
Report To:	Environment & Regeneration Committee	Date:	13 March 2025
Report By:	Director, Environment & Regeneration	Report No:	ENV013/25/SJ/AG
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Subject:	Property Asset Management Public Report – Request Authority to Grant a Licence to Occupy, for the Installation of a Labyrinth at Lunderston Bay, Gourock		

1.0 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 ☒ For Decision ☐ For Information/Noting
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to request authority to grant a Licence to Occupy land at Lunderston Bay, to install a Labyrinth.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee grant delegated authority to the Head of Physical Assets to complete a Licence to Occupy with Compassionate Inverclyde in order that the group can install a “Remembering Together Labyrinth”, at the location shown on the plan at **Appendix 1**, on the basis of the terms and conditions detailed within the body of this report and on such other terms and conditions as are recommended by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital and Customer Services and the Chief Financial Officer.

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3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

Licence to Occupy at Lunderston Bay

- 3.1 Compassionate Inverclyde is a recently established charity and community-based organisation dedicated to fostering a compassionate society in Scotland. This award-winning social movement aims to empower individuals to make a positive impact on their communities. Through various initiatives, such as befriending services, community cafes, labyrinths and compassionate schools.
- 3.2 Compassionate Inverclyde provides opportunities for people of all ages to contribute to their community and come together. The organisation emphasises the importance of building relationships and fostering a sense of belonging. Ultimately, Compassionate Inverclyde seeks to create a society where caring for others is a shared responsibility. By empowering ordinary people to make a difference, the organisation is working towards a more compassionate and inclusive future.
- 3.3 The Chief Executive Officer of Compassionate Inverclyde recently contacted council officers to request authority to install a Labyrinth at Lunderston Bay, Gourock, close to the location of the old play area, see **Appendix 1**. They have provided the information at **Appendix 2** showing the proposed layout and design of the Labyrinth, and have confirmed there will be no building required, and that Compassionate Inverclyde volunteers will maintain it with no impact on Council maintenance budgets. The actual cost of the stones will be circa £3,500 and will be funded entirely by Compassionate Inverclyde.
- 3.4 The previous proposal for a Lunderston Bay Labyrinth, under the COVID Remembering Together memorial, did not go ahead and the site was changed to Wemyss Bay. The Labyrinth now under discussion will be led by Compassionate Inverclyde and will not be funded by any other source.
- 3.5 Compassionate Inverclyde has advised that it wishes to create a community space, which includes a labyrinth to allow local people to spend time outdoors, connect with nature, improve their personal wellbeing and reduce social isolation. They believe that this community space will provide many health and social benefits for all individuals and local groups. They suggest it will provide a space for both quiet contemplation in our busy, noisy world whilst also providing a safe, inclusive, welcoming place for people from all walks of life, cultures and of all ages to meet, spend time and connect in a fun and meaningful way. They hope the space will be used for special occasions such as wedding ceremonies and by community groups and schools, promoting creativity whilst learning and improving wellbeing and increasing pride in our area.
- 3.6 The proposed Labyrinth will be manmade, it will be very organic in nature using rocks and built by members of the Compassionate Inverclyde community. They advise that they already used the site for a very successful labyrinth awareness day in November 2023, when over 30 members of the public attended, despite it being one of the wettest days of the year. The installation will take approximately two days to complete, and Compassionate Inverclyde advise that they can start as soon as all permissions have been received.
- 3.7 The proposed site is owned by Ardgowan Estate and leased to Inverclyde Council. Compassionate Inverclyde have spoken directly to the Estate who have given landlord's approval, subject to receiving the Council's permission. This report now seeks Committee authority to enter into a Licence for Works with Compassionate Inverclyde to cover the installation period of the Labyrinth and to allow for maintenance of same going forward. As part of that process, the consent of Ardgowan Estates will be confirmed by officers. There will be no Licence fee charged for the proposed Licence.

