
Report To:	ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE	Date: 26 OCTOBER 2017
Report By:	CORPORATE DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENT, REGENERATION & RESOURCES	Report No: ERC/ENV/WR/17.316
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Subject:	PROVISION OF NEW BUS SHELTERS UNDER THE SPT QUALITY BUS CORRIDOR BUDGET 2017/18	

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's approval for the installation of five new bus shelters funded as part of the SPT Quality Bus Corridor Budget for 2017/18, and to note the additional revenue maintenance costs that will be funded by the Council.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 SPT (previously SPTE) has been involved in the provision, maintenance and administration of bus stop infrastructure since 1976, originally under delegated powers from Strathclyde Regional Council and as an agent to the unitary authorities since local government reorganisation in 1996.
- 2.2 Bus Stop and Bus Shelter Agency Agreements between SPT and Inverclyde Council have operated since 2003, have been cost effective, and of mutual benefit. New Agency Agreements were agreed by the Council in November 2013 for the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2018.
- 2.3 Using the funding grant provided by SPT it is intended to install five new bus shelters this financial year. The proposed new shelters will add to the Council's assets and result in additional ongoing maintenance costs and therefore requires Committee approval.
- 2.4 The maintenance costs are funded by Inverclyde Council and are paid yearly to SPT as part of the Bus Shelter Agency Agreement. Under this agreement SPT were appointed as Agents for the provision, maintenance and administration of bus shelters owned by the Council.
- 2.5 The five new bus shelters are proposed following requests from the public.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Committee approve the provision of new shelters at the five proposed locations and note that the associated annual maintenance costs will be contained within the Bus Shelter Maintenance Budget.
- 3.2 That the Committee note the position regarding new bus shelter installations from 2017/18.

4.0 BACKGROUND

Agency Agreements

- 4.1 SPT (previously SPTE) has been involved in the provision, maintenance and administration of bus stop infrastructure since 1976, originally under delegated powers from Strathclyde Regional Council and as an agent to the unitary authorities since local government reorganisation in 1996.
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- 4.4 The locations chosen originated from requests from Community Councils or members of the public, (IN651, IN556, IN60, IN491). These locations were investigated by officers of Inverclyde Council and SPT regarding site suitability.
- 4.5 A request was made for more bus shelters on Grieve Road to assist elderly passengers. A site visit with SPT was undertaken and it was determined that it would not be possible to introduce a shelter at any of the existing stops. It is therefore proposed to remove stops IN515 (adjacent to No. 145 Grieve Road) and IN230 (adjacent to No. 145 Grieve Road) and introduce a new stop with a bus shelter on the island adjacent to the shops. This new stop will be approximately 100m from the stops which will be removed.
- 4.6 In order to install a bus shelter at IN556 Pennyfern Road, Greenock it will be necessary to seek the permission of the land owner as an element of new hard standing will be required to install the shelter and meet Disability Discrimination Act requirements for footway widths.

5.0 PROPOSALS

Provision of Bus Shelters

- 5.1 The proposed new shelters will add to the Council's assets and maintenance costs and hence require Committee approval.
- 5.2 The proposed locations for the new bus shelters are listed below:
 - 6130651 (IN651) Carwood Street at Bawhirley Road, Greenock
 - 6130556 (IN556) Pennyfern Road, Greenock (subject to discussions with the land owner)
 - 613060 (IN60) Marloch Avenue at Cromdale Road, Port Glasgow
 - 6130491 (IN491) Union Street at Kelly Street, Greenock
 - Grieve Road, Greenock adjacent to the shops (new stop)
- 5.3 The approximate additional annual maintenance cost for one shelter is £126. If five new shelters are installed, the approximate total additional maintenance cost will be £630.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

6.1 Financial Implications:

One off Costs

6.2 Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £	Virement From	Other Comments
Capital	Bus Shelter Infrastructure	2017/18	Approx £12,500		
	SPT Grant	2017/18	(£12,500)		

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £	Virement From	Other Comments
Roads Revenue	SPT/IC Agency Agreement	2018/19	£630		Contained within existing maintenance budgets

Legal

6.3 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

Human Resources

6.4 There are no HR implications arising from this report.

Equalities

6.5 There are no equality issues arising from this report.

Repopulation

6.6 There are no repopulation implications arising from this report.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The Head of Legal and Property Services and the Chief Financial Officer have been consulted on this report.

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None.