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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Safe Sustainable Communities Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b> 18 January 2011
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment</b>	<b>Report No:</b> <b>SSC/11/01/03/SJ/NMcL</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Joint Working Agreement with Historic Scotland</b>	

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## 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The Scottish Ministers expect planning authorities and Historic Scotland to work in partnership to deliver objectives for the historic environment as part of the commitment to supporting modernisation of the planning system. The purpose of the report is to endorse a Joint Working Agreement.

## 2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Joint Working Agreement between Historic Scotland and planning authorities sets out the basis for effective partnership in relation to statutory consultation and casework. The aims are to:

- Manage the historic environment effectively and efficiently;
- Improve performance in handling statutory casework;
- Empower local authorities to provide advice and make decisions locally;
- Add value to the process;
- Protect the values of World Heritage Sites; and
- Encourage partnership.

- 2.2 The Agreement sets out procedures, responsibilities and expectations on how Historic Scotland and planning authorities interact in the designation of listed buildings and conservation areas and in the assessment and determination of applications for planning permission in conservation areas and listed building consent. Inverclyde Council has well established links with Historic Scotland, and this Agreement brings together and formalises established working practices.

## 3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the Committee endorses the Joint Working Agreement between Historic Scotland and Inverclyde Council in relation to statutory casework and consultation.

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## 4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Scottish Ministers expect planning authorities and Historic Scotland to work in partnership to deliver objectives for the historic environment as part of the commitment to supporting modernisation of the planning system. The purpose of the report is to endorse a Joint Working Agreement.
- 4.2 The Joint Working Agreement between Historic Scotland and planning authorities sets out the basis for effective partnership in relation to statutory consultation and casework. The aims are to:
- Manage the historic environment effectively and efficiently;
  - Improve performance in handling statutory casework;
  - Empower local authorities to provide advice and make decisions locally;
  - Add value to the process;
  - Protect the values of World Heritage Sites; and
  - Encourage partnership.
- 4.3 The Agreement sets out procedures, responsibilities and expectations on how Historic Scotland and planning authorities interact in the designation of listed buildings and conservation areas and in the assessment and determination of applications for planning permission in conservation areas and listed building consent.
- 4.4 It details the roles of planning authorities and Historic Scotland in respect of scheduling and listing, the requirements for consultation, timescales and nature of consultation responses, post determination notification, the duty to notify the Scottish Ministers, wider strategic liaison, specialist conservation advice and grant aid.
- 4.5 Inverclyde Council has well established links with Historic Scotland, and this Agreement brings together and formalises established working practices.

## 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	Other Comments
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

5.2 Personnel: None.

5.3 Legal: None.

## 6.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

A Joint Working Agreement between Historic Scotland and Planning Authorities in relation to statutory casework and consultation – copy available in the Members Lounge.