

Agenda Item	7
Report No	CIA/16/20

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: City of Inverness Area Committee

Date: 27 August 2020

Report Title: City Recovery

Report By: Executive Chief Officer Infrastructure and Environment

1.	Purpose/Executive Summary
1.1	At the last meeting of the Inverness City Area Committee (CIAC), Members discussed the importance of identifying a range of projects and activities to aid the recovery of the City and Area. This was to include consideration how the Inverness Common Good Fund could be used to support recovery. To support this, it was agreed that a recovery workshop be held with all Inverness City Area Committee Members.
1.2	This report provides Members with an outline of the workshop discussions and highlights a range of projects that have been identified to support City Recovery and potential areas which the Common Good Fund could support. The report also provides an update on a range of other strands supporting economic recovery.
2.	Recommendations
2.1	Members are asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. consider and note the summary of recovery discussions to date and the projects and areas identified, inclusive of the potential role of the Common Good Fund, as a focus for recovery of the City and Area going forward. ii. Note the City Area Recovery Action Notes as circulated.
3.	Implications
3.1	Resource – £341,000 has been identified to support recovery related projects within Inverness City Area. This is as a result of covid-related changes in expenditure from within the 2019/20 Inverness Common Good Fund Budget.

3.2	Legal – The City Area Recovery Group reports to the City Committee on matters relevant to the Council’s Recovery Plan as they affect the City and Area. In the event that sums are allocated from the Inverness Common Good Fund these will be administered through the Inverness Common Good Fund Sub Committee and the City Committee as appropriate.
3.3	Community (Equality, Poverty, Rural and Island) – A core area identified by Members for future spend of the ICGF is vulnerability, with a particular focus on poverty, mental health and wellbeing and employability related activity.
3.4	Climate Change / Carbon Clever – Addressing the Climate and Ecological Emergency is a fundamental part of the Council’s recovery strategy. Focussing on areas that help to deliver a low carbon economy will lead to better access to funding opportunities and help build more localised supply chains and access to products.
3.5	Risk – A series of shovel ready projects are essential to ensure that the City can capitalise on any funding available from national Government.
3.6	Gaelic – there are no Gaelic implications.
4.	Background
4.1	The City and Area Recovery Group (CARG) was established by the Council’s Recovery Board in recognition of the significant role the City plays in the Highland economy. The role of CARG is to ensure a co-ordinated approach to the issues relevant to the City of Inverness, provide a sounding board for the actions being taken to ensure a return to business within Inverness and to consider short, medium and long-term priorities for economic recovery for the City.
4.2	An update on City Recovery was provided to the City Committee meeting on the 27 August. This included a summary of current projects and interventions but also potential capital projects to support recovery going forward. It was agreed that a Member workshop would be held to provide a focus on potential future projects. This should also consider how the Inverness Common Good Fund could be deployed to support recovery.
4.3	This report provides Members with a summary of discussions from the Recovery Workshops and also updates on a number of other strands supporting recovery, including business grants, spaces for people, the bus infrastructure fund and the Highland Economic Partnership.
5.	Member Recovery Discussions
5.1	Since the last meeting of the City Committee, two Member workshops have been held to consider the background and potential projects to support recovery. The first on Friday 14 August focused on Common Good and explored: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of ICGF assets • A review of the financial position of the revenue and investments, including covid impact • An update on the current projects including covid impact • Consider the capacity of the Fund and what role the ICGF could have in supporting City Recovery
5.2	During discussion, it was noted that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was an underspend of £341,000 during the 2020/21 period on the revenue budget which could be redirected to projects or activities that support recovery.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that to use this funding, it was short term projects that should be considered. • There was a need to consider long term investment and that advice from the ICGF fund managers should be sought in order to consider a longer-term strategy for investment and development. • The importance of focusing on projects/activities related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ poverty – particularly food related poverty, ○ mental health and wellbeing, including suicide prevention ○ employability and training <p>This is important to address the current impacts of covid and the anticipated impacts later this year once furlough ends for many people.</p> • That stronger links should be made between the grant budget of the ICGF and the Inverness Community Partnership to target area priorities already identified to address poverty and inequality. • The importance of not just considering short term projects but long-term sustainability to support the most vulnerable in our communities. • The need to link to the engagement framework and to listen to groups and individuals about experiences in order to identify priorities. • Consideration to be given to ringfencing a percentage of the ICGF grants budget to activity aimed at addressing poverty and inequality • Consideration to be given to ringfencing a percentage of the £341k underspend to be targeted on activity aimed at addressing poverty and inequality.
5.3	<p>The second workshop on Monday 17 August built on the discussions from Friday 14 August. A review was undertaken of the range of projects currently developing to support City Recovery. The full list is set out at appendix 1 which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Centre Recovery Projects • Wider City Project • Affordable Housing Projects • Long term projects
5.4	<p>The projects identified represent a range of opportunities to support recovery. A number are large scale infrastructure projects. These are dependent upon accessing external funding. It is therefore important to ensure that the projects are near 'shovel' ready to enable any applications for funding to be made should the opportunity arise. A good example of this is the Farraline Bus Station project which has been successful in accessing Scottish Government transport funding. This is outlined in more detail at section 8. Further examples of future projects would include the conversion of the former Arnotts building in Union street to deliver 53 new affordable homes and new retail units and the Victorian market improvements.</p>
5.5	<p>There are a further number of short-term projects which generally focus on improving common spaces within the City with the aim of attracting footfall into the City. These are lower in value and would potentially lend themselves to support from the ICGF. These projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconfiguration of Academy Street • Regeneration of Barron Taylor Street • Decluttering of the High Street • Developing a Brand for the Old Town • Bringing back Eden Court • Developing the Northern Meeting Park as a covid-safe space for events/performance • Development of Torvean Park and Park Run

