

South Ayrshire Council

**Report by Depute Chief Executive and Director
of Housing, Operations and Development
to Council
of 26 September 2023**

Subject: Proposed Ward Capital Projects – Update 2023 to 2025

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on implementation of capital projects approved by Council at its meeting of 29 June 2023 and to recommend further capital projects for initiation and implementation during 2023/24. The report also provides an update on arrangements for considering potential capital investment programmes related to Ayr esplanade and Ayr town centre in the period 2024-27.

2. Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet:

- 2.1.1 notes the progress made with the capital investment projects identified in Appendix 1;
- 2.1.2 agrees that a report will be brought back to Council in March 2024 identifying a comprehensive programme of further capital investment projects for implementation during the financial period 2024 to 2027;
- 2.1.3 agrees the capital investment projects identified in Appendix 2 for initiation during the financial year 2023-24; and
- 2.1.4 notes the intention to prepare a Draft Ayr Esplanade Improvement Strategy and a Draft Ayr Town Centre Development Strategy that will provide the basis for a coherent package of capital investment projects in each of these locations. The Draft Ayr Esplanade Improvement Strategy will be recommended to the Cabinet meeting of 28 November 2023 for approval as a basis for public engagement and a Draft Ayr Town Centre Development Strategy will be recommended to the Cabinet meeting of 29 October 2024 for approval as a basis for public engagement.

3. Background

- 3.1 At its meeting on 1 March 2023, the Council approved the General Services Revenue Budget 2023-24 and the Capital Investment Programme 2023-24 to 2034-

35. Contained in the Capital Investment Programme 2023-24 to 2034-35 was funding for Place Plans; Place Planning and Community Led Projects; Place Planning and Ayr Ward West/Ayr Town Centre Projects; Girvan Regeneration Projects; and Promenade and Shorefront Enhancement Schemes.

- 3.2 At its meeting on 25 April 2023 Cabinet approved a process for identifying potential capital investment projects. This involved a review of Local Place Plans, Ward meetings with Elected Members and consideration by the Capital Asset Management Group (CAMG). The outcome of this work was the identification of potential projects. The projects were initially screened to establish if they were viable and if they were viable a view was taken on their expected timescales for implementation. This resulted in all these projects being assigned a colour category based on their deliverability: Red (unviable), Amber (complex requiring further work or consideration) or Green (viable and can be commenced in the current financial year 2023-24).
- 3.3 At its meeting on 29 June 2023 Council agreed 73 capital investment projects (categorised as green) due for commencement in 2023/24. These projects and a brief update on their progress is provided in Appendix 1.
- 3.4 Since Council approval of the 73 green projects, the remaining 186 amber projects have undergone further investigation and consideration by CAMG,

4. Proposals

- 4.1 Appendix 2 provides a list of the green projects approved by Council on 29 June 2023 along with a brief update and a review of colour categorisation if the project's deliverability has moved. It can be seen that 52 of the 73 projects remain on track for implementation during 2023/24. 12 of the projects have now been defined as amber mostly due to complexities in project delivery being identified. Unfortunately, for the reason given in the update, 7 projects can no longer be taken forward at this time through Ward Capital spend though other options are being considered for some of these projects.
- 4.2 The projects in Appendix 2 provide a significant work programme across many Council services. Whilst progress has been good, it is clear that there are considerable complexities to delivering this programme. The focus of work programmes since June 2023 has been on implementing the already approved projects for 2023/24. However, the remaining 186 amber projects have also been further investigated and, taking into account resources and work programme capacities, a further 14 projects are proposed for approval for commencement in the financial period 2023-24. The list of 14 further projects is set out in Appendix 2. It is recommended that work continues to progress the remaining 172 potential projects and that a report on the potential of these projects be provided to Cabinet in March 2024.
- 4.3 In assessing potential capital improvement projects on Ayr Esplanade, as part of both the Ward Capital budget and the Ayr Promenade budget, it has become clear that taking these projects forward would benefit from having a strategy that will provide a cohesive package of place making improvements to improve the overall esplanade area. Furthermore, the majority of this area is on land defined as Common Good, Previous legal research in relation to the St Germain-en-Laye gardens and bandstand concluded that the Council's Title to these two sites derives from the original Crown Charter establishing the Royal Burgh and they are thus determinably inalienable Common Good. This means that land cannot have its use

changed, sold or leased without court order. The same position is likely for the entire Common Good area of Ayr esplanade. Short term leases may not require Sheriff approval. There are a number of complex legal considerations that are relevant when considering proposals that relate to Common Good land. Advice on how the Council should approach development proposals or uses on Common Good land highlights the importance of undertaking community consultation on emerging proposals with a clear statement on how the improvement proposals provide for an improved position for communities enjoying Common Good assets. As part of the overall strategy, advice will be sought on whether any aspects or proposals could be considered to constitute a disposal or change of use of Common Good. In such circumstances, consultation requirements under section 104 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 would need to be followed. A summary of the potential legal requirements and processes where aspects of the strategy will involve a disposal or change of use of Common Good is provided in paragraph 5.1.

