



Inverclyde Alliance

AGENDA ITEM NO: 11

Report To:	Inverclyde Alliance Board	Date:	17 June 2024
Report By:	Neale McIlvanney Head of Service - Regeneration, Planning and Public Protection	Report No:	
Contact Officer:	Neale McIlvanney Head of Service - Regeneration, Planning and Public Protection	Contact No:	01475 712402
Subject:	Greenock Town Board Update		

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 This report provides an update on progress in assembling the Town Board for Greenock for the Long-Term Plan for Towns fund.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 In September 2023, £20m UK Government funding was awarded to Greenock as part of the UK Government Long-Term Plan for Towns programme. The funding is for a 10-year period to support the long-term regeneration of towns.

2.2 Since the award, work has been ongoing to establish a Town Board for the funding, as required by funding conditions, and work with Government officials to undertake the necessary preparatory work to support the Board to engage, consult, identify priorities, and establish a delivery programme. This report provides an update on progress to date, related to these matters.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that the Alliance Board note the update provided in this paper.

Neale McIlvanney
Head of Regeneration, Planning and Public Protection

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 In October 2023, as part of a Long-Term Plan for Towns programme, UK Government awarded a series of £20m grants to towns based on socio-economic criteria, to develop a programme of place-based investment in those towns. Greenock was awarded £20m over 10-year period within this programme and has since made progress in establishing a Town Board to oversee identification of priorities and delivery of the fund, in accordance with funding criteria.

4.2 In fulfilment of the requirements of the programme, Inverclyde Council officers have worked to support the establishment of a Town Board for Greenock. All representatives to the Board are now appointed and the Town Board comprises of the following members and Chair:

- Lord Willie Haughey, (Chair)
- Ronnie Cowan, MP
- Stuart McMillan, MSP
- Elizabeth Robertson, Councillor
- Francesca Brennan, Councillor
- Damian Kane, Police Scotland
- Poonam Gupta OBE, PG Paper
- Keith Wilson, Smiths
- Lizzie Todd, Inverclyde Chamber of Commerce
- Charlene Elliot, CVS Inverclyde

4.3 The Town Board has held its inaugural meeting on 3rd May 2024, during which an overview of its function and purpose was given and Terms of Reference were considered. The initial milestone for the Board, as set by UK Government, is to produce an initial 3-year delivery plan for the first three years of funding, by August 2024. The Board considered this milestone at the meeting of 3rd May and will meet further to develop proposals. The Board will consult with a wide range of stakeholders at all stages of setting and approving proposals under the fund.

4.4 It should be further noted that the funding criteria also creates provision for funding executive support to the Board and recruitment processes are proceeding in relation to this.

4.5 An update on progress on matters set out above will be provided at the October meeting of Inverclyde Alliance.

5.0 PROPOSALS

5.1 That the Inverclyde Alliance Board notes the update provided in this paper.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Legal: No legal implications arising directly from this report.

Finance: No finance implications arising directly from this report.

Human Resources: No human resources implications arising directly from this report.

Equality and Diversity: All output from the Board will be subject to equalities screening and assessment, where appropriate.

Alliance Partnership Plan: The actions contained within this report will contribute to the following Partnership Plan outcomes:

- Empowered People
- Working People
- Healthy People and Places
- A Supportive Place
- A Thriving Place

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 It is anticipated that the Town Board will oversee all arrangements for implementation of the Long-Term Plan for Towns Fund, inclusive of consultation and stakeholder engagement, which will take place at all stages of the development of proposals and delivery programmes.

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None