

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 26 January 2022	13:00	Microsoft Teams Meeting,

KENNETH GRAHAM
Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

Councillor Jennifer Marion Adam-McGregor: Councillor Stephen Burns: Councillor Jacqueline Cameron: Councillor Eddie Devine: Councillor Karen Devine-Kennedy: Councillor Audrey Doig: Councillor Neill Graham: Councillor John Hood: Councillor Scott Kerr: Councillor James MacLaren: Councillor Will Mylet: Councillor Iain Nicolson: Councillor Jim Sharkey:

Councillor Cathy McEwan (Convener): Councillor Michelle Campbell (Depute Convener):

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Apologies

Apologies from members.

Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare an interest in any item(s) on the agenda and to provide a brief explanation of the nature of the interest.

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Exempt Item

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6 Option agreement - Field Adjacent to Neilston Substation, Gleniffer Braes

Report by Head of Economy and Development.

7 Disposal of Roneil House, Stanely Road, Paisley

Report by Head of Economy and Development.

8 Disposal of Land adjacent to 4 Linwood Road, Paisley

Report by Head of Economy & Development.



To: Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board

On: 26 January 2022

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources, Director of Environment and Infrastructure & Director of Communities and Housing

Heading: Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring as at 12 November 2021

1. Summary of Financial Position

- 1.1. The projected Revenue outturn as at 31 March 2022 for Infrastructure, Land and Environment is an overspend position of £3.426m (10.7%) against the revised budget for the year, with £3.445m of expenditure directly attributable to the response to the Covid19 pandemic.
- 1.2. The projected Capital outturn as at 31 March 2022 for Infrastructure, Land and Environment is break even.
- 1.3. This is summarised over the relevant services in the table below and further analysis is provided in the Appendices.
- 1.4. For the financial year 2021/22, the projected outturn position is split into Core (or business as usual) and COVID-19 related variances to help readers understand the impact of the pandemic on service finances.

Division	Revised Annual Budget £000	Projected Outturn Core £000	Projected Outturn COVID-19 £000	Total Projected Outturn £000	Budget Variance £000	Budget Variance %
Environment and Infrastructure	30,422	30,415	3,402	33,817	(3,395)	11.2
Communities and Housing (Regulatory Services)	1,675	1,663	43	1,706	(31)	1.8

Table 2: Capital						
Division	Revised Annual Budget £000	Projected Outturn Core £000	Projected Outturn COVID-19 £000	Total Projected Outturn £000	Budget Variance £000	Budget Variance %
Environment and Infrastructure	16,724	16,724	0	16,724	0	0%

2. Recommendations

Members are requested to:

- 2.1. Note the projected Revenue outturn position as detailed in Table 1 above, considering that the forecast position is based on best estimates at this time;
- 2.2. Note the projected Capital outturn position as detailed in Table 2 above; and
- 2.3. Note the Revenue and Capital budget adjustments detailed in sections 4 and 6.

3. Revenue

- 3.1. The Revenue Budget Monitoring report at Appendix 1 identifies a projected annual overspend of £3.426m (10.7% of total budget) for Infrastructure, Land and Environment. Narrative is provided in the Appendices below to provide context and explanation to the budget position for service areas.
- 3.2. The projected outturn includes £3.445m of costs directly attributable to the ongoing response to and recovery from the pandemic. The projected costs of the pandemic are based on the financial information available at the time of writing this report, and future projections and outturns may vary depending on the operational and financial effect of the new variant of Covid 19.
- 3.3. The forecast financial overview for the Council being reported to FARCS Board incorporates the overspend position reflected in this report. It is expected that non-recurring resource earmarked at the end of 2020/21 will require to be utilised to fund this projected overspend.
- 3.4. The main reasons for the projected outturn position are indicated below, with the tables showing both the subjective analysis (what the budget is spent on) and the objective analysis (which division is spending the budget).

4. Revenue Budget Adjustments

- 4.1. Since the last report there have been budget adjustments of £26,000, relating to part year transfer of 2 staff within the cemeteries team from FARS to Environment & Infrastructure.

5. Capital

- 5.1. The Capital Investment Programme 2021/22 to 2025/26 was approved by the Council on 4th March 2021.
- 5.2. The Capital Monitoring report at Appendix 2 indicates adjustments in the approved capital programme of £4.096m. This mainly arises to reflect updated cash flows for various projects for revised delivery dates and timing of work.
- 5.3. Further detail, including reasons for significant variances, can be found at Appendix 2.

6. Capital Budget Adjustments

- 6.1. Since the last report, budget changes of £4.096m have arisen which reflect the following:

Budget Increases in 2021-22 (£0.096m): reflecting grant awards for the following projects;

- Vehicle Replacement Programme (£0.096m) for grant awards by Energy Saving Trust for supply and installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure throughout Renfrewshire;

Budget decreases in 2021-22 (£0.120m): for changes in grant award for following projects;

- Strathclyde Passenger Transport (£0.120m) reflecting the agreed change in grant from Transport Scotland, increasing Hawkhead Park and Ride by £0.030m and decreasing Linburn Loop by £0.150m.

Budget transfers in 2021-22 (£0.100m) for the following projects;

- Improvement to Outdoor Access and Play Areas (£0.100m) to reflect award from Greenspaces and Parks Fund for Maxwellton Play park (£0.050m) and Lochwinnoch Playpark (£0.050m).

Budget reprofiled from 2021-22 to 2022-23 (£4.172m) to reflect updated cash flows for the following projects;

- Roads Footways (£0.620m) due to timing of work starting late 2021-22 and not completing until 2022-23.
- Vehicle Replacement Programme (£0.748m) to reflect the delivery dates of whale gully motor, roll on roll off and gritters expected from April to June 2022;
- Bridge Assessment/Strengthening (£0.181m) for work at Plymuir Bridge not expected to commence until 2022-23;
- Lighting Column Replacement (£0.160m) as phase 2 of St Andrew Drive will not start until early 2022-23;
- Traffic Management (£0.100m) for updated cash flows for the project;

- Core Pathways and Renfrew Riverside to Paisley route (£1.108m) as project expected to commence in February 2022 and continue into 2022-23;
- Improvements to Parks and Access Outdoor Play Areas (£1.155m) to reflect timing of planned work;
- Improvement to Cemetery Estate (£0.100m) for expected completion time of planned work in early 2022-23.

