

**Report To:** Environment & Regeneration Committee      **Date:** 2nd May 2013

**Report By:** Corporate Director – Environment, Regeneration & Resources      **Report No:** E+R/13/05/07/SJ/SL

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**Subject:** Heritage Inverclyde – Coastal Communities Fund and Heritage Lottery Fund

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Committee of progress on the application to the Coastal Communities Fund and Heritage Lottery Fund seeking resources for further development of Heritage Inverclyde and the Coastal Trail.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 Inverclyde Council prepared and submitted a bid to the Coastal Communities Fund which was approved in December 2012 at the value of £370,000.
- 2.2 Inverclyde Council prepared and submitted a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for additional resources to support heritage skills and learning. The HLF procedure is that bids are submitted in two stages – developmental and delivery. The developmental phase was approved by HLF in March 2013 at the value of £52,000. The stage two delivery phase application is for the amount of £300,000 and the outcome of that will not be known until 2014.
- 2.3 The Coastal Communities Fund will provide capital and revenue costs to develop interpretive media, 12 additional Modern Apprenticeships and support business in the hospitality sector. The activity will commence in April 2013 and all relevant partners have been consulted.
- 2.4 The Heritage Lottery Fund will provide resources for community engagement, learning and skills development targeted at local residents. Inverclyde Council will seek to appoint a Development Officer for this activity with a view to the delivery phase commencing in April 2014.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 That Committee delegate authority to the Corporate Director – Environment, Regeneration and Resources to proceed with acceptance of Grant Awards as appropriate including appointment of appropriate staff resource.

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#### 4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Inverclyde has a long and celebrated heritage, this is particularly true of recent industrial history but the natural and cultural heritage are also significant.
- 4.2 The development of heritage and coastal trail opportunities have significant potential for generating external funding, attracting day visitors and creating jobs.
- 4.3 The Heritage Inverclyde Steering Group is composed of partners in the public, private and voluntary sectors who have worked together to attract additional funding.
- 4.4 Further reports will be submitted to Committee as the activity develops and for the duration of the Project.

#### 5.0 FINANCE

##### 5.1 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

#### 6.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 The Corporate Management Team of Inverclyde Council have been made aware of the applications.
- 6.2 The external funding group of Inverclyde Council have been made aware of applications.