waiting / no return within 60 minutes 0800-1800 hours Mon- Fri	184
Unrestricted parking (James and John Street)	58
Disabled limited 60 minutes waiting / no return within 60 minutes 0800-1800 hours Mon-Fri	17
Loading bays limited 30 minutes / no return within 60 minutes	2
Taxi rank	1 bay – max 6 taxis
Total on street spaces	268

5.8 **Table 2 Off Street Parking Bays**

Car Park	Number of Paid Spaces	Number of Free Spaces
Sinclair Street	108	
Pier Car park	132	420
Maitland Street	32	
New Council Offices		47 – available outside office hours
Co-op – Railway Car Park	Privately operated car park –	250 spaces
Total off street car parking spaces	989	

5.9 Arrangements during the public realm works

During the public realm works Sinclair Street car park had the charging suspended. This was implemented to maintain free car parking provision in town during the construction phase - during construction the contractor took 'possession' of the streets being improved to allow works to be carried out. During these possessions on street parking was not permitted where the works were underway and, at times, to clear areas for traffic management reasons. The lost car parking income was funded through the regeneration budget to offset the loss of off street income. A summary of off street parking income in Helensburgh is provided in the below Table, the figures include the funds allocated to compensate for lost income following the suspension of parking charges.

5.10 Table 3 Off Street Parking Income

Sum of actual Period Net SUM	Period Year		
Cost Centre Narrative	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
DIS – Off Street – Charging - H&L	720		
DIS – Off Street – Charging – Helensburgh	-1221	-1018	-90
DIS – Off Street – Charging – Maitland Street, Helensburgh	-3473	-4481	-2995
DIS – Off Street – Charging – Pier, Helensburgh	-47242	-42537	-34186
DIS – Off Street – Charging – Sinclair Street, Helensburgh	-40641	-36251	-43746
Grand Total	-91868	-84286	-81017

5.11 Proposals set out in the Parking Consultation

The consultation leaflet set out the following proposals:

- Town centre free on street parking for one hour within the Restricted Parking Zone
- Town centre free on street parking for 2 hours within the 'outer zone' as detailed on the street plan at Appendix A. As part of this proposal permits would be available for residents to purchase.
- Off street car parks to remain as is with a mix of charging nearer the town centre and free further away (420 spaces at the far end of the Pier Car Park currently free).

5.12 **Comments received during and following the consultation:**

There were 87 individuals who attended the parking consultation. The format of the consultation was a drop in style session where individuals were provided with leaflets and large A1 plans were displayed. Officers were available to discuss the draft proposals and individuals were encouraged to complete a form where they could detail any comments they had. A summary of the comments received is detailed at Appendix 2.

In addition to the above the Chamber of Commerce carried out a survey by questionnaire – the analysis of the questionnaire is provided at Appendix 3 (Council Officers had no input to the wording or style of the questionnaire).

One of the proposals put forward by the public is to remove the charging for the Sinclair Street car park. The average parking income over the last 3 years for Sinclair Street is $\pounds40,203$ p/a. This is expected to increase slightly given the introduction of DPE and completion of the CHORD works.

5.13 **Proposals for Helensburgh**

Based on the feedback from the consultation the following is proposed:

- One hour free in the RPZ (this maintains the status quo and allows the RPZ to be fully managed).
- Change the unlimited on street parking in James and John Street to 1 hour to align with the remainder of the RPZ.
- Leave the 'outer zone' (as shown in the leaflet in Appendix 1) as is no change.
- Promote first 2 hours free parking in Sinclair Street Car Park with charges thereafter.
- Review of town centre parking management by the end of 2017 to measure the effectiveness of parking management following the introduction of the RPZ.

5.14 Proposals for Luss

Existing Parking Provision - Luss.