Implications of this report

1. **Financial** – The projected budget outturn position for Infrastructure, Land and Environment Revenue budget is an overspend of £3.426m, with £3.445m due to the response to the pandemic.

The projected outturn position for Infrastructure, Land and Environment Services' Capital budget is break even. The Capital programme will continue to be monitored closely for the rest of the financial year.

2. **HR and Organisational Development**

None directly arising from this report.

3. **Community/Council Planning**

None directly arising from this report.

4. **Legal**

None directly arising from this report.

5. **Property/Assets**

Capital projects result in lifecycle improvements and replacements to Roads & footways network and vehicles.

6. **Information Technology**

None directly arising from this report.

7. **Equality and Human Rights**

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 because for example it is for noting only. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

8. **Health and Safety**

None directly arising from this report.

9. Procurement

None directly arising from this report.

10. Risk

The potential risk that the Council will overspend its approved budgets for the year will be managed at a Council-wide level by the Chief Executive and Directors.

11. Privacy Impact

None directly arising from this report.

12. Cosla Policy Position

N/a.

13. Climate Risk

None directly arising from this report.

List of Background Papers

Revenue Budget and Council Tax Policy Board report. Council 9th March 2020

Non-housing Capital Investment Programme, Prudential Framework and Treasury Management Strategy, and Capital Strategy 2020/21 – 24/25. Council, 9th March 2020.

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RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL
REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING STATEMENT 2021/22
1 April 2021 to 12 November 2021

POLICY BOARD : INFRASTRUCTURE, LAND AND ENVIRONMENT

Objective Summary	Revised	Budget	Revised	Projected	Projected	Total	Budget Variance		Previous	Movement
	Annual Budget at P6	Adjustments	Annual Budget	Outturn Core Business	Outturn COVID-19	Projected Outturn	(Adverse) or Favourable		Projected Outturn Variance	
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	%	£000	£000
Directorate and Service Co-ordination	1,435	0	1,435	1,435	5	1,440	(5)	(0.3%)	(4)	(1)
Refuse Collection	5,054	0	5,054	5,366	1,384	6,750	(1,696)	(33.6%)	(1,643)	(53)
Household Waste Recycling Centres	672	0	672	677	315	992	(320)	(47.6%)	(226)	(94)
Refuse Disposal	7,248	0	7,248	7,293	672	7,965	(717)	(9.9%)	(775)	58
Streetscene	6,113	29	6,142	6,016	126	6,142	0	0.0%	68	(68)
Sustainability and Place	590	(3)	587	458	1	459	128	21.8%	84	44
Fleet Services	(185)	0	(185)	(238)	1	(237)	52	28.1%	73	(21)
Social Transport	1,697	0	1,697	1,573	(165)	1,408	289	17.0%	471	(182)
Roads Operations	2,745	0	2,745	2,613	5	2,618	127	4.6%	59	68
Infrastructure and Assets	1,741	0	1,741	1,775	0	1,775	(34)	(2.0%)	2	(36)
Transportation & Development	1,250	0	1,250	1,153	0	1,153	97	7.8%	66	31
Parking of Vehicles	(1,132)	0	(1,132)	(874)	1,058	184	(1,316)	(116.3%)	(1,326)	10
Strathclyde Partnership for Transport	3,168	0	3,168	3,168	0	3,168	0	0.0%	0	0
Requisition										
Regulatory Services	1,675	0	1,675	1,663	43	1,706	(31)	(1.8%)	(26)	(5)
NET EXPENDITURE	32,071	26	32,097	32,078	3,445	35,523	(3,426)	(10.7%)	(3,177)	(250)

Objective Heading	Key Reasons for Projected Variance
Refuse Collection	The pandemic continues to result in increased costs of absence and holiday cover, and additional employee and vehicle costs for adherence to social distancing measures. Some of these vehicle costs are offset by increased income within social transport as mentioned below. At present these additional measures are forecast to remain in place for the full financial year. There is also an expected overspend on the supply of household waste bins, partly due to increased prices, and an under recovery of commercial waste income.
Household Waste Recycling Centres	In order to ensure the public can adhere safely to social distancing measures when visiting HWRC sites increased staffing was required to direct and control the operations. There are also ongoing costs of increased absence and holiday cover.
Refuse Disposal	There continues to be a significant increase in household waste for both residual and recycling tonnages, resulting in a forecast increase in the costs of disposal, compared to pre pandemic years. In addition there is an expected loss of income from both scrap metal and textile contracts.
Sustainability & Place	Management controls and actions to mitigate the overall costs of the pandemic have resulted in an underspend in employee costs due to vacancy management.
Social Transport	Additional driver support is required to adhere to service social distancing measures mainly within refuse collection, as mentioned above, resulting in increased income recovery.
Parking of Vehicles	Off street parking charges have now been reintroduced, however on and off street parking and fine recovery is remain significantly lower due to the pandemic, and this is expected to continue until the end of the financial year.

RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL
REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING STATEMENT 2021/22
1 April 2021 to 12 November 2021

POLICY BOARD : INFRASTRUCTURE, LAND AND ENVIRONMENT

Subjective Summary	Revised Annual Budget at P6	Budget Adjustments	Revised Annual Budget	Projected Outturn Core Business	Projected Outturn COVID-19	Total Projected Outturn	Budget Variance (Adverse) or Favourable		Previous Projected Outturn Variance	Movement
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	%	£000's	£000's
Employees	21,985	152	22,137	21,815	1,295	23,109	(972)	(4.4%)	(766)	(208)
Premises Related	1,069	23	1,092	1,256	19	1,275	(183)	(16.7%)	(238)	55
Transport Related	6,085	23	6,108	6,253	505	6,758	(650)	(10.6%)	(649)	(1)
Supplies and Services	12,509	127	12,636	12,856	739	13,595	(959)	(7.6%)	(868)	(91)
Third Party Payments	3,203	0	3,203	3,203		3,203	(0)	0.0%	(0)	0
Transfer Payments	110	1	111	91		91	20	18.0%	(24)	44
Support Services	186	2	188	192		192	(4)	(2.3%)	(3)	(2)
Depreciation and Impairment Losses	0	0	0	0		0	0	0.0%	0	0
GROSS EXPENDITURE	45,147	328	45,475	45,666	2,558	48,224	(2,749)	(6.0%)	(2,548)	(203)
Income	(13,076)	(302)	(13,378)	(13,588)	887	(12,701)	(677)	(5.1%)	(629)	(47)
NET EXPENDITURE	32,071	26	32,097	32,078	3,445	35,523	(3,426)	(10.7%)	(3,177)	(250)

RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL
 CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY - NON-HOUSING SERVICES
 1st April to 12th November 2021
 POLICY BOARD: INFRASTRUCTURE, LAND & ENVIRONMENT

Project Title	Include prior	Project Code	Prior Years Expenditure to 31/03/2021* £000	Current Year 2021-22						Full Programme - All years			
				Approved Budget 2021-22 £000	Budget Adjustments in 2021-22 £000	Revised Budget 2021-22 £000	Projected Outturn 2021-22 £000	Budget Variance (Adverse) or Favourable		Total Approved Budget to 31-Mar-26 £000	Projected Outturn to 31-Mar-26 £000	Budget Variance (Adverse) or Favourable	
ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE													
Cycling, Walking & Safer Streets (Funded by Specific Con	n	CU000CWLKSS	0	784	0	784	784	0	0%	1,284	1,284	0	0%
Roads/Footways Upgrade Programme	y	CGC02	15,584	9,900	(21)	9,879	9,879	0	0%	39,180	39,180	0	0%
Safe Road Crossing	Y	Safe Road Crossin	0	0	250	250	250	0	0%	250	250	0	0%
Vehicle Replacement Programme	n	GXT01	0	1,700	555	2,255	2,255	0	0%	3,012	3,012	0	0%
Bridge Assessment/Strengthening	n	CU000VHCLRP	0	569	(227)	342	342	0	0%	522	522	0	0%
Lighting Columns Replacement	n	CGC03	0	630	110	740	740	0	0%	900	900	0	0%
Traffic Management	n	CU000TFCMG	0	200	(64)	136	136	0	0%	236	236	0	0%
Core pathways & cycle network	Y	athways & cycle n	19	0	43	43	43	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
Parks Improvement Programme	y	CGC04	2,122	228	5	233	233	0	0%	2,390	2,390	0	0%
Improvements to Outdoor Access and Play Area Program	y	CGC06	0	0	500	500	500	0	0%	1,600	1,600	0	0%
Multi Pupos Bins	y	CU000MUPUBN	60	20	(20)	0	0	0	0%	80	80	0	0%
Improvements to Cemetery Estate	y	CGC05	1,209	150	(59)	91	91	0	0%	1,441	1,441	0	0%
Underwood Depot - Workshop Improvements	y	CU000UDEPOT	106	0	206	206	206	0	0%	312	312	0	0%
Clyde Mission Fund - Renfrew Riverside to Paisley TC Active Travel Route	Y	CU000CLYMSS	0	0	65	65	65	0	0%	1,035	1,035	0	0%
Renewal of Play Parks	Y	CU000RNWLP	0	0	158	158	158	0	0%	158	158	0	0%
Nature Restoration Fund	Y	CU000NATURE	0	0	157	157	157	0	0%	157	157	0	0%
Strathclyde Partnership Transport	n	Project Code. Ne	0	0	885	885	885	0	0%	885	885	0	0%
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE, LAND & ENVIRONMENT BOARD			19,100	14,181	2,543	16,724	16,724	0	0%	53,642	53,642	0	0%

*Rolling programmes have a prior year year expenditure of £0 as the expenditure is not directly linked from one year to the next as a singular project.



To: Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board

On: 26 January 2022

Report by: Director of Environment & Infrastructure and
Director of Communities and Housing

Heading: Operational Performance Report

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an overview of key service activities since the last Policy Board report on 3rd of November 2021 and an operational performance update on the services and key projects delivered during this period.
- 1.2 Operational Services have continued on a 'business as usual' basis while working within the current Covid-19 restrictions. All required safety measures are in place and are now well established.
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2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board:

- 2.1 Approves the operational performance update detailed within this report.
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3. Background

- 3.1 Environment & Infrastructure provides essential services to every household in Renfrewshire and works in partnership with the local community, other service areas and Community Planning Partners, to deliver key Council priorities and initiatives. A progress update on the main activities delivered by the services within Environment & Infrastructure, in respect of the areas of activity delegated to this Policy Board, is detailed below.

- 3.2 Operational Services have continued to deliver services as normal while working within the current Covid-19 restrictions. These include social distancing, enhanced cleaning and PPE measures. Employees across the service continue to show great commitment and resilience while delivering essential services, across Renfrewshire.
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Updates for Infrastructure Land and Environment Policy Board

4 Fleet, Roads and Transportation

4.1 Depot Improvements – Underwood Road

The service continues to carry out maintenance and improvements to Underwood Road depot. The installation of new access barriers and digital CCTV to improve safety and security of the site are well underway and are scheduled to be complete by the end of January. The improvement to the parking is progressing well with the area to left hand side of the entrance in operation and the new hedgerow already planted, with the centre area and hedgerow to the right being completed in February. We have received the design for the RCV parking area with works due to be complete in March.

4.2 Fleet Vehicle Repair Workshop

The improvement works to the vehicle repair workshop and equipment is now complete and operational. The new safety inspection pit, computerised brake testing, suspension, steering and light testing that are all integral to the facility will bring significant benefits to productivity, safer working methods and compliance. Also, the new taxi testing lane and vehicle tyre fitting station are complete and fully operational. This project is now complete.

