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1.4 The fund's progress will be monitored through MAKI Area Committee following approval of the detailed criteria by the Policy and Resources Committee. The Executive Director for Development and Infrastructure will report to the Policy and Resources Committee on a regular basis on the operation and performance of the funds with the day to day management of the Fund being delivered by the EDST service. It is proposed that following consultation with the MAKI Area Committee that business cases can be developed for approval by the Policy and Resources Committee.

1.5 Members of the committee are asked to:

1. Agree the criteria set down in paragraph 4.3 of this report.
2. Agree that the main focus of the Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund should be the main town of Lochgilphead & Ardrishaig, the key settlement of Tarbert and the areas immediately surrounding them.
3. Note that the Executive Director for Development and Infrastructure will report to the Policy and Resources Committee on a regular basis on the Development and Infrastructure

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engagement activities which will help to identify opportunities such as the community led Mid Argyll Initiative (MAI), the ongoing development of up to date community action plans for Lochgilphead and Tarbert and the forthcoming Crinan Canal Charrette (April 2016) which will produce priorities for enhancing what is an important economic and social asset for the Mid Argyll area. It is intended that in order to maximise the potential beneficial impact that a relatively small number of larger projects will be assisted by the fund.

- 4.2 The Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund will build on regeneration work now completed in Campbeltown through the Council's CHORD area regeneration programme and other associated economic initiatives such as the development of the Campbeltown Port and road Infrastructure together with current Council investments including the Campbeltown Cinema Project, Campbeltown Grammar School, Campbeltown CARS 2, Kilmartin Museum expansion plans and Inveraray CARS.

Criteria for distribution

- 4.3 It is proposed that a small number of larger projects will be prioritised using the following criteria:

Their ability to create jobs, grow the population and/or stimulate private sector activity that will deliver these results;

Extent to which they support the delivery of the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) particularly in terms of the overall objective (Argyll and Bute's economics 

Eligible Settlements

- 4.7 The Main Town in the Mid Argyll area, as set out in the Local Development Plan, is Lochgilphead & Ardrishaig. Surrounding this main service centre are a number of smaller communities including the key settlements of Inveraray and Tarbert. The community of Inveraray is already the focus of a Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme and is benefiting from a planned extension to the settlement. The Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund will therefore focus on the communities of Tarbert, Ardrishaig and Lochgilphead with consideration also being given to projects which support existing initiatives on the key tourism locations of the Crinan Canal and Kilmartin Glen where they can be shown to benefit the wider area.

Governance

- 4.8 Following the Policy and Resources Committee approval of the detailed criteria identified for the fund, project proposals will identify

- 6.4 **HR** Existing staff within the Economic Development and Strategic Transportation Service will administer the fund on behalf of the Council.
- 6.5 **Equalities** None at this time.
- 6.6 **Risk** If the principles of the fund are not agreed then the next stage of identifying appropriate projects cannot of the