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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Regeneration Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> September 2009</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Corporate Director – Regeneration and Resources</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>RC/09/09/04/SJ/WW</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Area Renewal Fund Update</b>		

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## 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise members on progress in relation to the establishment of Area Renewal Task Groups and to seek approval for funding proposals in relation to Gibshill Community Centre Project.

## 2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Progress has been made on the re/establishment of 5 Area Renewal Task Groups as detailed in Section 4 below.
- 2.2 Gibshill Task Group has identified social regeneration as a key focus and has decided to oversee the development of a new community facility for the area. At its meeting in April, the Gibshill Task Group remitted the Gibshill Residents Association (GRA) to “apply, on behalf, of the Task Group for £100K from the Area Renewal Fund to cover project development costs such as ‘project co-ordination’, legal advice, etc and a contribution to match funding for the construction of the building”.
- 2.3 Clune Park Task Group, at its meeting in June, agreed to support Clune Park Tenants and Residents Association’s (CPTARA) bid for Area Renewal Fund to expand the Community Resource Centre to enable the group to more effectively engage within Area Renewal plans.

## 3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the Regeneration Committee;
- notes the progress being made by the Area Renewal Strategy Group regarding the re/establishment of Area Renewal Task Groups
  - notes the current budget position of the Area Renewal Fund
  - approves the proposal to provide funding of £100,000 from the Area Renewal Fund for the Gibshill Community Centre project, subject to a bid to the BIG Lottery Fund being successful.
  - approves the proposal to provide funding of £75,000 from the Area Renewal Fund for Clune Park Community Centre project in principle subject to the conditions in Section 5.3 below.
  - remits the Corporate Director – Regeneration and Resources to report to a future meeting of the Regeneration Committee on the outcome of the conditions set out in Section 5.3 below.

#### 4.0 AREA RENEWAL TASK GROUP

4.1 Progress has been made by the Area Regeneration Strategy Group to re/establish 5 Area Task Groups as follows;

Task Group	Progress
Greenock South West (covering Cumberland Road Area, Peat Road/Hole Farm, and Bow Farm)	Still to be established
Greenock Central/West (Drumfrochar Road/ Broomhill Area)	Initial officers' meeting has taken place to consider the possible scope of this initiative
Port Glasgow (Town Centre and Clune Park)	Clune Park Task Group is well established and is progressing with a local action plan.
Gibshill	Task Group well established. Physical regeneration almost complete. Focus on social regeneration / community facilities
Woodhall, Port Glasgow	Agreement from local community organisation to adopt Task Group structure

#### 5.0 AREA RENEWAL FUND UPDATE

5.1 The Area Renewal Fund has a budget of £500,000. The following has already been approved;

- £25,000 for a retail assessment for South West Greenock
- £30,000 for master planning for Broomhill / Drumfrochar Road
- £200,000 for match funding for bids to the Town Centre Regeneration Fund for Port Glasgow and Greenock Town Centres

This leave a balance in the Fund of £245,000

5.2 The Gibshill Residents Association (GRA) has the full support of the Gibshill Task Group to progress the development of community centre project proposals as a key element of social regeneration of the area.

Development of the bid for Big Lottery Funding is at an advanced stage. The business plan and drawings are complete (copies are available on request) and the project is moving towards seeking planning permission. Funding aspects of the project are as follows:

Total Estimated Capital Cost of the Project		£1, 596,290
Matched Funding Persimmons	£470,000	
BIG Lottery Application	£957,777	
Land transfer to GRA	£50,000	
<u>Request to Inv Council from Area Renewal Fund</u>	<u>£100,000</u>	
Total Funding being sought	£1,577,777	
Balance still to be found		£18,513

5.3 Clune Park Tenants and Residents Association (CPTARA) has the full support of the Clune Park Task Group to progress the development of community centre project proposals as a key element of social regeneration of the area.

The proposal is to expand the current Clune Park Community Resource Centre to incorporate 2 classrooms and a gymnasium within the former Clune Park School. The proposal is still in its early stages and requires to be developed

It is proposed to allocate up to £75,000 to this project in principle subject to the following being approved by the Regeneration Committee

- A full cost analysis of the adaptation works required
- Detailed plans of the proposal
- An analysis of the impact that this proposal may have on revenue (running) costs in the Centre
- Consideration of the impact that this project may have on the ongoing work of the Council's Physical Investment Team to find alternative accommodation for staff at Highholm Centre

It is proposed that the Corporate Director – Regeneration and Resources reports to a future meeting of the Regeneration Committee on the outcome of the conditions set out above.

## 6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Finance:

Financial Implications – One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
Funding to Gibshill Residents Association	Area Renewal Fund	2009/10	£100,000	n/a	The current balance in the fund is £245,000
Funding to CPTARA	Area Renewal Fund	2009/10	£75,000	n/a	The current balance in the fund is £245,000

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	n/a

6.2 Human Resources: None

6.3 Legal: None

6.4 Equalities: None

## 7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Gibshill Task Group, Gibshill Residents Association, Clune Park Task Group and CPTARA have consulted the local community on these issues.

## 8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None