	Work is required to fully develop the above projects and come forward with costings. This would allow Members to consider which of these they may wish to support from the underspend in Common Good budget for 2020/21.
5.6	An update was also provided to Members on the discussions of the Events and Festivals Working Group and the potential to refocus spend to support projects attracting people to the City Centre in a covid-safe way. Item 12 on the agenda asks Members to consider two proposals from the Events and Festival's Working Group to support this aim.
5.7	In summary, the workshop identified several key areas to consider targeting ICGF resource: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term projects designed to support improvements in common spaces in Inverness and attract footfall to the City Centre • Creating events to attract people into the City Centre in a covid-safe way • Focus funding on activities to address vulnerability with a particular focus on poverty, food poverty, mental health and wellbeing and employability and training and empowering communities to find a sustainable way of maintaining and growing resilience
5.8	Work is required to explore these areas and develop costings, in order to present options to Members.
6.	Business Grants
6.1	An update on the Business Grants awarded across Highland can be found in Appendix 2. This highlights that a total of £74.4m has been awarded across Highland in 7,390 separate grants. For the Inverness City Area, this equates to £18.4m (25% of the funding awarded across Highland) and 1,740 separate business grants.
7.	Spaces for People
7.1	In response to the Covid-19 pandemic the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity announced the 'Spaces for People' fund on the 28 April 2020 . This fund is administered by Sustrans and is available to support local authorities to implement immediate measures to ensure that people can walk, wheel or cycle, whilst physically distancing and remaining safe from traffic. The fund available across Scotland was £30m; and this has to all intents and purposes been allocated. Further bids from a local authority will not be considered until 75% of awarded bids has been expended.
7.2	The major interventions at Academy Street, Millburn Road, Castle one way and Ness Walk have now all been introduced (Members will recall that the intervention at Inshes was not progressed due to feedback from the emergency services).
7.3	All interventions are being monitored and consultation continues, this has led to changes to react to issues and concerns, and this process will continue. The grant bid also allowed for monitoring of the in-use interventions (given their temporary nature). It does give the opportunity, through such monitoring, to see how effective they are and if they are changing people's travel habits. This will allow consideration of whether there is an appetite for some measures to be considered for future permanent construction at a later date – as we move to encourage active travel.
7.4	The first application for funding was submitted on Friday 15 May and, in parallel, a public consultation was launched using the Council's consultation portal. This portal shows all the proposed interventions as submitted. It enables people to consider each intervention

	and provide their feedback. It also provides a map that people can use to suggest other places where interventions should be considered.
7.5	Comments have been submitted to the portal and at the 8 August 2020, 65% of comments received are in support of the interventions proposed, whilst 23% are opposed and 8% give no response. It is of note that amongst the comments opposed to the proposals, some are seeking more ambitious measures to improve walking, wheeling and cycling in the region.
7.6	The portal will remain open and will be regularly monitored. This will ensure that, as interventions are implemented, people are able to share their feedback, enabling the Council to respond and amend as necessary. Signage along routes provides the Council's web address to encourage feedback on the interventions.
7.7	It is apparent that the use of what is effectively traffic management measures whilst being flexible has unintended impacts, the measures appear as roadworks with no associated construction activity, have a detrimental visual impact, and can lack clarity for users. In more permanent schemes, demarcation is achieved by the use of coloured surfacing and longer-term street furniture. Discussions are ongoing with Sustrans, who are supportive of such measures now that the proposals have had a chance to mature, to rationalise the layouts and bring more clarity to a situation that is expected to continue for the foreseeable future, as social distancing measures are required.
7.8	Members are asked to support these ongoing discussions and subsequent roll out – on the understanding that the costs can be contained within the grant allocation, the measures have the support and ratification as eligible funding from Sustrans, and such measures will not compromise the re-establishment of the existing layout at some point in the future.
8.	Buses Infrastructure Fund
8.1	Scottish Government opened a £10M fund for rapid implantation of measures across Scotland. Highland Council submitted its bid on the 6 August 2020, following internal and external consultations including Hitrans and local bus operators. This application sought to obtain funding to deliver rapid, transformational change for bus travel in Inverness through the delivery of a bus link at Rose Street and a bus gateway at Raigmore that will maximise permeability on the transport network and make travelling by bus more attractive than by car.
8.2	Confirmation was received on the 11 August 2020 from Transport Scotland of an offer of award of £442,855. Work has now commenced with stakeholders to deliver these bus priority measures.
9.	Highland Economic Partnership
9.1	In tandem with the local area recovery work reported to this Committee, the Council Recovery Board has overseen the establishment of a Highland Economic Recovery Partnership. Working with partner agencies and business groups will allow for a strong, joined up voice for the region, recognising the key role that continued development of the City economy has within it.
10.	Next Steps

10.1	Based upon the feedback received from the workshops and during the meetings of the City Area Recovery Group, core next steps include:
10.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop costings for the short-term projects identified which could be supported by the ICGF during 2020/21 with a view to this coming back to a future meeting of the City Committee for decision. • Work to further develop the range of projects identified in appendix 1 to ensure that should national funding become available, these projects would be available to progress. • Hold a workshop with groups working with vulnerable clients in order understand key priority areas for targeting resource that any grant scheme should focus on. • In the context of the Council's Scheme of Delegation, hold a future workshop session with the Fund Manager to consider the opportunities from the investment fund and strategy for investment going forward.
10.3	Updates on these actions will be presented to the CARG and to the next City Committee for decision.

