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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Environment &amp; Regeneration Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>17 January 2019</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration &amp; Resources</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>ENV/010/19/SA</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Review of Riverside Inverclyde</b>		

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## 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members on the outcome of a Board meeting of Riverside Inverclyde on 13 December 2018. The Council and Scottish Enterprise's position as agreed by Committee on 27 November 2018 was presented to the Board for consideration.

## 2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Members will recall the report to this Committee on 27 November 2018 regarding the future direction of economic regeneration in Inverclyde and the role of Riverside Inverclyde. The report as approved on 27 November 2018 confirmed the positive progress that has been made by Riverside Inverclyde over a number of years. The report highlighted however the change in the funding landscape due to the very significant reduction in capital regeneration funds available in future years. In this context, the Committee agreed to submit to the Board of Riverside Inverclyde a proposal which would integrate the delivery of economic regeneration within the Council. The proposals anticipate the continuation of Riverside Inverclyde and Riverside Inverclyde Property Holdings but on the basis that there would be no employees directly engaged. Instead, the Council would deliver all physical regeneration within an integrated team and would provide support in the operation of Riverside Inverclyde Property Holdings and the administrative services to Riverside Inverclyde.
- 2.2 The Board of Riverside Inverclyde in considering the Council's and Scottish Enterprise's position requested time to consider the proposals. The Board considers it may be able to meet with the Council and Scottish Enterprise towards the end of January/early February. At that time, the Board hopes to articulate a consensus position.
- 2.3 A report on the potential RI extension is included on the agenda for this meeting at agenda item 28 and this contains details on legal and staffing implications.

## 3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
- (i) note the consideration by the Board of Riverside Inverclyde of the proposals for the delivery of regeneration activities in Inverclyde as approved by this Committee on 27 November 2018,
  - (ii) approve a continuation of the matter to allow the Board to consider the proposals with a view to reverting to the Council and Scottish Enterprise for further discussion at the end of January/early February 2019,
  - (iii) consider as agenda item 28 the staffing implications.

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## 4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Following the approval of a report concerning the future delivery of economic regeneration services in Inverclyde as approved at this Committee on 27 November 2018, a report was submitted by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to Riverside Inverclyde's Board on 13 December 2018. The report reflected the decision of the Committee and presented a summary of the consultancy report into the delivery of economic regeneration and the future of Riverside Inverclyde. The Board was also provided with a copy of the Consultancy report.
- 4.2 The key messages as presented to this Committee regarding the significantly changed funding landscape will result in a very significant reduction in capital regeneration projects in future years.
- 4.3 In consideration of the 6 options as presented in the Consultancy report and recommendation as included in the report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources the Board accepted that there needed to be a change to the current model for service delivery. A particular concern was the need to address the salary cost within Riverside Inverclyde which in future years will become a significant proportion of total spend. The best value implications of this need to be addressed in the context of further reducing budgets.
- 4.4 The Board of RI, in considering these issues, has sought an extension of time and the legal and staffing implications arising therefrom are as detailed in the report at agenda item 28 on this agenda and that report is exempt from public consideration as it contains specified information in terms of the Local Government Acts.

## 5.0 IMPLICATIONS

### Finance

5.1

#### Financial Implications:

##### One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

##### Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

### Legal

5.2 There are no legal implications.

### Human Resources

5.3 There are no human resources implications.

### Equalities

5.4 Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

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.

### **Repopulation**

5.5 The report through proposing integration of economic regeneration activities within the Council as opposed to the current situation where delivery is split between the Council and Ri, will result in more effective and focused support for repopulation at a time of diminishing budgets.

## **6.0 CONSULTATIONS**

6.1 N/A.

## **7.0 CONCLUSIONS**

7.1 N/A.

## **8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 N/A.