4.4 Although it is not thought that the emerging improvements along the Ayr Esplanade represent development or change of use a significant improvement to the area is being proposed and it is considered that the consultation on these proposals will be assisted by an Ayr Esplanade Improvement Strategy. It is intended that a draft strategy will be presented to Cabinet in November 2023 as a basis for public consultation. Many of the proposals could be viewed as maintenance or renewal. As such it is not considered that these improvements require to be delayed pending the conclusion of the finalised Strategy and as such they could commence in 2024/25.

4.5 There are also a number of capital investment projects proposed for Ayr town centre, including significant improvement proposals for Burns Statue Square. A report to Special Council of 15 September 2023 on Ayr Station Hotel, noted that it would be beneficial for any decision to demolish the southern wing of Ayr Station Hotel to be taken within the context of a development strategy for the area. Given the significant capital projects in Ayr town centre and issues regarding the future of the Ayr Station Hotel, the Council has commissioned consultants (Ironsides Farrar) to develop a potential development strategy for the town centre with a focus on this southern gateway area of the town centre. The development strategy will be helpful in the Council obtaining any potential external grant funding to undertake environmental improvements or other development works in Ayr town centre and in the southern gateway location. It is expected that the draft development strategy will be complete for recommending to the Cabinet meeting on 29 October 2024. A key recommendation of this report will be the seeking of agreement to undertake a public consultation on the draft development strategy.

5. Legal and Procurement Implications

5.1 Legal advice will be provided as required on the capital improvement projects. In the event that a project involves a disposal or change of use of Common Good, the following provides a summary for members of the legal processes which will require to be satisfied. Under Section 104 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 the Council, before making a decision to dispose or change the use of these areas, must:

- Publish details of the proposed disposal or change of use;
- Notify (a) any community council whose area includes all or part of the areas (taking account of the burgh council boundaries) and (b) any community body known by it to have an interest in the areas; and

- Invite representations in respect of the proposals;

and the Council must have regard to any representations made about the proposals in deciding whether to proceed.

5.2 If the areas are inalienable Common Good, under Section 75 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 the Council is also required to obtain authority from the Sheriff Court for any proposed appropriation or disposal of the areas.

5.3 Furthermore, under section 15(4) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994, in administering common good property, a Council shall have regard to the interests of the inhabitants of the former burgh area to which the common good related prior to 16th May 1975.

5.4 It should be noted that if any development relates to land which is open space and used for public recreation, there may be a requirement under Sections 24(2A) & 27(2A) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1959 that the Council must also:

- Publish a notice of any proposed appropriation or disposal in a newspaper circulating in the area for at least 2 consecutive weeks; and
- Consider any objections made in response before deciding whether to proceed.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 The Capital Investment Programme Expenditure in relation to community projects 2023/24 to 2034/35 as approved by the Council on 1 March 2023 is set out below. Within the overall approved budget, the Council, at its meeting on 29 June 2023, approved £3,045,000 in relation to community projects:

3	Communities Investment	2023/24 £	2024/25 £	2025/26 £	2026/27 £
i)	Girvan Regeneration Projects	1,500,000	1,500,000	-	-
l)	Place Plans	700,000	-	-	-
m)	Place Planning and Community Led Projects	1,750,000	1,750,000	1,750,000	1,750,000
n)	Place Planning and Ayr Ward West/Ayr Town Centre Projects	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
o)	Promenade and Shorefront Enhancement Scheme	850,000	500,000	500,000	500,000

7. Human Resources Implications

7.1 Not applicable.

8. Risk

8.1 *Risk Implications of Adopting the Recommendations*

8.1.1 There are no risks associated with agreeing to the above recommendations.

8.2 *Risk Implications of Rejecting the Recommendations*

8.2.1 There is a risk if the above recommendations are rejected that the Council will not be able to either complete the capital investment in improvements in our communities or if further projects are taken forward that this delays the delivery of already approved projects. There is a risk that if the projects in the Ayr Esplanade area are not set within a strategy as the basis for consultation that this could bring about challenges regarding works affecting the Common Good. There is also the risk that this could lead to incremental, incoherent placemaking. There is a risk that if the projects in Ayr town centre are not set in a development strategy that this could lead to incremental, incoherent placemaking.

9. Equalities

9.1 The proposals in this report have been assessed through an Equality Impact Assessment including Fairer Scotland Duty and is attached as Appendix 3.

10. Sustainable Development Implications

10.1 ***Considering Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)*** – This proposal does not propose or seek approval for a plan policy, programme, strategy, or document otherwise described which could be considered to constitute a plan, programme, policy or strategy. The strategies noted in relation to Ayr Esplanade and Ayr town centre will be subject of an SEA.

11. Options Appraisal

11.1 The various proposals that communities and Ward Members put forward for consideration can be found here. A thorough and detailed assessment of every proposal presented ensured that all options were fully appraised

12. Link to Council Plan

12.1 The matters referred to in this report contribute to Priority 1: Spaces and Places; and Priority 3: Civic and Community Pride of the Council Plan.

12.2 In terms of Priority 1: Spaces and Places, Outcome 1: Moving around and the environment and Outcome 2, Play Sport, and Recreation, are supported by the proposals set out in this report.

