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Dear Cleland

REDESIGN OF SERVICES AT STRUAN LODGE AND THOMSON COURT

Following the special meeting of the Integration Joint Board meeting on 2 November 2016 I have been instructed to write to the Council to request additional funding to assist with the decision to pause the redesign of services at Struan Lodge and Thomson Court.

As you are aware there has been significant representation from the public and politicians.

The Integration Joint Board has taken the decision to pause the redesign of services for a period of six months to allow the community engagement and involvement to be carried out and the outcome of this exercise will inform the decisions taken on the redesign of services in Cowal and Bute as part of the Quality and Financial Plan process for 2017-18 and 2018-19. The Scottish Government have agreed to support the communication and engagement process.

The financial implication of the decision to pause is that the expected savings of £185k estimated to be delivered in 2016-17 will now not be achievable in full. The Quality and Financial Plan for 2016-17 was approved following the financial year-end due diligence process and the requirement to deliver additional savings from Council delivered services.

The Integration Joint Board on 2 November 2016 decided that without delay I write to the Council requesting £185k of additional funding for 2016-17, in the knowledge that the Council are aware of the Integration Joint Board's circumstances and that this resource is specifically requested to facilitate a pause in implementation. The Integration Joint Board will continue to look at opportunities to deliver alternative savings and if we manage to achieve financial balance at the year-end then the money would be returned to the Council.

I should be obliged if you would make any necessary arrangements for this request for additional funding to be considered by the Council.

Yours sincerely

Christina West
Chief Officer, Argyll & Bute Integration Joint Board