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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>26 October 2010</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>ECP/ENV/AB10.62</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Use of emergency powers to approve participation in next phase of Social Transport Workstream Clyde Valley Community Planning Partnership Review</b>		

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## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise that Councillors Moran, Wilson, MacLeod and the Chief Executive, under the emergency powers procedure, approved participation by the Council in the next phase of the Social Transport Workstream and the allocation of up to £25,000 to facilitate the development of an outline business case by November 2010.

## **2.0 Summary**

- 2.1 The Review of Joint Working and Shared Services, commissioned by the Clyde Valley Community Planning Partnership (CV CPP), was published in November 2009 – it identified a number of areas where it was felt that there was scope to promote joint working or shared services.
- 2.2 Since December 2009 a number of progress reports have been submitted to members advising of progress with the recommendations of the Review.
- 2.3 In February 2009 members agreed those workstreams which the Council would actively participate in, waste management and social transport.
- 2.4 Members were also advised that it had been agreed by the Clyde Valley CPP that Glasgow City Council, would take forward the Social Transport Workstream.
- 2.5 A Working Group has met on a number of occasions in recent months to consider the findings of the Review, to seek to establish the scope for any potential joint working across the eight local authorities with regard to shared support services and to identify any specific opportunities.
- 2.6 The Working Group has conducted an initial prioritisation exercise to identify those areas where potential opportunities may exist for joint working and have gathered relevant supporting information from across all eight authorities.
- 2.7 The two Social Transport service areas identified for further exploration are a joint programme of efficiency and improvement and a single shared social transport service.
- 2.8 The Working Group have agreed that the next stage would be to prepare a high level business case for each of these areas to identify potential opportunities and conduct an option appraisal of possible delivery models.

- 2.9 The Clyde Valley CPP agreed on 18 August 2010 that an outline business case should be developed for shared support services by November 2010
- 2.10 It is proposed that the Council agree to actively participate in the next phase of the Shared Support Services Workstream, the development of an outline business case.
- 2.11 It is recognised by that developing an outline business case on this scale will require significant resource commitment from all eight local authorities.
- 2.12 All eight local authorities in the Clyde Valley have been asked to indicate how they will support the development of the outline business case – either by identifying an appropriate officer for up to three days a week until the end of November or making a financial contribution of £25,000.
- 2.13 Given the supporting role Inverclyde Council have taken with regard to the Waste Management CVP workstream and the limitations of officer's time available, it is proposed that Inverclyde will contribute up to £25,000 for the development of the outline business case.
- 2.14 The contribution of up to £25,000 can be found from the earmarked reserve established in February 2010 to facilitate the implementation of budget savings.

### **3.0 Recommendation**

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the use of the emergency powers procedure to approve participation by the Council in the next phase of the Social Transport Workstream and the allocation of up to £25,000 to facilitate the development of an outline business case by November 2010.

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**Regeneration and Environment**

## **4.0 Background**

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## 5.0 Implications

### 5.1 Financial Implications - One Off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed Spend This Report	Virement From	Other Comments
Earmarked Reserves	Workstreams Implementation	2010/11	Up to £25,000		

5.2 Human Resources – none.

5.3 Legal – none.

5.4 Equalities – none.

## 6.0 Consultation

6.1 The Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer were consulted during the preparation of this report.