4.0 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendations are agreed:

SUBJECT	YES	NO
Financial	X	
Legal/Risk	X	
Human Resources		X
Strategic (Partnership Plan/Council Plan)		X
Equalities, Fairer Scotland Duty & Children/Young People's Rights & Wellbeing		X
Environmental & Sustainability		X
Data Protection		X

4.2 Finance

One off Costs

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

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

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

4.3 Legal/Risk

Should the recommendations in this report be approved, officers in Legal, Democratic, Digital and Customer Services will progress the necessary licence documentation to regulate the use by Compassionate Inverclyde.

4.4 Human Resources

None.

4.5 Strategic

None.

5.0 CONSULTATION

5.1 The report has been prepared following consultation with Legal, Democratic, Digital and Customer Services.

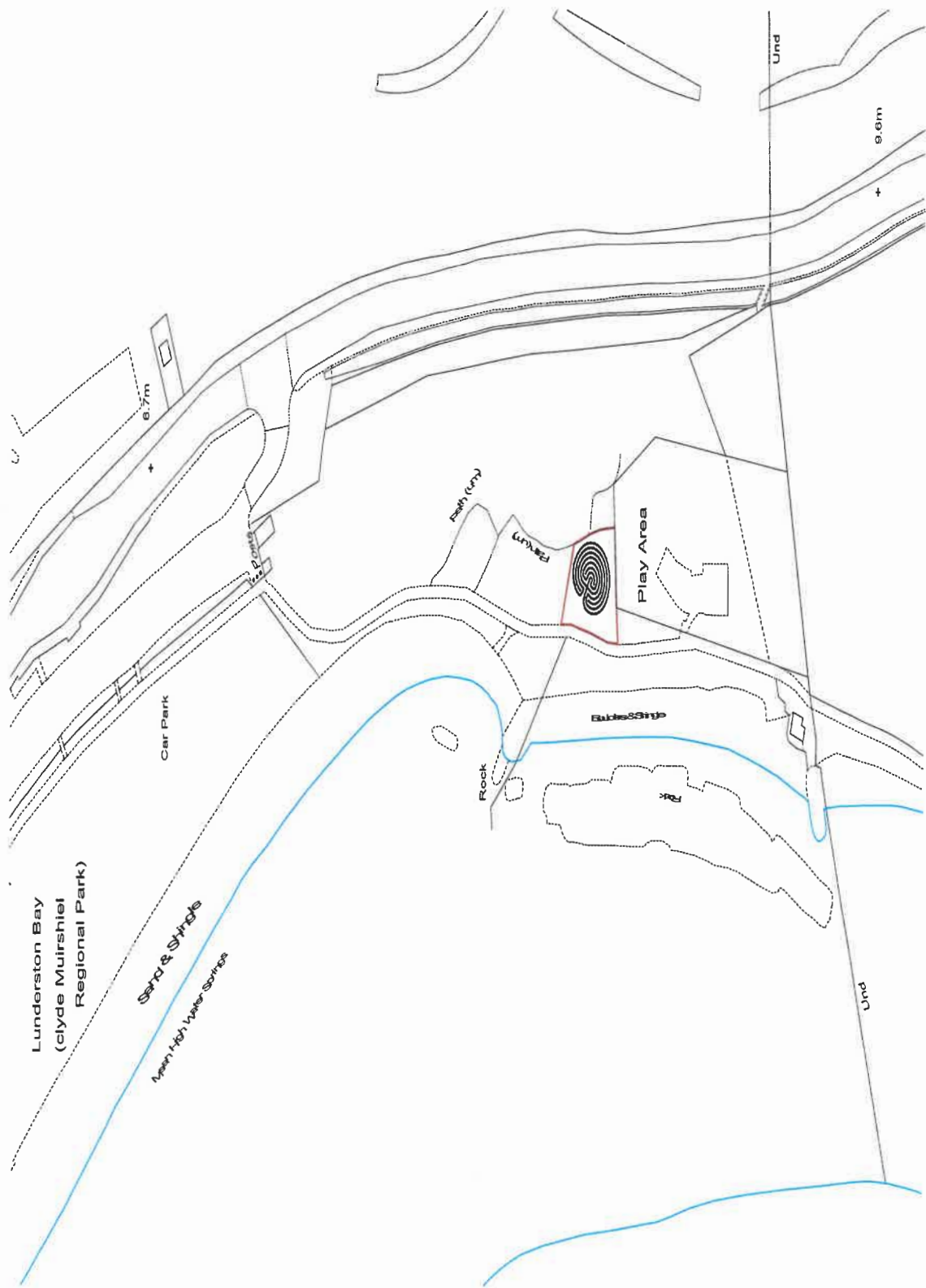
6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 None.