4.3 Roads Capital Programme

The Roads Capital investment programme for 2021/22 is nearing completion. The carriageway resurfacing element has ended for the year with 90 of the programmed 98 schemes complete. 8 schemes did not commence due to either lack of contractor availability or proximity to COVID19 testing centres, these will carry into the next financial year. 30 footways have also been resurfaced and this work will continue until March.

The surface dressing programme is complete (16 schemes) as is the micro-surfacing programme (16 schemes) with only remedial works remaining. The permanent patching programme will continue for the coming months.

Community Investment Fund

- 4.4 Members were updated at the last meeting of the ILE Policy Board in relation to the launch of the #YouDecide campaign on 4 October 2021.

- 4.5 A wide ranging programme of community engagement took place between 4 October and 14 November with roadshows taking place across Renfrewshire. The campaign was supported by a highly visible marketing and communications campaign including radio adverts, bus shelter advertising and leaflet drops. Officers from the team

attended each of the local partnership meetings to raise awareness of the fund and provide an overview of the next steps.

4.6 The engagement with the communities has been a positive experience with communities and individuals contributing 2,843 ideas. These ideas will now be shortlisted prior to being taken forward to a public vote in February 2022.

4.7 **Winter Maintenance**

Roads Operations have been conducting winter maintenance duties since the 1st of October. Up until the 12th of January the service has applied salt to the roads of Renfrewshire on 39 days using 2,188 tonnes of salt. Stocks are replenished on a rolling programme when required to maintain resilience.

4.8 **Active Travel Update**

4.8.1 The White Cart footbridge reopened on 25th November 2021 after more than a quarter of a century. The link over the river will soon form part of a new walking and cycle route from Renfrew to Paisley planned for construction in 2022, as well as complementing the Clyde Waterfront and Renfrew Riverside project and Glasgow Airport Cycle Route. The refurbishment of the bridge also precedes £38million of investment from the Levelling Up Fund for the area, which includes a new road bridge over the White Cart, an east-west road linking Renfrew Road and Love Street, and enhance links with Paisley town centre, Glasgow Airport and the Advanced Manufacturing Innovation District Scotland.

4.8.2 The build phase for the Mission Clyde funded route along the abandoned rail line parallel to Renfrew Road as far as Wright Street, and then onwards to Renfrew riverside is starting at the end of January 2022. The project will provide an important active travel link from Paisley Gilmour Street Station all the way to the River Clyde. The route passes close to two primary schools, the proposed site for Paisley Grammar School, two public parks and a number of important retail and employment sites. In addition, funding has been recently received for an extension of this route under the Renfrew Road bridge to Gallowhill.

4.8.3 Works to strengthen the weak footways on Crosslee bridge, over the national cycle route 7, started in November 2021. This is one of the last in the programme to bring all the Council's bridges fully to national weight bearing standard.

4.8.4 The Council has been successful in securing £143,000 from Sustrans Scotland to upgrade the National Cycle Route network in Renfrewshire.

Works will take place at a total of 11 sites along the national cycle route network and will include works to improve access, including lowering kerbs, improving sightlines and installation of ramps. The works will take place in the following locations:

- B21/11 NCR7 to Clippens Rd and Kashmir Ave Linwood
- B21/13 NCR7 Green Rd Paisley
- B21/17 NCR7 Lounsdale Rd / Green Rd Paisley
- B21/22 NCR7 to South Campbell St Paisley

- B21/2 NCR75 link to Horsewood Rd Bridge of Weir
- B21/3 NCR75 new link to Livery Sq Bridge of Weir
- B21/6 NCR75 Prieston Rd Bridge of Weir
- B21/7 NCR75 link to Gilmartin Road Linwood
- B21/8 NCR75 Stirling Dr Linwood
- B21/9a NCR7 Muirend Dr Linwood
- B21/10 NCR75 Muirend Dr Linwood (ramp)

Due to the nature of this funding, work will begin in mid-January 2022 and we aim for our contractor to complete them by the end of March 2022. All Elected Members, the relevant Community Councils and Local Partnerships have been advised of the works taking place.

- 4.8.5 The segregated shared cycle way project from Bishopton and Dargavel to Glasgow Airport started in November 2021, with the section from Red Smiddy Roundabout to Inchinnan Drive Roundabout, with planned completion date of March 2022. This is an important element in the Council's cycling strategy network and will connect to City Deal's proposals for around Glasgow airport.
- 4.8.6 Environment & Infrastructure Services continue to work with schools and communities to implement new Active Travel projects as part of the Smarter Choices, Smarter Places funding programme. Trinity High and St David's Primary were awarded funding to increase active travel options with cycle stands.
- 4.8.7 The pilot feasibility traffic reduction studies in village settings within Renfrewshire has started with the consultation phase with key stakeholders. The pilot will initially focus on the villages of Howwood, Kilbarchan and Houston which have distinct traffic and speeding related issue. It is proposed that the feasibility studies are carried out to assess traffic volumes, speeds and travel patterns and then consider a range of potential traffic interventions that could improve road safety in the areas.
- 4.8.8 The pilot of a Pay by Phone Parking App has been awarded, this will see the rationalisation and relocation of some older style parking meters with a payment option being provided through a smartphone App.
- 4.8.9 Better Points is a travel incentive scheme which will be implemented in Johnstone for 12 months by providing a smartphone app to motivate employees and the public to make positive changes to their behaviour by travelling more sustainably. BetterPoints Limited are the developers of this initiative. A feasibility study for Renfrewshire Council conducted by Arcadis in 2020/21 on the cost effectiveness of Better Points as a carbon reduction tool, recommended a 12-month trial and the contract has been awarded with results of trial brought back to this board.

4.9 Pavement Parking Consultation

- 4.9.1 Members will be aware of one of the key provisions of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 was to introduce a ban on pavement parking. The implementation of the ban

has been delayed, largely due to the COVID-19 pandemic and it is now expected that the ban will be in place for 2023.

