

**PLACE BASED INVESTMENT FUND – PROJECTS AND ALLOCATION**

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**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 On 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021, Argyll and Bute Council agreed to allocate Place Based Investment Programme Funding to 3 projects, and to delegate authority on the allocation of the remaining unallocated funding for 2021/22 to the Policy and Resources Committee. It is therefore the purpose of this report to ask members to agree to the remaining projects and respective funding allocations.
- 1.2 Argyll and Bute Council has been allocated £821,000 for financial year 2021/22 from Scottish Government, via its Place Based Investment Programme.
- 1.3 In addition to this year's funding, the Scottish Government has also committed to providing all local authorities with Place Based Investment funding on an annual basis to coincide with the next 4 financial years. Although the annual share for Argyll and Bute is yet to be confirmed, the value is likely to be substantial and as such it is important to identify future projects. Working with members and the community, it is therefore intended to develop a 4 year plan and return to Policy and Resources Committee in February 2022 with a report recommending at least one priority project for each of the four years. This will allow projects to be developed to the stage that they are able to be delivered within the required timeframe.
- 1.4 Funding can only be used for capital regeneration projects, and projects must aim to:  
link and align to place-based initiatives, and establish a coherent local framework to implement the Place Principle;  
support place policy ambitions, such as town centre revitalisation, community-led regeneration, 20 minute neighbourhoods and Community Wealth Building;  
ensure that all place-based investments are shaped by the needs and aspirations of local communities; and,



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of the delivery phase.

4.5 As Members will be aware, under the recent

project, and the refurbished Queens Hall and associated public realm investments.				
<p>Third party grant to support the Burgh Hall Trust improve the environmental efficiency and visibility of this key visitor attraction through the creation of an attractive outdoor garden café area to the rear of the building. The improved space is designed to boost income generation potential, thereby increasing the sustainability of Dunoon Burgh Hall while also visually lifting this area of the townscape.</p> <p>The immediate area to the rear of the Burgh Hall would be tackled as an initial phase, which could be further enhanced should additional funding allow.</p>	Dunoon Burgh Hall, Dunoon	£50,000	Working towards net zero 20 minute neighbourhood Community-led regeneration	<p>Think Dunoon Charrette– Key proposal C1</p> <p>As agreed by B&amp;C Area Committee via the EDAP on 7 Feb 17; discussed by Forward Dunoon throughout 2017; and, presented to the CPG on 18 Apr 17.</p>
<p>Enhanced hard landscaping and lighting of the masonry pier section of Helensburgh Pier to improve its visual appearance and further enhance this part of the waterfront, including the views looking out from the swimming pool and gym. By ensuring that the surfacing is seamless and matches the quality and finishes of the Council's Waterfront development project, it will visually lift this area of the townscape at this point, increase pedestrian safety and add value to the investment already taking place. By tying this in with the existing project, there is also opportunity to take this up through the existing contract to increase the likelihood of deliverability.</p>	Waterfront area, Helensburgh Pier, Helensburgh	£163,000	Town centre revitalisation 20 minute neighbourhood Community-led regeneration	<p>Helensburgh Making Places – Main Priority – The Waterfront</p> <p>As noted by H&amp;L Area Committee on 19 Sep 19.</p>
<p>Greening the bothy project - Using an existing container, which will be retro-fitted to meet the green design ethics of the park and will include the installation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Green Roof</li> <li>Solar lighting</li> <li>Drainage to complement the existing SUDS scheme.</li> </ul>	Hermitage Park, Helensburgh	£28,000	Working towards net zero 20 minute neighbourhood	Hermitage Park Delivery Plan







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**APPENDICES**

None