

AGENDA ITEM NO: 2

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Committee

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Subject: UK Government Shared Prosperity Fund: Inverclyde Proposals

1.0 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

1.1 ⊠For Decision □For Information/Noting

- 1.2 This report is to provide an update to Committee on Inverclyde Council and Glasgow City Region's progress with the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF). The report also seeks approval for the project proposals for Inverclyde.
- 1.3 Following engagement on a metropolitan region basis, the Regeneration Service has worked with internal and external stakeholders to make recommendation for inclusion of 23 projects to progress within the investment plan, 17 projects for core SPF and 6 projects for Multiply, which along with admin costs, allocates the full SPF budget of £3,563,931.
- 1.4 The Regeneration Service has worked with the Glasgow City Region to prepare the investment plan which was approved by the UK Government on 5 December 2022.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
 - a) Approve the project proposals for Inverclyde;
 - b) Delegate to the Director Environment & Regeneration the authority to enter into the grant agreement with Glasgow City Region;
 - c) Delegate to the Director Environment & Regeneration the authority to enter grant agreements with the project leads to deliver the approved projects.

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3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

- 3.1 The UK Shared Prosperity Fund is a £2.6bn fund for local investment, with all areas of the UK receiving an allocation of funding. This fund is a central pillar to the UK Government's Levelling Up agenda and replaces European Structural Funds which will operate until December 2022. Inverclyde has benefitted from a range of European Structural Fund programmes which have focussed on people and place.
- 3.2 As previously reported, Inverclyde is part of the Glasgow City Region Investment Plan which was submitted to the UK Government at the end of August 2022 and was approved by the UK Government on 5 December 2022.
- 3.3 At the June and August Environment and Regeneration Committees it was reported that Inverclyde has a total allocation of £3,563,961 (Core SPF £2,948,498 and Multiply £615,463) and that Inverclyde Council would work with the Glasgow City Region to prepare a region Shared Prosperity Investment Plan. Officers from the Regeneration Service have worked extensively with colleagues across the metropolitan city region to develop proposals which were included in the Investment Plan.
- 3.4 Highlights of the outcomes and outputs of proposals were presented to the Environment and Regeneration Committee in August.
- 3.5 The Regeneration Service carried out a call for project ideas with internal and external stakeholders. A total of fifty-two project proposals were received from a variety of internal and external partners.
- 3.6 Following this, the submissions were assessed, creating a long list and then a short list of projects. The short list projects were then asked to develop more detailed project proposals to provide assurance that they were deliverable, and where appropriate match funding was detailed.
- 3.7 Each project was evaluated against the eligibility criteria developed and officers' recommendations for progression are set out below, with 17 projects for core SPF at a total cost of £2,821,958 and 6 projects for Multiply at a cost of £590,844.
- 3.8 Shared Prosperity is a fund that runs from 2022-2025, however, as the Investment Plan was only approved in late 2022 the UK Government agreed that the funding for 2022-2023 could be accrued into year 2 2023-2024.
- 3.9 Given the time delay, the Regeneration Service has re-evaluated projects ensuring that they fit with the current needs of Inverclyde, aligning with the emerging findings from the Inverclyde Taskforce. In addition, the Regeneration Service has worked with project leads to update proposals, spend profile and proposed deliverables. Year 1 funding can be carried over to year 2 however a 'credible plan' is required to show that the spend can be achieved. Through the work with project leads the project spend has been re-profiled, in line with the UK Government requirements.

4.0 Proposals

4.1 The table below sets out project recommendations for 2023-2025. Further information on the project is within appendix 1.

