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**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**

**POLICY AND RESOURCES  
COMMITTEE**

**DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC**

## 2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Policy and Resources Committee:-

- a. Note the funding announced by the Scottish Government as part of its Emergency Budget Review for 2023/24 financial year for Local Authorities with responsibility for islands; and
- b. Agree that arrangements for the fund be based on funding to support similar initiatives to those agreed for 2022/23 and detailed in Table 1 but that the specific details and funding split be delegated to the Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth in consultation with the Leader, Depute Leader, Leader of the largest Opposition Group and the Policy Lead for Islands to ensure that the support reaches communities as quickly as possible.

## 3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 The Scottish Government has announced that there will be an allocation of £1 million Island Cost of Crisis Emergency funding for 23/24 and this will be distributed across the six Local Authorities with responsibility for islands.
- 3.2 The funding is for the 2023/24 financial year only. The fund of £141,000 to Argyll and Bute will be paid as a redetermination of the General Revenue Grant during the last 2 weeks in March 2024. The formal letter of grant has still be received.
- 3.3 As members will recall the Scottish Government first provided Island Cost of Crisis Emergency funding in 2022/23. The allocation for Argyll and Bute in 22/23 was £197,000. Policy and Resources Committee in December 2022 agreed 22/23 funding to the Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth in consultation with the Leader, Depute Leader, Leader of the largest Opposition Group and the Policy Lead for Islands the allocation was agreed as detailed in the table below:-

**Table 1 ICCEF 2022/23 Distribution**

Argyll and Bute Council Love Local  
Giftcards



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