- 4.9.2 As part of the implementation the Scottish Government has launched the first in a series of consultations on specific aspects of the proposed regulations. The first of these was launched on the 17th December 2021 with a closing date of March 2022. This particular consultation is focusses on the proposals around local authorities issuing exemptions to streets as part of the ban. Although the consultation asks a number of set questions, the main focus of the consultation is proposing that Councils adopt a similar process for exemptions as there is for Traffic Regulation Orders. This would mean a statutory consultation period as well as specific criteria that the exemption should meet.
- 4.9.3 Officers will look to respond to this consultation. The deadline is before the next Policy board and as such will look to agree the response in consultation with the convener of the ILE for submission.

5 Parks Investment

- 5.1 The tender process for Maxwellton Park has been completed and the contact awarded. Lochwinnoch did not receive any valid bids, this tender was reissued on 15 December 2021 along with phase 2 tenders which included Tinto Square, East End Park, Ben Lawers (Hawkhead Park), Durrockstock Park, Morar Drive and Ellerslie Street. The closing date for these submissions is 11th February 2022.
- 5.2 Clearing of the area in Robertson Park which included thinning of overhead tree canopies, trimming back and clearing undergrowth is now complete. The next stage is to reinstate to grass and then the installation of outdoor gym equipment can take place in the spring of 2022. The Council has been working with the local community through the newly established Friends of Robertson Park to shape and support this investment. We consulted with the community through December and early January with 479 responses being received on what they would like to see within this area. This has been taken forward into a tendering process to reflect the community's wishes.

6 StreetScene

- 6.1 In June 2014, the Scottish Government published the country's first National Litter Strategy "*Towards a Litter Free Scotland: A Strategic Approach to Higher Quality Local Environments*". This was further reviewed in November 2019 and whilst there were some successes, it was widely noted that litter and fly tipping remained a problem across the whole of Scotland.
- 6.2 As a result, the Scottish Government, in partnership with Zero Waste Scotland, Keep Scotland Beautiful and Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), launched a consultation seeking views on the aims, objectives and actions that will sit under the new *National Litter and Flytipping Strategy for Scotland*. The consultation was published on 13 December 2021 and will run until 31 March 2022.

- 6.3 Individual members of the public or groups can feed into the draft strategy via the following link - <https://consult.gov.scot/environment-forestry/national-litter-and-flytipping-strategy/>. It is proposed that a paper and draft response to the consultation is brought back to the Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board on 23 March 2022 to allow a Renfrewshire Council response to be submitted.
- 6.4 A list of statues, monuments and plaques and their respective locations within Renfrewshire has been established, plotted and recorded on the Council's asset database along with respective ownership and responsibility where this information is known. Cleaning works on 4 of the statues in Paisley Town Centre have been completed.

7 Climate Change

Electric Vehicle Chargepoints

- 7.1 Installation of additional electric charging equipment in Underwood Road is complete, the charging network within the depot cannot be expanded further until the new main power supply and substation are installed later in 2022.
- 7.2 Electric Vehicle charging points have been installed at Robertson Park Depot in Renfrew for Fleet Vehicles. The contract for an EV Charging Hub at Stow Brae Car Park has been awarded as part of the regeneration works planned for Causeyside Street and providing local residents, businesses and rail users of Canal Street Station with twelve electric vehicle charging bays.

Biodiversity

- 7.3 With the establishment of the Biodiversity Officer role within Streetscene, teams are now actively working to implement the previously approved 7 areas:
- Wildflower Corridors (3)
Paisley - Linwood Road
Paisley, St James's - Greenock Road
Erskine - A726
 - Wildflower Areas (2, small)
Paisley - Glenburn Road
Johnstone - Spateston
 - Trees & Woodland Plantations (2)
Inchinnan - Freeland Drive
Paisley - Newark Drive /Mossneuk Drive /Nethercraigs Drive

8 Team Up to Clean Up

- 8.1 As Team Up to Clean Up closes its fourth calendar year, the award-winning Campaign continues to appeal to Renfrewshire residents with almost 3,500 members. Team Up to Clean Up grew considerably throughout the year as a consequence of the pandemic/lockdown and individuals seeking to carry out a worthwhile, feel-good activity to improve local nature and their neighbourhoods. Throughout 2021, almost 9,000 volunteers removed 17,000 bags of litter, weeds or detritus during 4,500 events.

A physical event to demonstrate the Council's gratitude to the volunteers has not been possible, therefore Erskine Arts created a short video with staff involved in the Campaign, including relevant Conveners / Depute Conveners, thanking volunteers for their ongoing efforts. Volunteers were further offered a platform to voice what the Campaign means to them. The top 14 volunteers were gifted a practical Handicart trolley to assist in undertaking their on-going litterpicks.

- 8.2 Participating volunteers in the Winter Warriors mini project were issued with new supplies of salt to ensure gifted salt spreaders remain a valuable and effective community resource.

9 Waste and Recycling Services

- 9.1 Waste Operations are using the real-time data being compiled by operatives to reduce missed collections with promising results so far. This is reviewed daily and allows the data to be interrogated to reveal service issues and develop permanent solutions to reduce future recurrence. Having the most up to date information available assists more efficient deployment of staff is proving beneficial. The improved management information allows preventive and corrective actions to be taken and enables service queries to be answered with more accurate information.
- 9.2 The Service is reviewing the recycling infrastructure within the councils' school estate with a view to reducing residual waste and maximising the quantity and quality of recycling. Also, the area by area review has commenced, starting with Commercial collections in Johnstone, this will be dovetailed with the works in schools to improve infrastructure and recycling in both these areas.
- 9.3 The Council's two bids to the Scottish Governments Recycling Improvement Fund (RIF) were unsuccessful, however follow up discussions have been taking place with representatives from Zero Waste Scotland to explore alternative options for the next round of funding. A number of other bids which sought to improve the volume of recyclables being removed from the waste stream across Scotland were accepted and these projects will be implemented during the current financial year. The board will be kept apprised of any future bids to the RIF.
- 9.4 As reported to board on 3 November 2021, funding was awarded from Zero Waste Scotland for the undertaking of a full detailed waste and recycling composition analysis. Following on from a tender process, the analysis is taking place from 21st February 2022, running for 4 weeks with the project being completed for 31st March 2022. The results of the analysis will be used to aid the Council in its future Waste Strategy planning as well as measuring the success (or otherwise) of its current recycling collections.

