

FUNDING UPDATE: AWARDED AND IN PROGRESS

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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- 1.2 £9,268,259 of funding has awarded to current existing programmes, projects and initiatives from an initial ask of £9,369,259. The £101,000 funding shortfall relates only to two projects. As the focus is always to maximise the leverage of external funding into Argyll and Bute initial asks, subject to strong competition, can be capped.
- 1.3 At present the EDST service is seeking £9,636,058 of funding. To date some elements of total project funding have been approved and one project has been approved in principle; this currently totals £1,083,448.
- 1.4 Details of the programmes, projects and initiatives awarded and in progress by team within the EDST service are outlined in **Table 1** and **Table 2** in the main report.
- 1.5 It is recommended that Members:
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2. INTRODUCTION

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3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Members are asked to:

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4. DETAILS

- 4.1 The overarching challenge for the Argyll and Bute economy is to retain and grow its population. Therefore along with Council match funding, as appropriate, it is important to maximise external funding, both at the national and European level. This funding can be levered in to the area to enable economic growth and higher value employment which in turn will attract higher earnings and people.
- 4.2 The funding awarded for existing programmes, projects and initiatives currently being delivered throughout the Argyll and Bute Council area is outlined in **Table 1** below. **Table 1** details the funding awarded for the teams within the EDST Service; Economic Growth (EG), Strategic Transportation & Infrastructure (ST&I), Transformation Projects & Regeneration (TP&R) and CHORD.
- 4.3 It should be noted that where a submission date is missing, such as under the 'Cycling Walking Safer Street' project, this money was ring-fenced for the area and no submission was required. For other projects, such as the Crinan Canal Charrette, the Scottish Government only funds 50% of the funding up to a total cost of £20,000.
- 4.4 £9,268,259 of funding has awarded to current existing initiatives from an initial ask of £9,369,259. The £101,000 funding shortfall relates only to two projects. As the focus is always to maximise the leverage of external funding into Argyll and Bute initial asks, subject to strong competition, can be capped.

Table 1: Funding Awarded									
Project	Team	Funding Source	Submission Date	Ask	Decision Date	Decision Received	Amount Awarded	Council Match Funding	Leading Officer
Business Gateway Local Growth Accelerator Programme	EG	ERDF	09 Oct 2015	£272,100	25 July 2016	Awarded	£272,100	£272,100	Kate Fraser
Hermitage Park walking and Cycling Links	ST&I	Sustrans	08 Feb 2016	£300,000	26 May 2016	Awarded	£300,000		Jonathan Welch
Cairnbaan Footway / Letterdail	ST&I	Sustrans	08 Feb 2016	£50,000	26 May 2016	Awarded	£50,000		Jonathan Welch
Bus Infrastructure Upgrades (Helensburgh & Lomond)	ST&I	SPT	06 Nov 2016	£200,000	01 Jan 2016	Awarded	£100,000		Jonathan Welch
Helensburgh Park & Ride (Gasometer Site)	ST&I	SPT	06 Nov 2015	£80,000	01 Jan 2016	Awarded	£80,000		Jonathan Welch
Cycle Counter Upgrade	ST&I	Smarter choices	31 Mar 2016	£20,000	21 Apr 2016	Awarded	£20,000		Jonathan Welch
Walking / cycling map Dunoon	ST&I	Smarter choices	31 Mar 2016	£3,000	21 Apr 2016	Awarded	£3,000		Jonathan Welch
Rothsay Feasibility Study (Terminal/Harbour area)	ST&I	Smarter choices	31 Mar 2016	£6,000	21 Apr 2016	Awarded	£6,000		Jonathan Welch
Feasibility Studies (Dunbeg, Lochgilphead, Dunoon West Bay)	ST&I	Smarter choices	31 Mar 2016	£22,500	21 Apr 2016	Awarded	£22,500		Jonathan Welch
Active Travel Signage Strategy	ST&I	Smarter choices	31 Mar 2016	£14,000	21 Apr 2016	Awarded	£13,000		Jonathan Welch
South Shian Footway	ST&I	Sustrans	01 Jul 2017	£25,000	01 Aug 2016	Awarded	£25,000		Jonathan Welch
Cycling Walking Safer Street	ST&I	Scottish Govt		£96,000		Awarded	£96,000		Jonathan Welch
Rosneath Footway Design	ST&I	Sustrans		£15,000	30 Sep 2016	Awarded	£15,000	£15,000	Jonathan Welch
Charrette - Crinan Canal (15/16)	TP&R	Scottish Govt		£20,000	-	Awarded	£20,000		Anna Watkiss
		Council		£10,000	-	Awarded	£10,000		
		Scottish Canals		£10,000	-	Awarded	£10,000		
Inveraray CARS	TP&R	HES	31 Aug 2012	£970,059	14 Aug 2013	Awarded	£970,059	£350,000	Feargal De Buiteleir
Campbeltown CARS Round 6	TP&R	HES	31 Aug 2014	£990,000	31 Jan 2015	Awarded	£990,000	£700,000	James Lafferty

