

LOCAL POLICE & FIRE SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE – 29 JUNE 2017

Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Thursday 29 June 2017 at 2.30pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Clocherty, Curley, MacLeod, McCabe, C McEleny, McVey, Murphy, Quinn and Robertson.

Chair: Councillor Clocherty presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Acting Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Mr I Hanley, Safer & Inclusive Communities and Ms S Lang (for Head of Legal & Property Services).

In attendance also: Superintendent N Burns (for Chief Superintendent J Downie) and Chief Inspector A Kennedy, Police Scotland, Area Manager D Proctor and Group Manager M Gallacher, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

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

357 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 357

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Convener referred to the work carried out by both the Police and Fire and Rescue Services in responding to the recent London Bridge terror attack, the Manchester Arena bombing and the Grenfell Tower fire and he asked the representatives of both services to extend the Council's appreciation to their colleagues at a UK level.

358 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Performance Report 358

There was submitted a report on the performance and activities of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service covering the three months reporting period from March to May 2017.

Decided: that the information contained in the report and appendices be noted.

359 Police Scotland Performance Report 359

There was submitted a report on the performance and activities of Police Scotland during the reporting period 1 to 30 April 2017.

Decided: that the information contained in the report and appendices be noted.

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 29 JUNE 2017

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 29 June 2017 at 4pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Dorrian, Jackson, MacLeod, McCabe, McCormick, C McEleny, J McEleny, McKenzie, McVey, Moran, Murphy, Nelson, Quinn, Rebecchi, Robertson and Wilson.

Chair: Provost Brennan presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Head of Legal & Property Services, Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services), Chief Financial Officer, Acting Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications, Corporate Policy & Partnership Manager and Corporate Communications Manager.

In attendance also: Mr T Yule, Audit Scotland.

360 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 360

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

361 Best Value Assurance Report for Inverclyde Council 361

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive on the Accounts Commission's Best Value Assurance Report for Inverclyde Council.

Decided:

- (1) that the Council note the Best Value Assurance Report for Inverclyde Council;
- (2) that the Council note the excellent level of improvement since the last Best Value Audit of the Council in 2005 and acknowledge the contribution made by Officers and Councillors of all political parties;
- (3) that agreement be given to the improvement actions set out in Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (4) that it be agreed that a progress report be submitted to the Policy & Resources Committee every six months.

**Minutes of Meetings of
The Inverclyde Council, Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards**

362 Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Sub-Committee – 6 April 2017 362

Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.

363 The Inverclyde Council – 6 April 2017 363

Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.

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364	Health & Social Care Committee – 12 April 2017	364
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
365	General Purposes Board – 12 April 2017	365
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
366	Education & Communities Committee – 18 April 2017	366
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
367	The Inverclyde Council – 25 May 2017	367
	Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.	
368	Audit Committee – 6 June 2017	368
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi.	
369	Health & Social Care Committee – 6 June 2017	369
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.	
370	Planning Board – 7 June 2017	370
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
371	Local Review Body – 7 June 2017	371
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
372	Appointment Panel – Head of Health & Community Care – 8 June 2017	372
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
373	Education & Communities Committee – 13 June 2017	373
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
374	General Purposes Board – 14 June 2017	374
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
375	Petitions Committee – 15 June 2017	375
	Approved on the motion of Councillor MacLeod.	

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- 376 Environment & Regeneration Committee – 15 June 2017 376**
Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.
- 377 Appointment Panel – Head of Health & Community Care – 19 June 2017 377**
Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.
- 378 Policy & Resources Committee – 20 June 2017 378**
Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.
- 379 Audit Committee – 27 June 2017 379**
Approved on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi.
- 380 Update on Appointments to Committees etc. and Outside Bodies 380**
 There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources requesting the Council to approve a number of outstanding appointments following the statutory meeting of the Council on 25 May 2017.
Decided:
 (1) that Councillor Rebecchi be appointed to the Housing (Landlord Registration) Sub-Committee;
 (2) that Councillor Wilson be appointed Vice-Chair of the Clyde Muirshiel Park Authority Joint Committee; and
 (3) that Councillor Clocherty be appointed Vice-Chair of the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board.
- 381 Fairtrade Steering Group/Status Update 381**
 There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the current position relating to Fairtrade Zone Status and the future role of the Council to ensure that Inverclyde remains a Fairtrade Zone.
Decided:
 (1) that support be given to the renewal process and that Fairtrade Status continues to have the support of Elected Members, it being envisaged that the lead role will be passed to the community as recommended by the Fairtrade Foundation at the last renewal;
 (2) that the Council continue to support the Fairtrade Goals;
 (3) that the Council note the appointment of Councillors Ahlfeld, Murphy and Nelson to the Fairtrade Steering Group to support Fairtrade Status;
 (4) that the Council continue to encourage the use of fairly traded goods, for example products carrying the Fairtrade mark, when catering for civic functions, internal and external Council meetings and Council led conferences and events;
 (5) that, wherever possible, fairly traded options be included in relevant tenders; and
 (6) that a report be submitted on the position relative to the use of Nestlé products, following consideration by the Fairtrade Steering Group.

