

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 2 MARCH 2017

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 2 March 2017 at 3pm

Present: Provost Moran, Councillors McEleny (for Campbell-Sturgess), Clocherty, Dorrian, Jones, MacLeod, McCabe, McCormick, Nelson and Shepherd.

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Head of Legal & Property Services, Legal Services Manager (Procurement & Conveyancing), Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services), Finance Manager (Environment & Technical), Ms M McCabe (Finance Services), Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Service Manager (Roads), Head of Regeneration & Planning, Property Assets Manager, Technical Services Manager and Corporate Communications Manager.

The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Committee.

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| 148 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 148 |
| | <p>Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Ahlfeld and Campbell-Sturgess, with Councillor McEleny substituting.</p> <p>No declarations of interest were intimated.</p> | |
| 149 | Environment & Regeneration Revenue Budget 2016/17 – Period 9 to 31 December 2016 | 149 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the position of the Revenue Budget 2016/17 as at Period 9 (31 December 2016) which showed a projected underspend of £2,000.</p> <p>Decided: that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £2,000 for 2016/17 as at 31 December 2016.</p> | |
| 150 | Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2016/17 to 2017/18 – Progress | 150 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the position of the projects within the Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme.</p> <p>The Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updated the Committee with regard to the western entrance sculpture project at Port Glasgow and advised of possible impacts on cost and timescales as a result of traffic safety issues.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the Committee note the current position of the Capital Programme 2016/18 and the progress of the specific projects detailed in appendices 1 and 2 of the report;</p> <p>(2) that a report on the western entrance sculpture project at Port Glasgow be submitted to the June meeting of the Committee; and</p> | |

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(3) that, in the meantime, authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer, the Head of Legal & Property Services and Riverside Inverclyde to take any necessary action regarding the Council's involvement in the western entrance sculpture project.

151 Shared Services – Joint Committee 151

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on the progress of shared services preparations amongst East Dunbartonshire, West Dunbartonshire and Inverclyde Councils.

Decided: that the Committee note the progress on shared services discussions with East and West Dunbartonshire Councils, the proposal to appoint a lead officer, with costs being contained within the Directorate Revenue Budget 2017/18, and that the next meeting of the Joint Committee will be in March 2017.

152 Inverclyde Local Development Plan Main Issues Report 152

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan Main Issues Report for public consultation from 31 March to 31 May 2017.

After discussion, Councillor McCabe moved that the Inverclyde Local Development Plan Main Issues Report be approved for public consultation. As an amendment, Councillor Nelson moved that the Inverclyde Local Development Plan Main Issues Report be approved for public consultation subject to amendment of Issue 7 – Spango Valley, Greenock to retain the previous designations of the former IBM site, including the use of the western part of the site for business and industry. On a vote, 4 Members, Councillors Jones, MacLeod, McEleny and Nelson, voted for the amendment and 6 Members, Provost Moran and Councillors Clocherty, Dorrian, McCabe, McCormick and Shepherd, voted for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Local Development Plan Main Issues Report be approved for public consultation.

153 Scottish Government Climate Change Reporting 153

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the performance data submitted to the Scottish Government in respect of climate change reporting required under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.

Decided: that the Committee note the Council's climate change performance, particularly with regard to the reduction of carbon emissions.

154 The Scottish Government Draft Climate Change Plan – The Draft Third Report on Policies and Proposals 2017-2032 154

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the Draft Climate Change Plan published by the Scottish Government in January 2017 and the implications it may have for the operations of the Council and (2) seeking agreement to the comments on the Plan submitted on behalf of the Council.

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Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the publication of the Draft Climate Change Plan and approve the Council's comments as set out in paragraphs 6.1 – 6.3 of the report, which were submitted to the Scottish Government in order to meet the 10 February deadline for submission of comments; and
- (2) that a report providing an update on the Council's Climate Change Action Plan be submitted to the June meeting of the Committee, the report to include the further actions required to address Scottish Government targets.

155 Scottish Government Consultation on Raising Planning Fees 155

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the consultation response submitted on behalf of the Council to the Scottish Government on raising the cap on planning application fees to better reflect the level of resources they demand by the 27 February 2017 deadline.

During consideration of this item of business, Councillor McCormick vacated the Chair and left the Chambers and Councillor Clocherty assumed the Chair. Councillor McCormick returned to the meeting prior to the Committee concluding consideration of the matter and resumed the Chair.

Decided: that the Committee endorse the consultation response submitted to the Scottish Government in respect of raising the cap on planning application fees.

156 Scottish Government Consultation on Places, People and Planning: A Consultation on the Future of the Scottish Planning System 156

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the Scottish Government consultation on the future of the Scottish planning system and (2) seeking approval of the consultation response set out in the report.

Decided: that approval be given to the submission of the response to the Scottish Government consultation on the future of the Scottish planning system as set out in the report.

