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| Report To: | Environment & Regeneration Committee | Date: | 2 November 2023 |
| Report By: | Director, Environment & Regeneration | Report No: | E+R/23/11/04/SJ/JH |
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| Subject: | Place Based Funding 2023-24 | | |

1.0 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

1.1 For Decision For Information/Noting

1.2 The Scottish Government has awarded funding for financial year 2023-24 and has given an in principle allocation for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026.

1.3 This report sets out projects that are proposed for 2023-2024 for approval.

1.4 The report also sets out indicative projects and costs for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 in principle allocations.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- Approve the projects for 2023-24
- Note the suggested projects for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 and that reports for approval will be presented to the Environment and Regeneration Committee when funding is confirmed.

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3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

- 3.1 The Scottish Government committed to the Place-Based Funding Investment Programme through the 2020 Programme for government. The aim of the fund is to ensure that all place based investments are shaped by the needs and aspirations of local communities and accelerate ambitions for place, 20 minute neighbourhoods, town centre actions, community led regeneration and community wealth building. The Place Principle underpins the approach.
- 3.2 The Scottish Government and Council Leaders have agreed that Local Government will receive a share of the funding, from the Place Based Investment Programme, over 5 years to support and advance place-based investment.
- 3.3 As part of that the Scottish Government have awarded the funding for 2023/24 and provided in principle allocations for 24/25 and 25/26.
- 3.4 Inverclyde Council has been awarded £407,000 for 23/24 and has an in principle allocation of £407,000 in 24/25 and £407,000 in 25/26.

4.0 PROPOSALS

- 4.1 The table below set out projects proposed for 2023-2024:

| Project | Project Description | Financial Year | PBF Budget |
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| Customhouse Quay Clock Restoration | Refurbishment of the clock in Custom House Square. This project is partially funded through PBF and other Council funding sources. | 2023-2024 | £120,000 |
| Customhouse Quay Square Restoration Phase 1 | Improvement of the square improving the cobbles etc with this phase concentrating on the main route from the town centre to the waterfront, along the western side of the square. This project is partially funded through PBF and other Council funding sources. | 2023-2024 | £170,000 |
| Dunrod Road, Phase 1 | Contribution towards improvement works to re-open the road and improve connectivity between the urban and rural areas of Inverclyde. This project is partially funded through PBF and other Council funding sources. | 2023-2024 | £100,000 |
| Kempock Place Kiosk | Upgrade the Kiosk to allow use by community or business groups | 2023-2024 | £17,000 |

- 4.2 The criterion for the funding allows for funding to be carried over to September 2024, as long as projects are fully committed by March 2024. The Capital Programme earlier on this agenda currently shows some slippage within the Place Based Funding to reflect this.
- 4.3 As funding has been agreed in principle for 2024-25 and 2025-26, projects have been indicatively put forward for these years. It should be noted that, as this funding is indicative only, at this stage it is not included in the Capital Programme. The Scottish Government could reduce funding or other priorities may come forward between now and the start of projects. Projects will be refined

and reports will be presented to Environment and Regeneration Committee prior to the commencement of the respective financial years for approval of projects.

| 4.4 | Indicative Projects | Project Description | Financial Year | Indicative PBF budget |
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| | Customhouse Quay Square Restoration Phase 2 | Improvement of the square improving the cobbles etc with this phase addressing the wider square. This project is partially funded through PBF and other Council funding sources. | 2024-2025 | £100,000 |
| | Dunrod Road, Phase 2 | Contribution towards improvement works to re-open the road and improve connectivity between urban and rural areas of Inverclyde. This project is partially funded through SPF and other Council funding sources. | 2024-2025 | £200,000 |
| | Parklea Link to Kelburn | Improve the visitor experience along the waterfront to encourage active travel and access to Parklea. Improve the legibility from Woodhall train station and Kelburn Business Park to Parklea. | 2024-2025 | £70,000 |
| | Town Centre Enlivening | Create pop-up spaces in vacant shops/sites which could be enhanced through activities such as pop-up shops that host start-up businesses or local events | 2024-2025 | £37,000 |
| 2025-2026 | | | | |
| | Town Centre Action Plans | Develop projects which support actions from the emerging Town Centre Action Plans for Gourock and Port Glasgow | 2025-2026 | £100,000 |
| | Waterfront Links | Improvements to the legibility and accessibility from the town centre to the waterfront | 2025-2026 | £100,000 |
| | Town Centre Active Travel improvements | Drawing from projects within the Active Travel Strategy around our town centres, make improvements that encourage active and sustainable access to our town centres | 2025-2026 | £150,000 |
| | Town Centre Enlivening | Create pop-up spaces in vacant shops/sites which could be enhanced through activities such as pop-up shops that host start-up businesses or local events. | 2024-2025 | £57,000 |

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 | x | |
| Legal/Risk | x | |
| Human Resources | | x |
| Strategic (Partnership Plan/Council Plan) | x | |

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| Equalities, Fairer Scotland Duty & Children/Young People's Rights & Wellbeing | x | |
| Environmental & Sustainability | X | |
| Data Protection | | x |

5.2 Finance

The Capital Programme contribution will require approval from the Policy & Resources Committee.

One off Costs

| Cost Centre | Budget Heading | Budget Years | Proposed Spend this Report £000 | Virement From | Other Comments |
|------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------|---|
| External Funding | T&VC | 2023-2024 | £407,000 | | Some projects identified will also be funding through Council Capital programme. Further reports will be presented showing refined projects and costs. |
| | | 2024-2023 | £407,000 | | |
| | | 2025-2026 | £407,000 | | |

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

None.

5.4 Human Resources

None.

5.5 Strategic

Projects proposed are in line with current Inverclyde Council policies.

5.6 Equalities, Fairer Scotland Duty & Children/Young People

(a) Equalities

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

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| | YES – Assessed as relevant and an EqIA is required. |
| ✓ | 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

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

(c) Children and Young People

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

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| | YES – Assessed as relevant and a CRWIA is required. |
| ✓ | 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 Some projects may require further consultation.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.