

**EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 7 MARCH 2017**

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**Education and Communities Committee**

**Tuesday 7 March 2017 at 2pm**

**Present:** Councillors Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, Jones, Loughran, McCabe, McColgan, McEleny, Shepherd and Wilson, Rev F Donaldson and Mrs F Gilpin, Church Representatives and Mr T Tracey, Teacher Representative.

**Chair:** Councillor Loughran presided.

**In attendance:** Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Acting Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Community Safety and Wellbeing Manager, Community Learning & Development Manager, Libraries, Museum & Archives Manager, Mr I Cameron (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr C Given (Finance Services), Head of Legal & Property Services, Ms G Murphy and Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services), Head of Education, Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy, Property 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.**

**170 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest**

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An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Mr Thomson, Parent Representative.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 5 (Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy 2017-2022) – Councillors McCabe and McEleny.

Agenda Item 8 (Loan of the Temianka Bust from the McLean Museum & Art Gallery) – Councillor McCabe.

Agenda Item 9 (Inverclyde Leisure – 3 Year Strategic Plan) – Councillors Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty and McColgan.

Agenda Item 10 (Grants to Voluntary Organisations Update) – Councillor McEleny.

Agenda Item 18 (Inverclyde Leisure Articles and Funding Agreement) – Councillors Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty and McColgan.

**171 Communities 2016/17 Revenue Budget Report – Period 9 to 31 December 2016**

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the 2016/17 Communities Revenue Budget position as at Period 9 to 31 December 2016.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee note the current projected overspend of £17,000 for the 2016/17 Communities Revenue Budget as at Period 9 to 31 December 2016; and

(2) that the Committee note that the current projected overspend of £17,000 is being contained within the overall Education & Communities Directorate Revenue Budget due to a projected underspend of £629,000 in the Education Budget.

**172 Communities Capital Programme 2016-2018 Progress**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the status of the projects forming the Communities Capital Programme and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the progress of the specific projects detailed in appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) that the Committee approve the allocation of funding from the Repairs and Renewal Fund to progress a pitch carpet replacement at Lady Octavia Recreation Centre as outlined in section 12.1;
- (3) that the Committee note the delay in the procurement process for the public space CCTV infrastructure and that the costs of extending the maintenance of the existing CCTV system will be contained within existing budgets; and
- (4) that the Committee approve the issue of tenders for the Watt Complex refurbishment project and grant delegated authority to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender provided the cost is within the budget allocation for the project as detailed in paragraph 6.1.

**173 Food Standards Scotland Audit of Food Safety Enforcement**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the outcome of a recent capacity and capability audit of the Council's food control function carried out by Food Standards Scotland.

Copies of the audit, which was a second successive "clean" audit with no recommendations, were circulated to the Committee.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the outcome of the capacity and capability audit of Inverclyde Council's food control function; and
- (2) that the Committee's congratulations be extended to those involved in the service provision.

**174 Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy 2017-2022**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval of the Council's new Local Housing Strategy (LHS) for the five year period 2017-2022.

Councillors McCabe and McEleny declared a non-financial interest in this item as Members of the Board of River Clyde Homes. They also formed the view that the nature of their interest and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision making process.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee approve the submission of the final draft of the Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy 2017-2022 to the Scottish Ministers; and
- (2) that it be noted that the Local Housing Strategy is subject to annual monitoring and review and that updates on progress will be submitted to future meetings of the Committee.

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- 175 Registration of Private Landlords – Formal Procedure for the Approval, Refusal or Removal of Registration 175**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval for proposed amendments to the current procedures used to approve or refuse the registration of a private landlord or agent or to remove a landlord or agent from the Private Landlord Register.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the current progress in relation to Private Landlord Registration in Inverclyde;
  - (2) that the Committee approve the new procedure for the approval, refusal or removal of a landlord's registration;
  - (3) that the Committee approve the fit and proper person test assessment criteria set out in Section 85 of the Anti-Social Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 and detailed in Section 5 of the report; and
  - (4) that the Committee approve in principle the establishment of a Housing (Landlord Registration) Sub-Committee to consider the refusal or removal of the registration of a private landlord or agent and that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to make arrangements for the Council to consider consequent amendments to the Scheme of Administration and arrangements for membership and a quorum at its statutory meeting in May 2017.
- 176 Waitrose Lead Authority Partnership 176**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising the Committee of an approach made by Waitrose to the Trading Standards and Enforcement Team of Safer & Inclusive Communities, requesting its involvement as a Scottish Lead Authority.
- Decided:** that approval be given to the participation of Inverclyde Council's Trading Standards and Enforcement Team in a Lead Authority Partnership with Waitrose for the provision of advice and guidance on Scottish legislation, primarily in relation to tobacco, as part of the nationally recognised Primary Authority Scheme set up by the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS).
- 177 Loan of the Temianka Bust from the McLean Museum and Art Gallery 177**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development informing the Committee of a request for the loan of a bronze portrait bust of Henri Temianka from the McLean Museum and Art Gallery (the James Watt Trust).
- Councillor McCabe declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Member of the Board of Greenock Arts Guild. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision making process.
- Decided:** that the Committee approve the request for the loan of the Henri Temianka bust to the Beacon Arts Centre for the duration of the closure of the McLean Museum subject to matters of transport, security and insurance being arranged to the satisfaction of the Libraries, Museum and Archives Manager.

