ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL **OLI AREA COMMITTEE**

ROADS & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES **9 SEPTEMBER 2026**

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ARGYLL SQUARE, OBAN

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report provides an update in relation to capital works undertaken at Argyll Square, Oban.

1.2 The expenditure for all works is £31,344 compared to a budget of £38,000.

1.3 The works at Argyll Square have historically been reported to Policy and Resources Committee within the overall ongoing capital programme monitoring as part of the Gibraltar Street project, hence it was not possible for Members to see this reported individually.

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2. INTRODUCTION

2.1 This report provides an update in relation to capital works undertaken at Argyll Square, Oban.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee are asked to consider and note the content of the report.

4. DETAIL

4.1 Funding

4.1.1 During 2021-22 £250k of Place Based Investment Funding was allocated by the Policy and Resources Committee for works at Gibraltar Street, Oban.

4.1.2 The above was completed under budget by £38k and it was agreed by Members at an OLI Area Business Day that this surplus budget could also be used for works required at Argyll Square, Oban.

4.2 Expenditure

4.2.1 The agreed improvement works were as follows:

- Refurbishment/Replacement of benches
- Replacement Flag Poles
- Refurbishment of Monument
- Removal/replacement of electricity box
- Removal of decaying trees and new tree/shrub planting
- Maintenance and refurbishment of railings/bollards and paving

4.2.2 Spend to date of £31,344 has occurred as follows:

Expenditure Type	**£**
Contractors These works included the removal of the old electric box that was redundant. A metalsmith contractor repaired a number of damaged railings	9,185

round the square. A cleaning company was brought in to pressure wash works of the slabs and permitter walls. The CCTV pillar was painted. A contractor was brought in to carry out pointing and wall repair works. Cleaning of monument	
Materials Undercoat and paint for the railings. New benches were ordered. New sign pole(s) – three were ordered to replace the three old ones but the decision was taken to site only one . Purchase of lectern Various sundry items for painting/pointing.	7,906
Amenity Services Recharges* This included the removal of the old flagpoles, carried out by the local team and the erection of the new flagpole, also the installation of the lectern. There was also general tidying up of the area, the clearing of detritus and other materials and traffic management costs. This costs also includes the time of an operative who worked on the project for 33 days, including a vehicle.	14,253
	31,344

*Note that overheads have been calculated in the basis of Amenity Services recharge rate which is £44.67. The costs include employee costs, management costs, transport, training, depots, IT and PPE.

4.3 Outstanding Works

4.3.1 All works are complete with the improvement works being delivered within budget.

4.4 Reporting

4.4.1 To date the works relating to Argyll Square have been included within the overall Gibraltar Street project and reported to Policy and Resources Committee as part of the overall monitoring of the capital programme.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 Works at Argyll Square, Oban have been delivered at a cost of £31,344 in comparison to budget of £38,000.

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Policy – Monitors progress of the Argyll Square project against what is included within the Capital Plan.

6.2 Financial – Monitors financial performance on delivery of the Argyll Square project.
6.3 Legal – None.
6.4 HR – None.
6.5 Customer Service – None.
6.6 Risk – Minimal risk.
6.7 Climate Change – None.
6.8 Fairer Scotland Duty – None.
6.9 Equalities (Protected Characteristics) - None.
6.10 Consumer Duty – None.
6.11 Island Communities – None.
6.12 Children's Rights and Wellbeing – None

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