
Report To:	Regeneration Committee	Date:	2 September 2010
Report By:	Corporate Director- Regeneration and Environment	Report No:	RC/10/09/02/SJ/JH
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Subject:	Inverclyde Community Planning Partnership European Bid 2011-2014		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to apprise members of the invitation from Scottish Government to submit applications for European funding to continue delivery of activities through the Inverclyde Integrated Employability Partnership.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 On 28 July 2010, Scottish Government advised that applicants, including CPP's, who wished to continue to deliver their employer engagement and employability activities beyond their currently funded applications, must submit applications as follows:

ERDF

Stage 1 Application
Stage 2 Application

Friday 13 August 2010
Friday 8 October 2010

ESF

Stage 1 Application
Stage 2 Outline Application
Stage 2 Complete Application

Friday 20 August 2010
Friday 24 September 2010
Tuesday 30 November 2010

- 2.2 To enable Inverclyde CPP to continue to deliver employability services supported by European funding and to expand upon delivery by introducing employee upskilling, job rotation and business development, Inverclyde Council, on behalf of the CPP, has submitted Stage 1 applications for ERDF and ESF contingent upon identifying suitable projects and match-funding for the period 2011 – 2014.
- 2.3 To date, funding has been successfully awarded and applied for by Inverclyde CPP on an annual basis. Scottish Government is now inviting applications for a period of 3 years to continue and develop employability services for Inverclyde residents. The delivery agents for this activity will be awarded funding following a tendering exercise as has been our practice since 2008.
- 2.4 The Inverclyde Integrated Employability Programme is additional to mainstream services and targeted at those with multiple barriers and those we need to prevent becoming the long term unemployed of the future.
- 2.5 Funding for the current Inverclyde Integrated Employability Partnership programme terminates on 31 March 2011.

- 2.6 Detailed costs in relation to an application for future funding are in the table in paragraph 4.3. The Inverclyde Integrated Employability Partnership aspire to deliver a 3 year project to be delivered following a tendering process which will provide additional match-funding. The bid is made subject to appropriate match funding being available, clearly this cannot be confirmed at this stage.
- 2.7 The activities of the partnership are driven by the objectives and outcomes within Inverclyde's Community Plan, Corporate Plan and the SOA. Much of this activity would not be possible without European funding support.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That members:-
- Approve the submission of the Community Planning Partnership bid; and
 - Agree to remit it to Officers to seek the endorsement of the bid from the Inverclyde Alliance Board.
 - Delegate authority to the Corporate Director – Regeneration and Environment to accept the bid on behalf of the Inverclyde Alliance if it is successful and match funds are available as part of the budget setting process.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Inverclyde Integrated Employability Programme is additional to mainstream services and targeted at those with multiple barriers and those we need to prevent becoming the long term unemployed of the future.
- 4.2 Over the past few years, the Inverclyde Integrated Employability Partnership has made very good progress in terms of engaging with a large number of unemployed people and moving them on to further education or employment. It has also resulted in successful local joint working and partnership arrangements being established across key agencies to develop a shared focus and commitment to address local needs.
- 4.3 The information shown below identifies spend profiles subject to match funding being available. It is recognised that due to the significant pressures on budgets the Council cannot commit financially to this at this stage.

ERDF

Year	Total Eligible Costs	ERDF Request	Match Funding
2011 - 2012	£286,878	£114,751	£172,127
2012 - 2013	£286,878	£114,751	£172,127
2013 - 2014	£296,878	£118,751	£178,127
TOTAL	£870,634	£348,253 Assumes Intervention Rate of 40%	£522,380

ESF

Year	Total Eligible Costs	ESF Request	Match Funding
2011 - 2012	£1,912,042	£860,419	£1,051,623
2012 - 2013	£1,912,042	£860,419	£1,051,623
2013 - 2014	£1,912,042	£860,419	£1,051,623
TOTAL	£5,736,126	£2,581,257 Assumes Intervention Rate of 45%	£3,154,869

COMBINED EUROPEAN ACTIVITY 1 APRIL 2011 – 31 MARCH 2014

Year	Total Eligible Costs	European Funds	Match Funding
2011 - 2012	£2,198,920	£975,170	£1,223,750
2012 - 2013	£2,198,920	£975,170	£1,223,750
2013 - 2014	£2,208,920	£979,170	£1,223,750
TOTAL	£6,606,760	£2,929,510	£3,677,249

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 Match Funding Required
	ERDF	2011/12	£286,878		£172,127
	ERDF	2012/13	£286,878		£172,127
	ERDF	2013/14	£296,878		£178,127
	ERDF Income	2011/12	£(114,751)		

		2012/13	£(114,751)		
		2013/14	£(118,751)		
	ESF	2011/12	£1,912,042		£1,051,623
	ESF	2012/13	£1,912,042		£1,051,623
	ESF	2013/14	£1,912,042		£1,051,623
	ESF Income	2011/12	£(860,419)		
		2012/13	£(860,419)		
		2013/14	£(860,419)		

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

Personnel: N/A

Legal: N/A

Equalities: Equality and diversity processes comply with EU requirements. Equal Opportunities; Issues of Gender & Disability and Social Inclusion are addressed when designing the bid.