

HELENSBURGH OUTDOOR MUSEUM ARTS STRATEGY UPDATE JUNE 2024

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report provides background to the Helensburgh Outdoor Museum, its governance and funds, and invites Elected Members to take up the Chair and Vice Chair roles on the Design Panel as well as seeking approval for a minimal change to the Terms of Reference.

1.2 At its meeting on 13th December 2016, the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee agreed to allocate £55K from CHORD Surplus Funds for the continuation of the Outdoor Museum. A Design Panel was constituted and now has a remit of assessing and awarding applications for artworks. A budget of £50K remains.

1.3 The Design Panel members meet a maximum of four times per year and last met on 2nd February 2022. The Outdoor Museum Website is in the process of being re-designed and there has been an initial inquiry regarding installing an artwork. The Design Panel did not meet in 2023 and it would be prudent to re-establish the group to enable any applications coming forward to be dealt with timeously. The Design Panel's Terms of Reference state that the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee are to hold the Chair and Vice-Chair positions on the Design Panel and this report therefore invites those Elected Members to take up these positions.

1.4 At the 2nd February 2022 meeting and subsequent Area Committee report of 17

RECOMMENDATIONS

1.5 The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee are invited to:

1.5.1 agree that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Area Committee be invited to fill the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Design Panel; and

1.5.2 approve the change to the Terms of Reference to allow the Design

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 This report provides background to the Helensburgh Outdoor Museum, its governance and funds, and invites elected members to take up the Chair and Vice Chair roles on the Design Panel as well as seeking approval for a minimal change to the Terms of Reference.
- 2.2 The Helensburgh Outdoor Museum is an awarding winning heritage-led

- 3.1.1 agree that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Area Committee be invited to the fill the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Design Panel; and
- 3.1.2 approve the change to the Terms of Reference to allow the Design Panel to approve variation to funding amounts of approved applications that do not amount to more than the 50% of the total project costs.

4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 The Outdoor Museum Website is in the process of being re-designed and there has been an initial inquiry regarding installing an artwork. The Design Panel did not meet in 2023 and it would be prudent to re-establish the group to enable any applications coming forward to be dealt with timeously.

Governance

- 4.2 The Design Panel is governed by the Terms of Reference that were most recently agreed by the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee in December 2018. These Terms of Reference state that the role of the Design Panel is *'to consider and make recommendations on applications from individuals and organisations for new artworks for inclusion in the Outdoor Museum Collection.'*
- 4.3 The Design Panel is expected to meet a maximum of four times a year to consider new applications. The Terms of Reference state that *'The Chair and Vice Chair of the Design Panel will be the Chair and Vice Chair of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee respectively.'* This report therefore asks that these positions are taken up by the appropriate Elected Members.
- 4.4 The Design Panel is supported by a Lead Officer, Argyll and Bute Council Development Officer, to facilitate the smooth operation of the Design Panel and membership includes representatives from local organisations and community representatives with experience in the arts, culture and heritage disciplines.
- 4.5 As the Design Panel did not meet in 2023, members of the Design Panel will need to be contacted to ascertain whether they are able to continue with their role, and it may be necessary to seek further members to the panel. If so, it is proposed that this process is an open call for interested local organisations and community representatives with experience in the arts, culture and heritage disciplines, as per the Terms of Reference.
- 4.6 Current members of the Design Panel are as follows:
 - Argyll and Bute Council
 - Helensburgh Community Council
 - Rhu and Shandon Community Council

6.5.1 Equalities - protected characteristics: None.

6.5.2 Socio-economic Duty: The Outdoor Museum acts as a visitor attractor to the town centre helping to support local businesses.

6.5.3 Islands: None.

6.6 Climate Change: None.

6.7 Risk: None.

6.8 Customer Service: None.

6.9 The Rights of the Child (UNCRC): None.

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