

HELENSBURGH WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT - SKATEPARK

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- 1.3 Accordingly officers are keen to support the Helensburgh Skatepark Group to secure a site that is capable of meeting their aspirations and becoming a facility which will encourage visitors to the area and the council has recently committed £80,000 to support this project to provide a permanent solution.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Area Committee:
 - 2.1.1 Notes that the reinstatement of the temporary skatepark facilities will be completed in autumn 2023 meeting the conditions of the leisure centre planning consent.
 - 2.1.2 Agrees that the waterfront site is not considered to be a suitable long term location for the skatepark as initial marketing of the site has highlighted that the site is not large enough to accommodate a larger scale skatepark which the group are seeking as well as a viable commercial development.
 - 2.1.3 Note that a further report will be brought before H&L Area Committee outlining a list of potential permanent locations for the skatepark and a preferred option will be recommended to be taken forward. Officers have commenced the identification of potential sites as outlined at Section 3.7 below and will continue to engage with the skatepark group as part of that process.

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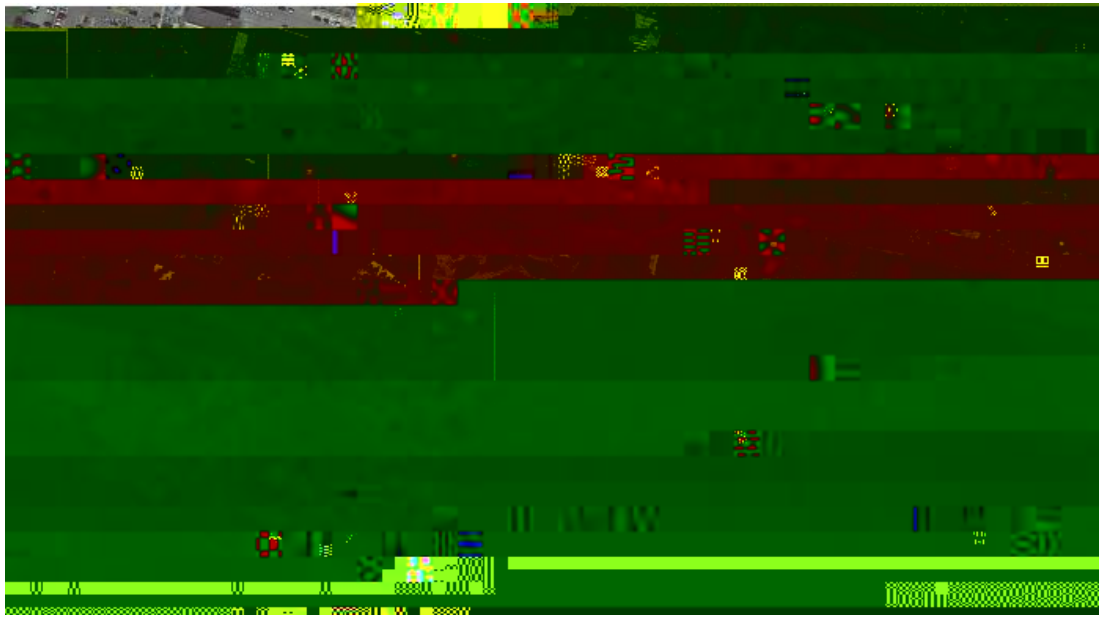
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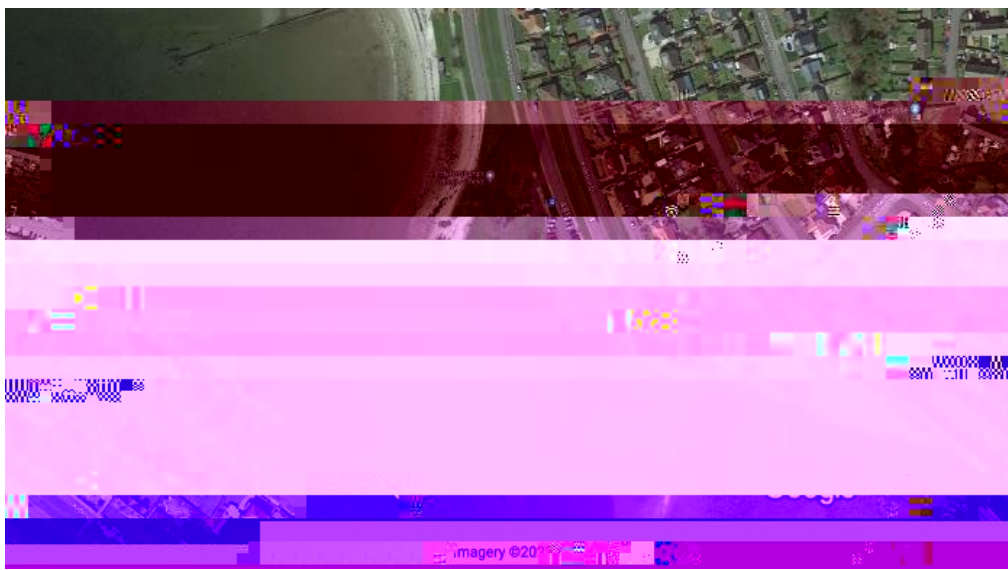
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Kelvingrove Park skatepark, Glasgow

3) East Bay Park



4) Kidston Park



5) Iona Stables, Colgrain

4.2 There are a number of potential locations to consider, each with their own benefits and challenges, and officers will continue to work with the group to identify the best all round solution.

5. IMPLICATIONS

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