

DEVELOPING KILMARNOCK'S LONG TERM PLAN: RESOURCES & COSTS

7th May 2024

Executive Summary & Decisions Required:

This paper sets out the resources required to develop Kilmarnock's Long Term Plan by 1st August and the associated costs. If approved, the Town Board will direct and deploy these resources to meet DLUHC requirements and bring the community/businesses of Kilmarnock on board to implement the first three year investment plan.

Members are asked to agree:

- to utilise DLUHC capacity monies as set out within the paper, to develop its Long Term Plan,
- to direct EAC/identified Town Board Members to progress associated actions,
- to identify resources within Members' organisations to contribute to Plan development, and
- to otherwise comment on and note the paper.

Situation:

The Kilmarnock Town Board is required to develop, via engagement with the local community, its Long Term Plan ('the Plan') for Kilmarnock and to submit this to DLUHC by 1st August 2024. Thereafter, the Town Board is responsible for overseeing delivery of the Plan, managing the associated investment/interventions and for leveraging further investment to help make it happen.

The short timescale for creating the Plan means that resources/capacity- human and otherwise- need to be put in quickly. Board and offline discussions have shaped what this resource/capacity package looks like.

Background:

The Plan must contain:

- 250 word, 10 year vision
- Strategic case/evidence for change
- Outcomes & objectives
- Interventions across 3 investment themes-
 - Safety & security; high streets, heritage & regeneration; transport & connectivity.
- Evidence of community leadership
- How the Town Board will attract other investment
- 3 year investment plan annex

East Ayrshire Council has received £50,000 capacity funding to establish the Town Board and has received £200,000 capacity funding, which the Town Board advises on how best to spend this money, to support the development of the Long Term Plan. Thereafter 25% of annual Town Fund monies will be available for revenue spend.

Action:

Utilising the capacity budget of £250,000, resources/capacity needed to develop the Plan and associated costs are identified as:

ITEM	COST	LEAD	
Project Manager	£21, 500	Fiona	
PM Platform	£3,600 p/a	Claire	
Commercial/ Funding Coordinator	£5,000	Fiona	
Long Term Plan Development:	£138,000	Delivered via Town	
Community-led Engagement,		Board & 6 x Kilmarnock	
Events/Development & Action,		Alliances	
Strategic Visioning, Planning &			
Launch	_		
Web/Marketing/Socials/	£15,000		
Comms/Merchandise etc.			
CleanUp Campaign/Project	£20,000		
Young People/Bus Station Project	£10,000		
Board Admin	£Nil	In-kind EAC	
Project Development	£10,000		
Financial Monitoring	£Nil	In-kind EAC	
Contingency	£26,900		
TOTAL	£250,000		

All costs are indicative and it is expected, subject to approval, that the Chair has authority to move spend appropriately across the elements of the resources/capacity package to ensure effective development of the Plan by the deadline. The Chair should also have authority to use remaining balances as a contingency.

Result:

Putting the above in place without delay provides a strong foundation to develop the Plan and achieve early success.

Implications:

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	CATEGORY	TICK	NOTE
	Policy/Long Term Plan		
	Community Leadership	X	This approach will allow the Town Board
			to passport money to community groups and demonstrate community leadership, which is the policy intention/best practice.
	Safety & Security	Х	The Young People/Bus Station project will support this investment theme.
	High Streets, Heritage	Х	The Clean Up Campaign/Project will support this investment theme.
	Transport & Connectivity		
	HR	Х	Employing organisations will need to be
			identified to enable resources/capacity to
			be put in place at the required pace.
	Finance	Х	Spend of £250,000 capacity allocation. Flexible use of balances for contingency
			within will ensure full spend of these
			monies.

Risk	Х	Lack of dedicated resources/capacity to develop the Long Term Plan constitutes a significant risk to programme delivery- this is mitigated significantly by the proposals put forward in this paper.
Equalities	X	Proposed engagement activities must include equalities data collection and analysis to begin EQIA.

