

Report To:	Environment & Regeneration Committee	Date:	31 August 2023
Report By:	Director, Environment & Regeneration	Report No:	E+R/23/08/08/SJ/JH
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Subject:	Town and Village Centre / Place Based Funding Update		

1.0 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 □ For Decision ⊠ For Information/Noting
- 1.2 This report provides Members with an update in respect of the use of funds from allocations made by the Scottish Government under the headings of the Town and Village Centre Funds alongside Place Based Funding initiatives.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Committee are asked to note the contents of this report and support a report being presented to the next cycle of the Committee on a longer term strategy for Placed Based Funding.

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3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

- 3.1 Since 2016 Inverclyde has benefitted from town and village centre funding and latterly Place Based Funding.
- 3.2 In the early stages of the programme projects were administered by Riverside Inverclyde. In recent years the funds have been administered by the Environment and Regeneration Directorate.
- 3.3 In order to increase the scale of projects undertaken and to simplify the governance process officers have led the programmes rather than placing a burden on the goodwill of the Town Centre Regeneration Forums.
- 3.4 It is recognised that the annual allocation of funding has not resulted in projects of scale however with a multi year award of £407,000 funding over the next three years it is officers intention to bring a report to the next cycle of the Committee.
- 3.5 Whilst most projects are complete a number of legacy projects remain outstanding, these will be expedited as soon as possible.
- 3.6 Port Glasgow, Greenock and Gourock have benefitted from largest allocation of funds however all of the villages have benefitted too. The total funding allocated is £5.3m.
- 3.7 A list of all of the projects identified within these operational areas are highlighted below:-

Greenock

Greenock Christmas Lights Heritage signage **Regeneration West Blackhall Street Regeneration West Blackhall Street** Grant Funding West Blackhall St Design & Review Grant Funding West Blackhall St Project Delivery Wifi Town Connections **Greenock Christmas Lights - Kirk** Lyle Fountain Lyle Fountain Jamaica St Car Park Jamaica St Car Park Demolition of Greenock Premises Demolition of Greenock Premises **Demolition of Greenock Premises** Purchase of Greenock Premises **Purchase of Greenock Premises** Greenock Town Centre Signage **Greenock Town Centre Signage** Greenock Well Park lighting pilot **Greenock Town Centre Regeneration Forum**

<u>Inverkip</u>

Tree Survey Inverkip War Memorial Village Centre project Inverkip Bowling Pathway Daff Glen Ph1 Inverkip Regeneration Forum

<u>Gourock</u>

Rent and rates GMB Rooms 4&5 2017-18 Rent and rates GMB Rooms 4&5 2018-19 Rent and rates GMB Rooms 4&5 2019-20 Rent and rates GMB Rooms 4&5 2020-21 Rent and rates GMB Rooms 4&5 2021-22 Rent and rates GMB Rooms 4&5 2022-23 2017-18 Gourock Heritage 2018-19 Gourock Heritage 2019-20 Gourock Heritage George Wyllie gardens and signage George Wyllie gardens and signage Tree of tranquility **Promoting Gourock** "Gourock is Great" Website **Cove Rd Railings** Musical in the Park Gourock Park Lighting pilot Gourock Town Centre Pressure Washing Gourock Town Centre signage **Gourock Town Centre Regeneration Forum**

Port Glasgow

Site of Monty's Bar Site of Monty's Bar Inverclyde Tourist Signage Princes St Footpath Upgrades Princes St Footpath Upgrades SPT - Princes St **Toll Boys Memorial** King George VI- Funding Review King George VI- Add spend King George VI- Add spend Swimming Pool mural (Dry Dock) Parklea landscape Civic Square - 48/50 Princes St PG Port Glasgow Princes Street Canopy Improvements Port Glasgow Comet Interpretation Boards PG Lamont Mural Lighting PG Town Centre Property Improvement Scheme PG Town Centre Regeneration Forum

<u>Kilmacolm</u>

Kilmacolm Heritage project Kilmacolm Boys Entrance Gate & Low Wall Kilmacolm Ivy Removal Village Centre Project - Kilmacolm Kilmacolm Village Centre Phase 1 St James Footpath improvements Phase 2 St James Footpath Improvements

Wemyss Bay

Community Hall Railings Wemyss Bay War Memorial Community Hall Railings Ph2 Community Hall Railings Ph2 Village Centre Project - Wemyss Bay Unallocated original monies

Quarriers

Licence to Occupy land at QV Village Centre Project Unallocated original monies

<u>General</u> Shop Front Improvement Landscape Architect QS Town and Village Centre pavement cleaning Coastal Footpath Improvements

4.0 PROPOSALS

4.1 It is proposed that Officers promote completion of the unfinished projects currently on the list of projects and bring forward comprehensive proposals for future years spend to the next Committee.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

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

SUBJECT	YES	NO
Financial	Х	
Legal/Risk	Х	
Human Resources		Х
Strategic (Partnership Plan/Council Plan)		Х
Equalities, Fairer Scotland Duty & Children/Young People's Rights & Wellbeing		X
Environmental & Sustainability		Х
Data Protection		Х

5.2 Finance

There may be financial implications if contracted provision fails however this is limited due to a payment in arrears scenario.

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

Legal services have been involved at all stages of this process.

5.4 Human Resources

None.

5.5 Strategic

None.

5.6 Equalities, Fairer Scotland Duty & Children/Young People

None.

(a) <u>Equalities</u>

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

	YES – Assessed as relevant and an EqIA is required.
х	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.

(b) Fairer Scotland Duty

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.
х	NO – Assessed as not relevant under the Fairer Scotland Duty.

(c) Children and Young People

	YES – Assessed as relevant and a CRWIA is required.
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.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 None.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.