| Project Name | Description | Lead Organisation | Total SPF Cost |
|---|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| Public Lighting | Improvements to lighting in public parks. | Inverclyde Council | £150,000 |
| Town Centre Action Plans | Development of action plans for Greenock, Gourock and Port Glasgow | Inverclyde Council | £90,000 |
| Town Centre Improvements | Taking actions from the project above and delivering projects in town centres. | Inverclyde Council | £190,000 |
| Port Glasgow Shipbuilders Environmental Improvements | Improvements to enhance the visitor experience in Coronation Park around the Shipbuilders statue | Inverclyde Council | £150,000 |
| Parklea Community Hub and Gardens | Support work at Parklea Branching Out to enhance the community hub and landscaping | Parklea Branching Out | £80,000 |
| Invergrow | Supporting the development and delivery of projects from the Inverclyde Food Growing Network | Inverclyde Council | £170,952 |
| Inverclyde Community Enterprise Programme | Working with local social enterprises to provide groups with tools to develop and grow their enterprises to be more sustainable. | CVS Inverclyde | £120,000 |
| Net Zero: How do I go about it? | Supporting businesses to become more energy efficient through business audits and small grants | Inverclyde Council | £126,500 |
| Improving your business skills | | | £155,000 |
| Business Networking | Creating forums for local business owners to meet, learn about a topic of | Inverclyde Council | £22,400 |

| | interest, share ideas | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| | and explore | | |
| | opportunities to work | | |
| | together e.g., Women | | |
| | in business, tourism | | |
| Supporting growth | Providing grants and | Inverclyde Council | £115,000 |
| and new start growth | expert support to | | |
| | support businesses | | |
| | with growth potential | | |
| Business Accelerator | Programme of | Inverclyde Council | £208,855 |
| | training to support | - | |
| | new start businesses | | |
| | to improve business | | |
| | survival rates | | |
| Youth Volunteering | Create a programme | Inverclyde Council in | £121,486 |
| Programme | of volunteering | partnership with CVS | , |
| · · · · g. · · · · · · · · | opportunities to give | p an arrange arrange a | |
| | young people skills | | |
| | and experience which | | |
| | will support them to | | |
| | progress towards | | |
| | employment | | |
| Community Option | Parklea Branching | Parklea Branching | £90,000 |
| Community Option | Out delivering a | Out | 290,000 |
| | diverse range of | Out | |
| | personal | | |
| | development skills | | |
| | and opportunities for | | |
| | | | |
| | clients who are | | |
| | vulnerable, with | | |
| | autism and/or | | |
| | additional support | | |
| | needs, providing | | |
| | access to further | | |
| | education, training | | |
| | and employability | | |
| | options | | |
| Steps 2 Progression | Embedding | Inverclyde Council | £350,000 |
| | employability in areas | | |
| | of most need, | | |
| | identifying | | |
| | economically inactive | | |
| | young people and | | |
| | providing support to | | |
| | progress towards | | |
| | employment e.g., | | |
| | training | | |
| Progress to | Person centred, all | Inverclyde Council | £483,283 |
| Employment | age, end to end | | |
| | support for | | |
| | economically inactive | | |
| | people to progress to | | |
| | employment | | |
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| New Opportunities | Pre-employability pipeline programme | Inverclyde Council | £199,092 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| | of activity and training to support | | |
| | economically inactive | | |
| | people towards employability | | |
| | engagement | | |
| | | Clyde Climate Forrest | £8600 |
| | | 4% Management | £117,939 |
| NA. dition la c | | Total core SPF | £2,948,497 |
| Multiply | Matha and Numanana | Inversively Council | 000 004 |
| Prison leavers maths and numeracy | Maths and Numeracy courses aimed at | Inverclyde Council - CLD | £39,064 |
| and numeracy | prisoners, those | OLD | |
| | recently released | | |
| | from prison or on | | |
| | temporary license. | | |
| Partnership Maths | Development and | Inverclyde Council – | £76,099 |
| and Numeracy | delivery of bespoke maths programmes, | CLD | |
| | working with the CLD | | |
| | partnership, aiming to | | |
| | engage hardest to | | |
| | reach, to improve | | |
| | maths and numeracy. | | |
| 1:1 Maths and | Maths courses | Inverclyde Council - | £146,745 |
| Numeracy Support and Volunteer | delivered through 1:1 | CLD | |
| Training | support to support people attaining | | |
| Training | Level 5 maths. | | |
| Everyday Maths | Procured activity | Inverclyde Council - | £173,000 |
| | programmes to | Regeneration Service | , |
| | enhance client's | | |
| | everyday numeracy | | |
| | e.g. shopping, budgeting | | |
| Workplace Maths and | Working with | Inverclyde Council – | £76,941 |
| Numeracy | employers to | Regeneration Service | |
| Programmes and | enhance maths and | | |
| Staff Training | numeracy skills. | | |
| Multiply – WCS | Additional college | West College | £79,000 |
| | programmes to | Scotland | |
| | support community members without | | |
| | formal qualification to | | |
| | level 5 maths. | | |
| | | 4% Management Fee | £24,613. |
| | | Multiply Total | £615,462. |

^{4.2} Part of SPF, 4%, is allowed for management costs for monitoring and evaluation of the projects. It is intended that Inverclyde Council will use the fee to fund 1.3 FTE posts.

