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| <b>Report To:</b>       | <b>Education &amp; Communities Committee</b>   | <b>Date:</b>       | <b>8 March 2022</b>    |
| <b>Report By:</b>       | <b>Corporate Director Education, Communities and Organisational Development</b>            | <b>Report No:</b>  | <b>EDUCOM/25/22/HS</b> |
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| <b>Subject:</b>         | <b>Communities Performance Report - Capital Programme Progress and Asset Related Items</b> |                    |                        |

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider performance reporting for the Communities part of the Education and Communities Committee and provide an update in respect of the status of the projects forming the Communities Capital Programme.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 This report advises the Committee of the progress of the projects within the Communities Capital Programme and those external grant funded projects where the Council holds all or part of the grant funding for projects being progressed through partner organisations.
- 2.2 The report also provides an update on other Council Community Asset related activity.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 That the Committee notes the current position of the 2021/24 Capital Programme and the progress on the specific projects.

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## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 This report shows the current position of the approved Communities Capital programme reflecting the allocation of resources approved by Inverclyde Council on 18 March 2021.
- 4.2 The report also covers progress of external partner projects where the Council holds all or part of the funding through successful bids as part of the Scottish Government Regional Capital Grant Fund process.

## **5.0 COMMUNITIES CAPITAL PROJECTS**

### **5.1 Lady Alice Bowling Club**

The Council continues to support the management committee of Lady Alice Bowling Club to source external funding to match the shortfall required in respect of the building and project costs. The club has advised that it now has a plan in place in respect of the work it wishes to carry out and officers have now requested that the club moves towards achieving cost certainty for the improvement works.

### **5.2 Indoor Sports Facility for Tennis**

The Council and Inverclyde Leisure continue to engage with all stakeholders to the project, including funding partners, sportscotland and the Lawn Tennis Association. Work is ongoing to achieve cost certainty for the project and this is expected by the end of February 2022.

### **5.3 Leisure Pitches Asset Management Plan / Lifecycle Fund**

The lifecycle works continue to be progressed based on the asset plan agreed at the September 2020 Education & Communities Committee. Tenders have been issued for the 3G pitch carpet replacement at Battery Park with tender issue imminent for the Drumshantie Road 3G pitch carpet replacement.

### **5.4 Grieve Road Community Centre**

As previously reported, all works are now complete with the exception of the installation of new high level windows in the main hall and alterations to form a disability compliant toilet / relocation of an office. SER certificate now obtained with building warrant and letter of acceptance imminent.

### **5.5 Wemyss Bay Community Centre**

As previously reported, all works are now complete with the exception of the installation of new high level windows in the main hall. Building warrant is in place. Contractor has now been appointed and work was planned to begin on site mid-February 2022.

### **5.6 Whinhill Golf Club Lifecycle Works**

Replacement of windows, doors and security shutters is complete as previously reported including fencing / security improvements. Work on the 'Starter's Room' project is progressing with completion anticipated late March / early April. Design work is progressing on options for replacement of the existing oil fire heating system with consideration of conversion to air source heat pump. Further phased works have been scoped and will be considered for progression subject to further allocation of funding from the Core Property budget within Environment & Regeneration.

### **5.7 Waterfront Leisure Centre Training Pool Moveable Floor**

Tenders have now been issued with return date of 28 February 2022.

## 5.8 Watt Institution Creativity Space

National Heritage Lottery Funding has been secured through the 'Watt Voices' project to address internal alterations to an existing office space and formation of a creativity space. Works commenced on site 25 October 2021 with completion originally anticipated end of January / beginning of February 2022. Additional works have been instructed with completion now anticipated mid February 2022.

## 5.9 Community Hub King George VI

The Council was originally awarded funding of £1.184m from The Scottish Government Regional Capital Grant Fund (RCGF) for the second phase relating to the refurbishment and conversion of the King George VI building in Port Glasgow into a community facility. An additional allocation of RCGF funding of £350K was also made to allow the carbon reduction proposals to be incorporated in the project scope. Property Services have progressed the design which involves the refurbishment and conversion of the building including improving the fabric performance and a low carbon heating / energy approach in recognition of the move towards zero carbon building standards and the recently approved Inverclyde Net Zero Strategy. Listed Building Consent has been received with formal planning approval awaited and building warrant submitted. The target programme remains as previously reported with issue of tenders imminent to allow the conclusion of the formal tendering exercise including acceptance of contract by the end of 1st Quarter 2022.

## 6.0 COMMUNITIES EXTERNAL PARTNER PROJECTS

### 6.1 Craigend Resource Centre

Construction work on the Craigend Resource Centre phase 1 is now completed and the management committee have now taking ownership of the new centre. This new facility gives the East End of Greenock an amazing new modern space for residents of the area and wider community. Phase 2 of the work has now began to demolish the old building and upgrade to surrounding area, include the construction of new car park and toddlers play park.

### 6.2 The Inverclyde Shed Meet, Make + Share

The Scottish Government Regional Capital Grant Fund (RCGF) to transform a vacant light industrial unit in East Blackhall Street into a community workshop. The Committee is requested note that further engagement with Scottish Government has resulted in an additional allocation of RCGF funding for the project in the amount of £50K which will allow additional upgrades to new facility.

### 6.3 Parklea Branching Out

Officers are working closely with the Committee to support the application and action plan moving forward into 22/ 23 financial year.

## 7.0 IMPLICATIONS

### 7.1 Finance

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         |                |                  |                   |                               |                |

**7.2 Legal**

There are no known Legal implications contained within this report.

**7.3 Human Resources**

There are no known Human Resources implications contained within this report.

**7.4 Equalities**

Equalities

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

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| 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?

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| 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?

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

**7.5 Repopulation**

The regeneration works outlined in this report should contribute to retaining and increasing the population within the area. There are no repopulation implications contained within this report.

## **8.0 CONSULTATIONS**

8.1 None.

## **9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

9.1 None.