

**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 Yvonne McNeilly
Councillor Robin Currie	Councillor Gary Mulvaney
Councillor Lorna Douglas	Councillor Douglas Philand
Councillor Kieron Green	Councillor Sandy Taylor

Also Present:

Councillor Anderson	Councillor Lynch
Councillor Armour	Councillor McCuish
Councillor Blair	Councillor Moffat
Councillor Findlay	Councillor Redman
Councillor Good	Councillor Reid
Councillor Horn	Councillor Robertson
Councillor Kinniburgh	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

Councillor Lorna Douglas

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.

(Ref: Report by

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