
Report To:	Environment & Regeneration Committee	Date:	29 October 2020
Report By:	Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Report No:	ENV/028/20/SA
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Subject:	Benches to Mark the Effort by the NHS, Key Workers and Volunteers during Covid		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Committee of a proposal to recognise the NHS, Key Workers and Volunteers during Covid through installing commemorative benches in Port Glasgow, Greenock and Gourock.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Covid-19 has fundamentally changed life in the last few months, impacting on every aspect of society. Key Workers and volunteers have risen to the challenge and maintained essential services through health, communities, commerce and public services.
- 2.2 It is proposed that the Council marks the efforts of all of those people through the creation and installation of memorial benches in Port Glasgow, Greenock and Gourock. In a similar project in Hull, steel benches were fabricated with the words 'Thank You NHS and Key Workers' in stencil across the seat back. The benches are painted in NHS blue.
- 2.3 It is proposed that this Council commissions and installs three similar benches. The wording proposed is 'Thank You NHS, Key Workers and Volunteers'. A company could potentially fabricate the benches following appropriate procurement and the anticipated cost is around £5,000/bench including installation.
- 2.4 In the background to this report two options are presented in respect of locations for the benches in Port Glasgow, Greenock and Gourock. In each case it is proposed that Option 1 is more appropriate.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
- (i) Approves the commissioning of the design and build of 3 commemorative benches to the NHS, Key Workers and Volunteers.
 - (ii) Approves Option 1 in respect of the locations described in Appendix 1.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Council marks the efforts of all of those people through the creation and installation of memorial benches in Port Glasgow, Greenock and Gourock. In a similar project in Hull, steel benches were fabricated with the words Thank You NHS and Key Workers in stencil across the seat back. The benches are painted in NHS blue.
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- 4.3 With respect to locations officers considered the locations described below. Plans of the locations are included in the Appendix.

Port Glasgow

- Option 1: In the grassed area to the north of Port Glasgow Town Buildings between the buildings and the Endeavour.
- Option 2: Coronation Park, to the east of the play area facing the water.

Greenock

- Option 1: Clyde Square
- Option 2: North east of the Custom House facing the water.

Gourock

- Option 1: In the gardens at Gourock Municipal Buildings
- Option 2: North of the mound at the Pierhead.

Subject to approval officers will progress the implementation of the benches.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Finance

Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
			£15,000		

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

N/A.

5.3 Human Resources

N/A.

5.4 Equalities

Equalities

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

	YES
✓	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.
✓	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.
✓	NO

5.5 Repopulation

N/A.

