



To: **Jobs and the Economy Thematic Board**
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REGENERATION PROJECTS ROUND UP

1. Summary

Good progress is being made in taking forward the Council's key regeneration projects, the Paisley Heritage Asset Strategy and the City Deal.

2. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board notes the report.

3. Paisley Heritage Asset Strategy

The Paisley Town Centre Heritage Asset Strategy was launched in June 2014 and aims to use the town's outstanding cultural, architectural and industrial heritage as the basis for a wide-ranging programme of regeneration to benefit all of Renfrewshire. In the 12 months since the launch of the strategy there has been significant progress made in taking forward a number of the projects identified in the strategy. These include:

Paisley Museum Refurbishment / Extension

A team of specialist consultants led by the internationally regarded museum designers Metaphor as well as Page & Park Architects has commenced work to deliver the masterplan for the transformation of the museum. This will provide the robust Outline Business Case required to gain wider support and funding for project delivery. This stage of work will be complete later this year and will inform the detailed design stage and also the funding requirements for delivery of the project.

Museum Store Relocation

The purpose of this project is to relocate the Council's museum collections storage facility from Whitehaugh Barracks into the lower ground floor of the former Littlewoods store on Paisley High Street. The project will enable controlled public access to collections that are currently not on display and will bring people into the town centre and provide a decant space during the museum refurbishment. The detailed design work is now underway as is cataloguing of the collections.

InCube Business Incubator

27 High Street (formerly H. M. Samuel) has been refurbished as a Business incubator where new businesses can start or an existing small business can grow, in an environment supported by business

advice and shared services. The competition to gain access to the facility will be judged on 21st May and the opening is scheduled for 24th June.

Townscape Heritage/Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme

The Heritage Lottery Fund has approved a Stage 1 award with £113,300 allocated to develop detailed plans for a large-scale project to restore buildings on the High Street and in the area around Shuttle Street. Dedicated project staff are now in post to develop the full Stage 2 application for submission in early 2016.

Business Case for Theatre, Cinema Venue

A community development trust "Paisley 2021" has formed to develop a business case for the creation of a new theatre/cinema space in Paisley. The Council is supporting the Trust as it develops its vision. The Trust has sought quotes for their Feasibility/Business Case commission and the Council will provide funding to the group to progress this stage.

Russell Institute

The Council has formally taken ownership of the building, and work is now underway to refurbish the building.

Former Arnotts Site

Work is now progressing on the site of the former Arnotts Building. With retention of the historic frontage, the building will house 11 flats for sale, and a ground floor commercial lease. Marketing of the flats will commence shortly, and heads of terms for the tenant of the ground floor commercial space are currently being concluded.

Partner Engagement

Meetings have been held with a number of key organisations to explore opportunities for collaborative working and /or funding. The first OECD visit in January brought many of the national and regional agencies together in Paisley. The second visit on 26 - 27 March had a focus around textiles, fashion and the Creative Industries. Emergent themes were around the protection of the Paisley Pattern brand as the intellectual property of Paisley, defining the Paisley School for the re-emergence of textile business and establishing a new Paisley Pattern event in the town. The next visit in early June will focus on Renfrewshire's role in the City Region and maximising economic benefits at a City Region level.

Events and Festivals

The Spring/Summer events programme began with Paisley's hugely successful Beer and Food Festival in April with planning underway for StreetVelodrome, Sma' Shot Day, British Cycling's National Youth Circuit Race Championships, Paisley Pipe Band competition, Fire Engine Rally and Doors Open Day.

Arrangements are progressing to host a 'Paisley Takeover' event where up to sixty local 15 to 24-year-olds will work with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra in the build up to a major concert in the Town Hall in October as part of the Spree festival. The engagement and learning aspect of the project will see participants deliver one-hour musical workshops to more than 500 primary school pupils around Renfrewshire.

City of Culture

Bidding to become UK City of Culture in 2021 was identified in the strategy as providing a potential catalyst to deliver regeneration for the town. The bidding timetable for the 2021 competition has now been confirmed as 2017. Officers have undertaken research into other areas who have entered the competition including, Derry- Londonderry, Dundee and Hull, and consideration is currently being given to the arrangements and resources required to deliver a successful bid. This will be the subject of a paper to Council later this month.

4. City Deal

The Glasgow and Clyde Valley City Deal will deliver £1.13bn of investment in infrastructure projects across the City Region, with Renfrewshire benefiting from £274m of the investment spend. Renfrewshire Council is leading on delivery of two of the projects, the Glasgow Airport Investment Area, and the Clyde Waterfront/ Renfrew Riverside project, the Glasgow Airport Link project is being delivered jointly with Glasgow City Council.

The early focus of the projects has been on the development of Strategic Business Cases which were submitted in draft form on the 31 March. These are now being refined for submission in final form.

Glasgow Airport Investment Area (GAIA) Project

With an infrastructure cost of £51m, this project will provide investment in road infrastructure, including a realignment of Abbotsinch Road and a new bridge across the White Cart in to the Moorfield/Westway site, enabling expansion of the airport and the development of other business sites. Improvements will be made to walking and cycling links, including to Inchinnan Business Park. Construction start is anticipated in 2018 with completion by 2025.

Clyde Waterfront/Renfrew Riverside Project

With an infrastructure cost of £78m, this project includes a new lifting bridge over the River Clyde between Renfrew and Yoker, the construction of the Renfrew North Development Road and other infrastructure improvements to enhance accessibility to key development sites along the river. Construction start is anticipated in 2018 with completion by 2020.

Airport Access Project

This project will be delivered jointly with Glasgow City Council. Governance arrangements are in place between Renfrewshire and Glasgow City Councils. With an infrastructure cost of £144m, the project aims to deliver a new fixed link between Glasgow Airport and Glasgow Central station, stopping at Paisley Gilmour Street station. Early work has identified that some form of light rail system (tram-train) will provide an effective and deliverable solution. However, a considerable amount of work requires to be undertaken to address a number of technical issues before the final shape of the project can be determined. Construction start is anticipated in 2020 with completion by 2024, with the system operational by around 2025.