4.3 There is one project that is being delivered by Glasgow City Region. The Clyde Climate Forest aims to plant 18 million trees planted across urban and rural areas of the city region, delivering ecological and climate benefits. The contribution from Inverclyde's Shared Prosperity is £8600. The project will be managed by the GCR therefore the detail is not included in the table above as there are no monitoring or reporting requirements for Inverclyde Council.

Grant Agreements and Payments

- 4.4 Following the approval of the Investment Plan, UK Government has entered into an agreement with Glasgow City Council who is the Lead Authority representing the Glasgow City Region. An agreement will then be entered into between Glasgow City Council (on behalf of the City Region) and Inverclyde Council. Inverclyde Council will then issue agreements to project deliverers and the Council, will be responsible for monitoring and assurance of local activity.
- 4.5 Funding will be issued to the member authorities following signing of the grant agreement with the Glasgow City Region and agreement of the assurance framework. The Member Authorities have worked together on this framework to ensure that there is consistency across the region. The draft grant agreement and assurance framework have been reviewed by the Regeneration, Finance and Legal services ahead of them being formally received by the Council.
- 4.6 As stated above, the UK Government have confirmed that year 1 funding can be carried over to the subsequent financial year however, all or part of the subsequent years grant will be held back until full spend for that financial year has been achieved or there is a credible plan of how it will be spent. The Regeneration Service is working with Glasgow City Region to update the Investment Plan to form the 'credible plan', which for Inverclyde, is based on the project proposals in this paper.
- 4.7 Year 3 24/25 funding will be issued when the UK Government is satisfied that the previous year's tranche has been adequately spent. All funds must be spent by March 2025.
- 4.8 Inverclyde Council's will enter into funding agreements with project leads. The Regeneration Service has consulted with Legal Services and grant agreements will be made for each project which will 'pass down' the requirements from UK and GCR to the project leads.
- 4.9 It has been agreed, through discussion with the Finance Service, that grants shall be paid to project leads in arrears following the submission of a grant claim form accompanied by suitable evidence of eligible spend.

Monitoring, Reporting and Assurance

- 4.10 With regards to reporting, the UK Government have set out requirements for quarterly and sixmonthly report. As we are working with the Glasgow City Region, Inverclyde Council will prepare local report, which require to be signed off by the Chief Financial Officer, and then submitted to the Glasgow City Region. The Glasgow City Region will then submit the reports to the UK Government following sign off by the Chair of the Finance Strategy Group.
- 4.11 The Glasgow City Region SPF Lead Officers Group have worked together to prepare the assurance framework of the Glasgow City Region. It will be for us as a Council, and in particular, the Regeneration Service, to ensure that the relevant checks are made, in line with the assurance framework, for each project to ensure that activities and spend is eligible against the SPF grant and what they have set out in the proposal.

4.12 Inverclyde will monitor the projects. Applicants will be required to submit evidence to the Council demonstrating progress towards achievement of project targets at which meet reporting requirements of the GCR and UK Government. This will include both qualitative and quantitative data. The level of information will be set out in the project funding agreements between the Council and project leads. To ensure that monitoring is coordinated the management fee will be used to employ 1 person, and a Monitoring Officer within the Regeneration Service has been identified to support the Regeneration Manager with monitoring, reporting and assurance. The team will ensure that there is regular contact with the project leads and ensure that reporting deadlines are met, claims are checked, and payments made timeously.

