
Report To:	Policy and Resources Committee	Date:	24 March 2020
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Subject:	Process for Tackling Poverty and Multiple Deprivation in Inverclyde		

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Policy and Resources Committee with details of the process to reinvest £750,000 funding from Inverclyde Council, supplemented by £250,000 from the Integration Joint Board (IJB), to create a £1million investment in our communities. This funding will be used to mitigate poverty, reduce inequalities and deprivation, with a particular focus on engaging and empowering those living in the localities that fall within the most deprived in Scotland, according to the SIMD 2020.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 The Scottish Government published the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation on 28 January 2020. The SIMD is a Scottish Government tool for identifying places in Scotland suffering from deprivation.

2.2 Prior to the SIMD 2020 being published, the Inverclyde Alliance had already identified three of Inverclyde's six localities (Port Glasgow, Greenock East and Central, Greenock South and South West) as having the greatest level of poverty and deprivation in Inverclyde. These localities remain in the 20% most deprived in Scotland. Locality planning and communication and engagement groups are currently being established in all 6 localities and residents are being encouraged to participate in agreeing the priorities and plans for their community.

2.3 The £1million funding will be targeted towards specific actions, initiatives and programmes within Inverclyde's most deprived localities. This will be based on the evidence of need and what will have the greatest impact. The funding will also be used to provide support for people living in low income households or poverty across the community of Inverclyde.

2.4 The £1million will be allocated across two broad areas of activity. Firstly, £400,000 funding will be made available to implement initiatives on an Inverclyde wide basis. These initiatives will be developed by officers and a report will be presented to the Policy and Resources Committee in May 2020.

2.5 Secondly, the 3 most deprived localities will each receive a percentage of £600,000 depending on the levels of multiple deprivation within that locality. It is proposed that the funding be split:

- 50% - Greenock East & Central
- 25% - Port Glasgow
- 25% - Greenock South & South West

This funding will be targeted towards initiatives to address unemployment and employability, support for people experiencing difficulties with alcohol and drugs and people who are classed as homelessness or people who are experiencing food insecurities. A schematic of the timescale and processes in relation to the re-invested anti-poverty and multiple deprivation funding is provided in Appendix 1.

- 2.6 Inverclyde Council recently approved a revised approach to mainstream participatory budgeting in Inverclyde. The revised model focuses on the prioritisation of budgets/services by engaging and empowering people living within Inverclyde's localities to be involved in decision making at a level where it will have the biggest impact.
- 2.7 The proposed process to tackle poverty and multiple deprivation will build on participatory budgeting and will:
- Provide the Locality Planning and the associated Communication and Engagement Groups, alongside other existing community groups with presentations and information from officers on the key challenges that exist within their locality.
 - A range of suggested interventions will be developed and residents will be encouraged to debate how this funding should be prioritised to make the biggest difference to the locality.
 - Members of the groups will be encouraged to participate in the democratic decision making process using voting electronic platforms such as Citizen Space on what interventions they would like in their communities.
 - Once the initiatives have been agreed, the Locality Planning Groups and the Communication and Engagement groups will continue to be engaged on the development and implementation of initiatives within their community.

The proposed timetable for the delivery of the above can be found in paragraph 5.5.

- 2.8 The Scottish Government has requested that all 32 local authority areas in Scotland submit proposals on how they will take forward the Local Governance Review. This proposed process in Appendix 1 is aligned with the Scottish Government's commitment to subsidiarity and aims to deliver community empowerment, functional empowerment and fiscal empowerment for the people living within the localities of Inverclyde.
- 2.9 The Policy and Resources Committee will receive regular updates on the progress of the proposals for tackling poverty and multiple deprivation in Inverclyde as part of the locality planning progress reports.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Policy and Resources Committee:
- a. Approves the proposed process in relation to the re-invested anti-poverty and multiple deprivation funding as set out in Appendix 1.
 - b. Agrees to receive regular progress updates.
 - c. Agrees that this process can be submitted to the Scottish Government by 27 March as Inverclyde's proposal for the Local Governance Review.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Scottish Government published the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation on 28 January 2020. The SIMD is a Scottish Government tool for identifying places in Scotland suffering from deprivation. It uses data relating to multiple aspects of life (income, employment, health, education, access, crime and housing) in order to gain the fullest possible picture of deprivation across Scotland.
- 4.2 Prior to the SIMD 2020 being published, the Inverclyde Alliance had already identified three localities (Port Glasgow, Greenock East and Central, Greenock South and South West) as having the greatest level of poverty and deprivation in Inverclyde, these localities remain in the 20% most deprived in Scotland. Locality planning and communication and engagement groups are currently being established in 6 localities areas in Inverclyde and people are being encouraged to participate in agreeing priorities and plans for their community.
- 4.3 Inverclyde Council recently approved a revised approach towards mainstreaming participatory budgeting in Inverclyde. The revised model focuses on the prioritisation of budgets/services by engaging and empowering people living in the localities or across Inverclyde to be involved in decision making at the level where it will have the biggest impact.

5.0 PROPOSALS

- 5.1 The £1million funding will be used to deliver specific actions, initiatives and programmes within Inverclyde's most deprived localities. This will be based on the evidence of need and what will make the biggest difference within the locality areas. The funding will also be used to provide support for people living in low income households or poverty across the community of Inverclyde.
- 5.2 The £1million will be allocated across two broad areas of activity. Firstly, there will be £400,000 of funding available to implement initiatives on an Inverclyde wide basis. These initiatives will be developed by officers and a report will be brought to the next meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee.
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 - Officers will provide a range of suggested interventions and people will be encouraged to debate on how this funding should be prioritised to make the biggest difference to the locality.
 - Members of the groups will be encouraged to participate in the democratic decision making process using voting electronic platforms such as Citizen Space and other physical and electronic means on what interventions they would like in their communities.
 - Once the initiatives have been agreed, both the Locality Planning Groups and the Communication and Engagement groups that exist will continue to be engaged and

communicated on the development and implementation of initiatives within their community.

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5.5 The proposed timetable is:

Dates	Actions
12 March 2020	Funding Approved by Inverclyde Council
16 March 2020	Inverclyde Alliance Board – Approve Process
17 March 2020	Integration Joint Board – Approve Funding
24 March 2020	Policy and Resources Committee Approve Process
April 2020	Draft Proposals prepared
May 2020	Consultations with Locality Planning Groups on the proposals
26 May 2020	P&R approval
15 June 2020	Alliance Board approval
23 June 2020	IJB approval
September 2020 Onwards	Implementation of the proposals in the localities
March 2021	Review of the initiatives reported to the IJB and Inverclyde Alliance and P&R for Governance.

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6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Finance

The annual allocation is £1.0million. 2020/21 will be a part year due to the lead in time for decisions and implementation. Any unspent sums will be added to the Anti-Poverty Earmarked Reserve operated by the Council and carried forward for future use.

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
TBC	TBC	20/21	£0.4million		Pan Inverclyde initiatives
TBC	TBC	20/21	£0.6million		Projects via the 3 Localities

6.2 Legal

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

6.3 Human Resources

There are no human resource implications arising from this report.

6.4 Equalities

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(a) Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

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

(b) Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

	YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.
X	NO

(c) Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.
X	NO

6.5 Repopulation

Repopulation: The provision of funding to tackle poverty within Inverclyde has clear links to the work of the repopulation group and its efforts to make Inverclyde a more desirable place in which to live.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The Council's Corporate Management Team supports the proposals in this report.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None