Table 1: Funding Awarded (continued)									
Project	Team	Funding Source	Submission Date	Ask	Decision Date	Decision Received	Amount Awarded	Council Match Funding	Leading Officer
Rothesay Pavilion	CHORD	HLF	13 Oct 2014	£3,330,600	02 Feb 2015	Awarded	£3,330,600		Peter McDonald
		HIE	01 Nov 2014	£750,000	03 Feb 2015	Awarded	£750,000		
		RCGF	05 Sep 2014	£625,000	14 Apr 2015	Awarded	£625,000		
		CCF	23 Sep 2014	£600,000	09 Mar 2015	Awarded	£600,000		
		HES	01 Nov 2014	£600,000	21 Jan 2015	Awarded	£600,000		
Argyll and the Isles CHArts Place Partnership Plan	TP&R	Creative Scotland		£200,000	01 Jun 2016	Approved	£200,000	£30,000	Arlene Cullum /Kevin Baker
		A & I LEADER	15 Oct 2016	£160,000	05 Dec 2016	Awarded	£160,000		
TOTAL FUNDING				£9,369,259			£9,268,259	£1,367,100	

Notes: European Regional Development Fund (ERDF); Strathclyde Partnership Transport (SPT); Historic Environment Scotland (HES); Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF); Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE); Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF) and Coastal Communities Fund (CCF).

4.5 **Table 2** below details the funding in progress for the teams within the EDST Service; Economic Growth (EG) (facilitation support provided particularly with regard to ERDF and Argyll and the Islands LEADER funding streams), Strategic Transportation & Infrastructure (ST&I), Transformation Projects & Regeneration (TP&R) and CHORD.

Table 2: Funding in Progress									
Project	Team	Funding Source	Submission Date	Ask	Decision Date	Decision Received	Amount Awarded	Council Match Funding	Leading Officer
Ardrihaig Waterfront-Maritime Hub – one single site plan	TP&R	RCGF (Stage 1)	20 Jun 2016	£550,000	15 Sep 2016	Approved			Anna Watkiss
		RCGF (Stage 2)	28 Nov 2016	£550,000	27 Feb 2017				
		Scottish Govt - Activating Ideas			22 Nov 2016	Rejected	0		
Oban Maritime Quarter – Transit Berthing Facility	CHORD	CCF (Stage 1)	17 Aug 2016	£300,000	31 Oct 2016	Rejected	0		Kirsteen MacDonald
		RCGF (Stage 1)	05 Sep 2016	£700,000	15 Sep 2016	Approved			
		RCGF (Stage 2)	28 Nov 2016	£700,000	27 Feb 2017				
		HIE	01 Sep 2016	£300,000	01 Dec 2016	Pending			
Tobermory Light Industrial Park	TP&R	RCGF (Stage 1)	20 Jun 2016	£231,839	15 Sep 2016	Approved			Audrey Martin
		RCGF (Stage 2)	28 Nov 2016	£231,839	27 Feb 2017				
Rothesay Pavilion (Main works)	CHORD	ERDF (Stage 1)	12 Aug 2016	£1,000,000	03 Oct 2016	Approved	£916,548		Peter McDonald/Mary Louise Howat (ERDF)
		ERDF (Stage 2)	10 Oct 2016	£916,548	01 Nov 2017	Not yet confirmed			

