
Report To:	Regeneration Committee	Date:	14th January 2010
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Subject:	Area Renewal Strategy Update		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to update Committee on the progress being made on the Area Renewal Strategy

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 An update on the progress on the Strategy was given to the Regeneration Committee at its meeting on 3rd September 2009. This report gives a further update on progress since that date.
- 2.2 The previous meeting approved the establishing of 5 Area Renewal Task Groups. Progress within these groups is given at paragraph 4.1 below.
- 2.3 No further bids have been made to the Area Renewal Strategy Fund since the last meeting and the balance remains at £70,000.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That Committee notes the progress being made in relation to the Area Renewal Strategy.

4.0 BACKGROUND

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)	The letting of a contract for the retail capacity assessment study for Greenock South West was progressing and this study will be of use to RCH in refining their development proposals. The community council has expressed an interest in the area renewal proposals and will be involved in the Task Group in due course.
Greenock Central East (Drumfrochar Road/ Broomhill Area)	A key issue for this new Group, which had its inaugural meeting on 12 November, will be around the need to look at masterplanning in this particular area due to the diversity of issues affecting the Drumfrochar/Broomhill area and the linkages to adjacent areas such as Strone Farm and Peat Road. The task Group will consider whether Peat Road/Hole Farm area should be included in the remit of the Group. RCH intended to undertake a feasibility study in the Belville Street area of Greenock East looking at potential future uses of the land that would be left vacant following the completion of demolition of the multi-storey blocks. It has been confirmed that as wide a range of views as possible would be sought and that all options for the future use of the site would be considered.
Port Glasgow (Town Centre and Clune Park)	Clune Park Task Group, which last met on 14 December, is well established and is progressing with a local action plan. The intention of the Group is to pursue Housing Renewal Area (HRA) status.
Gibshill	The Task Group, which last met on 8 December, is well established and the physical regeneration is almost complete. The focus of the group continues to be on social regeneration and community facilities
Woodhall, Port Glasgow	This Task Group met on 7 December. The location of community facilities has been agreed as part of the outline planning permission for the Woodhall area but further investigation into the scale of facilities required will follow. A site start on the Reprovisioning Programme project will commence in November 2009.

4.2 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
- £100,000 as funding towards a possible bid to the BIG Lottery Fund for a new Community Facility in the Gibshill area
- £75,000 towards refurbishment works to expand the Clune Park Community Resource Centre

This leave a balance in the Fund of £70,000

4.3 The Strategy Group has emphasised the need for each Task Group to have an Action Plan which has been approved by the Strategy Group. A template for this Action Plan has now been drawn up by the Strategy Group and will be discussed with all Task Groups in due course.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Finance:

Financial Implications – One off Costs

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

5.2 Human Resources: None

5.3 Legal: None

5.4 Equalities: None

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 The Strategy Group has detailed consultation processes through its connections with the 5 Task Groups.

7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None