

**APPENDIX A TO AGENDA ITEM NO.
BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE**

7th MAY 2002

SERIAL	Description	Details
AS 1	Improvements to hot water system and showers at Victoriana Toilets Rothesay	The Rothesay Victoriana Toilets are a substantial tourist asset to Bute. They are always placed highly in the prestigious “Loo of the Year Award.” The premises were refurbished some 12 years ago and are run by a charitable Trust. The Council retains maintenance responsibility for the premises. The hot water system and the showers are defective and are causing problems with the many yachting users of the premises. The toilets are well known in yachting circles. The proposal to upgrade the hot water and showers are in line with the stated criteria in that additional money is available from other funding sources and the premises are a major tourist attraction. The improvement works would reduce the current annual maintenance and energy spends on the premises.
AS 2	Provision of signage for visitor attractions etc in Dunoon Town Centre	The signage in Dunoon Town Centre is sparse and antiquated. The proposal is that with Roads and Property Maintenance a review of the signage is undertaken and a themed provision is made to acknowledge new and existing facilities. Local offices, main shops, sports and health facilities can also be included in this signage. The proposal fits the criteria in that it combines several Departments, is of benefit to locals and tourists and can generate financial support from the private sector.
AS 3	Improvements to Tennis Pavilion in Meadows to provide new Public Conveniences	The toilets in the Meadows have been heavily vandalised and are beyond repair. The Pavilion currently houses the Kiosk serving the tennis courts. It formerly also incorporated the main changing rooms for the Meadows, but these are now defunct. The proposal is to revamp the old changing area into a Ladies Gents and Disabled toilet facility that will serve this extremely busy area. These new facilities will reduce existing maintenance and energy costs. There will also be a saving in manning and security costs, as the Kiosk attendant will man them.

AS 4	Refurbishment of Morag's Fairy Glen Dunoon	This has been the subject of a report to Area Committee. This facility is currently unsafe and is denied public access. The proposal would refurbish a tourist asset and also attract additional funding from Forestry Enterprise, Leader and make use of ETF staff which has obvious retraining benefits for local unemployed.
AS 5	Funding for Environmental Task Force Project work on Bute	There is a project currently operating on Bute for retraining of local unemployed. They are heavily involved in refurbishing AIE and Council owned/funded facilities. The extension of this project would ensure further training and skills acquisition for these and other long term unemployed and will attract match funding through ETF input. The various projects on which they will be involved for ABC will lead to reduction in maintenance spend in the medium to longer term.
AS 6	Funding for Environmental Task Force Project work in Cowal	The proposal is to similarly create an ETF work force to carry out project work in the Cowal area.
AS 7	Refurbishment of facilities at Argyll and Castle Gardens Dunoon	Both Argyll Gardens and Castle Gardens provide a much needed tourist facility in Dunoon town centre. They both require extensive refurbishment to reduce current maintenance spend. They also need infrastructure improvements to improve their usability to the public. Substantial cosmetic improvements are also needed to restore their visual appeal.
AS 8	The provision of a small team to carry out maintenance and upgrading	The employment, for 6 months, of a 2 man team provided with a vehicle and necessary equipment, to carry out maintenance to benches, bins and other items. They can also be used to remove graffiti and carry out minor repairs to Amenity Services facilities. This will reduce the burden on both the existing workload and the main Property Maintenance budgets and other smaller maintenance budgets.