

South Ayrshire Council

**Report by Chief Executive
to Leadership Panel
of 13 March 2018**

Subject: Ayr Renaissance LLP – 2018/19 Business Plan and Management Arrangements

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise members of Ayr Renaissance Business Plan which will be undertaken during 2018/19 and provide an update on the revised management arrangements .

2. Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that the Panel:

- 2.1.1 **approves a review of the LLP Agreement to be completed by May 2018;**
- 2.1.2 **notes the projects being taken forward in 2018/19 as detailed in [Appendix 1](#);**
- 2.1.3 **approves the management arrangements for Ayr Renaissance LLP set out in 4.4 below; and**
- 2.1.4 **approves the Director of Place to make changes to the authorisation procedures as required in line with the revised management arrangements.**

3. Background

- 3.1 On 14 December 2017, the Council decided that, as part of the paper entitled 'Review of Management Structure', the operational management of Ayr Renaissance should transfer to the Council in accordance with the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (TUPE).
- 3.2 This transfer of operational staff takes effect on 31 March 2018, with the Board of Ayr Renaissance LLP remaining in place to provide strategic guidance.
- 3.3 Ayr Renaissance LLP will continue to have an important strategic role in the development and delivery of regeneration in Ayr Town centre, as well a responsibility to complete the current programme of projects. To facilitate this staffing resource and funding is required to manage these projects and meet current and on-going liabilities. This paper sets out the budget required for 2018/19 and arrangements for SAC staff to support the Ayr Renaissance Board.

- 3.4 Under the terms of the Agreement through which Ayr Renaissance LLP delivers regeneration services to the Council it is required, annually, to submit a three year Business Plan to the Council for approval. The previous plan was approved by the Council on 2nd March 2017 .Reflecting the current financial climate affecting the Council, this business plan covered a single financial year only and not a three year period set out in the LLP Agreement. This paper seeks approval for a further one year plan.
- 3.5 The Council approved Ayr Renaissance budget for 2017/18 is £465,500 and it is estimated there will be a saving on this budget of £129,897.

4. Proposals

- 4.1 It is proposed that the principles, on which Ayr Renaissance operates, under the authority of South Ayrshire Council, will remain similar to the current arrangement under the LLP Agreement. It is proposed that the LLP Agreement is reviewed to reflect how support will be provided to Ayr Renaissance with the outcome of this review being presented to Council in May 2018.
- 4.2 The Council approved a budget for 2018/19 of £207,035 to allow various projects to be progressed as outlined in Appendix 1, the costs of staff supporting Ayr Renaissance are included in Place Directorate budget.
- 4.3 Ayr Renaissance will develop a strategy for the regeneration of Ayr Town Centre which will be approved by the Council.
- 4.4 The Council will provide officer support to develop the plans and deliver projects. The level of support will vary depending on the requirements of each project. Officers will be under the management control of the Director - Place and will report on progress to the Board of Ayr Renaissance on a regular (four times annually) basis
- 4.5 A budget of £269,000 is required to deliver projects outlined in Appendix 1 during 2018/19. This will be funded from £207,035 approved by Council and £61,965 from projected underspend in 2017/18. Any underspend in excess of this amount will be returned to the Council's general reserves.
- 4.6 The table at [Appendix 2](#) provides detail of the projected costs of each of the planned projects.
- 4.7 The table at [Appendix 3](#) provides a summary update of the approved capital budget for the Riverside and Clydesdale Bank projects.
- 4.8 Financial transactions are currently processed both through South Ayrshire Council and Ayr Renaissance bank accounts as required. The Director of Place will arrange for the necessary changes to authorisation procedures to reflect the new management arrangements.

5. Legal and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 The legal agreement between the Council and Ayr Renaissance LLP will be reviewed and proposed changes will be presented to Council in May 2018.
- 5.2 There are no procurement implications arising from this report.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 South Ayrshire Council funding support for the period 2018/19 is set out in the table below:

	2018/19
SAC Contribution	£207,035
2017/18 Carry Forward	£61,965
Total	£269,000

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 adopting the recommendations.

8.2 *Risk Implications of Rejecting the Recommendations*

8.2.1 The risks associated with rejecting the recommendations are that Ayr Renaissance will be unable to fulfil its financial commitments, existing projects will be delayed and the regeneration of the town centre will be stalled.

9. Equalities

9.1 The proposals in this report have been assessed through the Equality Impact Assessment Scoping process. There are no significant potential positive or negative equality impacts of agreeing the recommendations and therefore an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required. A copy of the Equalities Scoping Assessment is attached as [Appendix 4](#).

10. Sustainable Development Implications

10.1 **Considering Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)** - This report does not propose or seek approval for a plan, policy, programme or strategy or document otherwise described which could be considered to constitute a plan, programme, policy or strategy.

11. Options Appraisal

11.1 An options appraisal has not been carried out in relation to the subject matter of this report.

12. Link to Council Plan

12.1 The matters referred to in this report contribute to the Council strategic objective of 'Make the most of the Local Economy' and within that to the outcome 'Maximise the opportunities offered by key regeneration projects including the Ayrshire Growth Deal and the Ayr Renaissance master plan'.

13. Results of Consultation

- 13.1 There has been no public consultation on the contents of this report .
- 13.2 Consultation has taken place with Councillor Brian McGinley, Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Tourism and Leisure, and the contents of this report reflect any feedback provided.

15. Next Steps for Decision Tracking Purposes

- 15.1 If the recommendations above are approved by Members, the Chief Executive 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 Leadership Panel in the 'Council and Leadership Panel Decision Log' at each of its meetings until such time as the decision is fully implemented:

<i>Implementation</i>	<i>Due date</i>	<i>Managed by</i>
Review of LLP Agreement	10 May 2018	Director - Place

Background Papers **Report to South Ayrshire Council of 14 December 2017 – [Review of Management Structure](#)**

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