
Report To:	Environment & Regeneration Committee	Date:	31 August 2017
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Subject:	Port Glasgow Sculpture Update		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report updates the Committee of the review of the location of the Port Glasgow Sculpture as agreed at the meeting on 15 June 2017.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The previous report to the Committee on 15 June 2017 approved a review of the location of the Port Glasgow ship builders sculpture. The matter was referred to the Port Glasgow Regeneration forum to work with officers from the Council and determine a preferred location. The context of relocation was associated with the desire to make the sculpture more accessible and strengthen the association with Port Glasgow. The current approved location, within the centre of a busy roundabout prevents access to the structure and will incur future costs in respect of maintenance due to the need to manage traffic.
- 2.2 The matter was discussed by the Port Glasgow Regeneration forum on 26 June when it was agreed that a sub group would meet and consider locations for recommendation back to the Forum. Consequently 16 alternative locations have been explored, consideration has been given to visual impact, ease of access for pedestrians, ease of maintenance, reduction of future cost and potential to fulfil the role of an iconic association with Port Glasgow. The sub group was given advice in respect of planning requirements, a new location will require a fresh planning application.
- 2.3 Alternative locations were considered through scrutiny of plans and site visits. The preferred location of the sub group is on the eastern section of Coronation Park, in line with John Wood Street. This location best meets the aspirations as set out previously. It is proposed that this location be recommended by the sub group to the full Port Glasgow Regeneration forum at the next meeting on 18 September 2017. Should the Forum accept this location, it is recommended that Ri be instructed to commence necessary site investigation, design and planning approvals to progress this project at the new location. In advance of the planning process, an information strategy will need to be delivered locally advising of the changes. Updates on progress will be presented to this Committee.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that subject to the Port Glasgow Regeneration Forum agreeing the revised location for the Port Glasgow sculpture at its meeting on 18 September 2017 Ri be instructed by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to progress the project at the new location as described in paragraph 2.3.

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4.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

4.1 The financial implications associated with progression of the Port Glasgow Sculpture are as approved at the last meeting of this Committee.

4.2 Financial Implications

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
Shipbuilders Statue	Shipbuilders Statue	2017/19	£555,000	n/a	£455,000 funded via Riverside Inverclyde, £100,000 external funding. Any shortfall in securing external funding to be contained within existing Regeneration budgets.

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Ongoing maintenance costs of the sculpture will be contained within existing Revenue budgets.

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

Legal

4.3 None.

Human Resources

4.4 None.

Equalities

4.5 None.

Repopulation

4.6 None.

5.0 CONSULTATIONS

5.1 None.

6.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 None.