

Crinan Canal Charrette - update

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Crinan Canal charrette was undertaken during 27-30 April 2016 and this report provides an update on the charrette process, feedback to the community and the ideas coming out of the charrette.
- 1.2 During the pre-charrette and charrette activities in March and April 2016 around 200 people contributed by providing their thoughts and proposals for how the Crinan Canal area could be improved. Details of the charrette process and the activities undertaken can be at <https://www.scottishcanals.co.uk/news/re-think-the-link-crinan-corridor-charrette/>.
- 1.3 The ideas coming forward were around the themes of better connections; facilities, activities and events; public realm improvements and key opportunity sites. On 24 and 25 June 2016 interested parties were again invited to review the proposals and to comment on these.
- 1.4 The proposals coming out of the charrette process have been included within the list of suggested projects for consideration through the Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund. The Regeneration Fund will be considered through a separate process and will be used to inform our approach to the charrette outputs.
- 1.5 A further update report on the charrette outputs will be provided to committee in 2017.

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- 4.2 After the charrette the team worked up these proposals further. The ideas coming forward were around the themes of better c

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5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The Crinan Canal Charrette successfully engaged the local community and confirmed a number of project aspirations. A summary of the charrette process is contained in the attached report.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy – regeneration of this area would help to support the Single Outcome Agreement as well as the Economic Development Action Plan and Local Economic Development Action Plan. A number of the proposals would also implement Areas for Action identified within the Local Development Plan.
- 6.2 Financial – none at this stage although the projects are put forward for consideration of funding through the Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund.
- 6.3 Legal – none.
- 6.4 HR – additional staff resource may be required to help to deliver some of these projects.
- 6.5 Equalities – none.
- 6.6 Risk – if there is no action on the charrette outputs, there is a risk that the whole process will be seen as having no value and the community will become frustrated and disengaged from any future participation activities.
- 6.7 Customer Service – none.

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