Table 2: Funding in Progress (continued)									
Project	Team	Funding Source	Submission Date	Ask	Decision Date	Decision Received	Amount Awarded	Council Match Funding	Leading Officer
Rothesay Stage 2 TH	TP&R	HES	31 Aug 2016	£ 500,000	31 Jan 2017			£200,000*	Lorna Pearce
		HLF	03 Mar 2017	£1,889,700	01 Jul 2017				
		A & I LEADER	15 Oct 2016	£65,800	05 Dec 2016	Approved	£65,800		
		Sustrans	01 Feb 2017	£20,000	Summer 2017				
Dunoon CARS	TP&R	HES	31 Aug 2016	£1,000,000	31 Jan 2017			£500,000	Lorna Pearce
		A & I LEADER	15 Oct 2016	£10,200	05 Dec 2016	Approved	£10,200		
Hermitage Park	TP&R	ERDF	31 Oct 2016	£260,000	01 Jan 2017	Ineligible due to cost being tendered			Arlene Cullum
Dunoon Charrette	TP&R	Scottish Govt	16 Sep 2016	£20,000	14 Oct 2016	21/11/2016	£25,000	£5,000	Marilyn Rieley
		Calmac	-	£5,000	-				
Dunoon Twinning Project	TP&R	Carnegie UK Trust	25 Nov 2016	£7,000					Lorna Pearce
Oban Charrette	TP&R	Scottish Govt	16 Sep 2016	£15,000	22 Nov 2016	Rejected	0		Adrian Jackson- Stark/ Anna Watkiss/ Arlene Cullum/ Kevin Baker
		Hi-Trans	16 Sep 2016	£5,000	-				
Columba Trail	TP&R	ERDF	04 Nov 2016	£292,232 (€350,000)	31 Jan 2017				
Scottish Biker Magazine/Website	ST&I	Scottish Government	28 Oct 2016	£65,900	19 Nov 2016	Approved in Principle	£65,900	£7,500	June Graham
TOTAL FUNDING				£9,636,058			£1,083,448	£712,500	

*Subject to Council approval.

Notes: Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF); Coastal Communities Fund (CCF); European Regional Development Fund (ERDF); Historic Environment Scotland (HES); Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF); Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE); and Argyll and the Islands LEADER (A&I LEADER).

The € to £ exchange rate of €1 = £0.834948 applied was that for 13th December 2016.

- 4.6 At present the EDST service is seeking £9,636,058 of funding. To date some elements of total project funding have been approved and one project has been approved in principle; this currently totals £1,083,448.
- 4.7 Officers within the EDST service have a good understanding of development opportunities throughout Argyll and Bute, whether that opportunity would be eligible to secure external funding and what level of match funding (if any) would be required. On that basis the team will continue to try and maximise the level of external funding being secured for Argyll and Bute to augment existing and potential projects.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 This report provides the EDI Committee with an update on the existing funding secured and funding bids in progress for programmes, projects and initiatives managed and delivered by the Council's EDST service.
- 5.2 In the current climate of falling public sector funding the ability to maximise the leverage of national and European funding into Argyll and Bute is of utmost importance to assist with the growth of our economy.

6. IMPLICATIONS

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| 6.1 | Policy | Funding opportunities secured and sought align with the Argyll and Bute Council's Strategic Economic Development Action Plan (EDAP) 2016-2021 (and subsequent in-year plans), the area-based EDAPs, 2016-2021, and contribute to the Local Outcome Improvement Plan's long-term objective (2023) captured under Outcomes 1, 2 and 3 in particular. |
| 6.2 | Financial | Maximise the leverage of national and European funding that will be invested in the Argyll and Bute Council area. |
| 6.3 | Legal | All legal implications at programme, project and initiative level will be taken into consideration. |
| 6.4 | HR | Programme, project and initiative delivery 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. |
| 6.5 | Equalities | All programme, projects and initiatives will comply with all Equal Opportunities policies and obligations. |
| 6.6 | Risk | Delays to identified outcomes of EDAPs if anticipated funding is not awarded. |
| 6.7 | Customer Services | None. |

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