

Report

Report to:	Community and Enterprise Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	24 November 2020
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Mission Clyde Funding
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to: -

- ◆ inform members of outcome of Stage 1 of the bids from the Council and Clyde Gateway for the £10 million Clyde Catalyst Fund which is part of Mission Clyde

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the bids from Clyde Gateway URC and South Lanarkshire Council for Mission Clyde funding and those which have been shortlisted be noted

3. Background

3.1 Mission Clyde is a Scottish Government initiative aimed at making the post-industrial area around the River Clyde “an engine of sustainable and inclusive growth” and kick-start its economic recovery. On 27 September 2020 the Government announced the launch of a new £10 million fund to support the Mission and invited bids from public, private and voluntary sector partners for capital projects aimed at job creation, especially green jobs and at enhancing community facilities along the Clyde. Bids were required to be submitted by 9 October 2020 and the timeframe requires commitment by March 2021 and delivery by September 2021. Thus, only “shovel ready” projects were likely to benefit from this funding. In addition, eligibility for funding set by the Scottish Government required projects submitted to be within 500m of the River Clyde.

3.2 South Lanarkshire Council (with Scottish Enterprise and Glasgow City Council) are one of the 3 members of the Clyde Gateway Urban Regeneration (URC) company. Two elected members represent the Council on the board alongside close officer engagement on a range of initiatives. The URC area covers both sides of the River Clyde - Rutherglen and Glasgow and therefore their entire area of operation is eligible for the Mission Clyde funding. Moreover, Clyde Gateway had several regeneration projects which were sufficiently advanced to be able to benefit from the funding and spend within the extremely tight delivery timeframe.

3.3 Discussions were held with Clyde Gateway regarding their submissions to this fund and Council support offered to projects which will add benefit to South Lanarkshire. These are listed as follows: -

- ◆ Cuningar Loop Woodland Park (Phase 2) - a 7.67 hectare (ha) extension of the existing award-winning Woodland Park located on the banks of the Clyde in Rutherglen. This includes an extension to the riverside walkway, further walking

routes and picnic areas, interpretation points, arts walk and river viewpoints. £1.5 million was requested from Mission Clyde.

- ◆ The Bothy and Tur in Cuningar Loop Woodland Park – this is for a building within the Park that will operate as a flexible hub offering business and community space as well as public toilets for park users. It would support a number of existing jobs and provide training opportunities. As with Phase 2 of the Park, the building already has planning permission and match funding in place. £600,000 was requested from Mission Clyde.
- ◆ Dalmarnock Community Energy project - This bid sought £600,000 from Mission Clyde to provide low carbon heating to support up to 77,000sqm of mixed use industrial, commercial, and residential development. At present, the scheme is on the Glasgow side of the boundary but the bid emphasised plans for a further phase to expand the scheme to South Lanarkshire
- ◆ Shawfield Regeneration Route- This road scheme will provide improved access to existing industrial businesses in Shawfield, open up additional land for development and investment and create local construction jobs. Funding for this section of the road covers the Glasgow side of the boundary but this work will open up the possibility for a further phase between Glasgow and South Lanarkshire. £1.2 million was sought from Clyde Mission for this project.
- ◆ Shawfield Chromium remediation – This is aimed at securing control of a 1.48 ha site at Shawfield, South Lanarkshire. Clyde Gateway along with the Council and SEPA has been tackling the remediation of the historic carcinogenic chromium contamination in the wider Shawfield area near Rutherglen for the last 12 years. This latest phase will support the delivery of the Shawfield Regeneration route (see above) and will enable environmental improvements of ground water and water quality in the River Clyde as well as opening up further sites for commercial and industrial development. The URC bid for £2m towards this project.