Designation: Executive Chief Officer Infrastructure and Environment

Date: 12 August 2020

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Background Papers:

Appendix 1: City of Inverness Potential Recovery Projects

City Recovery Projects

Inverness City Centre Recovery Projects

Project	Description	Status/Actions required/ estimated costs	Estimated cost Potential funding	Partners
Farraline Bus Station	The provision of a bus lane from Farraline Park to Rose Street would allow long distance buses to access the trunk road network more directly. The double decker car park has now been demolished and the bus lane was to have been provided as planning gain from the new hotel on the site.	The consent for the new hotel is awaiting the conclusion of a legal agreement. In the interim, there is an opportunity to bid for funding towards this scheme from the £10 million fund for pop-up bus priority infrastructure in Scotland recently announced by Scottish Government.	https://www.transport.gov.scot/public-transport/buses/bus-priority-rapid-deployment-fund/ Estimated cost £350K – funding secured for temporary measures	THC/ Hotel developer /Stagecoach
Inverness Library	Continues to operate as a critically important hub within the city centre.	Consider continued or future uses within the context of the overall masterplan that will be prepared for all of the land surrounding the Railway Station (in partnership with HITRANS – see below))	Cost unknown at this early stage - potential relocation of library to later phases of castle project	TCH

Inverness City Centre Recovery Projects cont.

Project	Description	Status/Actions required/ estimated costs	Estimated cost Potential funding	Partners
Inverness Railway Station land Masterplan	The land surrounding the Inverness Railway Station has been purchased by Network Rail – including the old Royal Mail sorting office – opportunity for long term masterplan that will look at integrated transport opportunities and related redevelopment.	Longer term project – continue to discuss with HITRANS/Network Rail	Future infrastructure funding Cost unknown at this early stage potentially circa £30 million	THC/ HITRANS/ Network Rail / Sustrans / Scot rail
Academy Street	The reconfiguration of Academy Street is an important regeneration project – match funding committed from SUSTRANS to progress the project, based on temporary basis through the Spaces for People project.	Progress discussions with SUSTRANS and partners to begin detailed design work.	Sustrans Active travel funding Estimated cost £2m	THC/ HITRANS/ / Sustrans
Former Arnotts Building	Planning permission granted for 53 flats, with retail frontage on ground floor – huge opportunity to reuse redundant building, bringing people back to living in the city centre, bringing regeneration to Baron Taylors Street.	Negotiations continuing with developer/ owner . tenders returned – report going to Infrastructure and Economy committee	Scottish government housing grant/ Heritage lottery funding Over all estimated costs £11 million	Developer / THC / HHA

Inverness City Centre Recovery Projects cont.

Project	Description	Status/Actions required/ estimated costs	Estimated cost Potential funding	Partners
Eastgate Hostel	Remains an eyesore following fire which destroyed the building. 8 unit residential development with retail below.	Discussions continue with landowner to secure a viable scheme for future use. May require CPO if no agreement with owner reached	SG housing grant/ Heritage lottery funding Overall estimated costs £3 million	Developer / THC / HHA
High Street	Decluttering the High Street to make it more attractive/easier to get around.	Discussions underway with City Manager and BID.	SG Town centre funding / inverness common good funding	
Inverness Castle	Priority Regeneration Scheme for a premier tourist destination for the Highlands, funded through the Highland City Region Deal.	Good progress being made, with phase 1 announcement having been made this week.	City deal funding / THC capital prog Phase 1 estimated costs £15 million Phase 2 estimated costs to be confirmed	
River ness Hydro	Priority Regeneration Scheme for a premier tourist destination for the Highlands, funded through the Highland City Region Deal. installation of a 100kW Archimedes screw, hydroelectric power turbine in the River Ness..	project currently on hold due to Covid	£2. 4 million	

Inverness City Centre Recovery Projects cont.

Project	Description	Status/Actions required/ estimated costs	Estimated cost Potential funding	Partners
Viewfield House	Derelict building at entrance to the city centre. Significant work has been undertaken with Impact Hub and Highland Building Preservation Trust to move this forward but significant practical and funding challenges.	Not a Council project, but important as part of the wider city centre regeneration efforts. May require CPO if no agreement with owner reached	Scottish government housing grant/ Heritage lottery funding Overall estimated costs £4 million	Developer / THC / HHA
Former Service Point building, Church Street	Planning permission for conversion to hotel. Work has stalled.	Continue to support the redevelopment of the building.	Estimated cost £ 6 million	
Victorian Market	Significant Common Good Fund project seeking to modernise the current market and provide more functional indoor spaces to increase the attractiveness of the market as an indoor venue.	Tenders have been returned and work expected to commence shortly.	Estimated cost £1.5 million	THC /Inverness Common Good Fund/ BID
Developing the “Old Town” brand	Working with Inverness BID, desire to see the Old Town developed as a destination – ideas include entrance features and signage improvements	Continue to develop feasibility and cost the opportunity.	Estimated cost TBC	THC /Inverness Common Good Fund/ BID

Inverness City Centre Recovery Projects cont.

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Eden Court	Critically important venue the wider Highlands as the main significant scale performance venue. Short term support in ensuring a return to business, longer term opportunities to increase capacity and increase the opportunity for larger scale performances to be attracted to the area.	Further discussions with Eden Court	Estimated cost TBC	THC / Eden Court / Visit Scotland
Northern Meeting Park	Important city centre venue and green space. Real opportunity to focus on the longer term uses that might be appropriate for both the building and the space, in partnership with community interest groups and users.	Short term opportunity to develop feasibility work on the pavilion through the Inverness City Heritage Trust.	Estimated costs TBC	THC /HLH/ Visit Scotland
Inverness City Active Travel Network	£6.3m award being implemented and affecting the city centre with cycle priority schemes affecting Ness Walk, Millburn Road and other links to the city centre.	Continue to implement, building on the Spaces for People project.	Estimated cost £6.3m	THC/ HITRANS// Sustrans

