

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Chief Officer - Regulatory & Regeneration

Committee: Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development Committee 12 May 2021

Subject: Economic Development Plan 2020/21 Year-end Progress & 2021/22 Plan

1 Purpose

- 1.1 This report provides members with the year-end progress of the 2020/21 Plan and sets out the 2021/22 Plan.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee notes:
- the year-end position for 2020/21; and
 - the plan for 2021/22.

3 Background

- 3.1 Each Chief Officer develops an annual Delivery Plan. This sets out actions to help deliver the Strategic Plan and address the performance challenges and service priorities identified in the planning process. The Plan also provides an overview of services and resources, including employees and budgets, sets out the performance indicators for monitoring progress and considers the relevant risks.
- 3.2 Following a restructure in January 2021, Economic Development moved from Regeneration services to Regulatory & Regeneration. The Energy & Compliance team also moved to sit within the Economic Development service.
- 3.3 This report provides the year end position of the Economic Development elements of the 2020/21 Regeneration Delivery Plan and sets out the Economic Development elements of the Regulatory & Regeneration Delivery Plan for the coming year, 2021/22.
- 3.4 The Economic Development Strategy 2015-20 update was provided to members in November 2020 as a monthly members' bulletin for noting. This included updates on performance indicators and a series of actions.

Main Issues

2020/21 Year-end Performance

- 4.1 The 2020/21 Plan was presented to Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development Committee 18 November as part of the Regeneration Delivery Plan. This was later than the usual May/June committee cycle due to

the COVID-19 pandemic and consequently there was no mid-year progress report.

- 4.2 Full details of year-end progress are set out at Appendix 1.
- 4.3 Of the 4 actions due to be completed by 31 March 2021, all were completed as planned.
- 4.4 Year-end values are available for 4 of the 7 performance indicators included in the plan. Of those, 3 (75%) achieved their year end targets and 1 (25%) just missed its target. Full details are set out in Appendix 1.
- 4.5 The full set of performance indicators will be reported through the Council's annual performance reporting process once all data becomes available.

Economic Development Plan 2021/22

- 4.6 An extract from the Regulatory & Regeneration 2021/22 Delivery Plan is included at Appendix 2. This sets out the achievements and challenges for Economic Development over the past year, as well as the priorities for the year ahead.
- 4.7 Key priorities include: delivering key regeneration sites across West Dunbartonshire; exploring commercial opportunities in our town centres; delivering the Town Centre Recovery Plan; ensuring the next phase of Queens Quay Housing is delivered; ensuring the Council has positioned the Energy Centre to showcase best practice at COP26; and developing a Climate Change Action plan to support the implementation of the Climate Change Strategy.
- 4.8 Progress against the action plan will be monitored by the management team and scrutinised through quarterly performance updates to the Performance Monitoring & Review Group.

5 People Implications

- 5.1 There are no direct people implications arising from this report.

6 Financial & Procurement Implications

- 6.1 There are no direct financial or procurement implications arising from this report.

7 Risk Analysis

- 7.1 Failure to deliver on the actions assigned to Economic Development may have a direct impact on the delivery of the Council's Strategic Plan. It is essential that remedial action is taken to ensure strategic delivery plans achieve the commitments detailed.

8 Equalities Impact Assessment

8.1 Screening and impact assessments will be carried out on specific activities as required.

9 Consultation

9.1 The delivery plans were developed through consultation with officers from the strategic service areas.

10 Strategic Assessment

10.1 The delivery plans set out actions to support the successful delivery of the strategic priorities of the Council.

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Appendices: Appendix 1: Economic Development Extract from the
Regeneration Delivery Plan 2020/21- Year-end Progress

Appendix 2: Economic Development Extract from the
Regulatory & Regeneration Delivery Plan 2021/2

Background Papers: Regeneration Delivery Plan 2020/21 - Report to IRED
Committee, 18 November 2020
Economic Development Strategy 2015-20 Update –
Monthly Members' Bulletin, November, 2020

Wards Affected: All