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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Regeneration Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b> 12 May 2011
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment</b>	<b>Report No:</b> R199/11/AF/RL
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Area Renewal Fund – Request for Funding</b>	

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## 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval for the sum of £10,000 to be made available to the Inverclyde Association for Mental Health (IAMH) to undertake a feasibility study with a view to establishing a new enterprise base for its activities.

## 2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Corporate Area Renewal Strategy Group (the CARS Group) previously considered applications for Area Renewal Fund awards given its remit in relation to the oversight of area renewal activities by Inverclyde Council and its key partners.
- 2.2 The CARS Group was incorporated into the SOA2 Social Regeneration Group in August 2010 and it was agreed at that time that recommendations to disburse Area Renewal Fund monies would be made to the Regeneration Committee through the Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment. The Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment has forwarded this report to members of the SOA2 Group for comment.
- 2.3 The SOA2 Group has a strong focus on area renewal and wishes to ensure that physical renewal works are accompanied by social and economic regeneration, and environmental improvements. The work of IAMH will contribute to these key aims of the wider regeneration, planning, and housing agenda of Inverclyde Council and its key partners. The establishment of a new base of operations for IAMH in the central Greenock area close to the former Wellington Academy will help to achieve these key aims. An Area Renewal Fund award of up to £10,000 will allow IAMH to assess the potential for development of a site as a new enterprise base for its activities and assist in the regeneration of the central Greenock area. Discussions are ongoing with IAMH regarding the precise location of the new facility.

## 3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Committee is asked to:

- (a) Approve the award of up to £10,000 from the Area Renewal Fund to the Inverclyde Association for Mental Health for the purpose of undertaking a feasibility study as detailed in paragraph 2.3 of this report; and
- (b) Instruct the Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment to make the necessary financial arrangements on behalf of Inverclyde Council.

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