Wider City Projects

Project	Description	Status/Actions required	Estimated cost /Potential funding	Partners
Inshes park phase 3	Completion of Inshes park	Contract to be let	Estimated cost TBC	THC
Torvean Park/park run	Creation of new park and 5k park run at part of old torvean golf course	Design complete and contract arrangements in place – awaiting notification of start date	Estimated cost £50k	THC/ sports Scotland
Torvean Basin development	Development of mixed use development on part of the old golf course at torvean	Feasibility instructed / discussions required with Scottish water	Site servicing £2million Total development Est.cost £15m	THC
Culloden academy extension	Construction of the new Culloden Academy extension	Planning application to be submitted	Estimated cost £ 7.5 million	THC
Charleston academy extension	Construction of the new Charleston Academy extension	Planning application to be submitted	Estimated costs £7.5 million	THC
UHI Campus new projects	New projects at UHI as identified by HIE	Further discussion required with HIE	Estimated cost TBC	HIE
UHI campus sports project	New sports facilities at UHI to provide facilities for east inverness communities		SG Town centre fund / Developer contributions/Sports Scotland Estimated cost £1m	HIE/THC/Sports Scotland
Raigmore hospital bus gate	New bus gate at Raigmore hospital to improve public transport links to city centre	Planning application to be submitted – scheme to progress	https://www.transport.gov.scot/public-transport/buses/bus-priority-rapid-deployment-fund/ some funding secured	NHS/THC /stagecoach

Wider City Projects cont.

Project	Description	Status/Actions required/ estimated costs	Estimated cost Potential funding	Partners
Drumnadrochit flood scheme	Flood prevention works at Drumnadrochit		THC capital funding/ Estimated cost TBC	THC/SEPA
Active travel schemes		Proposals being worked up	Sustrans Funding	THC/ HITRANS/ / Sustrans

Affordable Housing Projects

Project	Description	Status/Actions required/ estimated costs	Estimated cost Potential funding	Partners
• Balloch farm phase 1		Proposals being worked up	SG housing Grant/SG infrastructure funding Estimated cost £9 million	THC /SG/HHA
• Stratton farm phase 2		Tenders to be prepared	SG housing Grant/SG infrastructure funding Estimated cost £7.5 million	THC /SG/HHA
• UHI-zero campus project			SG housing Grant/SG infrastructure funding Estimated cost £37 million	THC /SG/HIE/UHI/Developer/CSIC
• Wester inshes			Estimated cost £6 million	THC /SG/HHA

Long Term Projects

Project	Description	Status/Actions required/ estimated costs	Estimated cost Potential funding	Partners
East inverness development			SG housing Grant/SG infrastructure funding Cost unknown at this early stage	THC/ landowners/ developers

Long Term Projects cont.

Project	Description	Status/Actions required/ estimated costs	Estimated cost Potential funding	Partners
Longman energy from waste/renewable energy Hub			City and region deal funding/ THC capital funding / SG funding Estimated cost TBC	THC/ SG/SEPA
Upper Bridge street			City and region deal funding/ private investment /THC capital funding Estimated cost £20 million	THC/HLH/developer /HIE
Longman interchange/ east link			City and region deal funding Estimated cost £100 million	Transport Scotland/ THC / landowners

Business Grant Update

Area	Small Business Grants						Self-catering grants						All businesses occupying NDR properties	
	Grants	£7,500	£10,000	£18,750	£25,000	Value	Grants	£7,500	£10,000	£18,750	£25,000	Value	Grants	Value
Caithness	580	95	460	0	20	£5,812,500	69	31	36	1	1	£636,250	649	£6,448,750
Sutherland	396	47	328	2	19	£4,145,000	131	22	108	0	1	£1,270,000	527	£5,415,000
Ross & Cromarty	1018	104	841	6	67	£10,977,500	348	93	255	0	0	£3,247,500	1366	£14,225,000
Skye & Lochalsh	416	63	310	3	40	£4,628,750	520	120	400	0	0	£4,900,000	936	£9,528,750
Lochaber	550	46	429	8	67	£6,460,000	332	84	248	0	0	£3,110,000	882	£9,570,000
Inverness	1196	88	924	20	164	£14,375,000	400	126	272	0	2	£3,715,000	1596	£18,090,000
Badenoch & Strathspey	414	51	309	10	44	£4,760,000	278	68	210	0	0	£2,610,000	692	£7,370,000
Nairn	200	14	170	2	14	£2,192,500	40	7	33	0	0	£382,500	240	£2,575,000
TOTAL	4770	508	3771	51	435	£53,351,250	2118	551	1562	1	4	£19,871,250	6888	£73,222,500

Area	B&B Hardship grants		Newly self-employed grants*		All grant schemes	
	Grants	Value	Grants	Value	Grants	Value
Caithness	6	£18,000	24	£48,000	679	£6,514,750
Sutherland	10	£30,000	29	£58,000	566	£5,503,000
Ross & Cromarty	38	£114,000	59	£118,000	1463	£14,457,000
Skye & Lochalsh	56	£168,000	31	£62,000	1023	£9,758,750
Lochaber	25	£75,000	36	£72,000	943	£9,717,000
Inverness	22	£66,000	122	£244,000	1740	£18,400,000
Badenoch & Strathspey	5	£15,000	24	£48,000	721	£7,433,000
Nairn	5	£15,000	10	£20,000	255	£2,610,000
TOTAL	167	£501,000	335	£670,000	7390	£74,393,500

Notes

Totals correct as at Friday 14 August 2020

Areas used are previous Highland Council areas as the first two schemes used Non domestic rates system as their basis. The NDR system sees all non domestically rated properties still coded to these areas