12.3 In terms of Priority 3: Civic and Community Pride, Outcome 1: Pride in South Ayrshire and Outcome 2: Community Engagement, are supported by the proposals as set out in this report.

13. Results of Consultation

- 13.1 Consultation has taken place with Councillor Martin Dowey, Portfolio Holder for Corporate and Strategic, Councillor Ian Davis, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Human Resources and ICT, and Councillor Martin Kilbride, Portfolio Holder for Buildings, Housing and Environment, and the contents of this report reflect any feedback received.

14. Next Steps for Decision Tracking Purposes

- 14.1 If the recommendations above are approved by Members, the Depute Chief Executive and Director of Housing, Operations and Development will ensure that all necessary steps are taken to ensure full implementation of the decision within the following timescales, with the completion status reported to the Cabinet in the 'Council and Cabinet Decision Log' at each of its meetings until such time as the decision is fully implemented:

Implementation	Due date	Managed by
Commencement of Green status Capital projects	31 March 2024	Assistant Director – Housing and Operations/Assistant Director – Planning and Development
Submission of full programme of Capital improvement projects for Cabinet approval	31 March 2024	Assistant Director – Housing and Operations/ Assistant Director – Planning and Development
Submission of Draft Ayr Esplanade Placemaking Improvement Strategy to Cabinet	28 November 2023	Assistant Director – Planning and Development
Submission of Draft Ayr Town Centre Development Strategy	29 October 2024	Assistant Director - Communities





Background Papers Report to Leadership Panel of 16 March 2021 – [Ayr Esplanade](#)






Report to Leadership Panel of 15 June 2021 – [Ayr Esplanade](#)




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No	Investment in Priority Improvement	Reference	Contribution from £1m Per Ward Fund (£)	Total Project Value (£)	Match Funding (£)	Source of Match Funding	Link to Council Plan	Support Community Wealth Bung ¹	Portfolio Holder	Timescale	Status	Details
2	Traditional community notice boards to promote events and activities in the town centre	Troon Together Community Action Plan 2019	5,000	5,000	TBC	TBC	Spaces and Places Moving around and the environment; and Play Sport and Recreation Civic and Community Pride Pride in South Ayrshire; and Community Engagement.	Land and Assets Plural Ownership	Councillors Martin Kilbride Alec Clark Brian Connolly Brian Connolly Ian Davis	23/24		The introduction of traditional notice boards to display both information of forthcoming events, community and Council news and display advertisements.
20	BBQ area on promenade.	Troon Together Community Action Plan 2019	10,000	10,000	TBC	TBC	Spaces and Places Moving around and the environment; and Play Sport and Recreation.	Land and Assets Plural Ownership Fair Work	Councillors Martin Kilbride Alec Clark Brian Connolly Bob Pollock	23/24		Neighbourhood Services to advance locations
1	Newton Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)	Newton Tenants and Residents Association Request	150,000	150,000	No	N/A	Spaces and Places Play, Sport and Recreation	Land and Assets	Councillors Martin Kilbride Alec Clark Brian Connolly	23/24		PDS confirmed design. To discuss proposals with members before commencement of works.
9	Natural Space Seating for the elderly; and More dog bins.	Annbank Place Planning Priorities for Actiony Engagement Outcomes June 2022	5,000	5,000	TBC	TBC	Spaces and Places Moving around and the environment; and Play, Sport and Recreation. Civic and Community Pride Pride in South Ayrshire.	Land	Councillors Martin Kilbride Alec Clark Brian Connolly	23/24		Neighbourhood Services to advance locations

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16	Streets and Spaces Barnweil monument should be repaired and access allowed inside; and Noticeboard featuring history of the area.	Craigie Place Planning Priorities for Action Engagement Outcomes June 2022	TBC	TBC	TBC		Spaces and Places Play, Sport and Recreation. Civic and Community Pride Pride in South Ayrshire	Land and Assets	Councillors Martin Kilbride Alec Clark Brian Connolly Bob Pollock	24/25		Asset Management instructing a fresh condition survey as the last was undertaken in 2019 to identify potential feasible works and priorities for action.
24	Natural Space Benches in woods; and More Bins	Dundonald Place Planning Priorities for Action Engagement Outcomes June 2022	5,000	5,000	TBC	TBC	Spaces and Places Moving Around and the Environment Civic and Community Pride Pride in South Ayrshire	Land and Assets	Councillors Martin Kilbride Alec Clark Brian Connolly	23/24		Neighbourhood Services to advance bench locations only – no additional bins.
25	Install decorative lighting at Dunure Castle.	Dunure Community Action Plan 2019-2024	40,000	40,000	TBC	TBC	Spaces and Places Moving around and the environment; and Play, Sport and Recreation.	Land and Assets	Councillors Martin Kilbride Alec Clark Bob Pollock Brian Connolly	23/24		Updated costing for lighting being sought.
27	Improve access from the Harbour to Kennedy Park and the Castle with a new viewpoint bridge.	Dunure Community Action Plan 2019-2024	150,000	150,000	TBC	TBC	Spaces and Places Moving around and the environment; and Play, Sport and Recreation.	Land and Assets	Councillors Martin Kilbride Alec Clark Bob Pollock Brian Connolly	23/24		ARA finalising design
39	New Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) for Coyllton	Ward Members	150,000	150,000	N/A	N/A	Spaces and Places Moving around and the environment; and Play, Sport and Recreation. Civic and Community Pride	Land and Assets Plural Ownership	Councillors Martin Kilbride Alec Clark Bob Pollock Brian Connolly	23/24		Neighbourhood Services to advance location.