Next Steps

- 4.13 The Regeneration Service will continue to liaise with Legal and Finance on the pass-down grant agreement from Glasgow City Region. They will also liaise with Legal on the preparation of agreements for the project leads.
- 4.14 The Regeneration Service will ensure that the required monitoring, reporting and assurance is carried out, in consultation with Finance and Audit services, and submit to the Glasgow City Region.
- 4.15 The Regeneration Service to advertise for the 1 FTE timeously to support the service with required monitoring, reporting and assurance.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is(are) agreed:

| SUBJECT | YES | NO | N/A |
|--|-----|----|-----|
| Financial | Х | | |
| Legal/Risk | Х | | |
| Human Resources | Х | | |
| Strategic (LOIP/Corporate Plan) | Х | | |
| Equalities & Fairer Scotland Duty | | Х | |
| Children & Young People's Rights & Wellbeing | | Х | |
| Environmental & Sustainability | | Х | |
| Data Protection | | Х | |

5.2 Finance

The project involves the grant of funding from the UK Government, through Glasgow City Region which will be received in tranches Y1 (2022-2023), Y2 (2023-2024) and Y3 (2024-2025). Funding for tranche one is expected in April 2023.

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 | | | | | |

5.3 Legal/Risk

Consultation has taken place with Legal Service with regards to the Grant Offer and Assurance Framework with GCR and the drafting of pass down agreements with project leads.

5.4 Human Resources

The management fee which will be received by Inverclyde Council will be used for 1 FTE within the Regeneration Service.

5.5 **Strategic**

The proposals reflect the aims and objectives of the LOIP and the emerging outcomes of the Inverciyde Taskforce

5.6 Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty

(a) **Equalities**

This report has been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment (EQIA) process with the following outcome:

| | 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, assessed as not relevant and no EqIA is required. Provide any other relevant reasons why an EqIA is not necessary/screening statement. |
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| Х | YES – Assessed as relevant and an EqIA is required. A copy will be made available on the Council's website: https://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/council-and-government/equality-impact-assessments |

(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. |
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| Х | NO – Assessed as not relevant under the Fairer Scotland Duty for the following reasons: Provide reasons why the report has been assessed as not relevant. |

5.7 **Children and Young People**

Has a Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment been carried out?

| | YES – Assessed as relevant and a CRWIA is required. |
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| Х | NO – Assessed as not relevant as this report does not involve a new policy, function or strategy or recommends a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy which will have an impact on children's rights. |

5.8 Environmental/Sustainability

Has a Strategic Environmental Assessment been carried out?

| | YES – assessed as relevant and a Strategic Environmental Assessment is required. |
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| Х | NO – This report does not propose or seek approval for a plan, policy, programme, strategy or document which is like to have significant environmental effects, if implemented. |

5.9 **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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| Х | NO – Assessed as not relevant as this report does not involve data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals. |

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 Consultation has taken place through the Glasgow City Region with key stakeholders and this will continue to the end of Shared Prosperity Fund in 2025.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 Appendix 1: Proposals Table

Appendix 1: Inverclyde Shared Prosperity Proposals

| Project Name | Project Description | SPF Intervention | Project Lead | Method of Delivery | Total Project Cost | SPF Y1-Y2 | SPF Y3 | Total SPF contribution |
|-----------------------------|--|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------|---------------------------|
| Communities ar | nd Place | | | | | | | |
| Public Lighting | The recent Inverclyde Women's Safety Survey highlighted an area of concern around safe walking spaces in public parks after dark. This project will be delivered by Inverclyde Community Learning and Development in partnership with Inverclyde Environmental Services, to install lighting within targeted areas to make residents feel safer at night. This is a pilot project to improve lighting in public parks. | S1: Place based investments for regeneration and town centre improvements, which could include better accessibility for disabled people, including capital spend and running costs. | Inverclyde Council | In house | £150,000 | £130,000 | £20,000 | £150,000 |
| Town Centre Action Plans | The Regeneration Service will procure consultants to create Town Centre Action Plans for Inverclyde's 3 town centres, Greenock, Gourock and Port Glasgow. The team will work the residents, businesses and Town Centre Regeneration Forums to complete town centre health checks and then, through consultation with the local community, propose short, medium and long term projects which would improve the vitality and vibrancy of our town centres. The action plans would provide high level costings which would support the Regeneration Team to move towards | S11: Funding to support relevant feasibility studies. | Inverclyde Council | In house and procured consultants | £90,000 | £90,000 | | £90,000 |

