

- 1.4 The sponsorship would be a continuation of our partnership and also send a strong and clear signal that we are open for innovation and the use of new technology in our area and would also pave the way for further collaboration with MACC, HIE and the private sector.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are asked to note the content of this paper and the future economic possibilities for the Kintyre area.
- 2.2 That the committee recommend the funding request for **£26,985** from the Rural Resettlement Fund to the Council as its contribution to this event.

Providing an opportunity for universities to launch CanSats and sounding rockets up to 10km;
Offering a unique opportunity for students to have a first practical experience of a real space project by designing the CanSat, selecting its mission, integrating the components, testing, preparing for launch and then analysing the data.
Encouraging the local community to take part via school workshops and attendance at the event;
Providing workshops and opportunities to speak to industry representatives; and
Bringing visitors to Argyll and Bute, particularly those involved in STEM Further and Higher Education.

- 5.5 The Mach event aims to further develop opportunities by building on a growing recognition of the facilities and capacity of the MACC base to house high profile events such as this. It is also hoped that the event will also help attract further investment that will allow for new opportunities for Argyll and Bute within the rapidly expanding UK space industry that is continuing to expand across Scotland and the UK.

