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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Environment and Regeneration Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>17th June 2014</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration and Resources</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>R334/AF</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Commonwealth Flotilla</b>		

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## 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This paper informs the Committee of the details of the Homecoming Muster and the Commonwealth Flotilla between Greenock and Glasgow which takes place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July.

## 2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 At the 20<sup>th</sup> February meeting of Inverclyde Council (paragraph 132), approval was given for a budget of up to £250,000 to help support a Royal Yachting Association of Scotland (RYAS) event to celebrate the Commonwealth Games: the Homecoming Muster and Commonwealth Flotilla.
- 2.2 The event is being organised by, and is the full responsibility of, RYAS. However, Inverclyde Council's Legal, Procurement, Planning, Environmental and Communications Services, "Blue Light" services, Clydeport, Blue Sea Marinas and Riverside Inverclyde (ri) have been working together with RYAS in providing the necessary expertise and support to assist in bringing this event to fruition; to optimise the showcasing of Inverclyde; and to deliver a legacy to Inverclyde from this event.
- 2.3 The Homecoming Muster takes place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July at James Watt Dock Marina (JWDM), and features a crew only event at the Sugar Sheds. The Commonwealth Flotilla takes place from 9:00am to 11:00am on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July. Additionally, in the week leading up to this event, there is an associated ASTO Small Ships Race. Boats arrive for this event on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July for a Provost's Reception and Captains' Meeting.
- 2.4 Approximately 230 boats will take part in the Commonwealth Flotilla. Its departure will be accompanied by an onshore event at Custom House Quay, the provision of which encourages spectators into a controlled vantage area and simultaneously discourages spectators from turning up at JWDM due to Health & Safety issues as the marina, unlike the Tall Ships event, will continue as a working marina throughout.
- 2.5 The budget agreed for the event includes an Inverclyde legacy element which will be realised by the installation of a free-to-use, day visitors' pontoon for the general sailing public's use.

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 It is recommended that Committee:

- Note the development of the project positively;
- Agree that the planned delivery of the event; the facilitation for the general public's engagement and enjoyment of the spectacle; and the legacy deliverable, are all consistent with the Council's expectation when budget approval was passed on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2014;
- Approve the proposal to dispense funds as outlined in Paragraph 8; and,
- Delegate authority to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration and Resources to conclude the Heads of Terms and the funding agreement with RYAS and procure and implement the legacy element in partnership with ri and Peel.

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Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration and Resources

## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 At the 20<sup>th</sup> February meeting of Inverclyde Council (paragraph 132), approval was given for a budget of up to £250,000 to help support a Royal Yachting Association of Scotland (RYAS) event to celebrate the Commonwealth Games: the Homecoming Muster and Commonwealth Flotilla.
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## **5.0 CORE EVENT : COMMONWEALTH FLOTILLA**

- 5.1 At 9am on 26<sup>th</sup> July, an anticipated 191 boats will begin leaving James Watt Dock Marina (JWDM). It will take one hour for the boats to decant from the marina and muster in the Garvel area where they will be joined by approximately 40 boats arriving from elsewhere. The boats will be joined by The Waverley, due to berth at Custom House Quay at 9:50.
- 5.2 The Flotilla will move from the Garvel area southwards alongside Custom House Quay and the Waterfront for the benefit of spectators, prior to turning and proceeding upriver to Glasgow. The Waverley will depart Custom House Quay at 10:40 (tbc). All boats are expected to be away from this area by 11:00.
- 5.3 Details of these elements are in Appendix A.
- 5.4 To encourage spectators to the area of Custom House Quay and the Waterfront, and away from JWDM (a working commercial enterprise being cognisant of Health & Safety requirements), an onshore event is currently being tendered by RYAS.
- 5.5 The winning onshore event tenderer will also have the responsibility for providing a managed spectator viewing point for the boats berthed at JWDM on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July. This provision is being made in the anticipation of members of the public not being discouraged by JWDM's lack of public access (unlike the case of the Tall Ships event) due to:
- The marina will be operating as a working marina throughout the event; and
  - There will be over 1,000 crew members from boats registered for the Commonwealth Flotilla who will be attending a Crew Reception in the Sugar Sheds from 6:30pm to 11:00pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

## **6.0 ASTO SMALL SHIPS RACE**

- 6.1 In the week of the Homecoming Muster and Commonwealth Flotilla, there is a linked offshore event – the ASTO Small Ships Race, which has nine entrants (four of which are local: Clyde Challenger; Alba Endeavour; Alba Volunteer; and Spirit of Fairbridge, carrying between them 38 young people). Boats arrive for this event on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July for a Provost's Reception and Captains' Meeting. The crews will have a practice sail and onshore mini Commonwealth Games competition on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July, before start of race on Tuesday, heading for Arran, Portavadie, and the Kyles of Bute before returning to JWDM on 25<sup>th</sup> July.