- 5.15 Parking restrictions are currently limited in Luss. There are a number of on street restrictions in place. However, the Council has received representation over recent time for some form of traffic management to be introduced. Elected Members, The Community Council, residents and Police Scotland have made representations regarding the volume of traffic visiting the village year round. The volumes can increase significantly during holiday periods. At times Police Scotland have had to deploy resources to maintain public order. There is a public car park, maintained by the Council, which is pay and display during peak season.
- 5.16 Proposals set out in the Parking Consultation Leaflet:

The consultation leaflet set out the following proposals:

- Introduction of a Restricted Parking Zone similar to that recently introduced in Helensburgh.
- Visitors' parking restricted to an agreed time period, e.g. 1hr, 1.5hrs, 2hrs etc. this to be determined.
- Visitors permitted to park in marked bays for an agreed period.

The consultation leaflet also set out other considerations:

- Permits would be available to residents to purchase with a suggested annual charge of £40.00
- Residents would require a permit to indicate that they were authorised to park in excess of the restricted time.
- Existing nose in parking would be dedicated to residents only, still requiring a permit.
- The position and distribution of marked bays would be subject to further discussion but only where carriageway width is suitable.
- 5.17 Comments received during and following the consultation:

A summary of comments received is included at Appendix 2. Appendix 3 details representation received following the consultation.

Proposals for Luss

- Residents' only parking in the core village area.
- Year round off street charges to the Council run car park.
- Pay and display parking on the first section of Pier Road from the old Luss Road
- Double yellow lines to the full extent of the old Luss Road other than where the carriageway is sufficiently wide enough to allow pay and display parking bays to be installed.
- Extend the 30mph speed limit.

6.0 CONCLUSION

6.1 This report provides an update to Members on traffic management issues and the ongoing parking review in Helensburgh and Lomond. The overall financial impact of the proposals cannot be quantified at this time, however, the implications are expected to be broadly cost neutral but would need to be monitored to manage within overall budget. This would include a review of parking management at the end of 2017, or earlier should cost pressures become apparent.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Policy Parking Policy 2014
- 7.2 Financial Any physical work required to be carried out on the road network, i.e. signing and lining will be funded by the roads revenue budget. Car parking revenues are budgeted as income, the implications above are expected to be broadly cost neutral but would need to be monitored to manage within overall budget. This would include a review of parking management at the end of 2017, or earlier should cost pressures become apparent.
- 7.3 Legal Traffic Regulation Orders will be implemented as necessary.
- 7.4 HR None
- 7.5 Equalities None
- 7.6 Risk Safer roads for all road users.
- 7.7 CS None

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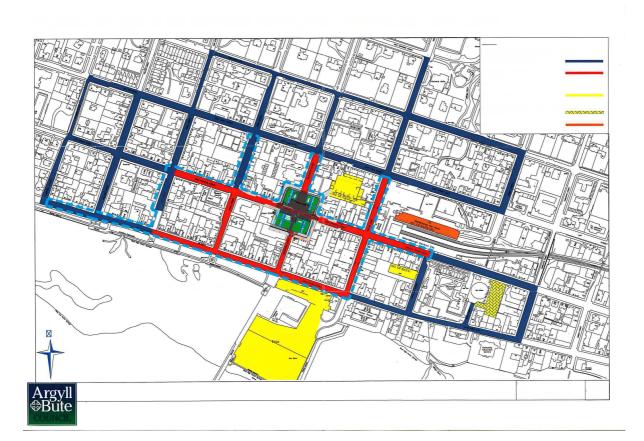
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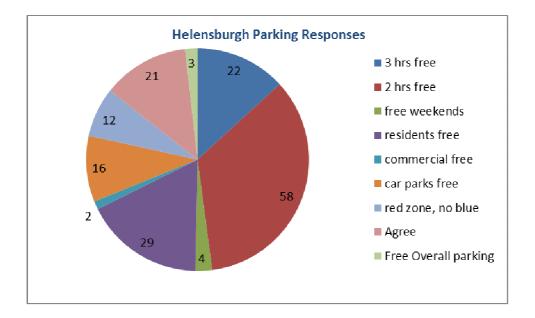
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- Appendix 6 Summary of other comments Luss

