

Report To: Safe & Sustainable Communities Committee **Date:** 09 March 2010

Report By: Corporate Director Environment and Community Protection **Report No:** ECP/DIR10/021

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Subject: Community Investment Fund (CIF)

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members on the expenditure of the Community Investment Fund (CIF) and to seek their approval to allocate the remaining balance to the proposed Visitor Centre for Lunderston Bay.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The CIF was established by the Council in early 2007 and was meant to provide funds for various community initiatives throughout all the Wards in Inverclyde.
- 2.2 The number of often small projects being funded has made the overall management of the fund extremely difficult and over complicated at times.
- 2.3 The projects to be funded have also been changed over the years adding to the difficulties of spending / managing the fund.
- 2.4 Most projects have now been satisfactorily completed but one major project is still outstanding and now needs additional funding.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Members are asked to note the progress of the CIF and to agree to allocate the balance (currently estimated at £74,681) to the project at Lunderston Bay.
- 3.2 Members are asked to allocate £25,000 of uncommitted Reserves within Safe and Sustainable Communities to the Lunderston Bay project.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The CIF was established in early 2007 and initial suggestions from the Members led to the fund (originally £1.5 million) being targeted at 4 workstreams, i.e. Support for the Environment, Support for Sport, Support for Play and Support for Council Activities, covering some 22 individual projects.
- 4.2 Most of these projects are now complete (see Appendix 1) with a balance of £74,681 remaining. Appendix 1
- 4.3 Members of this Committee will be aware that there is an allocation of £150,000 out of CIF for the proposed Visitor Centre at Lunderston Bay. This project can only go ahead with additional funding from the Council due to technical difficulties over disposal of waste water from that site. The solution to these difficulties has been estimated, at an additional £100,000 minimum.
- 4.4 The CMT have discussed this position and recommends that the CIF balance be used to offset any additional costs for the Lunderston Bay project.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Members will see from appendix 2 how the balance of £74,681 is achieved.
- 5.2 There is also an available balance of £25,000 in uncommitted Reserves within Safe and Sustainable Communities. The CMT recommends that this £25,000 also be given over to the Lunderston Bay project.

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The report has been produced in consultation with all the project officers with responsibility for managing projects being funded out of CIF.

7.0 EQUALITY POLICY

- 7.1 The report has been written in line with the Council's equality agenda.

APPENDIX 1

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**Community Investment Fund
Project Summary**

Revenue:

Support for Sport	Total Funding	Transfers	New Budget	Prior years Expenditure	Funding Available 2009/10	Spend to date 2009/10	Projected Spend for 09/10	Projected Spend Future Years	Over / (Under spend)	Responsible Officer	Cost Centre	Comments
1 Feasibility Studies and Site Investigations	180,000	(83,952)	96,148	96,148	0	0	0	0	0	J Lynch	02081	Completed. £80,000 transferred to Lady Octavia Sports centre - Synthetic Pitch per Report to Policy & Resources Committee 02/08/2008. Spend incurred in 2007/08.
Support for the Environment	100,000	8,000	108,000	108,000	0	0	0	0	0	S Jamieson	02122/02123	Complete
1 PG Town Centre Property Assistance Fund	134,000	3,700	135,700	135,700	0	116,400	135,700	0	0	S Jamieson	021113	Projected to be completed by 31/03/2010.
2 PG Town Centre Environmental Improvement Fund	30,000	(8,200)	20,740	20,740	0	0	0	0	0	J Lynch	81529 & 02088	Complete.
4 Ashton Seafront - Railings and Shelters	20,000	0	20,000	20,000	0	0	0	0	0	Alan Barnes	02129	Complete.
8 Purchase extra dog and litter bins	50,000	(31,892)	18,018	4,843	13,175	0	2,000	(11,175)	(11,175)	A Barnes	02285	Completed.
9 Gourcock Town Centre / Play facilities	150,000	0	150,000	4,488	145,512	9,193	10,000	135,512	0	J Lynch / Stuart Jamieson	81668	Spend to date is on fees/feasibility studies, funding requirements are in excess of the £150k budget & additional funding will require to be identified.
Support for Council Activities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	A Barnes	81634	Complete
1 Lunderston Bay Visitor Facility	5,000	442	5,442	5,442	0	0	0	0	0	A Barnes	02284	Complete
Lady Alice Pond, install fence	8,000	(6,000)	2,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	A Barnes		Complete
Upgrade Campsie Road Port Glasgow	23,600.00	0	23,600.00	15,000	9,000.00	0	0	(9,000)	0			
Capital spend through Revenue	873,000	(108,689)	589,000	288,923	303,387	125,583	447,700	135,512	(20,175)			
TOTALS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Capital

Support for the Environment	Total Funding	Transfers	New Budget	Prior years Expenditure	Funding Available 2009/10	Spend to date 2009/10	Projected Spend for 09/10	Projected Spend Future Years	Over / (Under spend)	Responsible Officer	Cost Centre	Comments
5 Demolish decontamination shelters at Gourcock Park	42,000	148	42,148	41,651	495	495	495	0	0	J Lynch	81532 /81245	Complete
7(a) & (b) West Stewart St to Oak Mill Stepi, railings, footway & tiling	41,000	2	41,002	41,002	0	0	0	0	0	R Graham	81519	Complete
8 Repair paths, handrails, fences various Kestrel/Malard/Lady Alice pond	17,000	(7,061)	9,939	8,395	1,544	0	0	(1,544)	(1,544)	A Barnes	81518	Complete.
10 Braeside Area - paths and white lighting	30,000	(484)	29,516	29,516	0	0	0	0	0	A Barnes	81485	Complete
Support for Play	440,000	80,000	520,000	481,568	38,414	9,682	12,846	(25,568)	(25,568)	J Lynch	81527	Complete
1 Lady Octavia Park - Field turf, fence and floodlighting	100,000	336	100,336	107,774	89,562	65,213	64,188	4,000	(21,394)	J Lynch	81530	Complete on site.
2 Ravensraig Stadium - upgrade grass park	107,000	33,751	140,751	93,990	47,061	4,789	45,881	1,200	0	J Lynch	81531	WIP
3 Upgrade King Street Play Area Gourcock	50,000	0	50,000	4,890	45,110	30,110	30,110	(15,000)	(15,000)	J Lynch	81535	CIF Spend complete. Total spend is £85,102 of which additional spend funded from earmarked reserves under ECP of £250k.
4 Upgrade Overton Play Area Greenock	827,000	108,690	910,000	686,504	213,486	108,298	153,480	5,200	(54,508)			
Part of above funded through Revenue	1,500,000	0	1,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	0			
TOTALS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total CIF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Additional Funding for Lunderston Bay Visitor Facility:

Repair paths, handrails, fences various	1,544
Kestrel/Malard/Lady Alice pond	11,175
Upgrade King Street Play Area Gourcock	21,394
Ravensraig Stadium - upgrade grass park	25,568
Lady Octavia Park - Field turf, fence and floodlighting	15,000
Upgrade Overton Play Area Greenock	74,881
Total	149,562