

Report To:	Policy & Resources Committee	Date: 26 May 2009
Report By:	Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources	Report No: RMcG/AI/LA/367/09
Contact Officer:	Rona McGhee	Contact No: 01475 712113
Subject:	Inverclyde Construction Plus	

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to request the Committee to consider a remit from the Regeneration Committee.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Regeneration Committee at its meeting on 7 May 2009 considered the attached report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the current position relative to the development of Inverclyde Construction Plus. APPENDIX

- 2.2 The Committee decided:-

- (1) that the Policy & Resources Committee be requested to approve participation in Inverclyde Construction Plus and adherence to the Partnership Agreement, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report to the Regeneration Committee;
- (2) that the Policy & Resources Committee be requested to adopt a Community Benefits policy for the future letting of appropriate contracts by Inverclyde Council; and
- (3) that approval be given to a formal launch of Inverclyde Construction Plus, within existing financial resources and with the support of the Council's Corporate Communications and Public Affairs Team.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to consider the remit from the Regeneration Committee.

Rona McGhee
Legal and Administration

AGENDA ITEM NO:

Report To:	Regeneration Committee	Date:	7th May 2009
Report By:	Corporate Director - Regeneration and Resources	Report No:	RC/09/05/09/SJ/SL
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Subject:	Inverclyde Construction Plus		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to apprise members in regard to the current position regarding the development of Inverclyde Construction Plus.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Following successful pilot activity of a community benefits from construction programme, Inverclyde Council has played a lead role in establishing the local Construction Plus Partnership to secure employment and training opportunities for the community arising from large scale construction projects.
- 2.2 Inverclyde Council has supported both Riverside Inverclyde and Riverclyde Homes in meeting the technical and legal requirements of additional community benefit clauses within tendering documentation. Both have been successful and community benefits is a key requirement of both organisations when releasing contracts. The company building the Riverside Business Centre have recruited 6 local groundsmen, 1 Heating Engineer and 1 Quantity Surveyor. Riverclyde Homes have recently completed a tendering process for new build homes which includes a significant percentage of community benefit requirements.
- 2.3 Community Benefits requirements have been a key element of the Inverclyde Schools Programme. As a result, the successful consortium E4i, are required to provide 15 apprenticeships, 33 General Building Operative posts plus a range of other training and work experience opportunities for the local community over the next four years. The apprentices will be across a range of skills including 3 Bricklayers, 3 Joiners, 3 Electricians, 2 Plumbers, 2 Painter & Decorators and 2 in associated professional trades. The first stage of recruitment has commenced and positions in security, groundworks and bricklaying have been secured.
- 2.4 To ensure an effective supply of suitable labour, Inverclyde Community Development Trust was appointed as a single point of contact by partners, with the support of Fairer Scotland Funds and Inverclyde Council. Other key partners and providers are Jobcentre Plus, James Watt College, Construction Skills, Careers Scotland, Action for Children, Skills Development Scotland.
- 2.5 Simultaneously, the partners have established a Construction Forum for local employers interested in opportunities for sub-contracting on the main construction projects. This is an important aspect in developing the local business base to meet the challenges of securing opportunities within the marketplace.
- 2.6 This is set against a backdrop of an economic recession, when the construction industry generally is under severe pressure. Inverclyde Construction Plus is working with local employers and partners to ensure that the effects of recession are minimised as far as possible,

additional reporting will follow on support to local apprentices.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The Committee is recommended to:

- (a) Remit to Policy and Resource Committee to approve the participation and adherence to a Partner Agreement, as listed at Appendix 1.
- (b) Remit to Policy and Resources Committee to adopt a Community Benefits policy for the future letting of appropriate contracts by Inverclyde Council.
- (c) Approve a formal launch of Inverclyde Construction Plus, within existing financial resources and with the support of Corporate PR Team.

4.0 Implications

4.1 Financial Implications – One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed Spend this	Virement From	Other Comments
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n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Financial Implications – Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	None

5.0 Consultations

5.1 Consultations regarding the Inverclyde Construction Plus partnership and this report have included

Inverclyde Council – Legal
 Inverclyde Council – Procurement and Central Purchasing
 Inverclyde Council – Education and Social Work
 Riverside Inverclyde
 Riverclyde Homes
 Partner Agencies

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