
Report To:	Policy & Resources Committee	Date:	15 September 2020
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Subject:	Mission Clyde		

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to bring the Mission Clyde initiative to the attention of the Committee.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 The River Clyde flows through a number of the metropolitan city region local authority areas, from South Lanarkshire in the east to Inverclyde in the west. It benefits from one of the deepest sea entrance channels in northern Europe, right to the heart of the city centre. Within 500 metres of the river there are over 30,000 companies supporting around 160,000 jobs, and an estimated GVA of £6.5 billion to the Scottish economy.

2.2 The area surrounding is not without its challenges, there are over 250 vacant and derelict land sites along its length, and many are at risk of flooding. Within 500m of the river, one in four of the population live within the 15% most deprived in Scotland.

2.3 Earlier this year, following consultation with Local Authority Leaders, the Scottish Government announced a national, place-based mission to make the Clyde an engine of sustainable and inclusive growth for Glasgow, its metropolitan City region and Scotland.

2.4 The focus of the Mission is to:-

- Build on industries such as shipping, shipbuilding and marine engineering
- Attract international talent and investment
- Bring vacant and derelict land back in to productive use
- Improve and open up the river for visitors, local people and communities
- Integrate land use and transport and draw on the work of the Connectivity Commission to enhance connectivity
- Ensure the Clyde is climate ready, adaptable and resilient to climate change
- To potentially use the river as a source of heat and energy for businesses and communities.

And by realising those opportunities help tackle poverty and disadvantage and safeguard and create meaningful purposeful jobs.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the activity related to Mission Clyde and that regular updates on this activity will be presented to Members in due course.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The River Clyde flows through the heart of metropolitan city region communities stretching from South Lanarkshire in the east to Inverclyde in the west.
- 4.2 Nearly 115,000 people live in the area just 500 metres either side of the river and one mile either side of the river corridor there is a population of nearly half a million and there are more than 430,000 jobs within a mile of the river.
- 4.3 Along the river there are over 250 sites of vacant and derelict land covering over 400 hectares. A number of these and other sites are at risk of flooding.
- 4.4 Within the 500m corridor either side of the river around one in four of the population live in areas within the 15% most deprived in Scotland.
- 4.5 Inverclyde Council is part of the City Deal project which seeks to attract £1.13bn of investment throughout the metropolitan city region. A number of the projects involved within the City Deal are either adjacent to the River Clyde or within a relatively short distance away.
- 4.6 Earlier this year the Scottish Government announced the Mission Clyde Project with the objective “A national, place based, mission to make the Clyde an engine of inclusive and sustainable growth for the city, the region and Scotland”.
- 4.7 The mission will be focused on the unique opportunities and competitive advantage of the river and immediate surrounding land - and on taking account of and tackling risks such as flooding which have the potential to limit opportunities.
- 4.8 Initial work of the Mission will focus on:
 - Developing a compelling investor prospectus of existing projects and those in the pipeline;
 - Identifying further opportunities for creating business growth and jobs along the Clyde and working with the private sector to realise those opportunities;
 - Realising the potential of the river to help address the climate change emergency and the opportunities it presents for new industries and jobs;
 - Looking at bringing forward investment through the Green Growth Accelerator model and Scottish National Investment Bank and leveraging further private investment.
- 4.9 It is likely that in the near future a call will be made for Local Authorities, Agencies and Universities to submit proposals for “shovel ready” projects, with a project value of up to £2m against an initial funding allocation of £10m.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Finance

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

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

5.2 Legal

There are no legal issues associated with this report.

5.3 Human Resources

There are no personnel implications associated with this report.

5.4 Equalities

Equalities

(a) Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

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

(b) Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

	YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.
x	NO

(c) Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.
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X	NO
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5.5 Repopulation

The creation of more successful and prosperous businesses and communities within Inverclyde would make it a more attractive place to live, invest and do business.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 No consultation has been undertaken in the preparation of this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 There are no background papers associated with this report.