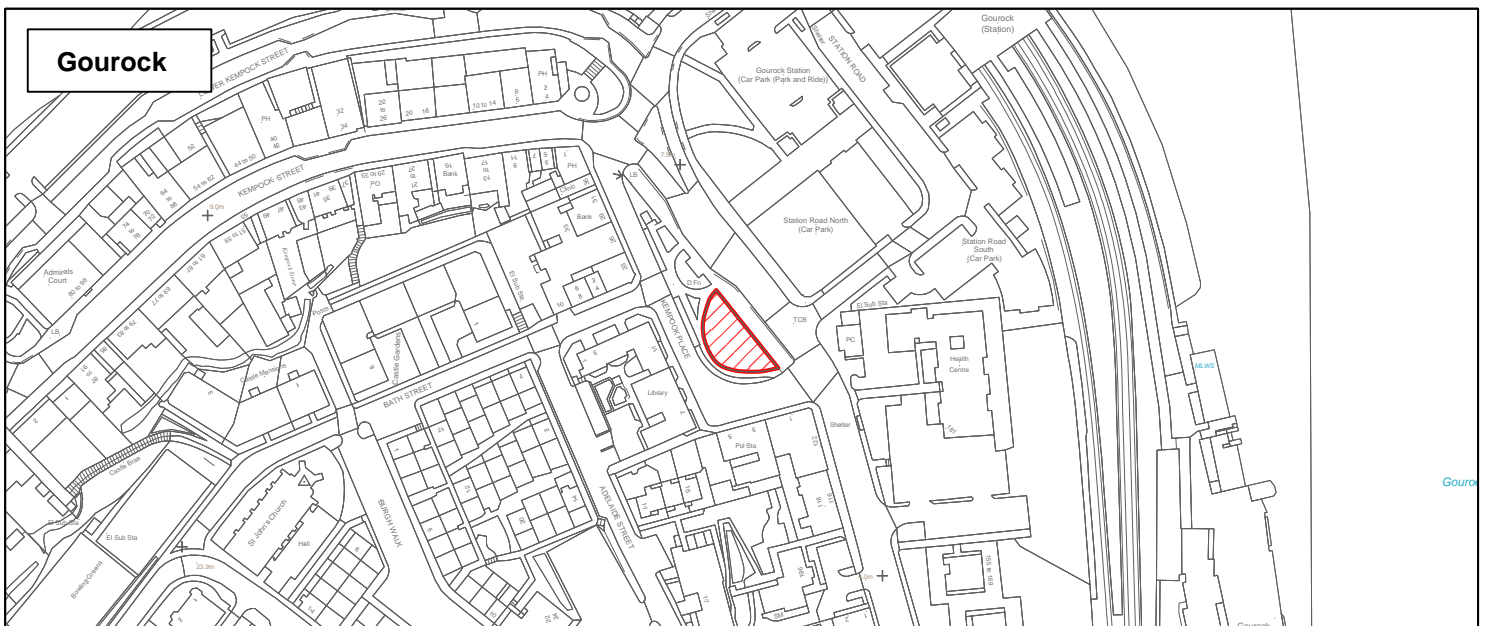
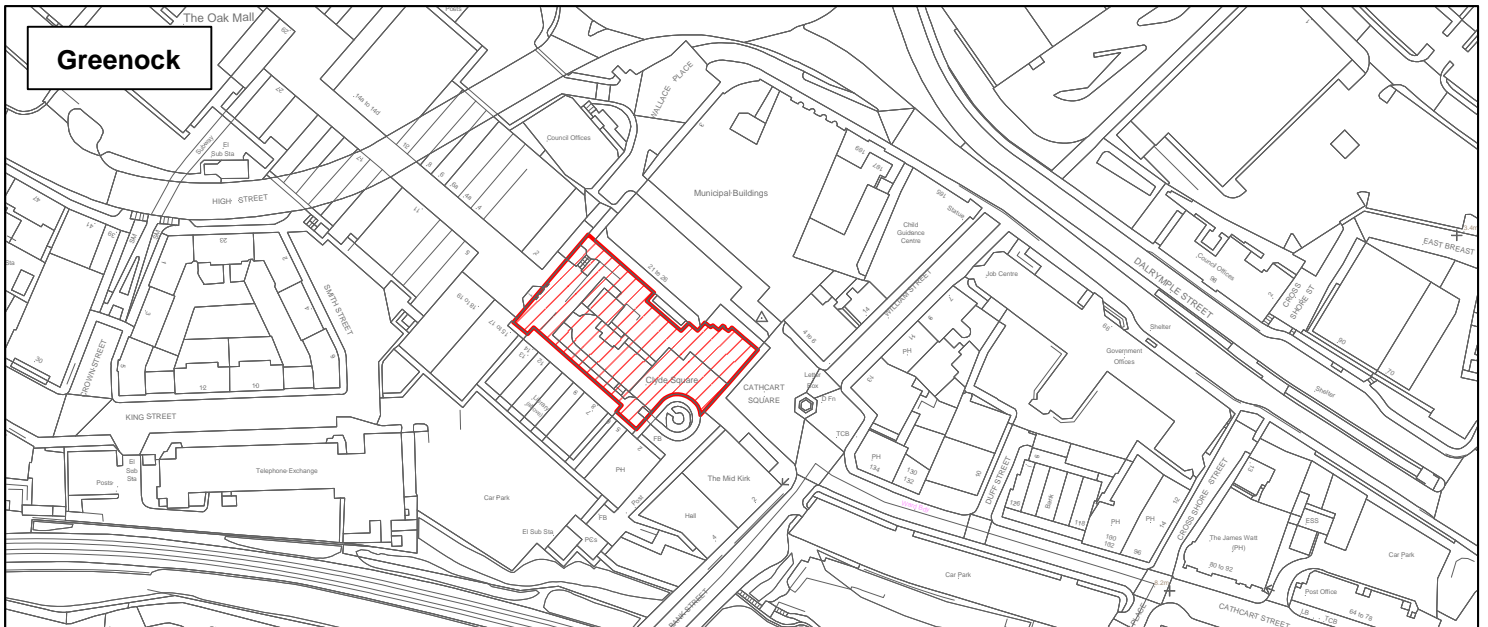
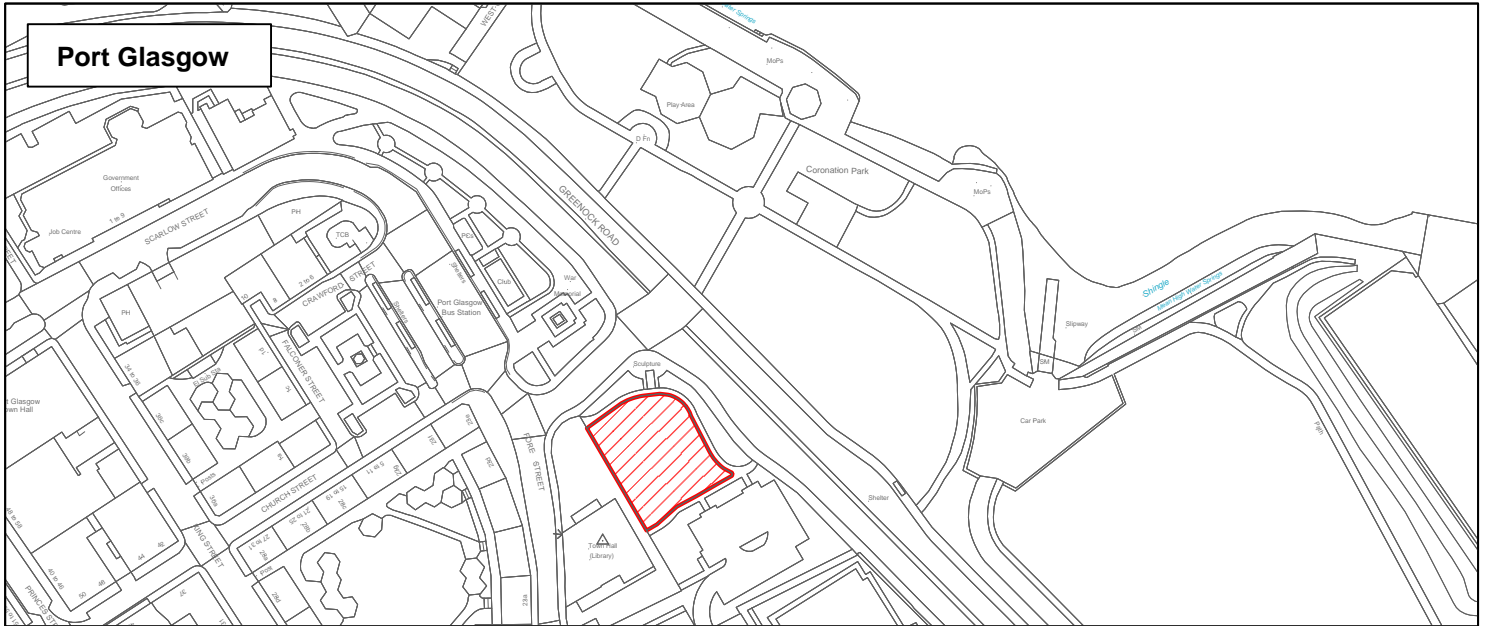
6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 N/A.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 N/A.