| | delivery and leverage further funding to support this. | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|-----------------------------|--|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| Town Centre Improvements - From Action Plans | Following completion of the Town Centre Action Plan each Town Centre would be allocated funds to take forward project(s) from the Town Centre Action Plan. The team will work with the Town Centre Regeneration Forum, which includes Elected Members, businesses and residents, to identify the project(s) to be taken forward and work with them to ensure that projects make a positive improvement to the town centres. | S4: Design and management of the built and landscaped environment | Inverclyde Council | To be reviewed following completion of action plan | £190,000 | | £190,000 | £190,000 |
| Port Glasgow Shipbuilders Environmental Improvements | Following the completion of the iconic Shipbuilding Statues, the Roads and Environmental Service are aiming to improve the visitor experience to the statue by delivering environmental improvements to Coronation Park to improve the accessibility, provide information and landscaping to enhance the natural environment. | S3: Improvements to the natural environment and green and open space which could include community gardens, watercourses and embankments, along with incorporating natural features into wider public spaces. | Inverclyde Council | In house and potentially procured delivery | £150,000 | | £150,000 | £150,000 |
| Parklea Community Hub and Gardens | Support the creation of new flexible community-based hub and resource that will have a direct impact on some of the most vulnerable members of our community, Port Glasgow residents, existing and new client groups, community groups and partner organisations. The project will support deliver inclusive community spaces in | S2: Support and improvement of community assets and infrastructure projects, including those that increase communities' resilience to natural hazards, such as flooding, and support for | Parklea Branching Out | Grant | £1.8m | £80,000 | | £80,000 |

| | areas where there are none, build community capacity by working with local groups, young people and vulnerable groups to create spaces, work in partnership with other organisations and provide opportunities in training in the creation and management of the spaces. | decarbonisation of facilities, energy efficiency audits, and installation of energy efficiency and renewable measures in community buildings (including capital spend and running costs) | | | | | | |
|----------------|--|--|---|----------|----------|-----------------|-------------|----------|
| Invergrow | This project will support the development of an Inverclyde wide community gardening and food growing in public spaces, to impact on climate change and help alleviate food insecurity and food waste while improving mental wellbeing. This project will be shaped and supported in collaboration with Inverclyde Food Network and will utilise a PB approach with local community volunteers to develop an Inverclyde wide community gardening and food growing in public spaces. | S9: Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups. | Inverclyde Council in partnership with the Food Growing Network | In house | £170,592 | £85,296 | £85,296 | £170,592 |
| | | | | | Total | L Communitie | s and Place | £830,592 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Local Business | | | | | | 1 | | |
| Inverclyde | The project aims to work with local social | S22: Support for growing | CVS | Grant | £120,000 | £35,000 | £85,000 | £120,000 |
| Community | enterprises offering tailored support | the local social economy, | Inverclyde | | | | | |
| Enterprise | through CVSI's core activities, including | including community businesses, cooperatives | | | | | | |
| Programme | building capacity through a tailored and bespoke programme of intensive support and by providing groups with tools to | and social enterprises | | | | | | |

| | develop and grow their enterprise through tendering for contracts and generating income from charitable sources. This in turn will create local employment opportunities, generate additional services for each community where they operate, and build a buoyant social enterprise sector in Inverclyde which will contribute towards the local economy. To achieve the aim of this project CVSI will focus on: growing the capacity of existing enterprises; developing new enterprises; educating enterprises on key issues e.g. tendering, applying for grants, net zero; provide support through a social enterprise network. | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------|---------|----------|
| Net Zero How Do I go About It? | This is an energy efficiency programme to increase standards within Inverclyde Council and the wider Inverclyde commercial property portfolio, to achieve a target minimum EPC of B rating by 2027. Working with member authorities across Glasgow City Region the project will upskill staff who regularly engage with businesses, particularly in regards to premises, to educate and build confidence in green business support. | S20: Support for expert business advice and support programmes at the local and regional level, including support for decarbonisation, climate adaptation and circular economy advice. This could include funding for new and improvements to existing training hubs, business support offers, 'incubators', 'accelerators' | Inverclyde Council | In house and procured activity. | £247,500 (match with LACER funding) | £43,750 | £82,500 | £126,500 |

