
NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

11th June 2019

Cabinet

Title:	Proposal for Community Investment Fund (CIF) Expenditure
Purpose:	To determine an application by the Three Towns Locality Partnership to allocate CIF funding to a proposed project.
Recommendation:	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Reviews the enclosed application from the Three Towns Locality Partnership in line with CIF criteria;b) Makes recommendations in relation to the application;c) Approves expenditure where relevant;d) Agrees to accept further future applications from Locality Partnerships for CIF funding; ande) Agrees to accept a future report on the progress of the initiative at dates to be agreed with the Locality Partnerships.

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 needs 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 Three Towns 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. The 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 application has been developed by the project partners, led by the Shibumi Karate Club, with the Three Towns Locality Partnership and North Ayrshire Council officers and is now recommended for approval by Cabinet. The proposal is as follows:

2.4.1 Three Towns Locality Partnership: The Training Station

The Training Station involves the conversion and refurbishment of part of Saltcoats Railway Station to form flexible community space. The aim of the project, led by the Shibumi Karate Club, is to promote community regeneration and civic pride within local communities through the re-purposing of a category B listed building, developing local community-based facilities that meet community needs and contributing to the community's health and wellbeing. Commitment to a funding package in excess of £400,000 has been achieved across a range of partners such as Scottish Government (Regeneration Capital Grant Fund), sportscotland, Scotrail and the Railway Heritage Trust.

3. Proposals

It is proposed that Cabinet:

- 3.1 Reviews the enclosed application from the Three Towns Locality Partnerships, as detailed at Para. 2.4 above and within Appendix 1 attached;
- 3.2 Makes recommendations in relation to the application;
- 3.3 Approves expenditure where relevant;
- 3.4 Agrees to accept further future applications from Locality Partnerships for CIF funding; and
- 3.5 Agrees to accept future reports on the progress of the initiatives at dates to be agreed with the Locality Partnerships.

4. Implications/Socio-economic Duty

Financial:	The CIF funding has been allocated proportionately across Localities. The attached application is the next to be drawn down from the existing funds (see 2.1 above). North Ayrshire Council Finance officers will monitor the draw down and spend of the funds.
Human Resources:	There are no HR implications in relation to this proposal.
Legal:	There are no legal implications in relation to this proposal.
Equality/Socio-economic Duty:	<p>There are no equality implications arising directly from this report.</p> <p>The purpose of Locality Planning is to reduce inequalities. Each of the CIF proposals is tested against that purpose before being presented to Cabinet.</p>
Children and Young People:	Children and Young People will be considered and prioritised by Locality Planning Partnerships in each of the projects. This CIF proposal proposes particular benefits for children and young people, who have also been consulted as part of the process, and who will benefit both from the opportunities provided by the Karate Club and from those in the community hub.
Environmental & Sustainability:	There are no environmental and sustainability implications arising directly from this report.
Key Priorities:	<p>The proposal contained within the report supports the North Ayrshire Council Plan priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Active and strong communities• Inclusive, growing and enterprising local economy• People enjoy good life-long health and well-being.
Community Benefits:	The proposal will benefit a range of community groups and individuals and, in particular, supports the priorities of the Three Towns Locality Partnership. These include community regeneration and tourism.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 The proposals contained within this report have been developed and approved by the Three Towns Locality Partnership, through consultation with local people, including young people.

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Background Papers

Appendix 1: Three Towns Locality Partnership: The Training Station

Appendix 1: Community Investment Fund: Proposal to Cabinet

Organisation name	<i>Shibumi Karate Club for The Training Station SCIO</i>
Brief details of organisation	The Training Station is constituted as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). Its membership is made up of members of the local community, representation from user groups such as Shibumi Karate club and stakeholders such as North Ayrshire Council and Network Rail. The local community has been engaged in every decision during development and once operational, will be involved in running the project through Board management and volunteering. The Steering Group (representing the community) is working closely with funders such as Network Rail, Abellio, Scotrail, sportscotland, the Railway Heritage Trust and KA Studio Hub St Matthews, with support from IDP Architects to ensure the longevity of the building in a way that best meets community needs and they will be represented on the Board, with North Ayrshire Council.
Locality	Three Towns Locality Partnership
Amount requested	£50,000
Brief overview of proposal	<p>The Training Station involves the conversion and refurbishment of part of Saltcoats Railway Station to form an 81 square metre flexible community space in an area of severe deprivation with very limited community facilities. The building is still in current use as a train station and the conversion of unused space will ensure purposeful, community use of the Grade 'B' listed building. The works involve the conversion of the existing space to create a large multi-functional space through the removal of a dividing wall. Refurbishment will also include construction of a toilet and wet/changing room facilities allowing on site showering and additional changing space and will offer barrier free (DDA) accessible facilities for all. The refurbishment of the main hall will include smart capability including a wi-fi network and multimedia screen and projector for training/local meetings and presentations. A Japanese garden area will also be created as part of the project.</p> <p>The aim of the project is to promote community regeneration and civic pride within local communities through the re-purposing of a category B listed building, developing local community-based facilities that meet community needs and contributing to the community's health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Funders are supporting this project for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> It addresses local needs for local facilities and supports a key element of the Locality Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) in developing local facilities and supporting action to improve health and well-being in an area of significant deprivation; It secures a viable and sustainable use of a building that is important to surrounding communities;

	<p>c. It promotes inclusion and regeneration through community empowerment and supports and allows the community to ‘take ownership’ of its need to improve its health; and</p> <p>d. It addresses a local priority and varied local groups interest in working with Network Rail to ensure the longevity of a well-used piece of infrastructure and a piece of local history (The Station).</p> <p>The following outputs are anticipated:</p> <p>No. of new jobs created: 1</p> <p>No. of construction jobs supported: 3</p> <p>No. of training places created: 40</p> <p>Number of buildings refurbished / brought back into use: 1</p> <p>Total Sqm of building created or refurbished: 81 sqm</p> <p>Number of community facilities supported: 1</p> <p>Number of businesses/enterprises benefiting from supported facilities: 10</p> <p>Number of community groups supported through refurbishment of a derelict building: 25</p> <p>Number of listed buildings maintained and cared for: 1</p> <p>The total project cost is estimated to be £450,800 before project management costs. The budget is currently being revised and phasing completed.</p> <p>The Railway Heritage Trust has committed £125,000</p> <p>Scotrail has committed £165,000</p> <p>Scottish Government RCGF has awarded £150,000.</p>
<i>Timescale</i>	Original completion date was March 2020 but delays in awarding RCGF (at national level) have required a rephasing. This is currently in progress.
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