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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Environment and Regeneration Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> May 2012</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Head of Environmental and Commercial Services</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>ERC/ENV/IM/13.159</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Environmental Improvement Fund Projects</b>		

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on progress on the projects funded from the Environmental Improvement Fund (EIF).

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 An earmarked reserves budget of £200k was allocated in financial year 2012/13 to carry out a range of environmental improvement projects. The projects in question are in general a range of smaller projects at various locations across the district.
- 2.2 The projects are intended to be undertaken over a 2 year period, April 2012 through March 2014.
- 2.3 The Environmental Improvement Fund is intended for improvement works to various sites across the district. The focus of the works is intended to be on replacement litter/dog bins and benches, repairs or replacement of fences, gates and railings and repairs to non-adopted roadways, paths and steps. Appendix 1 is the current list of projects. The list reflects known issues within neighbourhoods, parks etc. that have in the past been the subject of complaints or repair requests for which there is limited or no funding available within the central repairs budget and which are otherwise unlikely to be prioritised in the near future.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 That committee note the programme of works being funded by the Environmental Improvement Fund and grant delegated authority to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to revise and amend the programme of works as required in order to contain costs within the approved budget.

**Ian Moffat**  
**Head of Environmental & Commercial Services**

## 4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 An earmarked reserves budget of £200k was allocated to the project to undertake improvement works to various, unspecified sites across the district. The scope of the works is intended to focus on replacement of litter/dog bins and benches, repairs or replacement of fences, gates and railings (including painting) and repairs to non-adopted roadways, paths and steps.
- 4.2 Officers drafted a range of proposals based on the previously stated criteria and applied indicative costs to each item. It should be stressed that the indicative costs will almost certainly need to be amended following individual site surveys taking place.
- 4.3 Appendix 1 is the current list of proposed projects. The list reflects known issues within neighbourhoods, parks etc. that have in the past been the subject of complaints or repair requests for which there is no funding available and which are unlikely to be prioritised in the near future. It has become the norm that the central repairs budget is exhausted for general repairs by December of each year after which time only emergency repairs that constitute a hazard are instructed. The EIF is in effect being utilised as an adjunct to the central repairs budget.
- 4.4 The majority of the resurfacing element of the works has been undertaken by Roads and the majority of the resurfacing programme is complete.
- 4.5 Repair works to fences, gates and railings will require to be outsourced. The majority of this category of work is planned to take place in 2013/14.

With reference to the painting of fences etc., it is proposed where appropriate to enlist trainees from Inverclyde Community Development Trust and Community Service operatives to undertake the painting works. In such circumstances there would be no labour charges for the works, only materials and equipment costs e.g. paint and brushes etc.

- 4.6 Replacement benches (20 of) and bins (120 of) have been purchased. The majority of the bins and benches will be used as replacements for existing dilapidated stock throughout the district.

## 5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1

Financial					
Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed Spend this Report £'000	Virement From	Other Comments
02443	Environmental Improvement Fund	2012/13 2013/14	90 110		

- 5.2 **Human Resources:** No implications.
- 5.3 **Legal, Equalities and Diversity:** No implications.
- 5.4 **Repopulation:** No implications.