*Scheme uses ward boundaries rather than former areas so numbers are not 100% accurate for areas where boundaries do not match

**City and Area of Inverness Economic Recovery Sub-Group
Wednesday 24 June 2020 at 3:30pm**

ACTION NOTE

Present:

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NOTED: Cllr Glynis Campbell-Sinclair was not in attendance

Items		Note/Action Agreed	Action For	Comments/Update/Report
1.	Terms of reference for the Group			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">GR welcomed Members and emphasised the importance of the group going forward. Noted there have been discussions ongoing about the balance of the group. ACTION: GR is actively pursuing and will advise once clarification is received. NOTED in the near future there may be additional City Members in attendanceNOTED going forward the group is to be referred to as the City and Area Recovery Group to ensure outer areas are included in discussionsMM briefed Members on the Terms of Reference for the group. Noted the presentation referred to the City as that's what the group was originally meant to encompassACTION: MM to tweak wording of documentation to include City and Area where necessaryAGREED need to start with City Centre is in most acute need right nowMembers AGREED draft terms of ReferenceMembers AGREED moving forward, meetings are to be held fortnightly to allow Officers time to implement and carry out actions	<p align="center">GR</p> <p align="center">MM</p>	
2.	Economic Recovery-Immediate Actions:			
		<p>Update on meeting with Inverness Business Improvement District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">MM advised Members on progress from weekly meetings with BIDACTION: MM will issue queuing guidance arrangements for shops once they are preparedNOTED: IM circulated Webinar for Members which show what is being done elsewhere in other citiesNOTED: MD declared interest in relation to open air markets as Family have Stalls at a number of them.NOTED: GR declared an interest as spouse works in DebenhamsACTION: MM to take forward with BID the possibility of a welcome back marketing day where the City Centre will be closed to traffic. Possible	<p align="center">MM</p> <p align="center">MM</p>	

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		<p>involvement from Eastgate and they are to be encouraged to tidy up around their area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACTION: DH to liaise with Gerry Reynolds to engage with MM in relation to pipe bands and potential 'City Opening' event NOTED: it is hoped this event will encourage businesses to reopen NOTED: MM happy to use resources he has right now but would be grateful for help from Gerry Reynolds in preparations <p>Guide for Businesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOTED comprehensive document but there were concerns not everyone has seen it and picked it up. ACTION: MM to ensure better promotion is being put out to get the document widely distributed <p>Town and Business Improvement Districts Resilience and Recovery Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MM advised this was included for Members information. NOTED any feedback would be appreciated, MM plans to read through the document and see if anything can be taken away to make an application ACTION: MM to advise Members once specific meeting on City and Town Centres with James Gibb has taken place and if there is any possibility of funding <p>Communication and marketing for the City of Inverness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DH briefed Members on progress made so far and the plans for the campaign to build confidence within the City and for Businesses Members AGREED the Courier document is a good opportunity to market the City so are happy for this to go forward to ICGF with an application 	DH	
3.	Medium/Long Term Regeneration and Growth Strategy:			
		<p>Inverness City Centre Regeneration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MM briefed Members on progress made over the last week with BID and discussed developments and potential projects throughout the City Centre 		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOTED: Raised what's happening with Cities Alliance needs to be monitored moving forward <p>Wider City Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MM advised Members of possibilities out with cities which will allow to promote and give opportunities <p>NOTED important for City and Area to be at the forefront of any funding opportunities that come along</p>		
4.	Suggestion for Future Items			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOTED need to consider carefully how to communicate and inform Members of how things progressing Need to establish how peoples habits have changed and how to make City Centre more usable Are there any opportunities to buy properties at present and will there be an investment programme for the City Centre and how will this be managed 		
5.	Date of next Meeting			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGREED Mike Smith BID to be invited to next meeting AGREED next meeting will take place in a fortnight, Wednesday 8th July 		

**City and Area of Inverness Economic Recovery Sub-Group
Thursday 9 July 2020 at 1:00pm**

ACTION NOTE

Present:

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Items		Note/Action Agreed	Action For	Comments/Update/Report
1.	Membership			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GR welcomed Members and expressed the importance to the extended group for positive working while putting aside political differences to get the City and Area once again functioning GR highlighted he had listened to Members concerns and took advice from Julie MacLennan who advised the correct balance of the group is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 Independent 3 SNP 2 Conservative 2 Lib Dem It is NOTED the Independent group have offered 1 position to Labour which Cllr JG has taken NOTED GR welcomed Cllr Ron McWilliams as a guest to the meeting NOTED MD declared an interest in relation to the Farmers Market 		
2.	Action Note- 24 June 2020			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOTED Members AGREED the previous note as an accurate record 		
3.	Inverness BID			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MS presented to the group the business needs and priorities for Inverness. He gave an overview of the challenges faced by the 4 sectors and summarised the challenges they face moving forward, giving an indication to some ideas of what is required in terms of support and help going forward NOTED ICGF has agreed to support 2 BID Ambassadors until end of April, MS advised this will be put in place from Monday NOTED BID believe welcome back event is too soon at the moment and instead should be done in 4-6 weeks-time to allow businesses and public to settle. ACTION: MM to work with MS further on open street day NOTED BID believe any opportunity to bring Academy Street proposal forward on the Capital Programme would be a good development looking to 	MM/MS	