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							Pride in South Ayrshire					
6	Walking Trail – Information boards	Community Led Tourism Action Plan – Girvan April 2022	6,000	11,000	5,000	Carrick Futures £4,500 Girvan Town Team £500	Spaces and Places Moving Around and the Environment; and Play, Sport and Recreation. Civic and Community Pride Pride in South Ayrshire; and Community Engagement	Land and Assets Plural Ownership Fair Work	Councillors Martin Kilbride Alec Clark Brian Connolly	2023/2024		Information boards to be advanced by Destination South Ayrshire
26	Natural Space Seating near the bridge would be good	Colmonell Place Plan June 2022	1,000	1,000	TBC	TBC	Spaces and Places Moving around and the environment; and Play, Sport and Recreation Civic and Community Pride Pride in South Ayrshire; and Community Engagement	Land and Assets	Councillors Martin Kilbride Alec Clark Brian Connolly	TBC		Neighbourhood Services to advance location.
42	Lion of Carrick Statue Proposal	North Carrick Community Benefit Company (NCCBC)	100,000	100,000	TBC	TBC	Spaces and Places Moving around and the environment. Civic and Community Pride Pride in South Ayrshire; and Community Engagement	Land and Assets	Councillors Martin Kilbride Alec Clark Bob Pollock Brian Connolly	23/24		DSA to Transfer money to NCCBC – complete. If NCCBC can't generate funds money to be returned.

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44	Community Garden Installation of benches and an interpretation Lectern at the sculpture	Colmonell Place Plan June 2022	1,000	1,000	TBC	TBC	Spaces and Places Moving around and the environment; and Play, Sport and Recreation Civic and Community Pride Pride in South Ayrshire; and Community Engagement	Land and Assets	Councillors Martin Kilbride Alec Clark Brian Connolly	TBC		Neighbourhood Services to confirm location
45	School Car Park formation of a new car park at the rear of Daily Primary School	Ward Members	55,000	155,000	100,000	Capital Programme	Spaces and Places Moving around and the environment; and Play, Sport and Recreation.	Land and Assets Plural Ownership	Councillors Martin Kilbride Alec Clark Bob Pollock Brian Connolly	23/24		ARA to design carpark and complete

Proposed Ward Capital Projects 2023 to 2027

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Troon														
1.	Civic Spaces Around the Walker Hall, Troon (Power Source)	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24310	Asset Management	5,000			5,000				The introduction of a power source on the seaward facing end of the Walker Hall for future outdoor events can be delivered within financial year 2023/24. Site Visited. Depending on loading. Should be able to be accommodated from Walker Hall Switchgear
	Troon Town Centre Recycling Bins	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24311	Neighbourhood Services	TBC			TBC				Original quote for works is £520k. Alternative prices are now being obtained
3.	Walker Hall - Outdoor Stage or Bandstand	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24312	PDS	TBC			TBC				Feedback awaited from Paul Scully following Troon Together group meeting on 7 Sept. This will determine location and scope to allow design to be progressed.
4.	Troon New Play Areas Within Communities - Various Locations	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24313	Neighbourhood Services	50,000			50,000				Provision of goal posts and repairs to the volleyball posts and nets on Barassie shore and investment in play areas in Adams Gate, Hosiery Park and Burns Road. Currently awaiting costs.
5.	Refurbishment Works to Hosiery Park Pavilion	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24314	Neighbourhood Services	80,000			80,000				4 options have been costed and now agreed with Ward Members this will be progressed via a capital works bid 24/25.
6.	Resurfacing of Troon Esplanade With Red Tarmacadam	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24315	ARA	80,000			40,000		40,000		Now included within ARA programme of works.
							215,000	0	0	175,000	0	40,000	0	
Prestwick														
1.	Reconfiguration of Adamton Road North Near to the Former St. Ninians Primary School	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24316	ARA	15,000			15,000				Now included within ARA programme of works. Price updated to £15k to reflect detailed estimate
2.	Illumination of Salt Pan Buildings at Prestwick St. Nicholas Golf Club	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24317	Asset Management	TBC			TBC				Solar lighting may not have the visual impact required, lighting specification may need reviewed. Further discussion required with golf club.
3.	Installation of Power Supply to the Former Lido Swimming Pool	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24318	Asset Management	40,000			40,000				Lido is within SEPA Floodrisk Area. Further dialogue required on options/requirements
4.	Upgrade the Surface of the Car Park Area to the North of the Kidz Play Facility	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24319	ARA	135,000			135,000				Further diligence required to satisfy Common Good and planning status
5.	Installation of a 'World Destination' Sign on Prestwick Promenade	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24320	Neighbourhood Services	TBC			TBC				Awaiting feedback from Ward Councillors
6.	Provision of Two New Steel Park Benches at the New Prestwick Promenade Play Park Area	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24321	Neighbourhood Services	2,000			2,000				Ordered, awaiting delivery.
7.	Provision of Four New Steel Picnic Tables on Prestwick Promenade	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24322	Neighbourhood Services	6,000			6,000				Ordered, awaiting delivery.
8.	Prestwick Promenade Surfacing Works With Red Tarmacadam to Upgrade and Reconfigure	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24323	ARA	200,000			100,000		100,000		Work commencing October 23

