ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S UNIT

COUNCIL 24th JUNE 2021

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES FUND – EXTENSION OF TIME TO SPEND FUNDS

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The main purpose of this report is to ask members to consider a further extension for groups awarded funds from the Supporting Communities Fund 2020/21 due to the impacts of Covid guidance and uncertainty.
- 1.2 It is recommended that Council agrees to further extension from 31st March 2022 to 31st December 2022 in order to give groups the time to deliver their projects and spend the funds.

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Council made a decision at a meeting held on 26th November 2020 to agree a time extension until March 2022 for the groups who received the Council's Supporting Communities Fund in 2020.
- 2.2 Due to the uncertainty of on -f0t EMC /P &MCID 9 BDC B352() 6ve EAp

- 4.3 We expect other groups may come forward who had received funding in 2020 and who have currently until March 2022 to spend their funds.
- 4.4 We wish to proactively support groups to have the time that they need given the limitations from award of their funding in March 2020 until the present time.
- 4.5 The proposed extension to spend funds on the same project as originally applied for would be offered to all groups awarded the Council's Supporting Communities Fund in 2020.

5.0 CONCLUSION

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