

# Report

To:	<b>Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee</b>
Date:	<b>19 June 2024</b>
Prepared by:	<b>Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Rutherglen 900 Cultural Programme</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide an overview of the proposed Rutherglen 900 Cultural Programme
- ◆ set out the Council's involvement with the Programme

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the Council's involvement in the Rutherglen 900 Cultural Programme be agreed.

## 3. Background

3.1. The 900th anniversary of the Charter of the Royal Burgh of Rutherglen, which is the oldest Royal Burgh in Scotland, will be marked in 2026. A Steering Group has been formed, chaired by Councillor Robert Brown, to develop a programme of community-led events leading up to the celebrations.

3.2. The Cultural Programme is not only a celebration but is intended to bring about community cohesion and leave a lasting legacy.

3.3. Clyde Gateway Urban Regeneration Company (URC) has committed £65,000 to the programme over a 2-year period (2024/2025 and 2025/2026).

## 4. The Proposed Cultural Programme

4.1. It is proposed that a part time Co-ordinator is appointed to support the Rutherglen 900 Steering Group. The Co-ordinator's role will include elements of strategic planning, administration of the Steering Group, report writing, funding applications, community and stakeholder engagement, commissioning of activities and may also involve direct delivery of cultural interventions.

4.2. As Rutherglen has a vibrant cultural base and a range of organisations supporting arts, history, and culture, it is anticipated that through extensive consultation and engagement a full programme of activity can be delivered with much of the costs supported indirectly through existing interventions. For example, Clyde Gateway proposes to pivot local interventions with its partner schools, nurseries, community groups and services to include 2026 specific events and sessions.

4.3. An indicative timeline and Co-ordinator tasks are set out below:-

Year	Task
2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- support steering group (including arranging meetings, minutes, reports etc)</li><li>- consider scope of programme – will it be limited to events and activities or is a “key art piece” desired?</li><li>- developing a detailed 2/3-year programme with associated timeline and costs</li><li>- engagement with key stakeholders, community groups and businesses</li><li>- mapping existing cultural activity and any plans for 2026 – including links to Landemer Day etc.</li><li>- identify “in-direct” programme contributions.</li><li>- review the funding landscape and make appropriate funding applications</li></ul>
2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- continue with all tasks above.</li><li>- commission the delivery of appropriate cultural interventions, manage and monitor these – learning lessons as the year proceeds and amending the programme accordingly.</li><li>- subject to requirement – directly delivering activities to support the programme</li></ul>
2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- continue with all tasks above</li><li>- focus funding bids on sustainable activities based on “what works” to consider a 2026 legacy for Rutherglen</li><li>- prepare a final report on the programme, its outputs, costs, and impact on the Royal Burgh</li></ul>

Indicative programme

Year	Programme
2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- work with Clyde Gateway, South Lanarkshire Council, NHS, Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP), South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture (SLLC) etc. to develop full engagement plan</li><li>- programme of engagement events for residents, businesses and interested groups</li></ul>
2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- implement a series of “teaser events” across the year, focusing on the second half of the year in the run up to 2026</li></ul>
2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- subject to direct and indirect funding/resource deliver regular events/activities etc across the year for example bi-monthly or clustered at New Year or summer</li></ul>

4.4. It is proposed that the Co-ordinator is appointed on a part-time basis: 2 days per week (during 2024 and 2025) and 3 days per week in 2026.

**5. South Lanarkshire Council Involvement/Contribution**

5.1. As outlined in paragraph 3.3, Clyde Gateway URC has committed £65,000 to the programme over a 2-year period (2024/2025 and 2025/2026).

5.2. It is proposed that the Council makes a contribution from the existing Shared Prosperity Fund budget together with providing limited in-kind offer support to assist the Steering Group pending the recruitment of a Cultural Co-ordinator.

5.3. It is intended that Cultural Co-ordinator is recruited and appointed by Clyde Gateway.

## **6. Employee Implications**

- 6.1. Limited in-kind officer support could be provided to the Steering Group pending the recruitment of a Cultural Co-Ordinator.

## **7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1. A contribution of £30,000 can be made to Rutherglen 900 from existing budgets.
- 7.2. As projects emerge, consideration will be given to external funding opportunities.

## **8. Climate Change, sustainability and environmental implications**

- 8.1. The Steering Group will be encouraged to consider sustainability measures as part of its project planning.

## **9. Other Implications**

- 9.1. Rutherglen 900 is an important milestone, not just for Rutherglen, but the wider South Lanarkshire community and, therefore, it is important that the Council provides support.

## **10. Equality Impact Arrangements and Consultation Arrangements**

- 10.1. There is no requirement for an Equality Impact Assessment and discussion has taken place with Clyde Gateway and Rutherglen 900.

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### **Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes**

#### Values

- ◆ Focused on people and their needs
- ◆ Working with and respecting others

#### Priorities

- ◆ We will work towards a sustainable future in sustainable places

#### Outcomes

- ◆ Good quality, suitable and sustainable places to live
- ◆ Thriving business, fair jobs and vibrant town centres
- ◆ Caring, connected, sustainable communities

### **Previous References**

- ◆ None

### **List of Background Papers**

- ◆ None

### **Contact for Further Information**

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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