
ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

**OBAN LORN AND ISLES
AREA COMMITTEE**

DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

14 JUNE 2023

GIBRALTAR STREET PUBLIC REALM PROJECT - UPDATE

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee on the Gibraltar Street public realm project.
- 1.2 Argyll and Bute Council agreed to allocate £250,000 of Place Based Investment (PBI) Programme Funding to Gibraltar Street, Oban to enhance the public realm and improve access to Oban Town Centre given the function of this space as a key pedestrian thoroughfare linking a key centre of retail to the town centre.
- 1.3 It was agreed at Oban, Lorn and Isles Area Committee in March 2023 that officers progress with the resurfacing option and report back to Committee in June 2023 with a progress report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee:

- Agree to endorse the proposed approach for this project including that construction will take place within the autumn/winter period.

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to update Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee on the Gibraltar Street public realm project.
- 2.2 On the 12th August 2021, Argyll and Bute Council agreed to allocate £250,000 of Place Based Investment (PBI) Programme Funding to Gibraltar Street, Oban to enhance the public realm and improve access to Oban town centre.
- 2.3 It was agreed at Oban, Lorn and Isles Area Committee in March 2023 that officers progress with the resurfacing option and will report back to Committee in June 2023.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee:

- 3.1 Agree to endorse the proposed approach for this project including that construction will take place within the autumn/winter period.

4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 On 12th August 2021, Argyll and Bute Council agreed to allocate £250,000 of Place Based Investment (PBI) Programme funding to Gibraltar Street, Oban to enhance the public realm and improve the access to Oban town centre. The total budget for the project is £250,000.

- 4.2 Roads and Infrastructure colleagues are currently drawing up a full cost breakdown to replace the existing pavements with the proposal being to use similar pavements to those used on Combie Street; repairs to steps; and installation of new lighting.
- 4.3 Officers will procure bespoke high quality street furniture, consisting of benches, planter and signage.
- 4.4 The works will take place within the autumn/winter period to minimise disruption for businesses by avoiding the busy summer season.
- 4.5 It is anticipated that works will be delivered within the existing budget.

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The purpose of this report is to update Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee on the Gibraltar Street public realm project.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy – the works would support Oban Town Centre which in turn will support the overarching objective and long term outcomes of the Council's Corporate Plan, Argyll and Bute Outcome Improvement Plan, the Local Development Plan and the Economic Strategy. Capital works must be in line with the Place Based Investment Programme criteria.
- 6.2 Financial - £250,000 of Place Based Investment funding has been allocated to the project. Budget remaining for construction works is £216,000.
- 6.3 Legal – None.
- 6.4 HR – None.
- 6.5 Fairer Scotland Duty:
 - 6.5.1 Equalities - protected characteristics – None.
 - 6.5.2 Socio-economic Duty – The project supports local economy and community through place-based regeneration activity.
 - 6.5.3 Islands - None.
- 6.6 Climate Change – Construction works undertaken will result in carbon emission although it is anticipated that these will be restricted to the construction period. The works are to a key pedestrian thoroughfare that links the town centre to the adjacent retail park and carpark.
- 6.7 Risk – Project implementation needs to be kept within the available budget.
- 6.8 Customer Service – None.

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