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- 382 Administrative Arrangements: Cycle of Council, Committee, Sub-Committee and Board Meetings to June 2018 382**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources setting out for approval the schedule of Committee cycles for the period to June 2018.
- Decided:**
- (1) that approval be given to the proposed cycle of Council/Committee/Sub-Committee/Board meetings for the year to June 2018 as set out in the report and appendix; and
- (2) that a report be prepared on the implications for the timetable of arranging Council meetings to avoid school holidays.
- 383 Financial Strategy 2017/2025 - Update 383**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer appending the updated Financial Strategy for review and approval.
- Decided:** that the Council approve the proposed reduction in Loans Charges Budgets from 2019/20 and otherwise approve the latest version of the Financial Strategy as appended to the report.
- 384 Review of Outstanding Remits 384**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on two outstanding remits assigned to the Education, Communities & Organisational Development Directorate from meetings of the Council relating to (1) the scheme for Councillors' Surgeries and (2) the "Stick Your Labels" Anti-Poverty Campaign Action Plan.
- Decided:** that the Council note the position with regard to the two outstanding remits from the Education, Communities & Organisational Development Directorate as outlined in section 5 of the report.
- 385 Proposed Stopping-Up Order – The Stopping-Up of Footpaths, Inverclyde (Coronation Park, Glasgow Road, Port Glasgow) Order 2017 – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 385**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 15 June 2017 requesting approval of the proposed Stopping-Up Order – The Stopping-Up of Footpaths, Inverclyde (Coronation Park, Glasgow Road, Port Glasgow) Order 2017.
- Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Stopping-Up Order – The Stopping-Up of Footpaths, Inverclyde (Coronation Park, Glasgow Road, Port Glasgow) Order 2017 and that the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.
- 386 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Port Glasgow, Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 3) Order 2017 – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 386**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 15 June

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2017 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Port Glasgow, Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 3) Order 2017.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Port Glasgow, Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 3) Order 2017 and that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

387 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 1 2017 – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 387

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 15 June 2017 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 1 2017.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 1 2017 and that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

388 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 2 2017 – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 388

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 15 June 2017 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 2 2017.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 2 2017 and that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

389 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Mathie Crescent, Gourock (One Way and Prohibition of Left Turns) Order 2017 – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 389

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 15 June 2017 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Mathie Crescent, Gourock (One Way and Prohibition of Left Turns) Order 2017.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Mathie Crescent, Gourock (One Way and Prohibition of Left Turns) Order 2017 and that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

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390 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Princes Street, Port Glasgow (Prohibition of Left Turn) Order 2017 – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 390

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 15 June 2017 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Princes Street, Port Glasgow (Prohibition of Left Turn) Order 2017.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Princes Street, Port Glasgow (Prohibition of Left Turn) Order 2017 and that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

391 Treasury Management – Annual Report 2016/17 – Remit from Policy & Resources Committee 391

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Policy & Resources Committee of 20 June 2017 requesting approval of the Treasury Management Annual Report 2016/17.

Decided: that the Treasury Management Annual Report 2016/17 appended to the report be approved.

392 Inverclyde Council: Interim Governance Review – Remit from Policy & Resources Committee 392

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources requesting the Council to consider a remit from the Policy & Resources Committee arising from proposals to update the Council's governance arrangements.

Decided:

- (1) that it be agreed to appoint 7 Members to the Local Review Body, being Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, Dorrian, McKenzie, Nelson, Rebecchi and Wilson with Councillor Wilson as Chair and Councillor Nelson as Vice-Chair;
- (2) that the quorum of the Local Review Body be 4 and that amendments be made to the Scheme of Administration accordingly as from 1 August 2017; and
- (3) that a Women's Forum be established, initially as a Working Group of the Council, comprising 5 Members, Councillors Murphy, Quinn, Robertson, McCabe and McEleny, and that it be remitted to the Forum to appoint a Chair.