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							398,000	0	0	298,000	0	100,000	0	
Ayr North														
1.	Provision of Benches Along Newton Shore Promenade	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24324	Neighbourhood Services	TBC			TBC				Now included within ARA programme of works. Neighbourhood Services have placed the order for benches.
2.	Heathfield & Northfield - Playing Field Area Upgrade	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24325	Neighbourhood Services	TBC			TBC				Awaiting feedback from Ward Members following discussion with Community Council
3.	More Trees Planted in the Kings Park Open Grass Area	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24326	Neighbourhood Services	TBC							Site is not held in SAC account - will not be progressed
4.	Upgrade the Footpath at the Newton Shore Promenade with Red Tarmacadam	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24327	ARA	100,000			50,000		50,000		Now included within ARA programme of works. Works started.
5.	Provision of a Bike Shelter at the Lochside Community Centre	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24328	ARA	TBC			TBC				Now included within ARA programme of works.
6.	Upgrade On-street Parking Provision at Lochside Community Centre	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24329	ARA	15,000			15,000				Now included within ARA programme of works.
7.	Upgrade of the Council Owned Area at Dalmling Shops on Westwood Avenue	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24330	Neighbourhood Services	25,000			25,000				Works underway
8.	Upgrade of the Former Play Park Area at the Junction of Westwood Avenue and Dalmling Drive	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24331	Neighbourhood Services	3,000			3,000				Works underway
9.	Upgrading of the Carriageway of Newton Shore Promenade	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24332	ARA	400,000			290,000		100,000	10,000	Now included within ARA programme of works. Cost updated to reflect detailed cost estimate
							543,000	0	0	383,000	0	150,000	10,000	
Ayr East														
No projects have been allocated presently.														
Ayr West														
1.	Burns Statue Square Public Realm Upgrades	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24333	George Hunter / ARA	TBC			TBC				Final design details are to be completed as part of Ayr Development Strategy, but this project may commence within financial year 2023/2024.
2.	Footbridge Over the Slipway	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24334	ARA	140,000			70,000		70,000		ARA now instructed to proceed with works and site start date tbc in the next few weeks. Fortnightly progress meetings arranged including cost assessment.
3.	Loudon Hall Investment in New Lighting Installations	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24335	Asset Management	17,000			17,000				Actual cost is 17K for both part. Instruction to commence works issued.

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4.	Town Hall Gardens	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24336	PDS/Asset Management	TBC			TBC				PDS now progressing design options for review by neighbourhood services.
5.	Grain Exchange External Area. Remove the Bus Stop and Public Art adjacent to the Grain Exchange to provide an event space.	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24337	ARA/Destination South Ayrshire	TBC			TBC				Subject to discussions with Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) and bus operating companies.
6.	Ayr Promenade Boating Pond	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24338	PDS/Property Maintenance	TBC			TBC				Investigations confirmed former use as paddling pond unviable. Future consideration to be given to alternative uses of the site as part of Ayr Esplanade Strategy
7.	Resurfacing of Ayr Promenade With Red Tarmacadam & Upgrade Blackburn Carpark	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24339	ARA	245,000			100,000		100,000	45,000	£45,000 match funding to come from additional funding awarded to ARA for Roads Maintenance Therefore net cost will be £200,000.
8.	Motorhome Parking at Old Slipway	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24340	ARA	TBC							Preparatory arrangements and infrastructure requirements will be put in place within financial year 2023/24 to allow the facility to be available for motorhomes for the 2024 summer season.
9.	Introduce an Honest Men and Bonnie Lassies Walk of Fame at Burns Statue Square	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24341	Destination South Ayrshire	TBC			TBC				Inception work delayed due to work by DSA associated with Air Show.
10.	Illumination of the Auld and New Bridges, Ayr	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24342	ARA	101,000			101,000				Lighting options and heritage methodology required for planning application process being progressed by ARA
11.	Miller Road Ayr Lighting Column Decorative Lighting	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24343	ARA	6,000			6,000				Options being considered by ARA
12.	Multi-Media Modern Signage - Various Locations	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24344	Destination South Ayrshire	TBC			TBC				Options being explored but feasibility work being undertaken in first instance. With the securing of necessary consents and permissions new digital signage. This proposals likely to commence 24/25.
13.	Road Upgrade Works to All Main Arterial Routes into Ayr	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24345	ARA	405,000			405,000		TBC		Craigie Road; Dalmillington Road; Holmston Road; Maybole Road; Whitletts Road; Doonholm Road. Works commencing October 2023. Costing to be established at point of commencement.
							914,000	0	107,000	592,000	0	170,000	45,000	

