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**APPOINTMENT OF A “CHAMPION” FOR THE HELENSBURGH HEROES PROJECT.**

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**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 Following a recent presentation to the Area Committee business meeting Members agreed to consider appointing a “champion” for the Helensburgh Heroes Project and further agreed that this matter should be considered at the June Area Committee meeting.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Area Committee appoint an elected member to work in a “champion’s” role in relation to the Helensburgh Heroes Project.

**3. DETAIL**

- 3.1 At the business meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2013 Members of the Helensburgh Lomond Area Committee benefited from a most informative presentation by Mr Phil Worms, Director of the Helensburgh Heroes Project. The project is now at the stage where the Business Case is in place and 3 major financial applications are currently ongoing.

Mr Worms highlighted the core issues which included seeking to provide a central community hub offering opportunities not available elsewhere, together with the provision of a safe, inclusive community environment for young people. He added that a key issue would be the stimulus for the local economy and that it was anticipated that some 42 full time employees would be taken on with NVQ type opportunities available to them. A premises has now been identified and the proposed layout options were provided to Members in a short film at the conclusion of the presentation.

- 3.2 Members were in agreement that the project was at an advanced stage and asked that an officer of the Council be identified as a key link/liaison officer for the project in terms of being able to provide best guidance /advice and “signposting” within Council structures and services. Following discussions with the Head of Community and Culture he has agreed that Jeannie Holles, Community Learning Standards Officer will fulfil this role.

- 3.3 Members further agreed that the potential for a local elected Member to take on a “Champion’s” role for the project should be considered at the June Area Committee. It was envisaged that such a role would be beneficial specifically in regard to having political support and awareness raising for the project, which Members felt will have a key economic and educational benefit for Helensburgh and the Lomond area

#### **4. CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 Given the importance of the Helensburgh Heroes Project for the economic and educational benefit of the Helensburgh and Lomond area Members are asked to consider appointing a political “Champion” to work with the project in carrying out awareness raising and promotion of this key future development.

#### **5. IMPLICATIONS**

Policy -	This is in keeping with Council commitment to work in partnership with other agencies and organisations
Financial –	The Council will meet the costs associated with attendance at outside body meetings
Legal -	None
HR -	None
Equalities -	None
Risk -	None
Customer	None
Service -	

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