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 for the following item on the grounds that it contained exempt information as defined in respect of the paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as detailed in the relevant Minute.

Appendices to Minutes

393 Health & Social Care Committee – 12 April 2017 393

Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.

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394	Health & Social Care Committee – 6 June 2017	394
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
395	Appointment Panel – Head of Health & Community Care – 8 June 2017	395
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
396	Education & Communities Committee – 13 June 2017	396
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
397	General Purposes Board – 14 June 2017	397
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
398	Environment & Regeneration Committee – 15 June 2017	398
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
399	Appointment Panel – Head of Health & Community Care – 19 June 2017	399
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
400	Policy & Resources Committee – 20 June 2017	400
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 26 JULY 2017

General Purposes BoardWednesday 26 July 2017 at 10am

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Crowther, Curley, Dorrian, Jackson, J McEleny and Quinn.

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms L Carrick (Legal & Property Services), Inspector G Kirkwood and Sergeant J Curran, Police Scotland.

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

401 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 401

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest intimated.

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 item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

402 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence – Paul McCluskey 402

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Property Services requesting the Board to uphold the immediate suspension of Mr McCluskey's Taxi Driver's Licence on 21 June 2017.

Mr McCluskey was not present for this item.

The Board heard Inspector Kirkwood in support of Police Scotland's recommendation.

Decided:

- (1) that the decision to immediately suspend Mr McCluskey's Taxi Driver's Licence be upheld; and
- (2) that it be agreed to continue suspension of Mr McCluskey's Taxi Driver's Licence for the unexpired portion of the licence to 28 February 2018.

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 8 AUGUST 2017

Policy & Resources Committee

Tuesday 8 August 2017 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, MacLeod, McCabe, McCormick, C McEleny, McVey, Moran, Rebecchi, Robertson and Brooks (for Wilson).

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Head of Legal & Property Services, Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services), Chief Financial Officer, Social Care Finance Manager, Education & Exchequer Finance Manager, Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications, HR Manager (Operations), Acting Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Corporate Procurement Manager and Corporate Communications Manager.

In attendance also: Mr T Yule (Audit Scotland).

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

403 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 403

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Wilson, with Councillor Brooks substituting.

Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty and C McEleny declared an interest in agenda item 8 (Extension of Opening of Gourrock Outdoor Pool).

404 Workforce Information and Activity Report (WIAR) 2016/2017 404

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications on key workforce information and activity for the year 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017, including key information on attendance, performance and workforce demographics.

The Committee heard a presentation by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications who then answered a number of questions from Members.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the content of the Workforce Information and Activity Report for 2016/2017 outlined in appendix 1; and
- (2) that Workforce Information and Activity Reports be provided to the Policy & Resources Committee on an annual basis.

405 2016/17 Capital Programme Performance 405

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer advising the Committee on the performance in respect of the delivery of the 2016/17 Capital Programme.

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Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the 2016/17 Capital outturn position of 9.2% acceleration; and
- (2) that the Committee note the positive impact of the previously agreed actions on slippage levels in 2016/17.

406 Revenue Budget Outturn 2016/17 - Unaudited**406**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the unaudited outturn of Service Committee budgets for the year ending 31 March 2017 and (2) highlighting any significant variances between revised budgets, provisional outturn and outturn as set out in the 2016/17 unaudited accounts.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the underspend as set out in the unaudited accounts for 2016/17 of £2,243,000, the reasons for the material variances from budgets and the 0.12% movement from provisional outturn to final outturn; and
- (2) that the Committee note that officers will identify any opportunities to adjust budgets from 2018/20 and include proposals in future budget reports.

407 Fair Trade – Proposed Investment in Ethical Investment Organisation**407**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer seeking approval to make an investment of up to £50,000 in the Shared Interest Society Ltd (“Shared Interest”), a company that uses funds invested by individuals and organisations to allow it to provide loans to fair trade businesses around the world.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee:
 - (a) approve the placing of up to £50,000 of investment balances with Shared Interest Society Ltd and the waiving of interest receivable on those funds;
 - (b) note the governance issues relating to Shared Interest as set out in paragraph 5.1 of the report;
 - (c) note the risk to the funds as set out in paragraph 5.2 of the report;
 - (d) approve the addition of Shared Interest and its activities to the promotional activities undertaken by the Council in support of fair trade, through the schools and the wider community; and
- (2) that updates on the work of Shared Interest form part of an annual report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on fair trade to the Inverclyde Council.