## **7.0 LEGACY**

- 7.1 The legacy aspect of the event will see the Riverside Inverclyde pontoon, previously leased to Ocean Youth Trust Scotland at Victoria Harbour temporarily moved to JWDM for Commonwealth Flotilla use, prior to being moved to East India Harbour, and made available to members of the public with visiting boats, thereby encouraging day visitors, animation of the river and an

economic dividend driven by day visitors' spend.

## 8.0 PROPOSAL

- 8.1 It is proposed that the funding allocated for the event is dispensed as follows:
- RYAS: the award of grant up to a maximum of £200,000 for event management and associated activities including as summarised below;
  - Inverclyde Council in partnership with ri and Peel: the funding of the legacy element up to a total of £50,000; and
  - That delegated authority is given to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration and Resources to conclude the Heads of Terms and the funding agreement with RYAS and procure the legacy element in partnership with ri/Peel.
- 8.2 Budget Summary is outlined approximately as follows:
- £66k - Pontoon related (rental, install and strip, crane fees)
  - £26k - James Watt Dock Marina fees and expenses
  - £ 8k - Reception and marketing element
  - £75k - Spectator element (event management, security and project management)
  - £25k - Contingency
  - £50k - Legacy works (including transfer of pontoon temporarily to James Watt Dock, thereafter to East India Harbour for sailing public use).

## 9.0 IMPLICATIONS

### Finance

- 9.1 Budget previously approved at Inverclyde Council meeting 20<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

#### Financial Implications:

##### One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
Earmarked Reserves	Common wealth Flotilla	2014/15	£200,000	n/a	
	Common wealth Flotilla - Legacy	2014/15	£50,000	n/a	

##### Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (if Applicable)	Other Comments
East India Harbour Pontoon	Maintenance etc	2014/15	£0	n/a	Ongoing operation of the pontoon will be carried out on a cost neutral basis

### Legal

- 9.2 Heads of Terms acceptable to the Head of Legal and Property Services have been negotiated for this event, in conjunction with RI and RYAS.

## **Human Resources**

9.3 Not applicable.

## **Equalities**

9.4 Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

YES (see attached appendix)

NO - This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

## **Repopulation**

9.5 The part-funding for this event contributes to the repopulation strategy by attracting national, and potentially international, attention to Inverclyde due to the Homecoming Muster taking place in Inverclyde and the Commonwealth Flotilla setting off from Inverclyde. TV, radio and print media is anticipated for this event which would re-inforce the "Inviting Inverclyde" banner recently posted at the M8 at Tradeston, Glasgow, as part of the overall repopulation strategy.

## **10.0 CONSULTATIONS**

10.1 Peel, JWDM and ri.

## **11.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

11.1 Draft Heads of Terms.

## APPENDIX A

# Commonwealth Flotilla

## 26<sup>th</sup> July 2014



### Event Plan

Please see attached Documents titled "Overall Event Plan" and "Daily Planner Extract for Inverclyde"

### ASTO Small Ships Race

#### Schedule

Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Boats Arrive at James Watt Dock Marina. Provost reception and Captains Meeting
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Practice Sail and crew orientation. Mini Commonwealth Games
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Race around the buoys with help from Scottish Sailing Institute in the morning. Overnight passage race around Arran in Afternoon
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Finish overnight race at Portavadie. Watch Opening Ceremony on the big screen
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Cruise in Company through the Kyles of Bute
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Prize Giving in the Sugar Sheds at James Watt Dock about 14.00

### Boats Entered for ASTO Small Ships Race

Boat Name	Home Port	No. of Young People
Clyde Challenger	Inverkip	8
Alba Endeavour	Greenock	12
Alba Volunteer	Greenock	6
Swan	Lerwick	12
Spirit of Fairbridge	Greenock	12
Faramir	Essex	12
Maybe	Hull	12
TS Vigilant	Gosport	6
TS City Liveryman	Gosport	6

### Cruise in Company

Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Fleet meets up in Tobermory
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Explore the west side of Mull. Possible anchorage at Bunessan
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Explore Iona and the Ross of Mull. Possible anchorage Oronsay or Loch Tarbert, Jura
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Sail through Corryvreckan and arrive at Crinan by lunchtime to lock into the canal. Overnight in canal
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Exit canal and sail to Portavadie. Overnight at Portavadie Marina
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Explore the Kyles of Bute and Clyde. Anchor at Rothesay
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Sail to James Watt Dock in Greenock

## Location Plan for mustering of public and viewing points

RYAS Homecoming Muster, James Watt Dock Greenock – Public/ private access



Public viewing areas with fenced quaysides

Working dock areas with open quaysides – restricted public access

### Area outside Custom House Quay



These spectator areas will be managed by an outside events company which we are currently in the tendering stage for. The exact areas will be confirmed once they are in place.