Ward / Project Ref.	Project Description	Project Approved By	Cost Centre	Job Code	Job No. Allocated	Service	Amount Approved £
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Girvan Regeneration Projects £	Place Plans £	Planning and Community Led Projects £	Place Planning and Ayr Ward West/Ayr Town Centre Projects £	Promenade and Shorefront Enhancement Scheme £	Match Funding £	Current Status
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1.	Annbank Park - Benches, Picnic Tables & Upgraded Footpath	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24346	Neighbourhood Services/ARA	5,000
2.	Construction of New Footpath on the Southern Edge Collenan Reservoir	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24347	ARA	22,000
3.	New Outdoor Adult Gym Equipment in Mossblown	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24348	Neighbourhood Services	TBC
4.	Investment in an Upgraded Location for the War Memorial Mossblown	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24349	Professional Design Services	TBC
5.	Installation of New Benches Within Symington - Various Locations	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24350	Neighbourhood Services	TBC
6.	Symington Park - Outdoor Adult Gym Equipment and New Benches	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24351	Neighbourhood Services	TBC
7.	Community Cinema at Carvick Webster Memorial Hall Monkton	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24352	Destination South Ayrshire	40,000
8.	4 Tier Planters for Monkton	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24353	Neighbourhood Services	TBC
9.	Formal Road Access & Parking Provision at Dundonald Field	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24354	ARA	20,000
10.	Road and Footpath Upgrades at Dundonald Mossblown Symington & Loans	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24355	ARA	99,000
							186,000

			5,000			Awaiting confirmation from Ward Members of footpath locations
			22,000			Project has been designed and costed and can commence immediately if approved.
			TBC			Project already completed outwith Ward funded projects
			TBC			Fiona Ross to email Ward Members confirming agreed location
			TBC			Awaiting feedback from Ward Members following discussion with Community Council
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			40,000			Specification of equipment being established.
			TBC			Planters ordered and will be installed in Spring 2024
			20,000			ARA in process of design prior to public consultation.
			99,000			Now included within ARA programme of works. Cost updated to reflect detailed estimate
			0	0	186,000	0
			0	0	0	0

Maybole North Carrick & Coylton

1.	Streets & Spaces - Tree Planting Various Locations	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24356	Neighbourhood Services	TBC
2.	Moving Around - New Seating to Park, Coylton	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24357	Neighbourhood Services	TBC
3.	Minishant - Installation of New Benches	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24358	Neighbourhood Services	TBC
4.	Support Overall Cost of New Replacement Windows for Straiton Community Hall	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24359	Assets & Estates	10,000
5.	New Curtains with Maybole Coat-of-Arms for Maybole Town Hall Stage Area and completion of other ancillary works within the Town Hall.	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24360	Destination South Ayrshire	50,000
6.	Provision of a New Safety Boat for Dunure Harbour	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24361		51,000
7.	Construction of New Permanent Car Park Adjacent to Miller Park Play Area, Maybole	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24362	ARA	65,000
8.	Roads and Footpath Upgrades - Maybole & Dunure	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24363	ARA	96,000
							272,000

						Will not be progressed as trees do comprise Capital spend
			TBC			Coylton Place Planning - Locations to being confirmed with Community Council
			TBC			Locations being confirmed with community and NCCBT
			10,000			Building confirmed as not being in Council ownership so can not use capital to fund project.
			50,000			Works do not comprise Capital spend but alternative options are being considered.
			51,000			In progress
			65,000			Now included in ARA programme of works
			96,000			Now included within ARA programme of works. Cost updated to reflect detailed estimate
			0	0	272,000	0
			0	0	0	0

Girvan and South Carrick

1.	Upgrades to the Former Bingo Hall Site in Dalrymple Street	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24364	PDS	160,000
2.	Stumpy Tower Corner - Public Realm Upgrades	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24365	PDS	400,000
3.	Upgrade the Use of the Boating Pond Girvan	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24366	ARA	175,000

160,000						Preferred option 5 updated to refelect changes to ground surfacing and gates at the entrance
400,000						Proposals prepared by ARPL will now be progressed. Liaison with the local community will be required
					175,000	ARA finalising design.

