

PORT RIDDELL SLIP – UPDATE AND FUTURE OPTIONS

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides members with an update on Port Riddell Slip, Dunoon following the decision to remove the project from the Rural Growth Deal (RGD) Tourism and Place Programme. As part of the options appraisal process for the Rural Growth Deal Argyll and Bute Council commissioned Stantec and Mott MacDonald to carry out a strategic options appraisal for the Port Riddell Slip. A copy of the report is included in Appendix 1 of this report.
- 1.2 The RGD Programme Board made the decision in May 2023 to remove this project from consideration for funding under the RGD as it was unlikely that a robust business case in the context of the Treasury Five-Case Model could be made for such an investment. As such, it was very unlikely that this project would meet the criteria necessary for investment via the RGD.
- 1.3 It is recommended that the Area Committee:
- Note that members of the local community have indicated that there remains interest in the redevelopment of Port Riddell Slip to facilitate enhanced access to the local marine environment for leisure activities.
 - Note that Port Riddell Slip is no longer part of the RGD programme and no funding has currently been identified to progress any enhancements to this facility. This project could be considered for future grant funding bids or a community asset transfer.
 - Note that the facility is currently in a poor state of repair and vehicular access from the A815 has been restricted however, members of the public can still access the facility on foot. Consideration should be given to installing signage advising the public that use of the facility is at their own risk.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

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5.0 CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 Port Riddell Slip was considered as part of the Rural Growth Deal options appraisal process however, this project was not progressed as it was unlikely that a robust business case in the context of the Treasury Five-Case Model could not be made for such an investment.
- 5.2 There remains an aspiration from some members of the local community and stakeholders such as Visit Scotland to redevelop the Port Riddell slip to facilitate enhanced access to the marine environment for leisure activities.
- 5.3 No funding has currently been identified to progress any enhancements to this facility however, there may be future opportunities to consider this project for grant funding bids or a community asset transfer.
- 5.4 The facility is currently in a poor state of repair and vehicular access from the A815 has been restricted via a traffic bollard however, members of the public can still access the slipway and changing area on foot. Consideration should be given

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Appendix 1 – Port Riddell Condition Report and Initial Options Development