

**RESTART, RECOVERY AND RENEW: DELIVERING OUR RECOVERY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN**

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**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1** The report updates the Policy and Resources Committee on progress in delivering the Argyll and Bute Covid Recovery Strategy and requests funding from the Recovery and Renewal Fund to support specific priorities of the Recovery Working Group.
- 1.2** Good progress is being across all groups in delivering the Recovery Plan, with frameworks in place for taking forward their priorities. The demands and duration of the different thematic groups vary considerably with economic and social recovery and building back stronger communities being medium to long term. Other work streams have now been completed, or reintegrated back into normal activity, for example, the Infrastructure Group priorities are largely now complete with transportation and other services reinstated back to pre-pandemic activity.
- 1.3** To support ongoing recovery, short term additional resources are required to support the critical longer-term themes of economic and social recovery and building back stronger communities. Executive Leadership Team considered the Recovery Highlight Report No 14, on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and noted the request for funding of £110K from the Recovery and Renewal Fund to provide two temporary LGE 11 posts (or equivalent) for a 12-month period to support the economic and social recovery together with the building back stronger themes. This will significantly improve our ability to deliver these critical areas of our Recovery Strategy and Action Plan.
- 1.4** The recommendations are that members:
- (i) note the progress made in delivering the Covid Recovery Strategy;
  - (ii) approve the sum of £110,000 from the Recovery and Renewal Fund to aid the delivery of critical areas of the Recovery Strategy and Action Plan.

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**2.0 INTRODUCTION**

2.1

Business Continuity Committee on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020, outlined the process to be followed when working with our partners including multiple public agencies, the third



year outcome  
improvement plan.

Review the learning from the support and relationship with communities organisations

structures of working with communities in future. Take these recommendations to the Building Back Better Working Group for their consideration and onward to Executive Management Team.

Contribute to the development of the next 10 year Argyll and Bute Outcome Improvement Plan, specifically through research of the covid impacts by liaising with community planning partners, wider agencies and organisations and national guidance such as Social Renewal and Advisory Board recommendations. Provide this to the CPP by December 2022.

To link in and liaise with national consultations and responses on Covid-19 particularly in relation to communities, to track the inclusion of the points from Argyll and Bute so as to ensure that they continue to be represented within final guidance.

Support funding providers to find the appropriate means to distribute Covid related funding to community organisations within Argyll and Bute.

Manage the Building Back Better (Communities) Worker post overseeing their work that includes reviewing the learning from the support and relationship to communities and make recommendations for

communities in future.

associated interventions, such as Kickstart

- 6.2 Financial : Request for funding from the Councils Recovery and Renewal Fund
- 6.3 Legal : Meets statutory duty and responsibility
- 6.4 HR : Consistent with HR
- 6.5 Fairer Scotland Duty: Compliant
  - 6.5.1 Equalities - protected characteristics : No adverse impact
  - 6.5.2 Socio-economic Duty: Proposals consistent with socio-economic duties
  - 6.5.3 Islands