Ward / Project Ref.	Project Description	Project Approved By	Cost Centre	Job Code	Job No. Allocated	Service	Amount Approved £	Girvan Regeneration Projects £	Place Plans £	Planning and Community Led Projects £	Place Planning and Ayr Ward West/Ayr Town Centre Projects £	Promenade and Shorefront Enhancement Scheme £	Match Funding £	Current Status
4.	New Merchant Navy and Seafarers' Memorial at Girvan Harbour	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24367	Neighbourhood Services/Destination South Ayrshire/ARA	15,000		15,000					Complete
5.	Installation of New Height Restriction Barrier to the South of the Harbour Master's Office Girvan (to manage access to car parking to the rear of the Quay Zone.)	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24368	ARA	TBC					TBC		Alternative less visually intrusive measures being considered as part of wider placemaking.
	Upgrade the Memorial Fountain at Girvan Harbour and the McCubbin Fountain at Church Square Girvan	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24369	PDS/Economy & Regeneration	TBC					TBC		Awaiting confirmation on scope of work and project requirements.
7.	Instal a New Power Source in the Promenade Performance Area	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24904	Assets & Estates	40,000					40,000		Order placed with Scottish Power
8.	Introduction of New Public Toilet Facility Near to the Boating Pond Girvan	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24370	PDS/Economy & Regeneration	TBC							JC+P approached to carry out feasibility options and initial costing exercise. Complex business case to be complete meaning timescales more likely 24/26.
9.	Upgrade the Bird Aviary in the Knockcushan Street Community Gardens	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24371	PDS	TBC	TBC						Management arrangement of bird relocation to be confirmed before upgrade can commence.
10.	Promenade Shelter - Upgrade and Reconfigure the Shelter Girvan	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24372	Assets & Estates/Neighbourhood Services	TBC					TBC		Design options being progressed
11.	Provision of Two New Flag Poles at Girvan Harbour	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24373	ARA	TBC					TBC		Two flag poles, to fly the Union Flag and the Saltire Flag, to be positioned in Knockcushan Street at a yet to be agreed location.
12.	Girvan Rose Garden - Investment in Upgrades to the Shelter and Garden Pathways	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24374	PDS/Economy & Regeneration	TBC	TBC						Confirmation on scope of work and project requirements requested to commence design.
13.	New Deer Proof Fence at Bynehill Cemetery, Girvan	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24375	PDS	TBC			TBC				Proposals for replacement fence underway for review with Fiona Ross. Works will then proceed to QQ.
14.	Upgrade to Exterior Facades of Buildings in Dalrymple Street, Knockcushan Street and Hamilton Street	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24376	PDS	TBC	TBC						Buildings in private ownership so cannot commit capital spend. Alternative funding options being explored.
15.	Upgrades to Ardstinchar Bridge	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24377	ARA	40,000			40,000				Project to be completed within financial year 2023/24
16.	New Seating Along the River Stinchar Walk	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24378	Neighbourhood Services	TBC			TBC				Ward Members have supplied contact details so that we can confirm locations
17.	Pinwherry & Pinmore - Create a New Footpath to Access Field	SAC 29/06/2023	010000	004100	G24379	ARA	TBC			TBC				Locations to be confirmed with Community Council
							830,000	560,000	15,000	40,000	0	215,000	0	

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Section One: Policy Details*

Name of Policy	Proposed Ward Capital Projects Update 2023 to 2025
Lead Officer (Name/Position)	Mike Newall Depute Chief Executive and Director of Housing, Operations and Development mike.newall@south-ayrshire.gov.uk
Support Team (Names/Positions) including Critical Friend	Macy Biggar Community Planning and Equalities Assistant Susan McCardie Community Planning Lead Officer

*The term Policy is used throughout the assessment to embrace the full range of policies, procedures, strategies, projects, applications for funding or financial decisions.

What are the main aims of the policy?	Proposed improvement projects identified through Place Plans are implemented throughout the Council area and funded through the Capital Ward budgets as approved by Council on 1 March 2023.
What are the intended outcomes of the policy?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To confirm place improvement projects in each Ward from completed Place Plans. • To share finalised project list for each ward with Community Councils to provide them with details of the proposals for their information. • Attract more tourists to South Ayrshire • Residents will be proud to be part of South Ayrshire

Section Two: What are the Likely Impacts of the Policy?

Will the policy impact upon the whole population of South Ayrshire and/or particular groups within the population? (please specify)	The Policy will impact areas of South Ayrshire which are associated with Capital Projects that support Place Plans and Community Led projects in each ward for; Ayr Town Centre projects; for Girvan Town Centre Regeneration Projects and for the Promenade and Shorefront enhancements.
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Considering the following Protected Characteristics and themes, what likely impacts or issues does the policy have for the group or community?

List any likely positive and/or negative impacts.

Protected Characteristics	Positive and/or Negative Impacts
Age: Issues relating to different age groups e.g. older people or children and young people	Positive: New arrangements would be fully inclusive to all age groups.
Disability: Issues relating to disabled people	Positive: New arrangements would be fully inclusive to people with disabilities
Gender Reassignment – Trans/Transgender: Issues relating to people who have proposed, started or completed a process to change his or her sex	Positive: New arrangements would be inclusive to all irrespective of a person’s gender.
Marriage and Civil Partnership: Issues relating to people who are married or are in a civil partnership	Positive: New arrangements would be inclusive to all irrespective of a person’s marital/civil partnership status.
Pregnancy and Maternity: Issues relating to woman who are pregnant and/or on maternity leave	Positive: New arrangements would be fully inclusive to this group.
Race: Issues relating to people from different racial groups,(BME) ethnic minorities, including Gypsy/Travellers	Positive: New arrangements would apply equally to Individuals of all racial groups
Religion or Belief: Issues relating to a person’s religion or belief (including non-belief)	Positive: New arrangements would be fully inclusive to all religions and beliefs (including non-belief).
Sex: Issues specific to women and men/or girls and boys	Positive: new arrangements would have a positive impact on both men and women.
Sexual Orientation: Issues relating to a person’s sexual orientation i.e. LGBT+, heterosexual/straight	Positive: New arrangements would be fully inclusive to all irrespective of a person’s sexual orientation.

