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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Environment &amp; Regeneration Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>13 January 2022</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>General Update</b>		

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## 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with an update on a number of projects.

## 2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Since the impact of COVID-19, Committee has been advised of a number of points via an expedited business report or update
- 2.2 Section 4 provides Members with a general update on a number of general progress updates.

## 3.0 RECOMMENDATION

The Committee are asked to:

- 3.1
- a) Note the allocation of funds to Inverclyde from the Community Renewal Fund
  - b) Note the update in respect of No One Left Behind funds
  - c) Note and approves the appointment of specialist marine survey consultant as outlined in section 4.11;
  - d) Note the on-going work in respect of the further identification of priority projects relating to core asset condition and allocation of funds from 2022/23 Core Property budget.
  - e) Note the interim position in respect of the Fraser of Allander report.

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## **4.0 UPDATE**

### **Community Renewal Fund**

- 4.1 Members will recall that as part of the pre-cursor to the Shared Prosperity Funds bids of up to £3m worth of projects for the Community Renewal Fund were invited from Local Authorities across the United Kingdom.
- 4.2 Inverclyde submitted a range of eligible projects which totalled £2.3m. These bids were duly considered and Inverclyde has been successful in being awarded funding to support three local projects namely Steps to Progression (IC) -£300k; Project Neptune (WCS) - £347,876; and West Care Academy (WCS) £238,539. The Council is expected to carry out the administration associated with these awards and can claim up to £16,180.

### **No One Left Behind**

- 4.3 In 2019 the Scottish Government introduced No One Left Behind (NOLB) which sought transformational change with the ambition to develop better aligned and integrated employability services in Scotland.
- 4.4 Phase 2 will see the cessation of the Employability Fund and Community Jobs Scotland in March 2022, there will be a move from national to local governance arrangements and a move towards collaboration and co-production.
- 4.5 Local Authorities will be the lead accountable bodies in administering the funds but the services that are required to be commissioned will be determined by the Local Employability Partnerships (LEP), which is chaired by the Local Authority.
- 4.6 An engagement session is scheduled with training providers in January and further engagement sessions will be scheduled with employers and service users early in 2022.
- 4.7 The Service is working with the LEP to prepare a demand statement and delivery plan for NOLB Phase 2 being launched in April.
- 4.8 Discussions are ongoing with the Council's Procurement Service to agree the best strategy for securing services that meet the demands and allow delivery of the plan in 2022/23. The Service will then move quickly to the procurement of services with the aim of minimising disruption to service users in this transition to NOLB Phase 2. An early indication of allocation could be c£432,000

### **Sea Walls**

- 4.9 Provision of £100K was made in the 2020/21 budget to address the progression of surveys and mapping of Council sea wall assets in order to establish condition and any current/future capital project works required.
- 4.10 Following the update provided to the October Committee, officers have sought a quote from specialist consultants to address survey works on sea walls in the area of the Greenock Waterfront.
- 4.11 The Committee is requested to note and approve the direct appointment of a consultant in the amount of £23,436.50 for specialist marine survey works on the following basis:
  - The service value is below regulated threshold and below current standing orders threshold;
  - The services are of a specialist nature with limited scope for competition;
  - The proposed consultant has recently completed survey work for the Peel Land & Property Group addressing the sea walls that fall within their responsibility in the same area;

- The proposed scope of the survey addresses sea walls of the same construction and on the same line as those surveyed for Peel effectively continuing from the point where the previous surveys stopped and ending at the Clydeport operated Ocean Terminal.

4.12 Work is also on-going through Legal Services in respect of legal searches and clarification of title / ownership of the waterfront from Newark to Kelburn Park in Port Glasgow. The scope and location of surveys continues to be assessed by Officers and, as previously noted, the formal mapping of assets and title checks through Legal Services will be required as part of the process.

### Fraser of Allander Interim Report

4.13 In line with the project timescales, the Fraser of Allander Institute presented their interim report to Officers in December which sets out the initial findings of the tri-partite commission between Inverclyde, West Dunbartonshire, and Argyll and Bute Council.

4.14 The initial report focusses on:-

- Population decline
  - Increasing the supply of affordable housing;
  - Attracting skilled workers through 'good jobs'; and,
  - Developing business clusters
- Economic recovery in areas requiring regeneration
  - Industrial specialisation; and,
  - Skills mismatch.
- Dealing with poverty and inequalities
  - Encouraging inclusive growth.

### Greenports

4.15 Dialogue on Freeports / Greenports continues with both the Scottish and UK Governments as part of a metropolitan City Region bid across four port areas.

## 5.0 IMPLICATIONS

### Finance

5.1 One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
Property	Survey	2021-22	23		

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

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

## 5.2 Legal

None.

## 5.3 Human Resources

None.

## 5.4 Equalities

### Equalities

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

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YES

X
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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

### 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?

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YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.

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NO

### Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

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YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

X
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NO

## 5.5 Repopulation

N/A

## 6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 None.

## 7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.