
Report To: Education and Communities Committee **Date:** 05 May 2015

Report By: Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development **Report No:** EDUCOM/58/15/JA

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Subject: Craigend Resource Centre – Update on Development Proposals

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Members' agreement to submit a bid to the next round of the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grant Fund in support of the development proposals at Craigend Resource Centre, Greenock

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Members will be aware of the proposals to extend both the facilities and services available at Craigend Resource Centre by the Centre's Committee, primarily through application to the Big Lottery Fund. The Environment & Regeneration Committee, at its meeting on 1 May, 2014, agreed, in principle, to transfer the land required subject, primarily, to the submission of a full Business Case and confirmation of funding.
- 2.2 In order to maximise the potential external funding to the project, the Craigend Resource Centre Management Committee have requested that the Council consider an application to the next round of the Scottish Regeneration Capital Grant Fund for support for the capital costs of the project.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Committee delegates authority to the Corporate Director Education, Communities and Organisational Development to apply to the next round of the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund in support of the proposals to extend the facilities at Craigend Resource Centre.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Craighend Resource Centre Management Committee are in the process of applying for Big Lottery funding in support of their proposals to significantly extend and develop both the facilities and services provided from the centre.
- 4.2 In support of this, the Council has agreed to transfer ownership of the land to the Management Committee, subject to a number of criteria being met. In order to maximise the external funding available to the project, the Management Committee have requested that the Council make an application on their behalf, to the next round of the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grant fund.

5.0 CURRENT POSITION

- 5.1 Craighend Resource Centre is a long established and successful community resource service, primarily in the East End of Greenock. The Council currently supports the revenue costs of Craighend Resource Centre.
- 5.2 The Centre Management Committee, working with external consultants, have prepared an detailed feasibility study into significantly extending and improving both the facility and the range of services available there and are currently preparing bids to the Big Lottery in support of that project.
- 5.3 The project is suitable for support from the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grant Fund. Applications to this fund cannot be made directly by community groups, however the Council can make application on their behalf.
- 5.4 If agreed, officers of the Council will work with the Centre Management Committee's consultants in the preparation and submission of the bid.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 **Finance** - None
- 6.2 **Legal** - None
- 6.3 **Human Resources** - None

6.4 Equalities

- 6.5 Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

Yes See attached appendix. To follow.

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

- 6.6 Vibrant sustainable community facilities are an important resource in retaining and attracting residents to Inverclyde.