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		<p>the future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTED queuing document has been agreed with Environmental Health and BID will circulate once available on Monday • NOTED MD made the recommendation and requested that it is ensured Corporate Communications have a strong liaison with BID to give a common message and also meet with journalists often to ensure a positive message is being relayed to build the communities confidence. ACTION: Officers to ensure publicity aspect is covered by press office and ensure strong liaison with BID • NOTED a number of Members raised the importance of funding and ensuring this is assessible 	OFFICERS	
4.	Update since last meeting 24th June			
		<p>A) City opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Castle Tavern have been granted a pavement café license to extend the outside area • Spaces for people- continuing to role out on Academy Street. Castle Street due to start next week. NOTED MM asked Members for patience with Castle Street to ensure it can be tested • ACTION: MM to pull together a list of City Centre Projects for next meeting or CIAC. It is hoped to put a value on the level of investment • Joint patrols between Environmental Health and Police are being arranged to reassure and give the high profile required to get city open for business • Work has been done with James Mackenzie-Blackman, Eden Court and Steve Walsh, HLH on their approach to events in the City. NOTED they were very supportive on Council coming forward with options as lockdown ease and Government restrictions allow to hold a range of events in the City and Northern Meeting Park to attract footfall • ACTION: MM to chase up better signage on Academy Street <p>B) Economic Recovery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progressing with HIE on Highland Economic Partnership, the messages received were all around being much more joined up in support for businesses and capital investment moving forward 	MM MM	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTED AM advised there is a lot of construction activity ongoing to restart the economic recovery • Castle Project- purchase will be completed on 17th July. Programme of works in place • Housing Development Castle Street- will begin on site with a similar timescale as castle project. Funded through Housing Alliance • Academy Street Project- has restarted and no complaints received • Union Street Project- negotiations ongoing • Noted in discussion with UHI on area of land there to build passive housing development. This will be taken to Members shortly 		
5.	AOB/ Date of next Meeting			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGREED Jobs and Economics of City to be discussed as a specific subject at next meeting • AGREED it would be acceptable to have Anthony Standing SDS and James Gibbs HIE at next meeting to brief Members • AGREED the next meeting is to be extended to 2 hours • AGREED next meeting will take place in a fortnight, Thursday 23rd July 		

**City and Area of Inverness Economic Recovery Sub-Group
Thursday 23 July 2020 at 9:00am**

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1.	Welcome/Apologies for Absence		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GR welcomed Members and ran through the usual protocols • NOTED Cllr Duncan Macpherson was in attendance to represent Cllr Margaret Davidson • NOTED Cllr Glynis Campbell-Sinclair is no longer a Member of the group and ER will advise whom the 3rd Member from SNP will be next week • NOTED apologies received from Cllr Isabelle Mackenzie and Allan Maguire 		
2.	Note from Previous Meeting		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTED Members AGREED the previous note as an accurate record 		
3.	Matters Arising from Previous Notes		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTED Anthony Standing SDS and James Gibbs HIE were unable to attend this week's meeting due to other commitments, but will be in attendance next week to discuss economics and jobs • NOTED JG highlighted in relation to Economics and Available funding the need to be aware of the likely impact this will have on recovery and the need to ensure discussion is had going forward on budget and how to finance recovery 		
4.	City of Inverness Presentation Preview		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MM gave Members a broad overview of the presentation for Monday's CIAC. NOTED MM advised there will be slides included on area projects out with Inverness City in the final presentation • NOTED BB highlighted the possibility of efforts to engage with public transport agencies for partnership working • NOTED JG suggestion of possible review with current capital projects to 		

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		<p>ensure as many local people are employed by developers as possible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTED Current Capital Project name is to be amended to read Chisholm's • NOTED AG highlighted Inverness High School should also be included on Capital Projects Programme • NOTED interests were raised in relation to Eden Court possible increase in capacity as thought this would be great economic driver • NOTED JG raised the suggestion of making a priority list for which potential projects need to be driven forward. NOTED JG expressed interest to see if anything can be done for Eden Court or Northern Meeting Park • NOTED GR highlighted the importance of putting projects into the short, medium and long term for moving forward. It was suggested to look if something similar can be done to the Recovery Board on this • NOTED MM will look at the format to ensure scale of challenge is recognised with potential projects for all Inverness Area • NOTED TR highlights the importance that Culloden Academy was included in City Wide Projects • NOTED JG highlighted the importance of Raigmore hospital bus gate • NOTED suggestions of potential renewable waste/energy at Longman Interchange. MM advised this is moving ahead and there have been conversations with Transport Scotland who are committed to timelines on this. NOTED TR highlighted points that hidden costs would need to be considered • NOTED GR raised concerns if there are sufficient resources in place to support projects moving forward. MM advised at moment they are focused on working up resources and there may be some delays to some parts of work but ensured these are being assessed on mission critical basis. Eventually more resource will be required • ACTION: MM to circulate slides presented to Members to allow further comments 	<p align="center">MM</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Projects Update</p>			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTED DH advised Victorian Market is at the point of contract being awarded with a preferred bidder. Just in process of getting building warrant consent, once this is in place will be moving forward. Project is fully funded and ready to go. Members were reassured they will be liaised with and kept updated moving forward • NOTED DH advised there are prospects of a meeting with the Northern Meeting Park Group to take forward a collaborative working approach in the short, medium and long term for Park 		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTED DH advised he is still in contact with the owner of Eastgate Hostel and they are currently endeavouring to resolve issues with the principal development partner. No hands-on role will be taken to resolve issues as previous. DH will feedback as required • NOTED DH advised Local Community Hubs are working with Alison Clark and Carron McDiarmid to ensure those who are Shielding if vulnerable can seek help from Hubs. It is unpredictable, but a system has been put in place to cope with this • NOTED GR advised some Capital Programme development works to have been slowed due to COVID. NOTED DM concerns in relation to Muirtown Primary School and other projects that could be affected by this 		
6.	Members suggestions for Potential Projects to aid City Recovery			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTED GR highlighted his disappointment on motion being brought to full Council next week on parking in Inverness and thought that type of agenda item should be brought to the group • NOTED issues in relation to car parking were raised. GR advised if motion going to Council on Thursday doesn't go through there is a possibility to take this forward further in the group with possibility of inviting Shane Manning to look at costs involved and the potential benefits. NOTED JC advised this would be acceptable • NOTED BB highlighted the possible lessons that could be learnt from the Third Sector and other organisations on the operation they carried out through lockdown. NOTED Mhairi Wylie TSI is attending CIAC on Monday to advise of the approach taken and this should be raised further then • NOTED Members are to contact GR on any items they believe should be incorporated into further discussions 		
7.	Date of Next Meeting			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting to take place Thursday 7th August at 11am via Microsoft Teams 		

