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**To: Planning and Property Policy Board**

**On: 10 November 2015**

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**Report by: Director of Development and Housing Services**

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**Heading: Erskine Town Centre Strategy - Charrette**

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## **1. Summary**

- 1.1 The Planning and Property Policy Board of 10 March 2015 approved a draft town centre strategy and action plan for Erskine town centre, as a basis for consultation with the local community and key stakeholders.
  - 1.2 The Board of 25 August 2015 were advised of the intention to submit an application to the Scottish Government Charrette Mainstreaming Fund to support the consultation exercise which will inform the finalised strategy.
  - 1.3 The Council's funding application has been successful, enabling the preparation and delivery of a charrette for Erskine Town Centre. The charrette is anticipated to take place in early 2016 and the outcomes of the exercise will be reported to the Board.
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## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board:-
  - (i) Notes the success of the Council's application to the Charrette Mainstreaming Programme Fund to support the consultation exercise to inform the Erskine Town Centre Strategy;

- (ii) Notes that further reports will be provided to the Board on completion of the charrette process and prior to the approval of the final town centre strategy and action plan.

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### 3. Background

- 3.1 The Planning and Property Policy Board of 10 March 2015 approved a draft town centre strategy and action plan for Erskine town centre, as a basis for consultation with the local community and key stakeholders. The draft strategy explains the role of the town centre, strengths and potential for future enhancement, seeking views on priorities for action and opportunities for change.
- 3.2 The Scottish Government Charrette Mainstreaming Programme Fund seeks to support communities to actively participate in the design and development of plans for the future of their areas. The Charrette process involves the preparation of plans through a series of workshops and consultation events with local communities and key stakeholders. A key area of focus for the fund is the development of town centre action plans.
- 3.3 The Board of 25 August 2015 were advised of the intention to submit an application to the Charrette Mainstreaming Fund to support the consultation exercise which will inform the finalised strategy. The Council's application has been successful, enabling the preparation and delivery of a design charrette for Erskine town centre.
- 3.4 It is anticipated that the charrette for Erskine town centre will take place in early 2016 and the outcomes of this exercise will be reported to the Board along with the finalised strategy and action plan.

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### Implications of the Report

- 1. **Financial** – The Council require to match fund grant assistance provided by the Scottish Government. This will be met from approved Development and Housing Services budgets.
- 2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None
- 3. **Community Planning – Empowering our Communities** – Increased participation and engagement with local communities in developing the Erskine town centre strategy.

4. **Legal** - None
5. **Property/Assets** – None
6. **Information Technology** - None
7. **Equality & Human Rights**
  - (a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report.
8. **Health & Safety** – None
9. **Procurement** – The Council will require to procure consultancy services to deliver a programme of community engagement. This will be undertaken in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders relating to contracts.
10. **Risk** – None
11. **Privacy Impact** - None

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#### **List of Background Papers**

- (a) None

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