

**Report To: Environment and Regeneration
Committee**

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**Report By: Corporate Director Environment,
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Subject: Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with an update in respect of recent intelligence in respect of Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 At the January meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Committee, Members were advised that Officers had been told by colleagues in North Ayrshire that North Ayrshire Council was likely to reduce its requisition for the Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park.
- 2.2 As part of their budget setting process North Ayrshire have now confirmed that it is their intention to completely withdraw their requisition to the Park Authority and in turn their positions on the Joint Committee.
- 2.3 The impact of these changes have been discussed with colleagues in Renfrewshire Council. The withdrawal of the North Ayrshire requisition can be offset through the use of CMRP reserves in the 2020/21 financial year, which will allow Officers between the remaining members to develop proposals for the future of the Park.
- 2.4 It is anticipated that a revised operating model will be presented to Members by the summer. It will be necessary to provide full year accounts for the financial year 2020/21.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee considers the withdrawal of North Ayrshire from the Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park Authority and notes that a report on the future operating arrangements of the Park will be presented before the summer recess.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Clyde Muirshiel Park Authority came into existence in 1990 and covers an area of 12,000 ha on land between Renfrewshire Council, Inverclyde Council and North Ayrshire Council.
- 4.2 At its meeting in January of this year, the Committee was advised that it was likely that North Ayrshire Council would reduce its requisition to the Park Authority. Confirmation has now been received from North Ayrshire that they do not intend to make payment of any requisition in the forthcoming financial year and are withdrawing their membership of the Park Authority.
- 4.3 The withdrawal of the North Ayrshire requisition can be offset in the short term through the use of CMRP reserves.
- 4.4 Discussion now needs to take place with colleagues in Renfrewshire Council on the development of a future operating model and recommendations on this model will be presented to the Committee prior to the summer recess.
- 4.5 As the Servicing Authority, Renfrewshire Council will continue to employ all of the Park Staff for the moment.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

- 5.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Financial implications

One-off Costs

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

Annually recurring costs/(savings)

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

Legal

- 5.2 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

Human Resources

- 5.3 There are no personnel issues associated with this report.

Equalities and diversity

- 5.4 There are no equality issues associated with this report.

5.5 Repopulation

The report supports our repopulation agenda.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 Appropriate consultation has been undertaken with Legal and Property and Finance

7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.