
Report To:	Environment & Regeneration Committee	Date:	31 October 2013
Report By:	Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Report No:	ERC/ENV/IM/13.170
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Subject:	Provision of New Bus Shelters under the SPT Bus Shelter Upgrading Programme 2013/14		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek the Committee's approval for the installation of five new bus shelters funded as part of the SPT Bus Shelter Upgrading Programme for 2013/14 and to note the additional revenue maintenance costs that will be funded by the Council.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 SPT (previously SPTE) has been involved in the provision, maintenance and administration of bus stop infrastructure since 1976, originally under delegated powers from Strathclyde Regional Council and as an agent to the unitary authorities since local government reorganisation in 1996.
- 2.2 The current Bus Stop and Bus Shelter Agency Agreements have operated since 2003 and have been cost effective and of mutual benefit.
- 2.3 SPT intend to fund and order the installation of five new bus shelters this financial year. The proposed new shelters will add to the Council's assets and result in extra ongoing maintenance costs and therefore requires Committee approval.
- 2.4 The maintenance costs are funded by Inverclyde Council and are paid yearly to SPT as part of the Bus Shelter Agency Agreement. Under this agreement SPT were appointed as agents for the provision, maintenance and administration of bus shelters owned by the Council.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Committee approve the provision of new shelters at the five proposed locations and note that the associated annual maintenance costs will be contained within the Bus Shelter Maintenance Budget.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

Agency Agreements

- 4.1 SPT (previously SPTE) has been involved in the provision, maintenance and administration of bus stop infrastructure since 1976, originally under delegated powers from Strathclyde Regional Council and as an agent to the unitary authorities since local government reorganisation in 1996.
- 4.2 The current Bus Stop and Bus Shelter Agency Agreements have operated since 2003 and have been cost effective and of mutual benefit.
- 4.3 SPT intend, as part of its Capital Programme, to fund and order the installation of five new bus shelters this financial year at locations as detailed in 5.2 below.
- 4.4 The locations chosen originated from requests from Councillors, Inverclyde Tourist Group and Community Health & Care Partnership (CHCP). These locations were then investigated by officers of Inverclyde Council and SPT regarding site suitability.
- 4.5 Passenger surveys were undertaken by SPT at three locations namely IN 51, IN 52 and IN 637 which showed there was a passenger demand. The Inverclyde Tourist Group indicated that a shelter at IN 309, Brougham Street was required for cruise passengers. The Development Officer on behalf of the CHCP Older People's Sub Group raised several roads and transport related issues with the Service after a consultation exercise. A need was recognised for a bus shelter with a seat at IN 281, Union Street, Greenock.
- 4.6 As identified in the yearly SPT Transport Outcomes Report (TOR), SPT have funded several bus infrastructure improvements in Inverclyde. These improvements make bus use more accessible especially for disabled users, persons with impaired mobility, elderly users and users with prams.
- 4.7 As at September 2013 there were 159 Inverclyde owned bus shelters and 544 marked bus stops.

Proposals

Provision of Bus Shelters

- 5.1 The proposed new shelters will add to the Council's assets and maintenance costs and hence require Committee approval.
- 5.2 The proposed locations for the new bus shelters are listed below:-
613051 (IN 51) Muirdykes Avenue, Port Glasgow;
613052 (IN 52) Muirdykes Avenue, Port Glasgow;
6130281 (IN 281) Union Street, Greenock;
6130309 (IN 309) Brougham Street, Greenock; and
6130637 (IN 637) Wren Road, Greenock.
- 5.3 The approximate additional annual maintenance cost for one shelter is £163. If five new shelters are installed, the approximate total additional maintenance cost will be £815.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial:

Potential maximum additional annual maintenance cost for bus shelters of £815 due to the SPT Bus Shelter Upgrading Programme of 2013/14.

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Proposed Spend	Virement From	Other Comments
Capital	Bus Shelter Infrastructure	Approx £20,000		Funded by SPT
Roads Revenue	SPT/IC Agency Agreement	Up to £815 pa		Contained within existing maintenance budgets

6.2 There are no implications for Human Resources in this report.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- a) Legal Services have been consulted on this report.
- b) Finance Services have been consulted on this report.