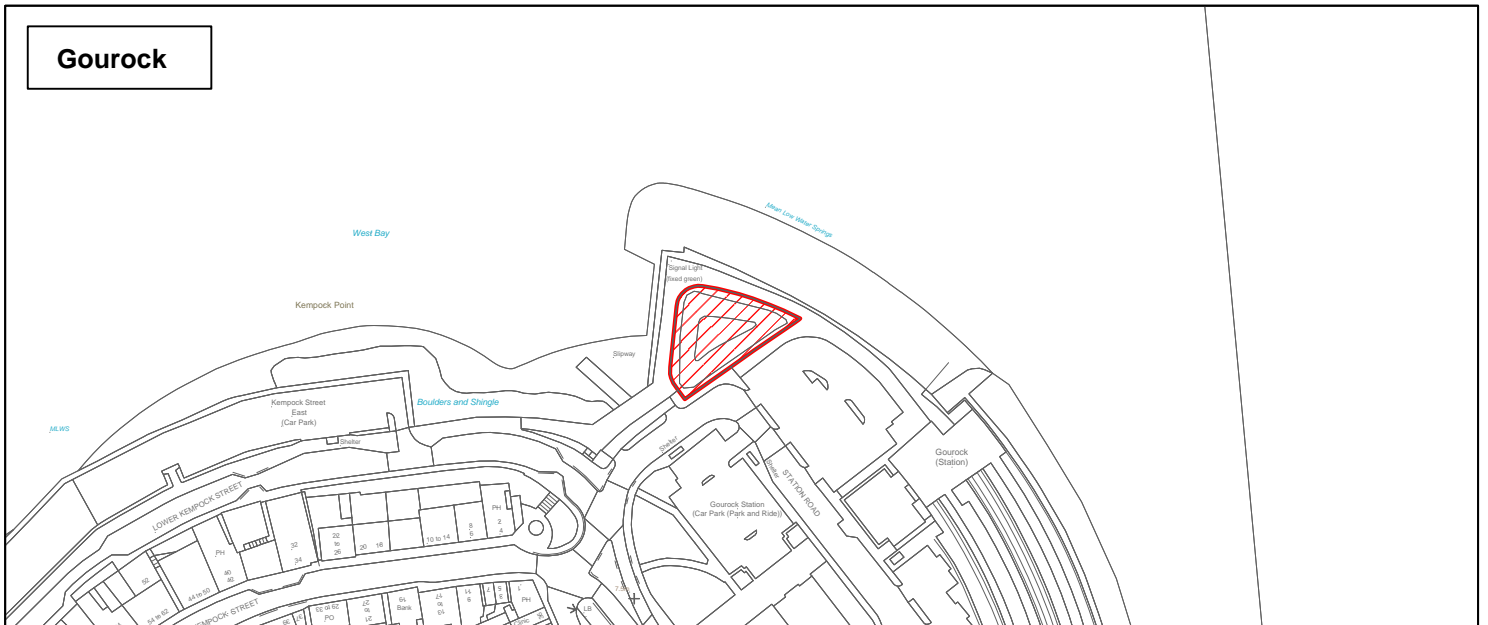
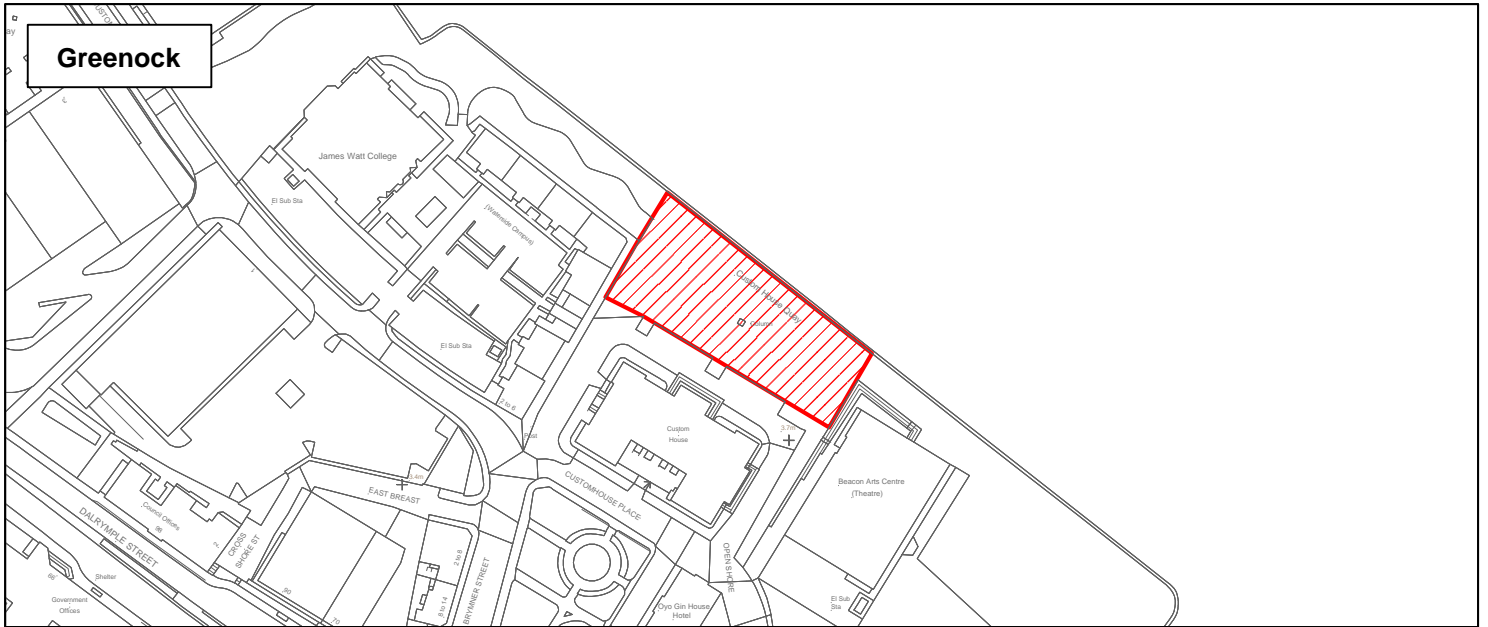
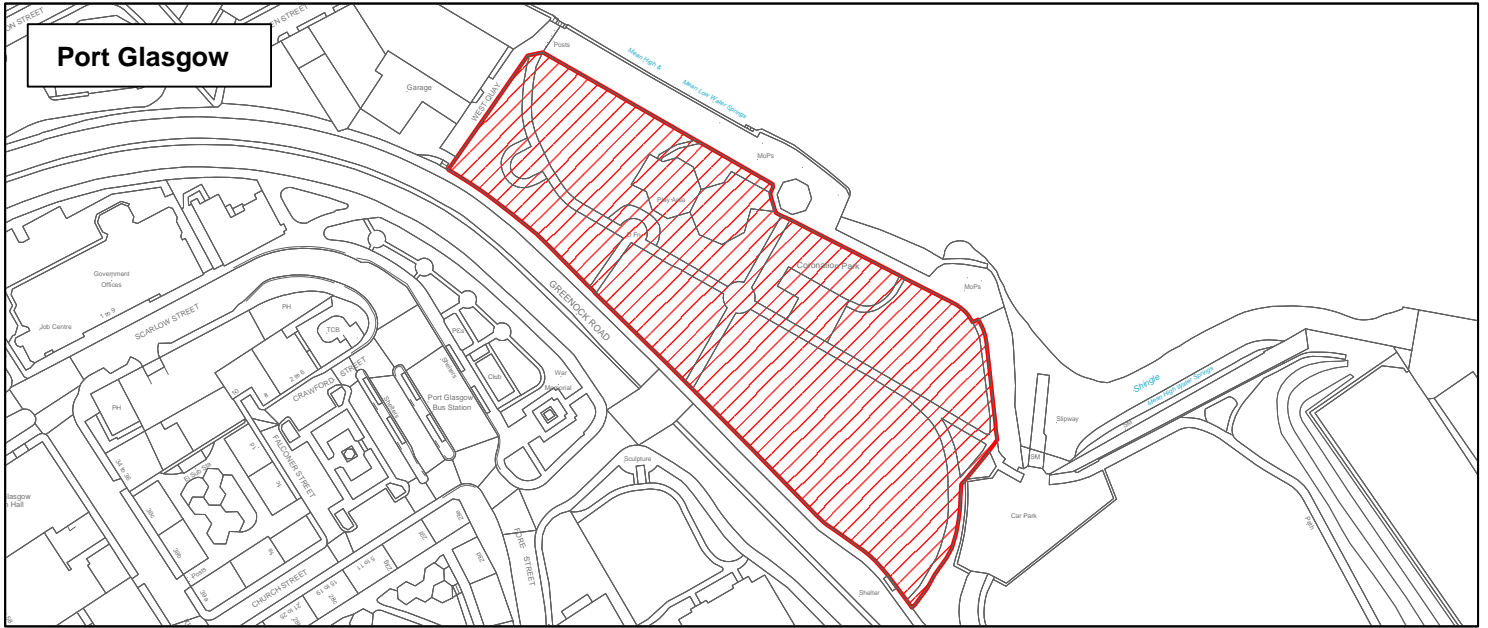
APPENDIX 1 - OPTION 1



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APPENDIX 1 - OPTION 2



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