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ACTION NOTE

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	Items	Note/Action Agreed	Action For	Comments/Update/Report
1.	Welcome/Apologies for Absence			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GR welcomed Members and ran through the usual protocols to be adhered to during the meeting NOTED apologies received from Officers Malcom Macleod and Allan Maguire 		
2.	Note from Previous Meeting			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOTED Members AGREED the previous note as an accurate record NOTED in addition to the notes being added to the diary invite going forward a separate email will be circulated with the note 		
3.	Matters Arising from Previous Notes			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOTED as the car parking motion didn't go through at Council a number of matters need to be discussed further. ACTION: Shane Manning to attend next meeting ACTION: GR/DH to discuss with BID sensible supportive ideas they have in relation to car parking for the city NOTED there is a workshop scheduled for Monday 17th August at 2pm to discuss short, medium and long term priorities. ACTION: DH to ensure MD has received this diary entry 	<p align="center">OFFICERS</p> <p align="center">GR/DH</p> <p align="center">DH</p>	
4.	Recovery and Role of SDS			
		<p>Anthony Standing and Stephen Sheridan updated Members on work SDS has carried out, the current situation from their point of view and highlighted the scale of the possible challenge going forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOTED it was highlighted the importance of the message going out that the Highland area is in critical need NOTED SDS are working with the Scottish Government on the transition training fund. It is though transition funding will be key in providing reskilling 		

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		<p>opportunities. Work needs to be done with Local Authorities to ensure there is reevaluating of intervention for young people to meet the needs of the economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTED expansion in apprenticeships is required. SDS are looking at this as they are aware it needs to be increased • NOTED JG declared an interest in relation to Nigg Skills Academy • NOTED the highlighted importance of ensuring local people have the skills for major projects and retaining this in the Highlands. There should be dialog with developers as early as possible to ensure this • NOTED the need to get people interested in digital and renewable energy due to huge opportunities available in these industries • NOTED the urgency of this and the next 6 weeks are critical to agree the areas of greatest need • NOTED the importance of quickly needing to identify where the opportunities are while also identifying those at risk early • NOTED the importance of SDS to link up with the Council's Recovery Board. MD to speak with the Chair of the Recovery Board to ensure in the position to politically lobby • NOTED the importance of SDS working in close partnership with the Highland Council and the need messaging to be consistent • ACTION: SS to follow up with simple list of sector statistics on impact from Highlands for Members • NOTED further discussions will take place on Wednesday at the Highland Skills Group on Highland impact • ACTION: SS to circulate slideshow presented to Members 	<p align="center">SS</p> <p align="center">SS</p>	
5.	Recovery and Role of HIE			
		<p>James Gibbs informed Members of HIE's priorities and approach for the Highland area during the recovery phase:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support businesses to retain jobs and adapt to new market conditions • Try and keep jobs that are already there while securing new ones • Keep momentum seen so far with supporting communities funding. The strengthening communities' team are working to explore retaining this • Working to see how to support tourism and hospitality sectors as they have been one of the hardest hit • Bring forward investment projects in a number of sectors 		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTED regular meetings are ongoing between HIE and Council Officers regarding recovery plans. Work is also closely ongoing with SDS, most of this work around PACE. Discussions are taking place also with Business Gateway on how to further support newly developed businesses to be sustainable • NOTED HIE are also involved in the following opportunities, Investments on Inverness Campus, plans for both the station and the castle and the free port opportunity • NOTED concerns for businesses that rely on the coach trade. HIE are liaising with Visit Scotland on this • NOTED it was highlighted the benefits of establishing aerospace in the Highlands and the benefits it would bring for jobs • NOTED Highlands received good education results this year and this needs to be highlighted to respective employers that there is a real opportunity in the area • NOTED UHI need to be brought into closer discussions to help rapidly move the curriculum to meet the future of the economics in the Highlands • NOTED liaison between HIE and Council is strong but work needs to be done with UHI to ensure they are brought on board moving forward 		
6.	Projects Update			
		<p>DH updated Members on the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A bid has been submitted to the Scottish Government on bus lane at Farraline Park. NOTED BB suggestion of using Spaces for people funding. It is expected to get a quick response to this bid submitted • A bid has been submitted to the Scottish Government for bus gate at Raigmore to allow buses through NHS controlled land • “Bounceback” campaign is working well. Positive messaging is being pushed to encourage people back into the city centre and that it is safe place to come. There is close liaison with TBID and BID • DH highlighted that Officers are sensitive to the problems seen in Aberdeen. A meeting took place yesterday with Senior Council Officers and Police to ensure a common message about safety and observing guidelines was going out to those who use pubs and restaurants. Joint patrols/inspections will also be carried out between Environmental Health and Police Scotland to ensure a proactive approach • ACTION: DH to take back suggestion to Alan Yates of certification in hospitality venues to show public they have been inspected 	DH	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACTION: DH to also check with Alan Yates about the track and trace details to ensure pubs are recording all the required details • NOTED DH ensured from today the messages going out should be clear. Communications teams are in close communication to ensure clear messaging 	DH	
7.	Members Suggestion/Ideas for Potential Projects to Aid City Recovery			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTED concerns raised by a number of Members in relation to drug issues. Recognised this needs to be a Highland wide approach. DH advised there are plans to refocus the Community Safety Partnership and this will be taken through the group • NOTED JC raised concerns regarding social distancing at Chisholm's development on Castle Street. DH advised there has been liaison with contractors and a part of the Town House car park is being used to ensure space. Scaffolding coming down is thought to be imminent within the next 2/3 weeks • NOTED IM urged Members about the possibility of doing something similar to the neighbour good markets in place in Edinburgh. ACTION: IM to circulate Members the link • NOTED IM suggestion of using bannerling for displaying information to the public. DH advised there are plans in place in relation to bannerling • ACTION: GR to pass list received from BB onto Officers for consideration • NOTED MD declared interest in the Farmers Market 	IM GR	
8.	Inverness City- Rotary Heritage Trail			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GR gave Members a brief summary on the proposal received from Duncan MacDonald Inverness Culloden Rotary Club for Inverness Historic Walk • This will be an app and funded by the Rotary Club so won't be at a cost to the Council 		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NOTED Members sanctioned the proposal but highlighted the need for insurance that there won't be duplication• ACTION: Officers to bring this forward	OFFICERS	
9.	Date of Next Meeting			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next meeting is due to take place Thursday 20th August at 2pm via Microsoft Teams		

