
To: Joint Committee

On: 21st June 2019

Report by: Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park, Park Coordinator

Heading: Castle Semple: Accessibility Improvements

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report seeks to inform Joint Committee on the proposed accessibility improvements adjacent to Castle Semple Visitor Centre.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Joint Committee:
- (i) Note that Renfrewshire Council is progressing improvements to the area adjacent to Castle Semple Visitor Centre to improve water access.
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3. Background

- 3.1 Castle Semple Country Park attracts approximately 350,000 visitors per year making it the most popular visitor destination in Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park. Castle Semple Visitor Centre is a key venue for the Park's educational, leisure and recreational activities and supports local, regional and national sporting activity.

- 3.2 Castle Semple Country Park's popularity places demands on the site's infrastructure. These demands are managed to maintain a quality environment and ensure the site operates safely and meets the needs of visitors.
- 3.3 Renfrewshire Council has identified an opportunity to enhance the quality of the key public area adjacent to Castle Semple Visitor Centre. Through focussed resurfacing works it will be possible to deliver significant accessibility improvements to the site and further the development of inclusive leisure activity.
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4. Next Steps

- 4.1 Renfrewshire Council has instructed resurfacing works at Castle Semple Country Park. The works will be funded from Renfrewshire Council's approved budgets and delivered over the coming weeks. The project will be managed by Renfrewshire Council's Property Services and programming and on-site requirements will be discussed with the Park Coordinator to mitigate disruption as far as possible.
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