
Report To:	Environment and Regeneration Committee	Date:	4 September 2014
Report By:	Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Report No:	ERC/ENV/IM/14.201
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Subject:	Provision of new Bus Shelters under the SPT Bus Shelter Upgrading Programme 2014/15		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek Committee's approval for the installation of six new bus shelters funded as part of the SPT Bus Shelter Upgrading Programme for 2014/15 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 Bus Stop and Bus Shelter Agency Agreements between SPT and Inverclyde Council have operated since 2003 and have been cost effective and of mutual benefit. New Agency Agreements were agreed by the Council in November 2013 for the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2018.
- 2.3 SPT intend to fund and order the installation of six new bus shelters this financial year. The proposed new shelters will add to the Council's assets and result in additional 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.
- 2.5 The Council has agreed to a reduction in the Bus Stop and Bus Shelter maintenance budget from £48,000 to £38,000 in this financial year. This has removed any slack from the budget and the proposals in this report will fully commit this budget for the foreseeable future and as such it is not intended that officers will be bringing forward proposals for new shelters from 2015/16. Replacement shelters can still be funded.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That Committee approve the provision of new shelters at the six proposed locations and note that the associated annual maintenance costs will be contained within the Bus Shelter Maintenance Budget.
- 3.2 That Committee note the position regarding new bus shelter installations from 2015/16.

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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. New Agency Agreements were agreed by the Council in November 2013 for the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2018.
- 4.3 SPT intend, as part of its Capital Programme, to fund and order the installation of six new bus shelters this financial year at locations as detailed in 5.2 below.
- 4.4 Four of the locations chosen originated from requests from councillors on behalf of constituents or members of the public, (IN 554, IN 34, IN 653, IN 524). Another location from the Development Officer on behalf of the CHCP Older People's Sub Group (IN 302) and one as part of the A761 Quality Bus Corridor improvements (IN 15). These locations were investigated by officers of Inverclyde Council and SPT regarding site suitability.
- 4.5 As identified in the 2014/15 SPT Transport Outcomes Report (TOR), SPT and Inverclyde have been delivering significant improvements to bus infrastructure, passenger facilities and local service standards throughout the Inverclyde area. This includes delivering better bus stops and shelters, bus priority measures and undertaking regular monitoring of local services and standards.
- 4.6 In the last 5 years there has been a 27% increase in Council owned bus shelters from 130 in June 2009 to 165 in April 2014. During this period two-thirds of the shelter stock has been replaced with new glazed, domed roof shelters.

There are also 17 J C Decaux advertising bus shelters and 543 marked bus stops.

- 4.7 A third of all bus stops in Inverclyde have a bus shelter.

5.0 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:-

613015 (IN 15) A761, Clune Brae, Port Glasgow
6130554 (IN 554) Montrose Avenue, Port Glasgow
613034 (IN 34) Arran Avenue, Port Glasgow
6130653 (IN 653) Carwood Street, Greenock
6130524 (IN 524) Leven Road, Greenock
613302 (IN 302) Eldon Street, Greenock
- 5.3 The approximate additional annual maintenance cost for one shelter is £163. If six new shelters are installed, the approximate total additional maintenance cost will be £1000.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

6.1

Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £	Virement From	Other Comments
Capital	Bus Shelter Infrastructure	2014/15	Approx £24,000		
	SPT Grant	2014/15	(£24,000)		

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £	Virement From (if Applicable)	Other Comments
Roads Revenue	SPT/IC Agency Agreement	2014/15	£1000		Contained within existing maintenance budgets

Legal

6.2 Legal and Property Services are supportive of the content of this report.

Human Resources

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

Equalities

6.4 Improvements in bus infrastructure benefits the travelling public and especially among groups including the elderly, mobility impaired and parents with prams that make more use of bus services.

Repopulation

6.5 Improved bus infrastructure will contribute to the overall appeal of Inverclyde as a preferred place to reside.

7.0 CONSULTATION

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

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None.