
Report To:	Environment & Regeneration Committee	Date: 26 August 2021
Report By:	Interim Service Director, Environment & Economic Recovery	Report No: ERC/RT/GMcF/18.630
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Subject:	Port Glasgow Sculpture Update	

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to update Committee on the timeline for the installation and completion of the Port Glasgow Sculpture and seek approval for an increased construction cost as a consequence of the ongoing pandemic and the additional works required to the foundation after the change in location to the Coronation Park.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Environment & Regeneration Committee agreed on the 15 June 2017 that the cost to procure, fabricate and install the sculpture had risen from £325k to £555k. Then on the 31 August 2017 the committee agree to a revised location from the roundabout to the Coronation Park in line with John Wood Street.
- 2.2 The fabrication of the sculpture has progressed since 2018, the figures are now substantially complete and ready for installation. The hull sections require another 10 days work to complete and these will be ready by September. The pandemic has delayed progress and along with an increase in material costs and the total cost to fabricate and install the sculpture has increased by £35k.
- 2.3 Moving the sculpture to Coronation Park has required further site investigation of the ground conditions. This has highlighted that the revised location in the park comprises of infill material and as a result additional foundation works are required to take the foundation down to hard material. The result of this is that the foundation will be piled down to rock. The additional site investigation has increased the costs by £8k.
- 2.4 Below in section 5.2 the budget required to install the sculpture is now £598k. It is recommended that this additional cost will be contained within the existing Committee budgets and Officers are exploring the potential for funding from Riverside Inverclyde.
- 2.5 The foundation works are projected to take around 3 months with an anticipated completion in December 2021. Works to erect the sculpture will start in early 2022 and are programmed to take around 2-3 weeks to assemble however suitable weather conditions are required to complete the installation.

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3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the increased budget of £43k and the revised delivery timeframe and as previously agreed that any shortfall in securing external contributions or external grants in regards to the remaining £100k will be contained within existing Committee budgets.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Environment & Regeneration Committee agreed on the 15 June 2017 that the cost to procure, fabricate and install the sculpture had risen from £325k to £555k
- 4.2 The Committee agreed to the increase in fabrication of the sculpture with a completion summer 2020 and this extended the fabrication into the national lock down.
- 4.3 The Riverside Inverclyde project was transferred to Inverclyde Council in February 2019 for completion and installation.
- 4.4 The Committee agreed to an additional £145k to cover an increase to the foundation costs, structural design and materials. The budget allocation from the Council was £455k with a further £100k being sought from Ferguson Marine Engineering Limited.
- 4.5 The Environment & Regeneration Committee then agreed with the public consultation to move the sculpture from the roundabout to the Coronation Park in line with John Wood Street.
- 4.6 The fabrication of the sculpture has progressed since 2018 and the figures are complete and ready for installation. The hull sections require another 10 days work to complete and these will be ready by September as the sculpture is currently working on other projects. The pandemic has delayed the completion of the sculpture and along with an increase in material costs, the total cost to fabricate and install the sculpture has increased by £38k.
- 4.7 The moving the sculpture to Coronation Park has required another site investigation of the ground conditions. This has highlighted that the revised location in the park comprises of infill material and as a result additional foundation works are required to take the foundation down to hard material. The result of this is that the foundation will be piled down to rock. The additional site investigation has increased the costs by £8k.
- 4.8 Officers are continuing to explore possible contributions from external grant funding or external private funding.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Finance

5.2 The overall budget to fabrication and install the sculpture is £598k

Western Entrance Sculpture Funding	Agreed budget 2017	Revised Budget	Variation
Site Investigation	£18,829.00	£18,829.00	£0.00
Pre Contract Works – Design Competition	£11,550.00	£11,550.00	£0.00
Legals	£19,840.09	£19,840.09	£0.00
Contact costs (base construction and installation)	£117,237.00	£117,237.00	£0.00
Sculpture Costs and materials	£292,600.00	£327,971.47	£35,371.47
Fees (additional Site Investigation)	£62,010.00	£69,638.53	£7,628.53
Misc	£32,933.91	£32,933.91	£0.00
	£555,000.00	£598,000.00	£43,000.00

One Off Costs

It is proposed that options be explored with respect to the projected cost increase including private sector contributions and grant funding. Should this funding prove insufficient to fund the £143,000.00 increase than any shortfall would be contained within existing Committee budgets.

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
Shipbuilders Statue	Shipbuilders Statue	2021/22	143		Funded from external grants, private sector. Any shortfall in securing funding would be contained within existing Committee budgets comprising £69k from the RI earmarked reserve and £74k from the RAMP

There will be an on-going maintenance cost for the sculpture. Only route inspections will be required. After that minor works may be required and these will be contained within the existing grounds budgets.

Annually recurring costs:

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
TBC		2022/32	1.		Inspection and cleaning of sculpture

5.3 Legal

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

5.4 Human Resources

There are no HR implications arising from this report.

5.5 Equalities

(a) There are equalities implications in this report.

	YES – This report introduces an amendment to a policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, a Equality Impact Assessment is required
X	NO

(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
X	NO – This report's recommendations have no impact on inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.

(c) **Data Protection**

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

X

YES

NO – This report does not involve data processing.

5.6 **Repopulation**

There are no repopulation implications arising from this report.

6.0 **CONSULTATIONS**

6.1 The Chief Financial Officer, The Interim Head of Legal Services, and the Corporate Procurement Manager have been consulted on the contents of this report.

7.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

7.1 None.