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## NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

21 January 2020

### Cabinet

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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Proposals for Community Investment Fund (CIF) Expenditure</b>
<b>Purpose:</b>	To determine applications by Locality Partnerships to allocate CIF funding to proposed projects.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Reviews the enclosed application from the Irvine Locality Partnership in line with CIF criteria; and</li><li>b) Approves the CIF application, in relation to the Irvine Harbourside Men's Shed, subject to satisfactory reports from Legal and Finance Services.</li></ul>

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### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 Within its budget for 2017-18, North Ayrshire Council provided a funding allocation for the creation of an innovative fund to enable communities to address the priorities they have identified through Locality Planning Partnerships and within the context of North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership's Fair for All strategy.
- 1.2 Locality Partnerships have subsequently continued to work on their local action plans and are refining proposals for expenditure in line with their locally identified needs. This is a challenging process, and it is a testament to the dedication of the Locality Partnerships and their community partners that proposals are now emerging to provide creative approaches to addressing local challenges.
- 1.3 This report brings forward a proposal, which responds to the specific need of the local community and which has been developed based on local circumstances and opportunities.
- 1.4 This proposal has been approved to be submitted to Cabinet through a process of collaboration and consensus by the Locality Partnership.

### 2. Background

- 2.1 Within its budget for 2017-18, North Ayrshire Council provided an allocation for the creation of an innovative fund to enable communities to address the priorities they have identified through Locality Planning Partnerships and within the context of North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership's Fair for All Strategy, to be distributed among

Localities as follows:

Locality	Population	Value
Irvine	29%	£754,000
Kilwinning	11%	£286,000
3 Towns	23%	£598,000
Garnock Valley	15%	£390,000
North Coast	18%	£468,000
Arran	4%	£104,000

2.2 It was agreed that the CIF will support proposals and projects that connect with:

- The North Ayrshire Fair for All Strategy;
- The Community Planning Partnership and Locality priorities; and
- North Ayrshire Council's values, priorities and business objectives.
- Fulfil a compelling need and do not duplicate existing services or facilities;
- Provide long-term, sustainable, positive results for the greatest number of people possible;
- Exhibit project and/or organisational innovation in their approaches to their work in their way of addressing community challenges and in their request to Locality Partnerships and the Council;
- Come from (an) organisation(s) that is financially viable (can provide financial statements upon request) and efficiently and effectively managed. This can include an organisation to be created to deliver the project;
- Include options or potential for NAC and CPP employee engagement and volunteering where possible; and
- Include measurable outcomes and can report to NAC on outcomes on a regular basis.

2.3 The proposal development and application process has been agreed as follows:

- Locality Partnerships should continue to engage with their communities and stimulate interest in the CIF. Each Locality Partnership will then strategically assess the applications, make links and look at the funding 'in the round.'
- If the partnership supports a bid then the group will be encouraged to submit a full application form, which they will decide upon before making a proposal to Cabinet for final approval.
- The finalised proposal will go to the next suitable Cabinet for final approval.

2.4 The enclosed applications have been developed by community partners and the North Ayrshire Council officers and are now recommended for approval by Cabinet. The proposals are as follows:

#### 2.4.1 The Irvine Locality Partnership

The allocation and funds committed to date are outlined in the table below.

<b>Irvine Locality Partnership Allocation</b>	<b>£754 000</b>
Digital Officer	£84 604
Vineburgh and Fullarton Community Enablers	£100 000

Irvine Newtown Men's Shed	£10,000
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£559 396</b>

### **Creation of Men's Shed: Irvine Harbourside Men's Shed (Appendix 1)**

The Irvine Harbourside Men's Shed has been developed with the help and support of the Scottish Maritime Museum to meet a need for local, retired men to recapture the camaraderie of the workplace as a key support for mental wellbeing and to alleviate loneliness. The Irvine Harbourside Men's Shed is now established as organisation in its own right and part of the Scottish Men's Shed Association (SMSA).

Men's Sheds are community spaces in place to encourage groups of men to get together and participate in activities that are normally found in a garden shed – from engineering to creative writing and everything in between – for the benefit of men's health and wellbeing.

The Irvine Harbourside Men's Shed was launched in September 2018 and has strong support from North Ayrshire Council, North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership, The Ayrshire Community Trust and other key organisations in the benefit and need for such an organisation in the area. The Museum has employed a Learning and Access Officer on a three-year Robertson Trust funded project to set up a Men's Shed at the Museum. A formal partnership agreement between the Irvine Harbourside Men's Shed and the Scottish Maritime Museum is in place.