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APPENDIX 1

Sub Count: 42

Sub Total: 193,500

Ref	Status	Location	Town	Location Detail	Item	Work Required	Indicative Costs
1	P	Birkmyre Park Kilmacolm	Kilmacolm	Throughout park	Handrails/Fencing/Railings	Paint/Repair/Replace	500
2	P	Kilmacolm War Memorial	Kilmacolm	Access and approaches	Paths/Steps	Repair	10,000
3	P	West Glen Park	Kilmacolm	Throughout park	Handrails/Fencing/Railings	Paint/Repair/Replace	1,000
4	P	Clune Brae	Port Glasgow	Lower	Handrails/Fencing/Railings	Paint/Repair/Replace	2,000
5	P	Kelburn Park	Port Glasgow	Throughout park	Paths/Steps	Repair	12,500
6	P	Kelburn Park	Port Glasgow	Throughout park	Bridges	Repair	5,000
8	P	Oronsay Community Garden	Port Glasgow	Perimeter	Handrails/Fencing/Railings	Paint/Repair/Replace	1,000
9	P	Moray Rd to Springhill Rd	Port Glasgow	Orphan path network	Handrails/Fencing/Railings	Repair	3,000
10	I	Ardenclutha to Glen Avenue	Port Glasgow	Path Network	Handrails/Fencing/Railings	Repair	5,000
11	P	Kilmacolm Road	Greenock	Opposite Burnhead St	Handrails/Fencing/Railings	Paint/Repair/Replace	500
12	P	Lauriston Park	Greenock	Adjacent to Belville St	Handrails/Fencing/Railings	Paint/Repair/Replace	5,000
13	P	Riverside Park MUGA	Greenock	Perimeter	Handrails/Fencing/Railings	Paint/Repair/Replace	500
14	P	Sinclair St/MacLeod St	Greenock	Throughout	Handrails/Fencing/Railings	Paint/Repair/Replace	1,000
15	P	Papermill Road	Greenock	Kickabout	Handrails/Fencing/Railings	Install New	10,000
16	P	Battery Park	Greenock	Grass Verges	Parking Barriers	Install New	5,000
17	P	Battery Park	Greenock	Throughout park	Lighting Columns	Paint	500
18	C	Battery Park	Greenock	Car Parks	Car Parking	Paint Markings	2,000
19	C	Battery Park	Greenock	Throughout park	Gates/Signs	Paint/Repair/Replace	2,500
21	C	Battery Park	Greenock	Throughout park	Paths/Kerbs	Repair	10,000
22	P	Dempster St	Greenock	Former Play Area	Handrails/Fencing/Railings	Paint/Repair/Replace	500
23	P	Fox Street Park	Greenock	Perimeter	Handrails/Fencing/Railings	Paint/Repair/Replace	1,000
24	C	Hay Street Play Area	Greenock	Throughout	Gates/Signs	Install New	2,000
25	P	Lyle Hill	Greenock	Throughout	Handrails/Fencing/Railings	Paint/Repair/Replace	1,000
26	P	Lyle Park	Greenock	Throughout	Handrails/Fencing/Railings	Paint/Repair/Replace	1,000
27	P	Shaw Place	Greenock	at Bank Street	Handrails/Fencing/Railings	Paint/Repair/Replace	500
28	P	Station Ave	Greenock	All	Handrails/Fencing/Railings	Paint/Repair/Replace	500
29	P	Wellpark	Greenock	Throughout park/terraces	Handrails/Fencing/Railings	Paint/Repair/Replace	2,000
31	P	Various locations Greenock southwest	Greenock	To be agreed with CC	Various	Repair	5,000

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Ref	Status	Location	Town	Location Detail	Item	Work Required	Indicative Costs
32	I	Broomhill Park	Greenock	Access Road	Road	Repair	3,000
34	P	Dempster St to Prospecthill Place	Greenock	Adjoining path/stairs	Handrails/Fencing/Railings	Paint/Repair/Replace	500
36	P	Lady Alice Park	Greenock	Perimeter	Handrails/Fencing/Railings	Paint/Repair/Replace	2,000
37	P	Murdieston Park	Greenock	Perimeter	Handrails/Fencing/Railings	Paint/Repair/Replace	10,000
41	C	Divert Glen	Gourock	Throughout	Paths/Steps	Repair	6,000
42	P	Glen Avenue	Gourock	Adjacent to woods	Handrails/Fencing/Railings	Paint/Repair/Replace	1,000
46	I	Gourock Park	Gourock	Walled Garden	Gates/Signs	Paint/Repair/Replace	5,000
47	C	Gourock Park	Gourock	Throughout park	Paths/Steps	Repair	10,000
51	C	Tower Hill	Gourock	Throughout	Paths	Repair	15,000
52	P	Braeside Road	Greenock	Opp. Davaar Rd	Handrails/Fencing/Railings	Paint/Repair/Replace	2,500
53	I	Burns Square Community Centre	Greenock	Adjacent to play area	Various	Paint/Repair/Replace	8,000
54	P	Inverkip at yacht club	Inverkip	Throughout	Handrails/Fencing/Railings	Paint/Repair/Replace	2,000
56	C	District-Wide	District-wide	District-wide	Litter/Dog Bins	Purchase New	30,000
57	C	District-Wide	District-wide	District-wide	Benches	Purchase New	8,000

**Status**  
**P = Pending**  
**I = In progress**  
**C = Complete**