| Improving your business skills | The project will work with businesses to do an audit/online survey to assess the energy efficiency and sustainability of the business and their premises. Following the audit the business can apply for grant funding to carry out improvements for their property. This will be open to all commercial properties within Inverclyde Council commercial property portfolio, rolled out to the wider commercial stock to include a detailed written report, cost estimates, works recommendations and grant support to achieve stated target. To enhance the skills and knowledge of business owners in Inverclyde which will enable them to operate from a more competitive position. Initial survey to determine what particular business skills gaps are the most prevalent – which will be developed as the themes for the training programmes. | and other forms of developmental environments for local enterprise (including social enterprise) which can support entrepreneurs and start-ups/high growth potential firms through the early stages of development and growth by offering a combination of services including: e.g account management, advice, resources, training, mentorship, coaching and access to workspace. S28: Support for business resilience and Covid-19 recovery | Inverclyde Council | In house and procured support | £310,000 (match with LACER funds) | £31,000 | £124,000 | £155,000 |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---|---------|----------|----------|
| Business Networking | To provide a forum for local business owners to meet up monthly, learn about a topic of interest from a presenter, share ideas and explore opportunities to work together. It is anticipated that various | S19: Strengthening local entrepreneurial ecosystems, and supporting businesses at all stages of their | Inverclyde Council | In house | £22,400 | £9,800 | £12,600 | £22,400 |

| | "sub" networking groups will also be | development to start, | | | | | | |
|-------------|---|-------------------------------|------------|--------------|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| | introduced after the initial launch eg | sustain, grow and innovate, | | | | | | |
| | Women in business, social enterprises | including through local | | | | | | |
| | and sector specific eg tourism. | networks. | | | | | | |
| Supporting | Providing grants and expert support to | S15: SME development | Inverclyde | In house and | £115,000 | £40,000 | £75,000 | £115,000 |
| Growth and | businesses who show high growth | grants and support, aligned | Council | procure of | 2223,000 | 210,000 | 273,000 | |
| New Start | potential as a new start business or | with local and regional | Courien | expert | | | | |
| Growth | supporting growth of existing business. | sectoral priorities and | | support | | | | |
| G. G. C. C. | Building on existing growth advice and | growth potential. This | | 34,50.1 | | | | |
| | grant infrastructure which is part of EU | could include, providing | | | | | | |
| | grants which will end in December 2022. | tailored expert advice, | | | | | | |
| | 8. 4.1.6 11.1.6 11.1.1 2.1.6 11.2 2.2 2.1.2 | matched grants and | | | | | | |
| | | leadership training to | | | | | | |
| | | enable manufacturing | | | | | | |
| | | SMEs to adopt industrial | | | | | | |
| | | digital technology solutions | | | | | | |
| | | including AI artificial | | | | | | |
| | | intelligence; robotics and | | | | | | |
| | | autonomous systems; | | | | | | |
| | | additive manufacturing; | | | | | | |
| | | industrial internet of | | | | | | |
| | | things; virtual reality; data | | | | | | |
| | | analytics. The support is | | | | | | |
| | | proven to leverage high | | | | | | |
| | | levels of private | | | | | | |
| | | investment into | | | | | | |
| | | technologies that drive | | | | | | |
| | | growth, productivity, | | | | | | |
| | | efficiency and resilience in | | | | | | |
| | | manufacturing | | | | | | |
| Business | Through procurement of expert support, | S19: Strengthening local | Inverclyde | Procured | £208,855 | £82,040 | £126,815 | £208,855 |
| Accelerator | this project will develop a programme of | entrepreneurial | Council | | | | | |
| Course | training to support new start businesses | ecosystems, and | | | | | | |

