

**Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund**

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**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 On 7 December 2016, the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee shortlisted 11 projects for further consideration through the Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund and approval was given for expenditure of up to £250,000 of development costs to progress the projects to outline business case. This decision was ratified by Policy and Resources Committee on 15 December 2016. This report provides an update on the work undertaken to date.
- 1.2 The shortlisted projects fall into two main categories, some of the projects involve the Council's estate and other projects are projects which would be led by partner organisations.
- 1.3 Further information is currently being gathered in relation to all projects however we are still in the process of completing this exercise and aim to have all the necessary information over the course of the next two months. The additional work undertaken to date has confirmed that the shortlisted projects cannot all be fully funded with the monies available through the Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund and that further refinement of the project selection will be required. We are hoping to be in a position to report in more detail to the Area Committee shortly.
- 1.4 Members of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee are asked to note the content of this report.

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**2.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 On 7 December 2016, the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee considered initial assessment of projects put forward for funding through the Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund, a £3 million area regeneration fund to be focused upon the Mid Argyll area.
- 2.2 At Committee, 11 projects were shortlisted for further consideration and approval was given for expenditure of up to £250,000 of development costs to progress the projects to outline business case. The decision of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee was ratified by Policy and Resources Committee on 15 December 2016. This report provides an update on the work undertaken to date.

**3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 Members of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee are asked to note the content of this report.

**4.0 DETAIL**

- 4.1 The shortlisted projects fall into two main categories;
- Projects that involve the Council's estate and are generally seeking to improve the public realm or public infrastructure; and
  - Projects which would be led by partner organisations and include new community facilities and redevelopment of derelict/underused sites.

<b>Project Ref.</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Lead organisation</b>
T02	Barmore Road (A83)/Garvel Road junction improvement	Argyll and Bute Council
T10	Pavement/public realm improvements	Argyll and Bute Council
T07	Indoor bowling facility/sports hub	Tarbert Bowling Club
T11	Harbour facilities	Tarbert Harbour Authority
LA01	Ardrishaig – Lochgilphead Cycling Link	Argyll and Bute Council

LA10	Lochgilphead Front Green	Argyll and Bute Council
LA11	Argyll Street	Argyll and Bute Council
LA13	Ardrishaig North Public Realm Improvements	Argyll and Bute Council
LA16	Ardrishaig South Public Realm Improvements	Argyll and Bute Council
LA17	Gleaner Oil Site	Scottish Canals
LA20	MAC Pool redevelopment	Mid Argyll Community Pool

- 4.2 For those projects which are being led by partner organisations, we have contacted each organisation and asked them to provide details about their organisation and the project including projected costs, match funding and timelines.
- 4.3 For those projects where the Council would be the lead organisation, the information available has been reviewed and where appropriate additional information is being sought to inform consideration of the projects. This work has largely included considering initial design works in order to get a clearer indication of the costs associated with implementing the proposed projects. We are still in the process of completing this and hope to get more definitive information over the course of the next two months.
- 4.4 We have also taken the opportunity to discuss the projects with other stakeholders, including Transport Scotland, with a view to understanding how achievable the proposals are and the potential to secure match funding. This will continue as more information becomes available.
- 4.5 The additional work undertaken to date has confirmed that the shortlisted projects cannot all be fully funded with the monies available through the Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund and that further refinement of the project selection will be required. We are hoping to be in a position to report in more detail to the Area Committee shortly and would hope at that stage there will be sufficient information to enable Committee to finalise the projects to be progressed.

## **5.0 CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 Work is progressing with the assessment and consideration of projects shortlisted for the Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund, this work is currently ongoing and a detailed assessment of the projects will be provided at the earliest opportunity.

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Policy – the proposed fund will offer the opportunity to support the objective and long term outcomes of the Single Outcome Agreement as well as the MAKI Economic Development Action Plan, Local Development Plan and other Council policy as may be relevant to specific proposals.

- 6.2 Financial – An allocation of £3m was identified in the 2016/17 budget for regeneration and economic sustainability in the settlements of Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig and Tarbert and their surrounding areas. A maximum of £250,000 has been identified for feasibility and design works. Approximately £5,000 has been spent to date on in-house professional services including architects, engineers and quantity surveyors.
- 6.3 Legal – none at this time.
- 6.4 HR – staff within the Economic Development and Strategic Transportation Service will administer the fund on behalf of the MAKI Area Committee. Support from other teams across the Council has been given and will continue to be required as further investigation and project delivery proceeds.
- 6.5 Equalities – none at this time.
- 6.6 Risk - If the most appropriate projects are not correctly identified at this stage then the policy objectives may not be achieved and the impact desired from the Regeneration Fund will not be achieved. If the projects are not appropriately scoped out and resourced then this could impact on their delivery. If funding is allocated on an ad hoc basis then there is a risk that the maximum economic benefit may not be achieved from the Fund. The risks will be updated once the projects are confirmed.
- 6.7 Customer Service – none at this time.

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