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Meet	ing:	Irvine Locality Partnership	
Date/Venue:		15 January 2024 via Microsoft Teams at 6.00 p.m.	
Present:		Councillor Shaun Macaulay (Chair) Councillor Marie Burns Councillor Chloe Robertson Councillor Christina Larsen Councillor Nairn McDonald Councillor Louise McPhater Councillor Matthew McLean Councillor Robert Foster Lesley Forsyth, Lead Officer Annie Small, Community Representative (Vice- Chair Chris Pless, Community Representative Elaine Baxter, Locality Officer Lesley Dunlop, Community & Locality Planning Assis	,
In Attendance		Louise Kirk, Senior Manager, NAC Claire Fitzsimmons, Senior Manager, NAC Helen Hogg, Micah Project (CIF application) Karen Kordakis, Micah Project (CIF application)	
Apologies:		Councillor Angela Stephen Barbara Conner, TACT Stephen Fraser, Active Schools Co-ordinator Linzie Sloan, Head Teacher, Irvine Royal Academy Irene McIlwain, Community Representative Inspector David Cameron, Police Scotland David Phillips, Community Representative ACTIONS	
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1.	Welcome/Apolog The Chair welcom meeting and apolo	ies/Declarations of Interest ned those present to the Irvine Locality Partnership gies for absence were recorded. interest were made.	
2.	The Partnership received a report from the Locality Officer with details of two Community Investment Fund Full Applications as follows: Locality Priorities Development Worker – Full Application Irvine Locality Partnership applied for funding support in the amount of £99,648 for a Locality Priorities Development to support the Locality Partnership and the Locality Officer to achieve the work of the Locality Action Plan The Locality Officer provided further information on the project and the following questions raised:		

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- The costs are relating to the employment of a grade 9 post in the salary scale.
- This would be a new post and would to be advertised and go through the NAC recruitment process.
- Clarified that the post is for the Locality Partnership and not North Ayrshire Council. As the Locality Partnership cannot employ staff, the post would be based in the Locality Officer's team but carrying out work for the priorities of the Locality Partnership. The Locality Officer highlighted that there were 52 suggestions of projects received from the Chit Chats that need to be taken forward and this post will enable the work to be undertaken. Similar posts have been approved in other Locality Partnerships.

The Partnership discussed the application and as there was no consensus it was taken to a vote. The result of the vote is as follows:

- Yes − 4
- No − 5
- Abstain 1

The Partnership did not approve the application.

Lesley Forsyth/Elaine Baxter

Micah Project - Full Application

The Micah Project applied for funding support in the amount of £50,000 for their N2U Irvine project.

A representative of the Micah Project provided further information on the application and responded to questions.

The representative of the Micah Project then left the meeting, returning to hear the Partnership's decision.

The Partnership agreed that the proposal proceed to the North Ayrshire Council's Cabinet for approval.

Lesley Forsyth

3. Irvine Long Term Plan for Towns

The Partnership received an update from Louise Kirk and Claire Fitzsimmons on the Long Term Plan for Towns.

L Kirk advised the Locality Partnership that the UK Government announced the Long-Term Plan for Towns Fund in September 2023 which is part of the UK Government's Levelling Up Fund. It involves 55 towns across the UK, seven in Scotland – including Irvine. £20 million funding has been allocated over ten years to support the plan's delivery. It is about placing local people at the heart of the decision-making process and regenerating the town.

C Fitzsimmons shared a presentation with the partnership which included:

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- Selection criteria based on Levelling Up Needs Matrix including metrics relating to skills, pay, productivity, health and deprivation.
- Establishment of a Town Board including broad representation across the community, local business, social enterprise, local authority and public sector interests to oversee the development and delivery of the Long-Term Plan.
- The Local Authority will be the accountable body for funding and executing plans.
- Town Board will be responsible for developing the Long-Term Plan, working closely and engaging with local people.
- Town Board to be established by 1 April 2024.
- Long Term Plans to be developed April August.
- Town Board to submit Long Term Plans by 1 August 2024.

The Guidance recommends that the Town Board builds on existing local arrangements. The proposal therefore is that the Town Board is a subgroup of the Irvine Locality Partnership. We would like to write to every member of the Partnership to ask for volunteers for the Town Board.

Questions were asked in relation to:

- Membership of the Town Board. Irvine has a number of Councillors who represent 3 groups. Would we be able to have three Councillors on the Board. The team are working with the Scottish Government and the question has been asked as the current UK guidance states only two Councillors. Feedback will be provided when an update has been received.
- Would the Chair be found via an open call; can Locality Members nominate? The team are happy to receive nominations. Once they write to the whole Locality Partnership and get the initial group together, they will decide on the Chair.
- It would be good if the principle of Elected Members not outnumbering community representatives could be maintained on the Town Board.
- If the subgroup is part of the Locality Partnership would the Chair be co-opted on as part of the Standing Orders? No as we are co-opting people on to a subgroup.

The Partnership agreed to (a) the Town Board being a subgroup of the Locality partnership and (b) writing to the Locality Partnership for volunteers to become members of the Town Board.

Louise Kirk/Claire Fitzsimmons

4. AOCB

No business was discussed.

The Meeting ended at 7.28 p.m.