

Audit and Governance Panel Call-In Requisition

Cabinet – 23 May 2023

Item 8 - Temporary Senior Communities Officer - Glendoune

No	Reason/ Response
	<p>The report recommends that £50,000 initially secured and originally allocated to develop a community space within Glendoune, be used to extend the temporary Senior Communities Officer post for a further twelve months to allow ongoing work to improving targeted outcomes.</p>
1	<p>Our primary concern with this proposal is the abandonment of the original objective that was to create a community space. As a result, there is no usable office space at Glendoune. This will seriously inhibit directed efforts to improve outcomes for this community. Securing suitable accommodation at Glendoune, as originally proposed, would enable first-hand on-site operation for any sustained community support officer and afford greater direct benefit for an area that is acknowledged as one of the most deprived in South Ayrshire.</p>
	<p>Response:</p> <p>Although a suitable site has not been identified to accommodate the existing tenants Girvan Attractions options are still being discussed as part of the wider discussions regarding accommodation and the estate in Girvan and it is hoped that a solution will be identified in the near future.</p> <p>As noted at Cabinet, Thriving Communities are still committed to the development of this site. This recommendation is to utilise the temporary covid-recovery budget to extend the Senior Communities Officer’s post while an alternative site can be identified for Girvan Attractions and to ensure that the excellent work being delivered can continue. There are various options that could be considered to ensure funding is made available in future to develop the site at Glendoune when we are in a position to do so.</p> <p>If this post was not approved and the funding remains ringfenced for capital work, the implications are that an alternative location for Girvan Attractions may not be identified by the time covid recovery funds require to be spent and the current temporary post would end. This would have a negative impact on the community of Glendoune and the wider Girvan community.</p>
2	<p>We also note that section 9.1 of the document states that the report “does not involve changes to policies, strategies, procedures and processes, therefore a full equalities impact assessment is not required”. Yet, the proposal is clearly a change to policy or</p>

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	strategy, since the previously supported policy was to establish support accommodation at Glendoune.
	<p>Response:</p> <p>It's not it's an extension to a post which would not normally have an EQIA applied.</p> <p>It is not a policy or strategy. Thriving Communities have identified other potential funding sources that can be used when suitable accommodation has been identified for Girvan Attractions</p>