
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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