A key factor in creating a successful shed is having a safe, comfortable and useful space that the men can own and use it to do activities, with a small workshop space and social space that are linked together. The funding requested is for building adaptations to create the working and digital space for the group within premises leased by the Scottish Maritime Museum at 36B Kyle Road.

## **3. Proposals**

### **3.1 That Cabinet:**

- a) Reviews the enclosed application from the Irvine Locality Partnership in line with CIF criteria;
- b) Approves the CIF application in relation to the Irvine Harbourside Men's Shed, subject to satisfactory reports from Legal and Finance Services.

## **4. Implications/Socio-economic Duty**

### **Financial**

4.1 CIF funding is allocated within existing resources.

### **Human Resources**

4.2 None.

### **Legal**

4.3 None.

## **Equality/Socio-economic**

4.4 The purpose of Locality Planning is to reduce inequalities, increase community cohesion and advance community empowerment. Each of the CIF proposals is tested against that purpose before being presented to Cabinet.

## **Environmental and Sustainability**

4.5 Environmental and sustainability issues are considered in relation to each CIF application.

## **Key Priorities**

4.6 The proposals contained within the report support the North Ayrshire Council Plan priorities:

- Active and strong communities
- Inclusive, growing and enterprising local economy
- People enjoy good life-long health and wellbeing.

## **Community Wealth Building**

4.7 The applications support the following pillars of community wealth building:

- Advancing community enterprises;
- Advancing local ownership of underused land and buildings;
- Making financial power work for local places; and
- Supporting local business activities and increasing the variety of ownership models.

## **5. Consultation**

5.1 The proposals contained within this report have been developed by the Locality Partnerships, through consultation with local people, including young people.

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## **Background Papers**

Appendix 1: CIF Application: Irvine Harbourside Men's Shed



## Appendix 1 - Community Investment Fund: Proposal to Cabinet

<b>Organisation name</b>	<i>Irvine Harbourside Men's Shed and the Scottish Maritime Museum</i>
<b>Brief details of organisation</b>	<p>Irvine Harbourside Men's Shed was founded in September 2018. They currently have 70 members and have a 7-member committee. The group is in the process of applying for Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation status.</p> <p>The group is supported by the Scottish Maritime Museum, whose objectives include a commitment to support education and lifelong learning to 'inform, educate and inspire'. Through the Museum's community engagement and volunteering schemes, the Museum noted the volunteers (including some retired, male ex-engineers) often cited their reason for volunteering as loneliness, to keep busy in their retirement or to recapture the camaraderie of the workplace.</p> <p>This led to the creation of this further Men's Shed in Irvine. Men's Sheds are community spaces in place to encourage groups of men to get together and participate in activities, normally found in a garden shed – from engineering to creative writing and everything in between – for the benefit of men's health and wellbeing. The group has had strong support from North Ayrshire Council, North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership, The Ayrshire Community Trust and other key organisations in the benefit and need for such an organisation in the area. The Museum has employed a Learning and Access Officer on a three-year Robertson Trust-funded project to set up a Men's Shed at the Museum.</p>
<b>Locality</b>	Irvine
<b>Amount requested</b>	£10,000
<b>Brief overview of proposal</b>	<p>Irvine Harbourside Men's Shed have now signed a Partnership Agreement with the Scottish Maritime Museum along with a lease agreement for Kyle Road, allowing them to use half of the unit. The Men's Shed will pay £1.00 per year. The Museum's public liability and buildings insurance will suffice for the Men's Shed. Permission for this has been granted from NAC Estates Department.</p> <p>However, building adaptations are required to make the premises suitable for the group's activities. These adaptations have been approved by North Ayrshire Council's Building Control officers.</p>

	<p>The CIF funding will be used to pay for a professional tradesperson to undertake the work, including partitioning off half of the unit to create separate work spaces within this partitioned section. This will include a work shop area, a recreation area for activities such as model making/musical instrument practise etc and a break out room. The money will also be used to purchase equipment such as work benches, tools etc to be used within the Men's Shed for various activities and allow them to furnish the area. They will use the money to have any required electrical work undertaken and smoke detectors fitted where necessary.</p>
<b><i>Timescales</i></b>	Spring 2020
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