10 Awards

- 10.1 The roads operations team performance reported through the APSE performance network demonstrated strong contention for 'Most improved Council for Highway

Maintenance and Winter Maintenance’. Unfortunately, the team was unsuccessful as overall winners in this category at the awards on Friday 3 December 2021.

10.2 Local Government Chronicles (LGC)

Team Up to Clean Up was shortlisted in 2 categories for the LGC awards. The two categories were

- Environmental Services, and
- Community Involvement.

Presentations for each of these categories were well received on 23 and 24 of September in Shoreditch, London. Unfortunately, Team Up to Clean Up was unsuccessful as overall winners in these categories at the awards on 4 November 2021.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – The proposed reintroduction of car parking charges will recommence income from Council car parks in Paisley Town Centre.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None
3. **Community & Council Planning**

Our Renfrewshire is thriving / Reshaping our place, our economy and our future - the service is actively involved in the Invest in Renfrewshire scheme and investing in road network to support and facilitate economic growth.

Creating a sustainable Renfrewshire for all to enjoy - working in partnership with the community to deliver a cleaner Renfrewshire. Promoting and encouraging waste minimisation through reducing, reusing and recycling. Reducing carbon emissions, through LED streetlights and electric and low emission vehicles within the Council fleet.

Our Renfrewshire is well - the service encourages use of our parks and open spaces to promote a healthy and active lifestyle.

4. **Legal** – None
5. **Property/Assets** – The Council’s roads, fleet and open space infrastructure is maintained and enhanced.
6. **Information Technology** – None
7. **Equality & Human Rights** - 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. If

required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website

8. **Health & Safety** – None
9. **Procurement** – None
10. **Risk** – CRMG are continuing to review the Council's risk profile in light of the coronavirus pandemic.
11. **Privacy Impact** – None
12. **CoSLA Policy Position** – None
13. **Climate Risk** – The Council continues to explore opportunities to secure external funding to deliver sustainable, green infrastructure projects.

List of Background Papers: none

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To: Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board

On: 26 January 2022

Report by: Head of Economy and Development

Heading: Clyde Climate Forest

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Clyde Climate Forest initiative has been developed as a part of a wider response to tackling climate change across the Glasgow City Region. The purpose of the initiative is to support tree planting projects which contribute to a new urban 'forest' across the City Region that deliver a broad range of climate and ecological benefits.
 - 1.2 The purpose of this report is to update members on the Clyde Climate Forest initiative and delivery within Renfrewshire.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board:
 - (i) Notes development of the Clyde Climate Forest and role of the initiative in contributing to the Council's response to climate change;
 - (ii) Approves the delivery of future phases of the initiative in Renfrewshire, subject to consultation with local communities and stakeholders.
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3. Background

- 3.1. The Clyde Climate Forest initiative was developed in early 2021 as part of a wider response to tackling climate change across the Glasgow City Region.

The initiative has been led by the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership, which includes the region's eight local authorities and key agencies such as NatureScot and Forestry and Land Scotland.

- 3.2. The purpose of the initiative is to deliver a significant increase in tree planting across the Glasgow City Region by 2032, contributing to a new urban 'forest' which provides a range of climate and ecological benefits. In particular, the initiative seeks to:-
 - Undertake tree planting schemes in neighbourhoods where there are low levels of tree cover and which may be vulnerable to the impacts of climate change;
 - Support development of new native woodlands which join up existing habitats;
 - Double the current rate of planting in the region.
- 3.3. The initiative was endorsed by the Glasgow City Region Cabinet on 9 February 2021 and formally launched in June 2021. A small Clyde Climate Forest team is now engaging with local authorities, key partners and stakeholders on delivery. Initial phases of the project are funded by a £400,000 grant from the Woodland Trust.
- 3.4. The Council's Climate Change Sub-Committee considered the Clyde Climate Forest initiative at its meeting on 17 November 2021'.
- 3.5. Renfrewshire Council declared a Climate Emergency on 27 June 2019. A key element of the Council's approach to climate change is to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2030, with a net zero carbon plan under development. The Clyde Climate Forest initiative will support the Council's work through the planting of trees which offset carbon emissions.

4. Clyde Climate Forest - Delivery

- 4.1. Inaugural tree planting events took place in each of the eight City Region local authorities to coincide with the formal launch of the Clyde Climate Forest in early summer 2021. In Renfrewshire a small area of native woodland (0.2 ha) was planted within Barwood Park, Erskine, following consultation with local ward members, local community groups and stakeholders.
- 4.2. Each of the City Region local authorities have now been tasked with identifying potential locations which could support future phases of the initiative. Guidance from the Clyde Climate Forest team has suggested that potential locations should meet the criteria set out in section 3.2 above, with a particular focus on priority Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) data zones.
- 4.3. Following consideration at the Climate Change Sub Committee of 17th November 2021 and to support delivery of the initiative within Renfrewshire, approval is sought from the Board for officers (Chief Executive's Service and Environment and Infrastructure Service) to work with the Clyde Climate Forest team to identify potential sites which align with the selection criteria and engage with ward members, residents, community groups and stakeholders as appropriate.