3.4 In addition to supporting the “shovel-ready” Clyde Gateway projects, the Council submitted 2 of its own Council-led projects for Mission Clyde funding as set out below:

- ◆ Photovoltaic panels in 3 high-profile community buildings – Glenburgh Nursery, Trinity High School and Eastfield Lifestyles. Led by Housing and Technical Resources, the project aimed at reducing energy costs, and carbon emissions, and providing clean energy to the facilities as well as increasing public awareness of energy -saving technologies. The Council bid for £195,000 from Clyde Mission
- ◆ Community Food Growing: This bid is for a Community Food Growing Site at Burnhill in Rutherglen with the aim to bring an unused, contaminated site back into use by dealing with the decontamination and repurposing it as a wildlife habitat and food growing space, developed in partnership with the local community. This bid was for £100,000.

3.5 During the bidding process officers were also informed that the Clyde Cycle Park had submitted a bid for facilities adjacent to the River in Cambuslang. The Cycle Park body is a consortium of local and community cycling bodies including South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture. This project aims to:-

- ◆ Create a car park, reception, cycle training area, security fencing and cycle storage facilities on land accessed from Bogleshole Road which is owned by Scottish Enterprise.

- ◆ Encourage people to be more active by enabling them to park their cars in Cambuslang and then continue their commute into Glasgow along the Clyde Cycle Path
- ◆ Reduce the dependence on car usage with positive environmental benefits
- ◆ The Council has earmarked £15k of its Vacant and Derelict Land fund money as match funding for the project. Scottish Enterprise have also allocated £15k of funding towards the project and the Consortium bid for £144,600 from Mission Clyde.

3.6 Members will note that the bids detailed above totalled a considerable proportion of the £10 million available in the Clyde Mission fund. Moreover, it is understood that some 75 bids, for projects valued at £62.4 million, were made by other Councils as well as private and voluntary sector organisations along the Clyde. As such this round of funding was hugely over-subscribed and, therefore, it was reasonable to assume that the projects submitted from South Lanarkshire were unlikely to progress to Stage 2. Nonetheless, it was considered important to 'flag up' projects which may be successful in bids for further rounds or from other regeneration funding streams

3.7 Cross referencing and collaborating on bids with Clyde Gateway provided the joined-up thinking and cohesion which was being sought by Clyde Mission. Moreover, the Clyde Mission was intended to complete the funding packages for the projects and add value to a mix of economic, social, and physical regeneration initiatives in this important part of South Lanarkshire within the Clyde Mission and Glasgow City Region areas. The bids were submitted to Scottish Government by the 9 October 2020 deadline

3.8 On 21 October 2020 Clyde Gateway and the Council received confirmation that the following three projects had been chosen to progress to stage 2:-

- ◆ The Cuningar Loop Woodland Park – Phase 2
- ◆ The Shawfield Regeneration Route
- ◆ The Clyde Cycle Park

These projects join a further 27 projects, with a total value of £31.7 million, in Stage 2. The closing date for the shortlisted bids was set at 6th November, with the outcome anticipated by the end of the month. Members will be updated verbally at Community and Enterprise Committee on the outcome of the 3 remaining projects in South Lanarkshire, assuming the results are known by then. Meantime Council officers and Clyde Gateway will continue to promote and seek alternative routes of funding for the projects which were unsuccessful in this bidding round.

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4. Employee Implications

4.1. There are no employee implications for the Council arising from this report.

5. Financial Implications

5.1. There are no financial implications arising from this report at this stage.

6. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 6.1. The projects identified in this report will be delivered using a range of sustainable techniques and models, having regard to best practice and current construction industry guidance. It is also noted that the projects will result in the redevelopment of vacant land.

7. Other Implications

None

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 8.1 This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and therefore, no impact assessment is required.
- 8.2 Consultations have been co-ordinated by Economic Development Services with a range of other Council Services which have an ongoing role in delivering services and initiatives in the Clyde Mission Area. This consultation and co-operation will continue throughout the duration of the initiative.

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Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Support the local economy by providing the right conditions for growth, improving skills and employability
- ◆ Improve health and increase physical activity
- ◆ Partnership working, community leadership and engagement

Previous References

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List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

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