

Report To: Environment and Regeneration Committee **Date:** 15 June 2017

Report By: Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources **Report No:** ENV/003/17/AF/FM

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Subject: Riverside Inverclyde Project Update

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on Riverside Inverclyde's progress relating to the regeneration projects within Port Glasgow, Greenock and Gourock.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 The Environment and Regeneration Committee on 1 May 2014 asked to be kept up to date on Riverside Inverclyde's regeneration projects. This report provides the Committee with an update on all Riverside Inverclyde's ongoing projects.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- a. Notes progress to date and that further progress reports will be brought back for Members' information and consideration in due course.

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4.0 DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE

4.1 Custom House Phase 4

WH Kirkwood (WHK) completed the final phase of refurbishment works in the Custom House at the end of March. Works are now underway by Elmwood Joinery to fit out the Interpretation Room.

4.2 Port Glasgow Roundabout Spur and Public Realm

RJ McLeod have been awarded the contract for the new spur road and public realm works at Shore Street, Port Glasgow. Pre-contract discussions are well underway and we anticipate a site start once the Minute of Agreement negotiations are concluded with Inverclyde Council and Transport Scotland. The contract period is anticipated as 6 months.

4.3 Gourock Pierhead Redevelopment

The end of the defects liability period has now expired and RJ McLeod has a number of snagging items to attend to. Once these are rectified, ongoing responsibility will pass to Inverclyde Council.

4.4 Gourock Municipal Buildings

This project is currently in the defects liability period until November 2017.

4.5 Kilmacolm Self Build at Leperstone Avenue

Works continues to progress at Leperstone Avenue. Recent focus has been on agreeing the wayleaves for utility diversions. This has now been completed and programmed utility diversion work is projected to be complete by the end of June this year.

4.6 Towns and Villages Environmental Improvements

In financial year 2016/17, Inverclyde Council agreed a regeneration budget of £500,000 to take forward a range of environmental improvements in the towns and villages. Consultation with the three Regeneration Forums and the two Community Councils is now complete and all consultees are in agreement with project proposals. Discussions continue with the Roads Service in respect of two projects where alterations to the public road are required and we are hopeful these will be concluded shortly. The current programme anticipates drawings and specifications prepared for the issue of a tender package to contractors by the Summer 2017 with a view to achieving full spend this financial year.

4.7 Pontoon Relocation

As reported previously, the pontoon has been located in East India Harbour. A management arrangement for the pontoon involving Peel Property and Inverclyde Council is in the process of being concluded.

4.8 Town Centre Regeneration Forums

Regeneration Forum meetings are held every three months in the town centres of Port Glasgow, Greenock and Gourock. At each of the three meetings the announcement of the allocation of funding from the Town & Village Centre Improvement Fund as awarded at the Council meeting as part of the budget setting process in February 2017, was discussed.

It was concluded that Riverside Inverclyde and Inverclyde Council should revisit TCRF project priorities and review this new additional funding against estimated project costs, in order to bring forward a suite of potential priority projects that could be delivered within the allocations. A suite

of proposals and options will be presented to the next meetings of the Forums.

At the meeting of the **Greenock** Town Centre Regeneration Forum on Wednesday 8 March members agreed that, subject to ri Board Approval, ri receive authorisation from the Forum to continue to press ahead with the Town Centre Wi-Fi proposition as owners of the project. The next meeting takes place on Wednesday 14 June.

The most recent **Gourock** Town Centre Regeneration Forum meeting took place on Friday 21 April. Main topics of discussion were the Proposed Heritage Centre and the forthcoming Highland Games. The next meeting takes place on 7 July 2017.

The **Port Glasgow** Town Centre Regeneration Forum met on 3 April and discussed proposals for the Toll Boys sculpture and the King George VI building. The next meeting takes place on Monday 26 June.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial Implications

This report is a general project update report only and does not contain Financial Implications. All Financial Implications are reported fully within the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme progress reports which appear on this Agenda.

There is no change to the financial position reported previously.

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments

Annually Recurring Costs / Savings

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (if applicable)	Other Comments

5.2 Legal

The Head of Legal and Property Services has been consulted on this report.

5.3 Human Resources

There are no human resource issues arising from this report.

5.4 Equalities

There are no equalities issues arising from this report.

YES (see attached appendix)



NO This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required)

5.5 Repopulation

The regeneration works undertaken within the Port Glasgow town centre and Broomhill should

contribute to retaining and increasing the population within the area.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 The Head of Regeneration and Planning has been consulted on this report.

6.2 The Chief Financial Officer has been consulted on this report.

6.3 The Head of Environmental and Commercial Services has been consulted on this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.