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for initial investigations and appreciates that people would rather the money was used on the actual Skatepark.

Councillor Penfold advised that this question would be passed onto the Head of Commercial Services for a fuller response.

Sarah Davies (Present), Helensburgh Community Council

1. How will the Levelling Up Fund be allocated in Argyll and Bute and what role will communities play in the allocation?

Councillor Mulvaney advised that Argyll and Bute Council representatives will be holding discussions with The Department for Levelling Up to confirm the criteria that must be used and that the outcome of these discussions will be considered by the Council in due course.

2. Investigations have highlighted that there is nowhere to go for those seeking a warm space from 6pm on weekdays, nowhere after 1pm on a Saturday and nowhere at all on a Sunday. Other Councils have a full page of Warm Spaces but nothing on Argyll and Bute Councils website. How are warm spaces being co-ordinated and advertised across Argyll and Bute? Is there an officer, committee or organisation that Helensburgh Community Council can work with to ensure those who need support get it?

The Committee Manager advised that this issue would be added to the agenda for the next meeting of the Helensburgh and Lomond Community Planning Group, scheduled for February 2024. Mr McLean added that he would raise this issue with colleagues within the Welfare Rights Team and advise Miss Davies on these discussions.

Councillor Mulvaney advised that the Committee would ask the Network and Standards Manager for an update regarding gulley maintenance and clearing and what the plan is going forward in this regard.

Councillor Hardie advised Miss Anderson to pass the specific details onto him and he would contact the Head of Roads on her behalf.

Councillor Corry advised that there are a number of identified hot spots for all drainage systems in Helensburgh and Lomond and that these are prioritised during periods of flooding.

Lindsey Young (Present), Cyclepath Action Group

I would like to introduce a new community group that formed in October as sub group of Cardross Community Council but has members from Helensburgh to Ardoch.

Our objectives are to:

- Scrutinise progress with the Cyclepath between Helensburgh and Dumbarton
- Provide a voice on behalf of the local community and provide updates to the community
- Undertake action as appropriate to expedite the implementation of the route.

We have had 154 members of the public sign up to receive communications from us thus far and we aim to get an introductory email out shortly to the group. We look forward to supporting the Council with its efforts to make this active travel route a reality.

Polly Jones

The Committee Manager read out the below question submitted by Polly Jones:

In the minutes of the meeting of 12 September 2023 the minutes in section 5 record the following:

Mr P... advised that he would provide Mrs Jones with a written

(Commercial Area) . W] aæ^ÁÁ@|dã cã * Á -Á -^|•Çã as the location is dependent on what the plans are for the waterfront?

2. Helensburgh Community Council have undertaken a number of consultation exercises, and have had 4,500 people participate, more than the 83 responses mentioned in the associated report. How will the Committee include the views of the 4,500 alongside the plans and responses?
3. There is reference in the summary of the report at item 13, others would welcome a

The Committee Manager apologised that Ms Jones questions from the previous Area Committee remain unanswered and advised that he would contact the Head of Commercial Services at the conclusion of this meeting and advise him of Miss Jones concerns.

5. POLICE SCOTLAND UPDATE

Consideration was given to an update which included information on the ongoing work of the Service and provided information on fraud prevention and awareness, specifically Sextortion; bereavement support; road safety; the Friday night football which was organised over the summer holidays; the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers visit to His Majesty's Naval Base (HMNB), Clyde and the recruitment of a new Youth Engagement Officer for Helensburgh.

7. AREA PERFORMANCE REPORT - FQ2 2023/24

Consideration was given to the Area Performance Report for financial quarter 2 of 2023/24 (July to September 2023) which illustrated the agreed performance measures for this period.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee:

1. noted and considered the performance and supporting commentary as presented;
2. noted that upon receipt of the Quarterly Performance Report the Area Committee should contact either the Responsible Named Officer or Sonya Thomas with any queries; and
3. noted that work was ongoing and to respond to Sonya Thomas with requests or comments regarding the layout and format of the Performance Report and Scorecard.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Customer Support Services, dated 1 November 2023, submitted)

8. HELENSBURGH WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT - SKATEPARK OPTIONS

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee:

1. supported the continued efforts by WSP and Officers to try to engage with landowners;
2. welcomed the planned community engagement to support the identification of a preferred route linking Morrisons Supermarket/Hermitage Academy to Helensburgh Town Centre/Waterfront;
3. considered the feedback received from Scottish Government Civil Servants, directing us to Planning Circular 6/2011: Compulsory Purchase Orders, which provided guidance on the use of CPO powers and the general considerations required; and
4. requested that the report, due for consideration at the next meeting of the Area Committee, include reference to timescales and the anticipated resource required to undertake a number of potential Compulsory Purchase Orders associated with the cycle route linking Helensburgh, Cardross and Dumbarton.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth, dated 24 November 2023, submitted)