Equality and Diversity Themes Relevant to South Ayrshire Council	Positive and/or Negative Impacts
Health Issues and impacts affecting people's health	Positive: Place Plans will ensure a better understanding of our population and places and allow development of plans to positively impact on health.
Human Rights: Issues and impacts affecting people's human rights such as being treated with dignity and respect, the right to education, the right to respect for private and family life, and the right to free elections.	Positive: A human rights approach will underpin both the formal engagement and consultation process, and any subsequent implementation of new governance arrangements.

Socio-Economic Disadvantage	Positive and/or Negative Impacts
Low Income/Income Poverty: Issues: cannot afford to maintain regular payments such as bills, food and clothing.	Positive: Place Plans and Community Led Projects will allow the Council to focus on where the need is greatest to support low income/income poverty.
Low and/or no wealth: Issues: enough money to meet basic living costs and pay bills but have no savings to deal with any unexpected spends and no provision for the future	Positive: Place Plans and Community Led Projects will allow the Council to focus on where the need is greatest to support low and/or no wealth.
Material Deprivation: Issues: being unable to access basic goods and services i.e. financial products like life insurance, repair/replace broken electrical goods, warm home, leisure/hobbies	Positive: Place Plans and Community Led Projects will allow the Council to focus on where the need is greatest to support material deprivation.
Area Deprivation: Issues: where you live (rural areas), where you work (accessibility of transport)	Positive: Place Plans and Community Led Projects will allow the Council to focus on where the need is greatest to support area deprivation.

Section Three: Evidence Used in Developing the Policy

<p>Involvement and Consultation In assessing the impact(s) set out above what evidence has been collected from involvement, engagement or consultation? Who did you involve, when and how?</p>	<p>At Council meeting on 1st March 2023, the Council approved the General Services Revenue Budget 2023-2024 and the Capital Investment Programme 2023-24 to 2034-2035.</p> <p>Extensive consultation has taken place as part of the Place Planning process, for place-based strategies, budget survey and accessible Ayr. Further information can be found on our consultation web page.</p> <p>Consultation has taken place with all Elected Members as part of the review of proposed improvement projects in each of the Council's Wards as identified through Place Plans.</p>
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<p>Data and Research In assessing the impact set out above what evidence has been collected from research or other data. Please specify what research was carried out or data collected, when and how this was done.</p>	Data was taken from Place Plans published in 2019, 2021 and 2022 from across South Ayrshire. The data confirmed the priority actions South Ayrshire communities said they wanted to see delivered. In addition to this, road safety data from Ayrshire Roads Alliance and Transport Scotland and traffic speed data from Police Scotland were also considered as part of the priority project considerations.
<p>Partners data and research In assessing the impact(s) set out in Section 2 what evidence has been provided by partners? Please specify partners</p>	Ayrshire Roads Alliance, Police Scotland, North Carrick Community Benefit Company, Dynamic Dunure, Go Girvan, Girvan Attractions, the Quay Zone in Girvan, Prestwick Civic Pride Partnership, Community Councils, Newton Green Tenants and Residents Association, SUSTRANS, Transport Scotland and Local Elected Members.
<p>Gaps and Uncertainties Have you identified any gaps or uncertainties in your understanding of the issues or impacts that need to be explored further?</p>	Further reviews of proposed Place Plan actions for each of our communities will be completed to identify potential capital projects that support the strategic objectives and outcomes of the Council, but also have no risk of any future revenue burdens.

Section Four: Detailed Action Plan to address identified gaps in:

- a) evidence and
- b) to mitigate negative impacts

No.	Action	Responsible Officer(s)	Timescale
1	Completion of approved Ward Capital Projects.	Mike Newall, Chris Cox, Kenny Dalrymple and Kevin Braidwood	By 31 March 2025

Note: Please add more rows as required.

Section Five - Performance monitoring and reporting

Considering the policy as a whole, including its equality and diversity implications:

When is the policy intended to come into effect?	Works are already being implemented.
When will the policy be reviewed?	March 2024
Which Panel will have oversight of the policy?	Full Council


Summary Equality Impact Assessment Implications & Mitigating Actions

Name of Policy: Approval Process and Governance Arrangements for Ward Capital Projects.

This policy will assist or inhibit the Council's ability to eliminate discrimination; advance equality of opportunity; and foster good relations as follows:

<p>Eliminate discrimination</p> <p>Neither assist nor inhibit.</p>
<p>Advance equality of opportunity</p> <p>This will look to advance opportunities through improvement of our places.</p>
<p>Foster good relations</p> <p>This will continue to foster good relations by developing meaningful communication and engagement with local communities to identify their needs and views.</p>
<p>Consider Socio-Economic Disadvantage (Fairer Scotland Duty)</p> <p>The Approval Process and Governance Arrangements for Ward Capital Projects will pay due regard to the Fairer Scotland Duty.</p>

Summary of Key Action to Mitigate Negative Impacts	
Actions	Timescale
None	N/A

Signed: 

Date: 14 September 2023