Appendix 1 – Parking Leaflet



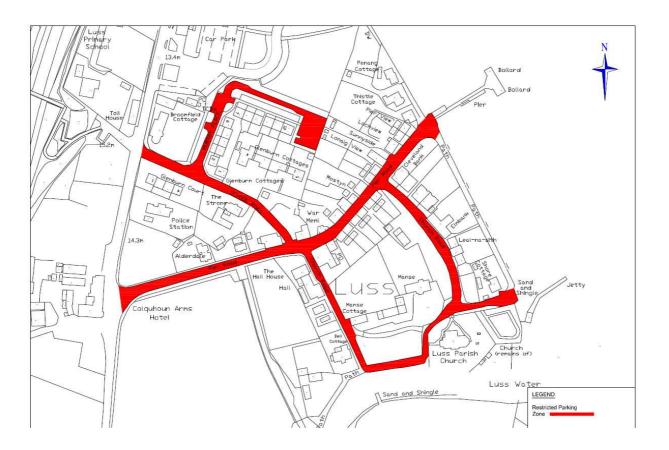


Appendix 2 – Analysis of customer comment from the consultation workshop



Appendix 3 – Chamber of Commerce Survey Results

	Commuter	8	1 46	
	Shopper	153		Shopper
	Working locally	53	53	Working locally
	Holiday	1	153	Holiday
	Live locally	46		Live locally
			Purpose	ofvisit
On a week	ly basis how many times do	you	24	
shop in th	e town?			■ 1 to 3
	1 to 3	131		■ 4 to 7
	4 to 7	93	93 1	31 Other
	Other	24		
			Shopping trips pe	r week to town
If you sho	o in the town, where do you			On Street
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	On Street	126	84 126	Sin clair Street
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Appendix 4 – Parking Leaflet

Parking Manage ment in Luss



The Review Process

Public meeting where the proposals highlighted in this leaflet will be discussed Views from the public meeting will be taken into consideration Formal consideration by the Area Committee

Any Proposals with budget implications will need to be considered by the councils' Policy and Resources Committee who have responsibility for budget matters across the council area. Formal statutory consultation followed by advertisements (required to make changes to parking).

Representations are considered then formal changes are implemented.

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 Visitors NS: permitted to park in marked bays for an agreed Nebsite: www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/parking Email: enquiries@argyll-bute.gov.uk Telephone: 01546 605514 (enquiries) 01546 605515 (payments)

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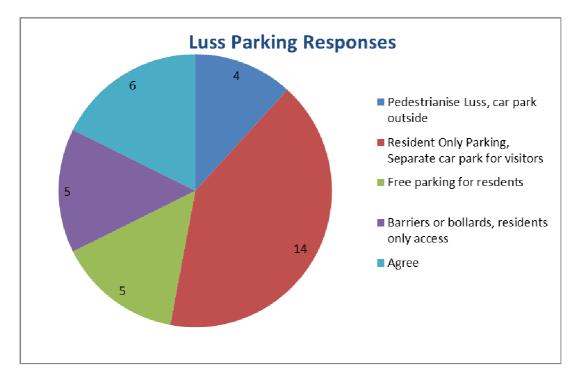


 Permits would be available to residents to purchase with a suggested annual charge of £40.00.

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- Residents would require a permit to indicate that they were authorised to park in excess of the restricted time.
- Existing nose in parking would be dedicated to residents only, still requiring a permit.
- The position and distribution of marked bays would be subject to further discussion but only where carriageway width is suitable.

Appendix 5 – Analysis of customer comment from the consultation workshop



Appendix 6 – Summary of Other Comments

Renfrewshire gives free residents parking, wants consistency and visibility of usage of funds Multi lingual signage at entrance to village Visitors and family of residents, what consideration are there of them. Enforcement issue due to nationalities etc. More prominent signs re speed limits Money from permits/parking used to fix road in village Old A82 cars parking cause issues Enforcement concerns, weekends and bank holidays main issue when wardens don't work Concern over permit charge, visitors causing problem, residents have to pay Reduce speed limit from 40mph to lower (a few mentioned) Improve signage (a few mentioned) Loch Lomond Rescue boat - ensure involved - shed near church One way system throughout village Boy racers a problem at night Prams, wheelchairs etc. access impossible due to parking on pavements Larger signs

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