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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Environment &amp; Regeneration Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>30 April 2015</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Corporate Director – Environment, Regeneration &amp; Resources</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>E&amp;R/15/04/09/SJ/JH</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Town and Village Centres Environmental Improvements</b>		

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek authority from Committee to procure and appoint consultant support for the Town and Village Centres Environmental Improvement initiative.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 As part of the budget setting process funds have been allocated to the Town Centre Environmental Improvements Initiative.
- 2.2 Consultant support is sought to provide baseline information on all three town centres as well as providing feasibility studies on specific interventions.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 That Committee delegates authority to the Corporate Director, Environment Regeneration and Resources to tender and accept the most economically advantageous tender for consultant support for the Town Centre Environmental Improvements up to a value of £15,000.

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**Corporate Director – Environment, Regeneration & Resources**

#### 4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 An allocation of £300,000 has been made as part of the budget to make Environmental Improvements within Inverclyde's Town and Village Centres and is identified on the budget action plan.
- 4.2 Capacity to carry out base-lining and feasibility studies within the existing staff cohort is limited so it is felt appropriate to engage consultants to carry out this work. It is anticipated that the cost of this will be no more than £15,000.
- 4.3 The outcome of this piece of work will be presented to Committee in due course.

#### 5.0 CURRENT POSITION

- 5.1 A specific piece of consultant support is required to support Officers in delivering the Town Centre Environmental Initiative.

#### 6.0 IMPLICATIONS

##### Finance

##### 6.1 Financial Implications:

##### One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
T&VCEI		2015/16	£15,000		

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

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (if Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

##### Legal

- 6.2 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

##### Human Resources

- 6.3 There are no HR implications arising from this report.

##### Equalities

- 6.4 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

##### Repopulation

- 6.5 The appearance of our town centres has a significant bearing on repopulation issues.

## **7.0 CONSULTATIONS**

7.1 None.

## **8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 None.