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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Environment &amp; Regeneration Committee</b>	<b>Date: 25 October 2018</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration &amp; Resources</b>	<b>Report No: ERC/ENV/MM/17.343</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Provision of New Bus Shelters Under the SPT Quality Bus Corridor Budget 2018/19</b>	

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### 1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval for the installation of four new bus shelters as part of the SPT Quality Bus Corridor Budget for 2018/19, and to note the additional revenue maintenance costs that will be funded by the Council.

### 2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 SPT 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 and are in place until 31 March 2024.

2.3 Using the funding grant provided by SPT, it is intended to install four 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 require Committee approval.

2.4 The maintenance costs are funded by Inverclyde Council and are paid 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 four new bus shelters are proposed following requests from the public.

### 3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That the Committee approve the provision of new shelters at the four proposed locations and note that the associated annual maintenance costs will be vired from the Road Client Budget (Road Marking, Studs & Traffic Signs) into the Bus Shelter Maintenance Budget.

3.2 That the Committee note the position regarding new bus shelter installations from 2018/19.

**Martin McNab**  
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## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

### **Agency Agreements**

- 4.1 SPT 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.
- 4.2 Bus Stop and Bus Shelter Agency Agreements between SPT and Inverclyde Council have operated since 2003 and have been cost effective and of mutual benefit. New Agency Agreements were agreed by the Council and are in place until 31 March 2024.
- 4.3 Using the funding grant provided by SPT it is intended to install four 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.
- 4.4 The locations chosen originated from requests from members of the public (IN92 and IN542). These locations were investigated by officers of Inverclyde Council and SPT regarding site suitability.
- 4.5 A request was made for bus shelters on Shore Street (between Balfour Street and Princes Street) and Parkhill Avenue (between Broadfield Avenue and Arran Avenue). In order to determine if each of the stops warranted the installation of a bus shelter, bus passenger counts were carried out which found that a significant number of passengers boarded buses.
- 4.6 As part of a capital project funded by SPT, 2 new bus stops will be constructed on the A770 Cloch Road at Lunderston Bay. Due to the exposed location it is proposed to install bus shelters at these stops. This capital project is the result of requests from the public for bus stops at Lunderston Bay.
- 4.7 In order to install a bus shelter at IN542 Parkhill Avenue it will be necessary to seek the permission of the land owner (Link Group Ltd) 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:  
  
613092 (IN92) Shore Street (between Balfour Street and Princes Street), Port Glasgow  
6130542 (IN542) Parkhill Avenue (between Broadfield Avenue and Arran Avenue), Port Glasgow  
Cloch Road at Lunderston Bay eastbound (new stop)  
Cloch Road at Lunderston Bay westbound (new stop)
- 5.3 The approximate additional annual maintenance cost for one shelter is £125. If four new shelters are installed, the approximate additional maintenance cost will be £500.

## 6.0 IMPLICATIONS

### Finance

#### 6.1 Financial Implications:

##### One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
Capital SPT	Bus Shelter Infrastructure	2018/19	Approx £12,928.24		
	SPT Grant	2018/19	(£12,928.24)		

##### Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
Roads Client	SPT/IC Agency Agreement	2019/20	£500	Virement from Road Marking, Studs & Traffic Signs	

### Legal

6.2 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

### Human Resources

6.3 There are no HR implications arising from this report.

### Equalities

6.4 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

### Repopulation

6.5 There are no repopulation implications arising from this report.

## 7.0 CONSULTATIONS

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

## 8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None