

**Report To:** Environment and Regeneration Committee      **Date:** 8 March 2018

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**Subject:** Riverside Inverclyde - Project Update

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on Riverside Inverclyde's progress relating to the regeneration projects within Port Glasgow, Greenock and Gourock.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

2.1 The Environment and Regeneration Committee on 1 May 2014 asked to be kept up to date on Riverside Inverclyde's regeneration projects. This report provides the Committee with an update on all Riverside Inverclyde's ongoing projects.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- a. Notes progress to date and that further progress reports will be brought back for Members' information and consideration in due course.

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## 4.0 DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE

### 4.1 Port Glasgow Roundabout Spur and Public Realm

Despite the low temperatures and poor weather the new spur road into Princes Street and Shore Street opened to vehicular and pedestrian traffic week commencing Monday 12 February 2018. The contractor has started to demobilise the site compound with a view to completing the remaining soft landscaping by the end of February.

### 4.2 The Shipbuilders Sculpture

Lawyers continue to negotiate the revised terms of the agreement.

### 4.3 Kilmacolm Self Build at Leperstone Avenue

The project is currently in the defects liability period until July 2018.

### 4.4 Bakers Brae Road Realignment

Inverclyde Council's recent application to SPT's Capital Plan Budget has been approved in principle and a further contribution of £500,000 to the Road Realignment Project is anticipated to be approved by the SPT Authority at their meeting on 23 February 2018.

This combined with SPT's previous award of £300,000, ri's contribution of £2 million and Inverclyde Council's contribution of £1.1 million brings the total available project budget to £3.91m.

Following a robust procurement exercise a preferred contractor has now been identified. As anticipated, additional costs have been identified for treating the below ground asbestos removal however these are contained within the overall project costs.

Subject to funding for Bakers Brae being confirmed by the SPT Partnership and legal agreements finalised, Riverside Inverclyde will award the contract to the preferred bidder.

### 4.5 Baker Street Food & Drink Enterprise Hub

Baker Street received planning consent on Wednesday 7 February 2018. The project is currently out to tender with a return date of 26 February 2018 scheduled. The contract award will be made before the end of March 2018.

### 4.6 Towns and Villages Environmental Improvements

A series of environmental improvement projects have been identified in conjunction with the Town Centre Regeneration Forums and Community Councils for Quarrier's Village, Kilmacolm, Port Glasgow, Gourock, Inverkip and Wemyss Bay. Caley Construction was awarded the contract to undertake the improvement upgrades within the towns and villages throughout Inverclyde. Works will commence in March and complete late autumn.

### 4.7 Town Centre Regeneration Forums

Regeneration Forum meetings are held every three months in the town centres of **Port Glasgow**, **Greenock** and **Gourock**. At each of the three meetings the announcement of the allocation of funding from the Town & Village Centre Improvement Fund was discussed.

Riverside Inverclyde and Inverclyde Council revisited the Town Centre Regeneration Forum's priority projects and reviewed the new additional funding against estimated project costs, in order to bring forward a suite of potential priority projects that could be delivered within the allocation.

The most recent **Greenock** Town Centre Regeneration Forum took place on Wednesday 13 December 2017. The forum discussed potential plans for Greenock Ocean Terminal and traffic options for the current layout of West Blackhall Street. Representatives from Police Scotland were also in attendance to give a general overview of crimes and incidents throughout the Town Centre.

The Forum was advised of the various SPT funding bids which have been submitted for Greenock covering West Blackhall Street to Greenock Central Station and Cathcart Square as well as general cycling and bus infrastructure improvements.

The **Gourock** Town Centre Regeneration Forum met on Friday 12 January 2018 and was joined by Phil Prentice of Scotland's Towns Partnership who presented options for a potential Community Improvement District (CID) or Business Improvement District (BID) for Gourock. A separate meeting will now be arranged to discuss future plans and aspirations for the Town Centre and consolidate the key areas for improvement. The next Forum meeting on Friday 20 April 2018.

The **Port Glasgow** Town Centre Regeneration Forum met on Monday 4 December 2017 and discussed proposals for the tourist totem signs for the Town Centre as well as the progress on the new Toll Boys Memorial.

A discussion on the management of the King George VI building with the Community Association continues. The next Port Glasgow Forum meeting will take place on Monday 5 March 2018.

## 5.0 IMPLICATIONS

### 5.1 Financial Implications

This report is a general project update report only and does not contain Financial Implications. All Financial Implications are reported fully within the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme progress reports which appear on this agenda.

There is no change to the financial position reported previously however the additional risk of increased contamination costs on the Bakers Brae site has been raised and will be considered following the tender return.

#### One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments

#### Annually Recurring Costs / Savings

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (if applicable)	Other Comments

### 5.2 Legal

The Head of Legal and Property Services has been consulted on this report.

### 5.3 Human Resources

There are no human resource issues arising from this report.

5.4 **Equalities**

There are no equalities issues arising from this report.

YES (see attached appendix)

NO This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required)

5.5 **Repopulation**

The regeneration works undertaken within the Port Glasgow town centre and Broomhill should contribute to retaining and increasing the population within the area.

**6.0 CONSULTATIONS**

6.1 The Head of Regeneration and Planning has been consulted on this report.

6.2 The Chief Financial Officer has been consulted on this report.

6.3 The Acting Head of Environmental and Commercial Services has been consulted on this report.

**7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

7.1 None.