- 4.4. Progress on the delivery of the Clyde Climate Forest in Renfrewshire will be reported to the Climate Change Sub-Committee as appropriate.
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Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – Initial phases of the Clyde Climate Forest are funded by an external grant of £400,000 from the Woodland Trust.
 2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None.
 3. **Community Planning** –
Creating a sustainable Renfrewshire for all to enjoy – The Clyde Climate Forest will support the Council’s response to climate change and delivery of the Renfrewshire Biodiversity Strategy 2018-2022 through the offsetting of carbon emissions and planting works which support, enhance and connect existing habitats.
 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. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council’s website.
 8. **Health & Safety** – None.
 9. **Procurement** – None.
 10. **Risk** – None.
 11. **Privacy Impact** – None.
 12. **COSLA Policy Position** – None.
 13. **Climate Change** – Implementation of the Clyde Climate Forest within Renfrewshire will support the Council’s response to Climate change and achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2030 through planting of trees which offset carbon emissions.
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Appendices

1. Minute of Glasgow City Region Cabinet, 9 February 2021
<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/submissiondocuments.asp?submissionid=99464>

2. Clyde Climate Forest Summary

<https://www.gcvgreennetwork.gov.uk/publications/793-clyde-climate-forest-synopsis>

List of Background Papers

- (a) None

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To: Infrastructure, Land & Environment Policy Board

On: 26 January 2022

Report by: Head of Economy & Development

Heading: Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park – proposed governance

1. Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to agree the proposed governance arrangements (as they relate to Renfrewshire) for Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park, following the dissolution of the Park Authority in March 2021 and to appoint elected members from the Board to be the Council's representatives on two proposed Liaison Groups

2. Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that the Board:

- i) Agree to the recommended governance for Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park as set out in **section 4** of this report;
 - ii) Agree to appoint two elected members from the Infrastructure, Land & Environment Policy Board to represent the Council on a proposed Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park (Renfrewshire) Liaison Group, with one member being appointed from the Administration Group and one member being appointed from the opposition members.; and
 - iii) Agree to appoint two elected members from the Board to represent the Council on a Renfrewshire / Inverclyde Clyde Muirshiel Park Liaison Group, with one member being appointed from the Administration Group and one member being appointed from the opposition members.
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3. **Background**

- 3.1 The local authorities of Renfrewshire, Inverclyde and North Ayrshire agreed to dissolve the Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park Authority with effect from 31 March 2021.
- 3.2 On 19 February 2021 the Park Authority considered and agreed a report outlining the proposed next steps in terms of governance and maintenance of the Park.
- 3.3 This report takes its lead from the decisions of that meeting of the Park Authority.

4. **Proposed Governance**

- 4.1 No change is proposed to the current Renfrewshire Council Scheme of Delegation which places responsibility for Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park (CMRP) with the Infrastructure, Land & Environment (ILE) Policy Board of the Council. Officers from Environment & Infrastructure, Chief Executive's and other services will continue to provide support as required.
- 4.2 A new Strategy will be prepared during 2022 for the Renfrewshire area of CMRP. This will be prepared by the Chief Executive's Service (Economy and Development) in consultation with colleagues from other relevant departments. This CMRP Strategy will be brought to the ILE Board for consideration prior to formal public consultation and for ultimate approval.
- 4.3 The preparation work on the new CMRP Strategy will be overseen by a **CMRP (Renfrewshire) Liaison Group**. This Group will consist of:
 - Renfrewshire Ward 9 elected members;
 - 2 elected member representatives of the ILE Policy Board (one from the Administration Group and one from the opposition members)
 - Lochwinnoch Community Council (chair or another nominated representative)
 - Residents' association representative (as applicable);
 - 2 representatives from locally based businesses within Ward 9;
 - Council's Chief Economic and Regeneration Officer (will chair Group); and
 - Other Council officer representatives as considered appropriate by the chair.
- 4.4 This Liaison Group will agree on a draft Strategy to be presented to the ILE Board in due course. It is proposed that this Liaison Group would meet quarterly with dates to be arranged and agreed.
- 4.5 The Strategy will aim to agree a shared longer-term vision for the role of the CMRP in Renfrewshire and examine its potential to add to the Renfrewshire visitor offer and assist in achieving the Council's economic development objectives. The Strategy will also consider wider key issues, including climate change adaptation/mitigation and biodiversity.

The CMRP (Renfrewshire) Liaison Group would aim to engage with both local communities and local business in recommending the content of this longer-term vision. A formal consultation on a draft version of the Strategy will take place once it has been endorsed by the Council's ILE Board.

- 4.6 The February 2021 report to the CMRP Authority agreed that there would be a **Renfrewshire / Inverclyde CMRP Liaison Group** set up.

This report recommends that this is also set up and acts as a sounding board for the outcomes of work emerging by both local authorities (including the work of the CMRP (Renfrewshire) Liaison Group). This cross-boundary group is proposed to meet twice a year with dates to be arranged and agreed.

- 4.7 The Renfrewshire / Inverclyde Group would be made up of two elected members representatives from each of the two authorities together with senior officers from both Councils. In the case of Renfrewshire, the proposal is that the 2 representatives for the cross-boundary group would be drawn from the ILE Board. These could be the same members as agreed to represent the authority on the Renfrewshire Liaison Group.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – None. The operation of the proposed Liaison Groups and the preparation of a CMRP Strategy will be met from existing budgets.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None.
3. **Community Planning** – The intention will be that the outcomes of the CMRP Liaison Group will be widely reported and shared with Community Councils and Local Partnerships to ensure that activities and initiatives can be aligned as far as possible.
4. **Legal** – None.
5. **Property/Assets** – The Council is a key landowner within CMRP and any decisions regarding changes to the existing use of that property will continue to be made by the appropriate and approved Board and officer delegations for Renfrewshire Council
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. Required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

8. **Health & Safety** – None.
9. **Procurement** – None.
10. **Risk** – None.
11. **Privacy Impact** – None.
12. **Cosla Policy Position** – Not applicable.
13. **Climate Risk** – None. The CMRP Strategy will examine opportunities to reduce climate risk and align with the Renfrewshire Climate Adaptation Strategy in due course.

List of Background Papers

- (a) None.

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To: Infrastructure, Land & Environment Policy Board

On: 26 January 2022

Report by: Head of Economy and Development

Heading: 66 Netherhill Road, Paisley, PA3 4RL

1. Summary

1.1 This report advises the Board on the provisional terms and conditions agreed for a new lease of the property at 66 Netherhill Road, Paisley.

2. Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that the Board –

Grant's authority to the Head of Economy and Development and the Head of Corporate Governance to conclude a new lease of the shop property at 66 Netherhill Road, Paisley on the terms and conditions contained in this report.

3. Background

3.1 Boots UK Ltd has been the tenant at 66 Netherhill Road, Paisley, since May 2008. The existing lease was due to expire in May 2017 and is running on a year-to-year basis at an annual rental of £4,200. Boots has requested a new 5-year lease to provide security of tenure prior to undertaking a planned refit of the shop to improve dispensing facilities.

3.2 The Council will secure a national occupier as tenant, who will improve the condition of the property and secure chemist/pharmacy provision for the local neighbourhood.

3.3 Discussions have taken place with Boots' representatives, and the following main terms and conditions of lease have been provisionally agreed;

4. **Proposed terms and conditions of lease;**

- i. The existing lease shall come to an end in May 2022, at its natural expiry.
- ii. The new lease shall be for a period of 5 years and shall be on the Council's standard Full Repairing and Insuring terms.
- iii. The Lease will include a tenant only break option at the end of year three upon three months prior written notice.
- iv. The initial annual rent shall be £4,200. The tenant originally sought a three month rent free period, but this was rejected.
- v. The premises shall continue to be used as a Pharmacy.
- vi. The tenant shall be responsible for meeting the Council's reasonable legal and professional expenses incurred in concluding the new lease and for the payment of registration dues and LBTT.
- vii. Any other reasonable terms and conditions considered necessary to protect the Council's interest.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – Annual rent of £4,200 to be received.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None.
3. **Community Planning**
Our Renfrewshire is thriving – New lease will provide tenant with more security.
4. **Legal** – New lease of property required.
5. **Property/Assets** – As per this report.
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 because no groups or individuals have any involvement currently at the property. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
8. **Health & Safety** – None.
9. **Procurement** – Not applicable.
10. **Risk** – None.

11. **Privacy Impact** – Not applicable.
12. **Cosla Policy Position** – Not applicable.
13. **Climate Risk** – None.

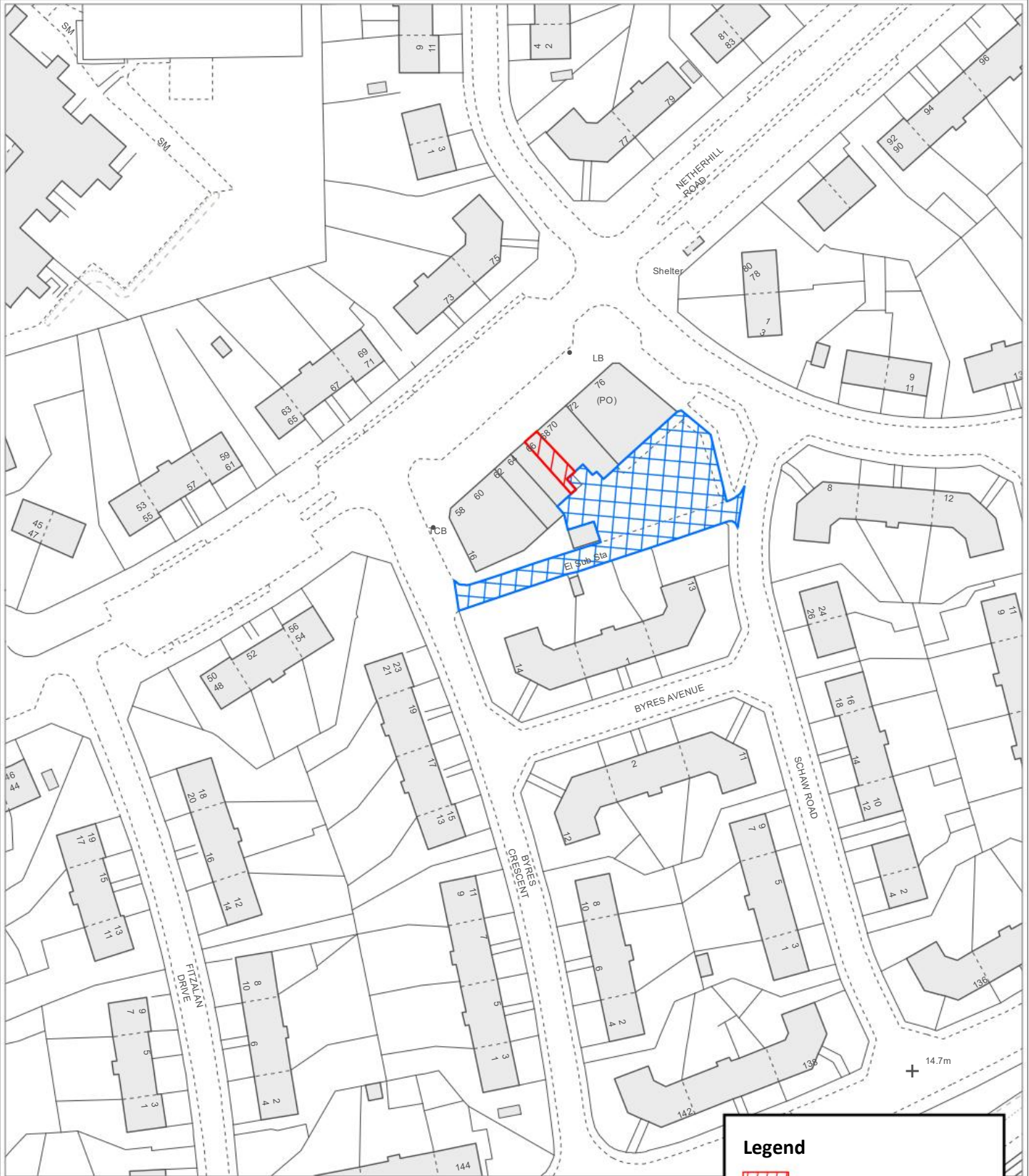
List of Background Papers

- (a) Background Paper 1 – None.



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Legend

-  Shop area (55 sqm or thereabouts)
-  Service road & yard

Notes:

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