408 A Severance Policy for Scotland – Consultation on Severance Arrangements Across the Devolved Public Sector**408**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications on a response to the Scottish Government’s consultation on severance arrangements across the public sector, which closed on 23 June 2017.

Decided: that the Committee note the Council’s response to the Scottish Government’s consultation on severance arrangements across the public sector, as outlined in appendix 1 to the report.

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409 Use of Emergency Powers - Improvement Service Collaborative Framework for Associates 409

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising of the use of the emergency powers procedure to participate in a framework for professional services using a collaborative procurement approach with the Improvement Service.

Decided: that the use of the emergency powers procedure be noted.

410 Extension of Opening of Gourock Outdoor Pool 410

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development requesting the Committee to support extended opening of Gourock Outdoor Pool through to the end of September and seeking approval to fund this on a one year trial basis.

Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks and Clocherty declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Board Members of Inverclyde Leisure. Councillor C McEleny declared a non-financial interest in the matter as a frequent user of the facility. All 4 Councillors formed the view that the nature of their interests 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 approval be given to the deficit funding of the opening of Gourock Outdoor Pool for the month of September on a one-off trial basis; and

(2) that approval be given to the use of a proportion of the earmarked reserve for activities at Rankin Park to fund the extension.

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 item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6, 11 and 12 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

411 Equal Pay Update 411

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications updating the Committee on the current position in relation to equal pay claims against the Council.

Decided: that the Committee note the current position in relation to equal pay claims against the Council.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 9 AUGUST 2017

General Purposes Board

Wednesday 9 August 2017 at 3pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Crowther, Curley, Dorrian, J McEleny, Moran and Quinn.

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr D Keenan (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms L Carrick (Legal & Property Services), Inspector J MacDonald and Sergeant D McEwan, Police Scotland.

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

412 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 412

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Jackson.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

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 item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

413 Application for Taxi Driver’s Licence – Aaron McBryde 413

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Property Services on an application for the grant of a Taxi Driver’s Licence by Aaron McBryde following receipt of a letter of objection by Police Scotland.

Mr McBryde was present for this item together with Nigel Cummings, Advocacy Worker. The Board heard Inspector MacDonald in support of Police Scotland’s objection and Mr McBryde in support of his application.

Following discussion, Councillor J McEleny moved that Mr McBryde’s application be granted. As an amendment, Councillor Dorrian moved that Mr McBryde’s application be refused.

On a vote, 2 Members, Councillors Ahlfeld and Crowther, voted for the motion and 4 Members, Councillors Brennan, Brooks, Curley and Quinn, voted for the amendment which was declared carried. Councillors MacLeod and Moran abstained from voting.

Decided: that the application be refused.

414 Taxi Fares Review 2017 414

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on the annual review of taxi fare scales for the purposes of advertisement as the first formal stage of the statutory process.

Mr J Bradley was present, representing the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and Mr M Hambley was present, representing Inverclyde Taxis Ltd, ABC Taxis

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(Inverclyde) Limited and the Operators Liaison Group.

The Board heard Mr Hambley in support of the trade recommendations and Mr Bradley in respect of the submission by the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services.

Mr Keenan advised the Board that the additional requests made by the trade in their submission would be discussed at a future meeting of the Board and not as part of the Taxi Fares Review.

After discussion, Councillor Brooks moved that Tariff 3 should take effect from 10pm.

As an amendment Councillor J McEleny moved that Tariff 3 remain at 11pm.

On a vote, 4 Members, Councillors Brennan, Crowther, Moran and Quinn, voted for the amendment and 4 Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Curley, Dorrian and MacLeod, for the motion.

There being equality in voting, the Chair exercised his casting vote in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

Members discussed the increase requested by the trade and, following discussion, Councillor Brooks moved that the flag fall remain the same for Tariffs 1, 2, 3 and 4 and that the proposal of a 6% reduction in yardage for the initial charge and subsequent charge for yardage be granted.

