

Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority

To: Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority Joint Committee

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**Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership:
Administering Partner Arrangements**

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Joint Committee to request that Renfrewshire Council continues its role as administering partner in respect of the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership (GCVGNP).

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Joint Committee
- request that Renfrewshire Council continue its role as administering partner for the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership until 31st March 2016; and,
 - endorse the decision to extend the contracts of employment for the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Green Network Executive Team to 31st March 2016; and,
 - endorse the decision to extend the contract of employment for the Seven Lochs Heritage Project Co-ordinator to 31st January 2016.

3. Context

- 3.1 The Joint Committee will be aware that the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network was established in 2006 to champion and promote the multi-organisational co-ordinated action needed to facilitate delivery of the Green Network across the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley city region.
- 3.2 The Green Network is an integral component of the Strategic Development Plan's Spatial Development Strategy as approved by Scottish Ministers in May 2012. It has also been the key 'driver' behind the recognition of the strategic significance of green infrastructure thinking as mirrored in the Scottish Government's creation of the Central Scotland Green Network as a National Development in National Planning Framework 3 and in its wider adoption across Scotland's city regions.

4. Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership

- 4.1 The GCVGNP is governed by 'Terms of Reference' approved by the Joint Committee at its meeting held on 10th December 2012 and agreed by that strategic partnership which comprises the constituent authorities of the Joint Committee and a range of wider agencies.
- 4.2 Renfrewshire Council, in common with its 'host authority' role for the Joint Committee, had agreed to act as the administrating partner with responsibility for the employment of the Partnership staff and also to act as Treasurer to the Partnership.
- 4.3 As the administrating partner and for reasons of continuity, it is proposed that Renfrewshire Council be asked to extend this role until 31st March 2016.
- 4.4 This request will require formal acceptance by Renfrewshire Council, although it is not anticipated that this will present any difficulties.
- 4.5 The GCVGNP Board oversees the strategic direction and development of the Green Network programme. A small Executive Team comprising four full-time members of staff, led by a Manager, is responsible for the development and delivery of the programme.
- 4.6 The Executive Team is employed on temporary contracts linked to the period of funding for the Partnership. Funding has been extended until 31st March 2016.

5. Project Co-ordinator, Seven Lochs Heritage Project

- 5.1 The GCVGNP has been leading the development of this major green network project and has been successful in securing Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) funding for a development phase leading to a further submission to HLF in June 2015 for implementation phase funding.
- 5.2 The HLF development phase funding and income from a successful CSGN Development Fund bid will provide funding for the project until implementation phase funding is secured.
- 5.3 A Project Co-ordinator post oversees the work and is funded from the project budget. The post is hosted by Renfrewshire Council under the auspices of the GCVGNP.
- 5.4 The postholder is employed on a Fixed Term Appointment (FTA) and it is proposed that the contract is extended through to January 2016 when implementation phase funding is anticipated.