157 Flood Risk Management – Update Report 9 157

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the progress of the Council's flood risk management programme.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current progress on the Central Greenock Flood Prevention Schemes; and
- (2) that the Committee note the current progress on the Flood Risk Management Act Schemes outwith central Greenock.

158 Road Asset Management Policy 158

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of the Road Asset Management Policy, a copy of which was attached to the report.

Decided: that the Committee note and approve the Road Asset Management Policy.

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159 Roads Asset Management Plan 2017/18**159**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval in relation to a proposed programme of projects to be undertaken in 2017/18 using Roads Asset Management Plan (RAMP)/Capital Funding and grant offers of funding by the Scottish Government for Cycling, Walking and Safer Street projects (CWSS).

Decided:

- (1) that the list of projects for the 2017/18 RAMP/Capital and CWSS grant aided roads related projects be approved; and
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to achieve full spend of the RAMP/Capital budget through the substitution of projects from a reserve list when necessary.

160 Implications of Removal of the use of Parking Discs in Kilmacolm**160**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the implications of enforcing the existing two hour time limit in designated on-street parking locations in Kilmacolm without the requirement to display a parking disc, as agreed by the Committee at its meeting on 12 January 2017.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the further investigations that have been carried out into the enforcement of on-street two hour maximum stay car parking in Kilmacolm;
- (2) that approval be given to the drafting and promotion of a variation to the Traffic Regulation Order to remove the requirement to display parking discs; and
- (3) that a further report be submitted on the outcome of the consultation process associated with the variation to the Traffic Regulation Order which will inform the Committee of the extent of support for the proposal.

161 Residents' Parking Permit Scheme Expansion**161**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to extend the Residents' Parking Permit Scheme into two areas adjacent to Greenock Town Centre and a small section of Shore Road, Wemyss Bay.

Councillor Rebecchi was present as a Member with a specific ward-based interest in the item and, with the consent of the Convener, participated in the debate.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee agree to (i) the extension to the GR2 Residents' Parking Permit Zone to include East Shaw Street, Bearhope Street and Duncan Street, Greenock and (ii) the creation of two new Parking Permit Zones to include all of Shaw Place and Trafalgar Street and Mearns Street (between Shaw Place and Regent Street), Greenock and Shore Road, Wemyss Bay; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services to prepare and promote Traffic Regulation Orders to progress and enforce the proposed extension to the Residents' Parking Permit Scheme.

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162 Economic Development – Additional Budget Allocation

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing details of the allocation by the Council at the budget meeting on 16 February 2017 from the use of reserves of sums of £2.5m for town and village centres and £500,000 for employability initiatives.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the allocation in the budget for additional economic development activity;
- (2) that the Committee approve the allocations as set out in the report; and
- (3) that update reports be submitted to every second cycle of the Committee.

The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Committee to be apprised of the position at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.

163 Inverclyde Single Outcome Agreement: City Deal

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the strategic fit of City Deal projects with the current Single Outcome Agreement and their likely future fit with any refreshed Single Outcome Agreement.

In response to a request for an update on the Inverkip project, the Head of Regeneration & Planning advised that negotiations with interested parties were ongoing and it was agreed that he provide further information later in the meeting following exclusion of the public and press.

Decided: that the Committee note the positive strategic fit between City Deal infrastructure and employability interventions with the current and emerging Local Outcome Improvement Plan.

Councillor Nelson left the meeting at this juncture.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as are set opposite each item.

Item	Paragraph(s)
Non Operational Property Portfolio Information Scheme of Delegation Register	2, 6 and 9
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- 164 Non Operational Property Portfolio Information Scheme of Delegation Register 164**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the exercise by Officers of powers delegated to them in terms of the Scheme of Delegation and providing an update on the management of the Council's commercial and industrial property portfolio for the period January to December 2016.
Decided: that the Committee note the terms of the report.
- 165 Disposal of Site – Stafford Road, Greenock 165**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to (1) declare a site at Stafford Road, Greenock surplus to the Council's requirements and (2) proceed with demolition of the premises on the site and clearance of the site.
 Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.
- 166 Property Assets Management Report 166**
- There was submitted a report together with addendum report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on activities and proposals for the management of the Council's property assets.
 The Property Assets Manager updated the Committee on the position in respect of premises at Ardgowan Square, Greenock.
 Following consideration, the Committee agreed to take action in respect of (1) premises at Ardgowan Square, Greenock, (2) premises at John Street, Gourrock and (3) a site at Auchenbothie Road, Port Glasgow, all as detailed in the appendix.
- 167 Inverclyde Single Outcome Agreement: City Deal 167**
- The Head of Regeneration & Planning updated Members on the progress of the Inverkip project.
Noted
- Following conclusion of the Committee business, Councillor McCormick extended his thanks to the Elected Members on the Committee and to Officers for their help and support over the last five years.