

LOCHGILPHEAD CARS – RECOMMENDATION OF GRANT AWARDS

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask Members to agree grant awards for three shopfront improvement projects using Lochgilphead Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) funding as follows:

- Up to £48,981.25 to the shopfront at 4 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead.
- Up to £24,214.80 to the shopfront at 10 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead.
- Up to £49,999.00 to the shopfront at 23-25 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead.

1.2 The grants will support the comprehensive reinstatement of two existing shopfronts and the repair and improvement of one shopfront. The works will complement the on-going repairs to Priority Buildings and will enhance the character and appearance of the conservation area.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee approve the following shopfront improvement grant offers:

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- Up to £24,214.80 to the shopfront at 10 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead.
- Up to £49,999.00 to the shopfront at 23-25 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead.

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available is £1,538,589.70. This figure includes additional monies approved via the Place Based Investment fund for 2022/23. The PBI funding was approved at a meeting of the Policy and Resources committee on the 10th August 2023 to support further improvement works and tenement property maintenance works. All PBI funding must be committed by 31st March 2024.

- 4.2 Lochgilphead CARS started in April 2020 and was due to conclude in March 2025. Due to the pandemic HES offered a one-year extension. This offer was accepted and the scheme is now running to March 2026.
- 4.3 A full funding package is in place, with expenditure monitored on a monthly basis.

works will be carried out including painting the upper floors. The total projected cost as per the latest Cost Plan is £59,309.23. The proposed CARS grant amount is £49,999.00. The business owner will meet the balance.

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The grant awards will support the repair and reinstatement of three prominent town centre shopfronts, complementing the improvements being delivered via the CARS Priority Building projects.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy The Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) and Argyll and Bute Outcome Improvement Plan 2013-

importance of this subject is also communicated to contractors to ensure that where possible climate adaption and mitigation is considered to help create a thriving, sustainable local economy and a healthier, happier place fostering carbon lifestyles.

6.7 Risk - That the grant schemes are undersubscribed or that projects run over time or budget. These risks will be carefully monitored and mitigated by the CARS project officer as the scheme progresses.

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