| in the first 5 years of start up their sustainability and diversibusiness base of Inverclyde. | | | | | Total Loc | cal Business | £747,505 |
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| People and Skills Youth Volunteering Programme This project aims to build on to of Inverclyde Councils CRF prodelivers positive destinations. Young People across the local project will focus on the volunce offer, making this a valuable a opportunity for young people skills and experience through volunteering. The project will deliver a volunce programme that: develops young people into volunteering opportunities; create volunteering people by supporting them to gain National Saltire Awards The project will be delivered in partnership between MCMC and solve the solution of the project will be delivered in partnership between MCMC and solve the solution of the project will be delivered in partnership between MCMC and solve the project will be delivered in partnership between MCMC and solve the project will be delivered in partnership between MCMC and solve the project will be delivered in partnership between MCMC and solve the project will be delivered in partnership between MCMC and solve the project will be delivered in partnership between MCMC and solve the project will be delivered in partnership between MCMC and solve the project will be delivered in partnership between MCMC and solve the project will be delivered in partnership between MCMC and solve the project will be delivered in partnership between MCMC and solve the project will be delivered in partnership between MCMC and solve the project will be delivered in partnership between MCMC and solve the project will be delivered in partnership between MCMC and solve the project will be delivered in partnership between MCMC and solve the project will be delivered in partnership between MCMC and solve the project will be delivered in partnership between MCMC and solve the project will be delivered in partnership between MCMC and solve the project will be delivered in partnership between MCMC and solve the project will be delivered in partnership between MCMC and solve the project will be delivered in partnership between MCMC and solve the project will be | enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing. enteering and rich to gain enteering aung sering ering volunteers; of young access and | Inverclyde | In house and in partnership with CVS | £121,486 | £58,783 | £62,703 | £121,486 |

| | building on the work from CRF which ended in December. | | | | | | | |
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| Community Option | This programme will enhance PBO's services by enabling provision of a more diverse programme of personal development and skills development opportunities for vulnerable people. This will target young people with autism and/or additional support needs to enable access to further education, training and employability options. The project will support up to 60 participants over 2 years through life transitions, providing them with the capacity, literacy, numeracy, employability and life skills so that they have the greatest chance to live an independent life, broaden horizons, build confidence and for some reduce barriers into employment. The project aims to ensure that our clients have the opportunities to be supported at all stages, including having a strong support network while in employment and have a set of core skills and competencies that will help them to become strong, empowered individuals in their own right. | S35: Support for employability programmes and advice, places should have regards for No One Left Behind agenda, the Young Person's Guarantee, Fair Start Scotland and Scottish employability pipeline. This could include tailored support to help people in employment, who are not supported by mainstream provision to address barriers to accessing education and training courses. | Parklea Branching Out | Grant | £90,000 | £45,000 | £45,000 | £90,000 |
| Steps 2 Progression | The project will build upon the work from Community Renewal Fund: Steps 2 | S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and | Inverclyde Council | In house and procurement | £350,000 | £150,000 | £200,000 | £350,000 |

| | Progression by continuing to embed employability within the most deprived and disadvantaged communities in Inverclyde. The project will target the priority group of young people between 16-19 and those who are economically inactive and unemployed seeking. The project will continue wellbeing surveys with clients, which will help build the person centred support that they need to progress to employment e.g. counselling, benefits checks. This project will increase and improve our training offer for 16-19 year olds with an additional 125 places and this referral and management will be through the Inverclyde Offer, this will be in association with our existing resources and interlink with the UKSPF Volunteering programme which will include a mentoring service. | wrap-around one-to one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment, supplemented by additional and/or specialist life and basic skills (digital, English, maths* and ESOL) support where there are local provision gaps. | | | | | | |
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| Progress to Employment | Progress to employment will support economically inactive people to closer to employment by providing end-to-end support including key worker support, action planning and skills training. This project will be integrated with the wider all-age provision within the employability service, which currently utilises existing Council and Scottish Government funding. | S31: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment, supplemented by additional and/or specialist life and basic skills (digital, English, maths* and ESOL) | Inverclyde Council | In house and procured | £483,283 | £75,482 | £407,801 | £483,283 |