Lunderston Bay Labyrinth

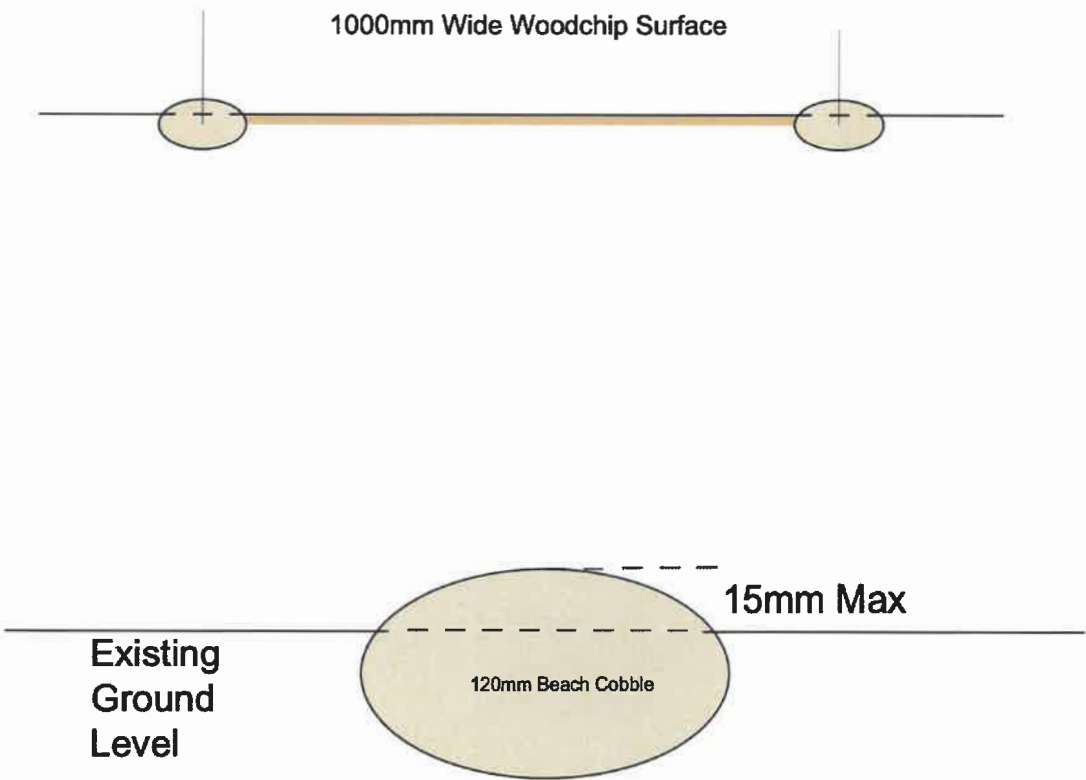
Health & Safety Policy & Risk Register

Appendix A Labyrinth Location



Lunderston Bay Labyrinth
Health & Safety Policy & Risk Register

Appendix C Detail of path



Lunderston Bay Labyrinth
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Appendix B Overall Size of the Labyrinth

