MINUTES of MEETING of BUSINESS CONTINUITY COMMITTEE held in the BY SKYPE on THURSDAY, 11 JUNE 2020

Present:	Councillor Aileen Morton (Chair)	
	Councillor Rory Colville Councillor Robin Currie Councillor Lorna Douglas Councillor Kieron Green	Councillor Yvonne McNeilly Councillor Gary Mulvaney Councillor Douglas Philand Councillor Sandy Taylor
Also Present:	Councillor Anderson Councillor Armour Councillor Blair Councillor Findlay Councillor Good Councillor Horn Councillor Kinniburgh	Councillor Lynch Councillor McCuish Councillor Moffat Councillor Redman Councillor Reid Councillor Robertson Councillor Vennard
Attending:	Pippa Milne, Chief Executive Douglas Hendry, Executive Director Kirsty Flanagan, Interim Executive Director David Logan, Head of Legal and Regulatory Support Anne Paterson, Head of Education Laurence Slavin, Interim Head of Financial Services Fergus Murray, Head of Development and Economic Growth Ross McLaughlin, Head of Commercial Services Shona Barton, Committee Manager Joanna MacDonald, Chief Officer HSCP Fergus Walker, Revenues and Benefits Manager	

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence intimated.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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The Committee considered a report which provided an update of the DHP policy to allow more support to be provided in exceptional circumstances for claimants affected by the benefit gap.

Decision

The Committee approved the proposed amendments to the policy for awarding Discretionary Housing Payments.

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The Committee considered a report which sought agreement for the Council's response to groups who this year, due to impacts from Covid-19, wish to carry funding forward into 2021/22.

Decision

The Committee agreed:-

- 1. That applicants awarded funding from the Council's Supporting Communities Fund in 2020/21 are allowed to carry forward their project, activity or event as set out in their application, in the following financial year. The deadline to spend would move from 31 March 2021 to 31 March 2022.
- 2. That the applicant group will not be able to apply for funding in 2021/22 for a project / event / activity which duplicates that which has been funded for 2020/21.
- 3. A communication is issued to all successful applicants for 2020/21 advising them of these agreed recommendations and highlighting that their funded project event or activity can be undertaken through different approaches such as on-line to provide as much flexibility as possible to allow it to take place.

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- 1. Noted the RRTP activity which took place in 2019/20.
- 2. Agreed to the RRTP annual update which sets out activity for 2020/21.
- 3. Agreed to the Housing First model proposed within the RRTP which will see the Council discharge statutory homeless duties through a different model.

(Ref: Report by Interim Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth dated 18 May 2020, submitted)

10. ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN UPDATE

The Committee considered a report which concerned the economic recovery of Argyll and Bute which had received a significant setback due to Covid 19 restrictions in common with much of the global economy.

Decision

- a) The Committee considered the contents of the report and endorsed the draft Argyll and Bute Economic Recovery Plan at Appendix A of the report.
- b) Agreed to raise with uern6 0Tj (5)Tj 23.01000214 0 Td (t121Tj ()Tj 54implem926at