| New | The project aims to provide valuable and | support where there are local provision gaps. S32: Courses including | Inverclyde Council | In house and | £199,092 | £70,092 | £129,000 | £199,092 |
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| Opportunities | meaningful activity based bespoke programmes to a range of needs groups as pre-employability pipeline engagement. The project will: 1. Engage with a range of clients with a variety of needs to encourage and support them to participate in activity programmes. 2. Identify potential clients who may need additional supports prior to effectively engaging in the employability pipeline due to multiple barriers. 3. To design activity programmes which support clients to enter into the employability pipeline, including programmes that are pre-employability pipelines which improve wellbeing and confidence to progress to employment. | basic skills (digital, English, maths (via Multiply) and ESOL), and life skills and career skills** provision for people who are not economically inactive and who are unable to access other training or wrap around support detailed above. This could be supplemented by financial support for learners to enrol onto courses and complete qualifications. | Council | procurement | | | | |
| | | | | | | People and | Skills Total | £1,243,861 |
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| | | | | | | | gement Fee | £117,939 |
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| Prison leavers maths and Numeracy | Courses aimed at prisoners, those recently released from prison or on temporary licence. | S44: Courses aimed at prisoners, those recently released from prison or on temporary licence. | Inverclyde Council CLD | In house | £39,064 | £19,532 | £19,532 | £39,064 |
| | The project would develop and deliver bespoke programmes to support numeracy of prison leavers. This programme would look at 4 x 3-hour sessions, would be delivered in groups of 3, and only be open to the targeted audience. Targeting 12 per year for group learning support with 1:1 available via volunteers who need additional support. | | | | | | | |
| Partnership Maths and Numeracy | Development and delivery of bespoke programmes to tie in with CLD Partnership services including those on the employability pipeline. Programmes would offer opportunity for embedded numeracy learning onsite within the initial organisation that the learner has engaged with. The programmes would be developed using the learning and teaching material of the host organisation, to ensure that the language of numeracy becomes an everyday practice, and that the numeracy processes are contextualised for the learning being undertaken. Targeting 60 learners per year for small group learning | S51: Activities, courses or provision developed in partnership with community organisations and other partners aimed at engaging the hardest to reach learners – for example, those not in the labour market or other groups identified locally as in need. | Inverclyde Council CLD | In house | £76,099 | £42,712 | £33,387 | £76,099 |

| | provision with 1:1 available for those who need additional support. | | | | | | | |
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| 1:1 Maths and Numeracy Support and Volunteer Training | New intensive and flexible courses targeted at people without Level 5 maths in Scotland, leading to an equivalent qualification Delivery of 1:1 intensive support across a range of numerical areas, mapped to participant need. The provision will improve participants' knowledge, skills and understanding and support the transferability of these skills sets as well as developing confidence when engaging with numerical tasks in everyday contexts. Barriers to accreditation will be challenged and all participants given opportunities to participate in accredited learning. | S48M: New intensive and flexible courses targeted at people without Level 5 maths in Scotland, leading to an equivalent qualification | Inverclyde Council CLD | In house | £146,745 | £97,403 | £49,342 | £146,745 |
| Everyday maths | Everyday numeracy, adult learning programmes based around every- day numeracy such as: shopping, cooking, supporting children with homework. The courses will support people to upskill their numeracy skills, build confidence and potentially work towards a formal qualification in the future. | S42M: Courses designed to increase confidence with numbers for those needing the first steps towards formal qualifications | Inverclyde Council | Activity will be procured | £173,000 | £132,000 | £41,000 | £173,000 |

| Workplace | Workplace numeracy working alongside | S47M: Innovative | Inverclyde | Activity will | £76,941 | £53,094 | £23,847 | £76,941 |
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| Maths and | employers such as social care staff, | programmes | Council | be procured | | | | |
| Numeracy | health staff, local call centres. | delivered together with | | | | | | |
| Programmes | Programme delivery will be shaped by | employers – including | | | | | | |
| and Staff | the partnership between employer and | courses designed to cover | | | | | | |
| Training | employability services to ensure | specific numeracy skills | | | | | | |
| | maximum uptake of programme. | required in the workplace. | | | | | | |
| Multiply – | Additional college programmes to | S48M: New | West | Commission | £79,000 | £40,000 | £39,000 | £79,000 |
| WCS | support community members without | intensive and flexible | College | | | | | |
| | formal qualification to level 5 maths to | courses targeted at people | Scotland | | | | | |
| | achieve an outcome. | without Level 5 maths in | | | | | | |
| | | Scotland, leading to an | | | | | | |
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