
Report To:	Environment & Regeneration Committee	Date:	18 January 2024
Report By:	Director, Environment & Regeneration	Report No:	E+R/24/01/04/SJ
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Subject:	Remembering Together		

1.0 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

1.1 For Decision For Information/Noting

1.2 The purpose of this report is seek Committee approval to support the Scottish Governments Community Arts led project Remembering Together through the installation of five labyrinths in park settings throughout Inverclyde.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- Support the installation of the proposed labyrinths at five locations within Inverclyde and authorise the land use at Well Park, Greenock; Gourock Park, Gourock; and Coronation Park, Port Glasgow, and
- Remit for the Director – Environment and Regeneration to engage with the Ardgowan Estate to seek their approval within the terms of the lease of the land at Lunderston Bay for the installation of the proposed labyrinth at Lunderston Bay; and present a report to the Trustees of Birkmyre Park Kilmacolm, similarly seeking their approval for the installation of the labyrinth at Birkmyre Park, Kilmacolm

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3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

- 3.1 The Remembering Together Initiative is a Scottish Government backed initiative which seeks to co-create memorials which will honour the people we have lost, mark what has been lost and changed in our lives, and preserve the best of what we have learned and created together during the Covid pandemic.
- 3.2 In order to achieve this they have commissioned artists/creatives in every one of Scotland's 32 local authority areas to co-create Covid memorials with people and communities.

They state that "Remembering Together is a co-creation project because:

- Co-creation is a process that involves people working together to make something that means something to those people
 - Covid has touched every life in Scotland
 - Co-creating memorial projects helps to translate the personal experiences of Covid into something that holds meaning for a whole community
 - Co-creating memorial projects with community members creates projects that are meaningful to those communities
 - Using co-creation for Remembering Together means there is space for every kind of experience of Covid to be shared and understood
 - Co-creation will be a powerful tool for us to create memorials, because when people experience difficult times, being together in community can help us heal."
- 3.3 In Inverclyde, Rig Arts have led the project through community consultation, and concluded that five labyrinths, the details of which are contained in appendix 1, should be the memorial solution.
- 3.4 The labyrinths are to be formed at ground level delineated with setts and gravel with the only raised section concrete seats containing mosaics, with the exception of the Lunderston Bay memorial which is proposed to be formed in sea cobbles and bark or gravel.
- 3.5 As well as permission to use the sites at the identified locations, whilst the project is funded to provide maintenance within the community for a period of five years and for the community in turn to take responsibility for the ongoing maintenance, there is the potential the maintenance of the memorials will default to the Council.

4.0 PROPOSALS

- 4.1 The Committee are asked to support the use of the land for the creation of five labyrinths, subject to approval by the Ardgowan Estate and Birkmyre Trust, as a community led project to remember the Covid pandemic.

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

Equalities, Fairer Scotland Duty & Children & Young People's Rights & Wellbeing		X
Environmental & Sustainability		X

5.2 Finance

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

N/A.

5.4 Human Resources

N/A.

5.5 Strategic

N/A.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 This report has been prepared following consultation with the Head of Physical Assets and Finance Services.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.