**City and Area of Inverness Economic Recovery Sub-Group
Thursday 20 August 2020 at 2:00pm**

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3.	Matters Arising from Previous Notes			
		<p>Track and Trace</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTED TR highlighted concerns regarding local premises not implementing the Track and Trace guidance. DH advised Environmental Health are working in partnership with the Police to ensure joint patrols are carried out in a high-profile manner to ensure premises are complying with the guidance • NOTED suggestion of certification brought up at previous meeting has been raised with Allan Yates who has looked into this and although there are complications this process hasn't been ruled out • NOTED suggestion of using the Bounceback campaign in the coming week to get information out. ACTION: Officers to take this forward <p>City Centre Car Parking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MM advised Members positive discussion was undertaken at a meeting with BID and Shane Manning has now gone away to look at how any changes made can be designed in a way that there is no detriment to practical issues or the overall income • Officers are currently working hard to find a solution which will be politically 	OFFICERS	

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		<p>and financially viable, this is a working progress and more information will be reported at the appropriate time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTED JC suggestion of 30mins free parking as an incentive • NOTED Members highlighted the need of encouraging the use of walking/Cycling and using space while ensuring there is parking for those who require it as essential 		
4.	Spaces for People			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colin Howell/Craig Baxter briefed Members on the developments made so far with Spaces for People. They were advised that much of what they were briefed on would be included in a report at the Economy and Infrastructure Committee on 7th September • CH advised they are looking to see if the interventions can be made more permanent with the use of certain materials • Members were briefed on the monitoring feedback received from the 4 key projects in the Inverness area although it was highlighted that not all projects are focused on this area alone • 4 key projects discussed were Castle one-way system, Millburn Road bike lane, Ness Walk/Bught Road one-way system and widening of Academy Street • NOTED IM suggestion of pedestrianising the old town during evening periods • NOTED JC highlighted constituents who can't access the portal to feedback comments should also be considered as currently this isn't accessible for all users • NOTED JG suggestion of looking at previous projects that have been tried as similar projects keep reoccurring • NOTED BB request to reduce congestion and traffic on Academy Street. It was highlighted there is plans underway with the buses, but this will take time to implement • NOTED ER expressed encouragement for the promising figures and advised she had received great feedback from both cycling and disability groups • NOTED CB advised Members they would welcome feedback on the portal and any issues experienced • It was recongised going forward walking, cycling or taking a bus should be encouraged to allow active travel 		

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5.	Inverness Bike Life and Monitoring Presentation			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neil Young gave Members a brief presentation on the bike life report and monitoring of active travel. He advised of the local data for the Inverness area and highlighted the importance of cycling for mental and psychological health • FM advised Members on the active travel network and went through the bannerling which will be used to encourage people to utilise the city centre • The bannerling is expected to be on the streets next week • There are plans to promote active travel with larger projects such as Raigmore Active Travel Link, Raigmore Interchange, Millburn Corridor and Riverside Way • NOTED DH advised this messaging ties in well with the clear message going out from Highland News Media to the public on how to safely use the streets • NOTED JG suggestion of beginning to look at the longer-term to make more permanent sustainable interventions • NOTED Members were supportive of banners and information put forward and recognised this is the opportune time to push this ahead in light of COVID-19 		
6.	Draft City Report			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers went through the City Recovery report with Members and advised of the items included. The report was drawn from the 2 key workshops which were held, one on the Inverness Common Good Fund and the other focused on recovery • AGREED to support report content and that it be presented to CIAC • NOTED GR highlighted the hard work done by Officers to create the report with projects listed • NOTED BB request for the final report to include page numbering. ACTION: Officers to ensure this is reflected in reports going forward • The report will be circulated with papers in advance of the City of Inverness Area Committee on Thursday 27th 	OFFICERS	

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7.	Members Suggestion/Ideas for Potential Projects to Aid City Recovery			
8.	Wild Camping By-Laws Update			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DH updated Members on the position and advised that looking at experience in imposing by-laws haven't been done successfully. If restricting traveling people from various locations, it generally must be shown that there is an adequate number of places on official sites. This has to do with human rights. Officer advice is that it isn't a viable option or appropriate to move this forward at the present time but it will be ensured everything is done along with Partners to resolve the issues around wild camping 		
9.	Date of Next Meeting			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting is due to take place Thursday 3rd September at 2pm via Microsoft Teams 		