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- 178 Inverclyde Leisure – 3 Year Strategic Plan 178**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval of Inverclyde Leisure's Strategic Plan for 2017/20. Copies of the draft plan were circulated to the Committee.
- Councillors Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty and McColgan declared a non-financial interest in this item as Members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure. They also formed the view that the nature of their interest and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision making process.
- Decided:**
- (1) that consideration be continued to the meeting of the Inverclyde Council on 6 April 2017; and
- (2) that Inverclyde Leisure be asked to make a presentation on the contents of the Strategic Plan to an All Members' briefing session, prior to the meeting of the Council.
- 179 Grants to Voluntary Organisations Update 179**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on proposals to target the additional Grants to Voluntary Organisations funding agreed in the 2017/18 budget towards community asset transfers while still providing a potential avenue for support for more general voluntary organisations in 2017/18.
- Councillor McEleny declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Member of Gourock Sports Hub. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision making process.
- (Councillor Wilson left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
- Decided:** that the Committee note the additional funding for Grants to Voluntary Organisations and the intention to target assistance towards organisations seeking community asset transfers.
- 180 Inverclyde Football Review of Charging Structure – Request by Councillor McEleny 180**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a request from Councillor McEleny that the Committee consider a report "Inverclyde Football – Review of Charging Structure to Ensure a Sustainable Future".
- (Councillor Wilson returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
- Decided:** that a report be submitted to the Committee in due course following a review of the charging structure for all team sports using pitches and halls operated by the Council and Inverclyde Leisure and that the report include a comparison with the charges imposed for such provision in other local authority areas.
- 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 two 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 the heading to each item.**

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Paragraph(s)</b>
<b>Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report – Update on Current Actions</b>	<b>6, 9 12 and 13</b>
<b>Inverclyde Leisure Articles and Funding Agreement</b>	<b>6 and 9</b>
<b>181 Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report – Update on Current Actions</b>	<b>181</b>
<p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities &amp; Organisational Development (1) on the current actions to implement the Council's decisions on the Clune Park Estate and (2) providing information on key current items in this regard.            (Councillor Wilson left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).  <b>Decided:</b> that the Committee note the current progress in respect of the Clune Park Area Regeneration Plan and that further progress updates will be submitted regularly to future meetings of the Committee.</p>	
<b>182 Inverclyde Leisure Articles and Funding Agreement</b>	<b>182</b>
<p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities &amp; Organisational Development (1) seeking approval of revisals to the current Inverclyde Leisure Articles of Association and Funding Agreement and (2) requesting that delegated authority be granted to finalise both documents with Inverclyde Leisure.            Councillors Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty and McColgan declared a non-financial interest in this item as Members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure. They also formed the view that the nature of their interest and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision making process.  <b>Decided:</b>            (1) that approval be given to revisals to Inverclyde Leisure's Articles of Association subject to approval by OSCR;            (2) that approval be given to the terms of the revised Funding Agreement; and            (3) that delegated powers be granted to the Head of Legal &amp; Property Services in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer to agree any minor amendments with Inverclyde Leisure and to finalise the draft Funding Agreement and Articles.</p> <p><b>The Communities business concluded at 4.20pm</b></p> <p><b>The Committee commenced consideration of the Education items of business at 4.30pm with Rev Donaldson, Mrs Gilpin and Mr Tracey joining the meeting. Councillors Campbell-Sturgess and Wilson did not return for consideration of the Education items of business.</b></p>	
<b>183 Follow Up Progress Report - Education Scotland Visit to Craigmarnoch School</b>	<b>183</b>
<p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities &amp; Organisational Development providing an update on the progress made since the inspection of Craigmarnoch School by Education Scotland in March 2016.</p>	

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(Councillor Jones returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the progress made since the inspection report; and
- (2) that a further report providing an evaluation of the progress made be submitted to the Committee in September 2017.

**184 Education 2016/17 Revenue Budget – Period 9 to 31 December 2016 184**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the 2016/17 Education Revenue Budget position as at Period 9 to 31 December 2016.

**Decided:** that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £629,000 for the 2016/17 Education Revenue Budget as at period 9 to 31 December 2016.

**185 Education Capital Programme 2016-2018 Progress 185**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and the Chief Financial Officer (1) providing an update on the status of the projects forming the Education Capital Programme and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the progress of the specific projects detailed in appendix 1;
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to agree, execute and deliver the Design and Build Development Agreements for (a) the Moorfoot Primary School refurbishment project as detailed in paragraph 7.1, (b) the St Ninian's Primary School project as detailed in paragraph 7.3 and (3) the new build West End of Greenock Early Years Project as detailed in paragraph 7.5, all provided the costs are within the budget allocations for the projects; and
- (3) that approval be given to the issue of tenders for the Glenbrae Children's Centre relocation (Aberfoyle Road refurbishment) project and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender provided the cost is within the budget allocation for the project, as detailed in paragraph 7.4.

**186 Education Equality Mainstreaming Report and Equality Outcomes 186**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval of the Education Equality Mainstreaming Report and Equality Outcomes which require to be published by 30 April 2017 as part of the Education Authority's legislative duties under the Equality Act 2010.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee approve the draft Education Authority Mainstreaming report appended to the report;
- (2) that the Committee approve the draft Education Authority Equality Outcomes subject to no major amendments being proposed to the Outcomes during the public consultation; and
- (3) that if any major amendments are required following the public consultation exercise, the Education Authority's Equality Outcomes be submitted to the Committee at its first meeting following the Local Government elections in May 2017.

**187 Update on the Use of the Pupil Equity Fund 187**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the emerging local and national guidance available to schools on the use of the Pupil Equity Fund.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted; and
- (2) that a further report be submitted to the Committee in due course on the use of the funding by Head Teachers in Inverclyde.

**188 Online School Payments Update 188**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the progress of the pilot for online school payments.

**Decided:** that the contents of the report be noted.