

- 1.6 A separate report has been submitted for consideration at the Policy and Resources committee meeting on 7th December 2023, requesting an additional £137,271.46 PSHG for the 2-4 Argyll Street and 6-10 Argyll Street projects.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee approve the following grant offers from the Lochgilphead Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS):

Up to two hundred and twenty one thousand, nine hundred and thirty three pounds and twelve pence (£221,933.12) to the owners of 2-4 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead.

Up to one hundred and seventy five thousand, seven hundred and fifty pounds and eighty pence (£175,750.80) to the owners of 6-10 Argyll, Lochgilphead.

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4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 The Lochgilphead Conservation Area Regeneration (CARS) is a grant programme focussing on the regeneration of historical buildings as well as traditional skills training and community engagement jointly funded by Historic Environment Scotland (HES) and Argyll and Bute Council. The total grant fund available is £1,401,318. This figure includes additional monies approved via the Place Based Investment fund for 2022/23 and 2023/24.
- 4.2 Lochgilphead CARS started in April 2020 and was due to conclude in March 2025. Due to the pandemic HES offered a one-year extension. This offer was accepted and the scheme will now run to March 2026.
- 4.3 A full funding package is in place, with expenditure monitored on a monthly basis.

4.9 In respect of both buildings, individual owners have followed the Council's

- 6.4 HR – A project office is employed to deliver the scheme for its duration. Staff Salaries are included within the project budget.
- 6.5 Fairer Scotland Duty:
 - 6.5.1 Equalities - protected characteristics – None.
 - 6.5.2 Socio-economic Duty – The grant funding will support local economies through place based regeneration activity.
 - 6.5.3 Islands – None.
- 6.6 Climate Change – The grants will help retain the use of an existing building using traditional methods and materials and located in the town centre helping to retain the embedded carbon. The importance of this subject is also communicated to contractors to ensure that where possible climate adaption and mitigation is considered to help create a thriving, sustainable local economy and a healthier, happier place fostering carbon lifestyles.
- 6.7 Risk - That the grant schemes are under subscribed or that projects run over time or budget. These risks will be carefully monitored and mitigated by the

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