

Report To: Environment & Regeneration Committee
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Subject: Area Renewal Fund – Earmarked Reserves

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Committee of the position of projects funded through Area Renewal Fund Earmarked Reserves.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 At its meetings on 20 January 2011, 12 May 2011 and 8 March 2012, the Regeneration Committee approved funding of £249,000 for a range of projects with a strong focus on area renewal.

2.2 Funding was allocated from Earmarked Reserves across 3 financial years:

- £14,000 in 2011/12
- £155,000 in 2012/13
- £80,000 in 2013/14

2.3 An update on the projects is detailed in the table at Paragraph 5.1.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That Committee notes the progress being made in relation to the Area Renewal Fund.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Area Renewal Fund wishes to ensure that physical renewal works are accompanied by social and economic regeneration and environmental improvements.
- 4.2 The projects funded meet the key aims of the wider regeneration, planning and housing agenda of Inverclyde Council and its key partners.

5.0 PROJECT UPDATES

- 5.1 The table below provides details of the progress of each of the projects.

Project	Progress
Master Planning Study at Drumfrochar Road/Broomhill Area	Draft Masterplan complete and to be presented to Greenock Central East Task Group in May 2013.
Lady Octavia Workshop/East End United Boys Club New Changing Facilities	No transfer of lease to East End United Boys Club has been finalised yet. Finance satisfied with Business Plan.
Woodhall Feasibility Study	Study completed. £400,000 approved for new community facility as part of budget and dialogue ongoing with Woodhall Community Association regarding design of facility with MUGA. Also looking at contributing match funding towards application to Big Lottery in respect of MUGA.
Task Group Creche & Meeting Facilities	Funding remains in place for crèche and meeting facilities.
Feasibility Works in the Wellington Academy Area in conjunction with Inverclyde Association for Mental Health	Feasibility works have now been completed. Dialogue ongoing with IAMH regarding submission of Big Lottery bid. Joint design work will be progressed.
Feasibility Study – Craighend Resource Centre	An interim report has been submitted and approved. A proposal is being prepared to include drawings and options for securing funding.
Gibshill Community Centre	On site date is start of September 2013 with completion anticipated end of March 2014. Planning application has now been submitted.
Clune Park School Feasibility Study	Draft feasibility study has been prepared and further discussions are ongoing with ICDT. A separate report will be brought forward in due course.
Clune Park Resource Centre	Funding held until after a review into the future of the former Clune Park School.
Lease of Land to Greenock Central Residents Action Group (GCRAG)	Land has been leased in from Network Rail and some land has been bought back from Network Rail. Site now needs to be assembled and leased to GCRAG for Sir Michael Street play area.

6.0 FINANCE

6.1 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

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 Not Applicable.