As an amendment, Councillor J McEleny moved that the reduction in yardage be in line with the consumer price index of 2.9%. On a vote Councillor Moran voted for the amendment and 7 Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Crowther, Curley, Dorrian, MacLeod and Quinn, voted for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided:

- (1) that the flag fall charge be maintained, with a 6% reduction in yardage for the initial charge and subsequent charge for yardage for Tariffs 1, 2, 3 and 4;
- (2) that Tariff 3 take effect from 10pm;
- (3) that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to arrange for public advertising of proposals at the first stage of the statutory process; and
- (4) that consideration of the introduction of a discount structure of 3 year licences be referred to a future meeting of the Board.

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 22 AUGUST 2017

Audit Committee

Tuesday 22 August 2017 at 3pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Brooks, Curley, McCabe, McCormick, J McEleny, McVey, Murphy, Nelson, Quinn and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor Rebecchi presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Internal Auditor, Ms G Murphy (for Head of Legal & Property Services) Finance Manager (Environment & Technical), Mr N Duffy (Legal & Property Services) and Ms L Hughes & Mr D Brown (Internal Audit).

In attendance also: Mr T Yule (Audit Scotland).

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| 415 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 415 |
| | No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated. | |
| 416 | National Fraud Initiative | 416 |
| | The Committee heard a presentation on the subject by Ms Priestman, Ms Hughes and Mr Brown who then answered questions from Members arising from the presentation. (Councillors McCabe, Murphy and Quinn entered the meeting during the presentation).
Decided: that the content of the presentation be noted. | |
| 417 | Interim Audit Report 2016/17 | 417 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer presenting the Interim Audit Report 2016/17, produced by Audit Scotland.
Decided: that the content of the Interim Audit Report 2016/17 be noted. | |
| 418 | Internal Audit Progress Report – 8 May to 28 July 2017 | 418 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources appending the monitoring report in respect of Internal Audit activity for the period 8 May to 28 July 2017.
Decided: that the monitoring report in respect of Internal Audit activity for the period 8 May to 28 July 2017 be noted. | |
| 419 | Internal Audit Annual Report and Assurance Statement 2016/17 | 419 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources presenting the Internal Audit Annual Report and Assurance Statement for 2016/17, which forms part of the Council’s Annual Governance Statement. | |

Decided: that the content of the Internal Audit Annual Report and Assurance Statement 2016/17 be noted.

420 Annual Review of Risk Management Activity 2016/17

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources presenting progress made in 2016/17 in developing and monitoring a strategic approach to managing risks faced by the Council, which forms part of the Council's overall Corporate Governance Framework.

Decided: that the progress made in 2016/17 in developing, implementing and monitoring a coherent corporate approach to managing risks faced by the Council be noted.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE – 24 AUGUST 2017

Health & Social Care Committee

Tuesday 24 August 2017 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Brooks, Dorrian, Jackson, MacLeod, McCabe, C McEleny, McKenzie, Moran, Quinn, Rebecchi and Robertson.

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Head of Children's Services & Criminal Justice, Head of Strategy & Support Services, Service Manager (Rehabilitation & Enablement), Head of Legal & Property Services, Legal Services Manager (Procurement & Conveyancing), Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services), Ms F McLaren (for Chief Financial Officer) and Ms A Edmiston (Finance Services).

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

421 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 421

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 8 (Integrated Children's Services Plan) – Councillor Robertson.

Agenda Item 12 (Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations) – Councillors Brooks, McCabe, C McEleny, MacLeod and Robertson.

422 Revenue and Capital Budget Report – Outturn 2016/17 and 2017/18 422
Probable Outturn as at 30 June 2017

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership and Chief Financial Officer on (1) the outturn of the 2016/17 Revenue Budget, which is provisional subject to the audit of the year end accounts, and (2) the probable outturn on Revenue and Capital for 2017/18 as at 30 June 2017.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the 2016/17 Revenue Budget outturn underspend of £279,000;
- (2) that the Committee note that the underspend at the 2016/17 year end will be retained by the Integration Joint Board;
- (3) that the Committee note the projected overspend of £123,000 in the current year Revenue Budget outturn at 30 June 2017;
- (4) that the Committee approve the virements listed in appendix 1;
- (5) that the Committee note the current projected Capital position; and
- (6) that the Committee note the current Earmarked Reserves position.

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- 423 Care Inspectorate Report on Inverclyde HSCP Care and Support at Home Service 423**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on the outcome of the annual inspection of the Care and Support at Home Service carried out on 8 May 2017 which had resulted in the award of Grades 5 (very good) for quality of care and support and for quality of staffing.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the outcome of the inspection and that no requirements or recommendations were issued to the service by the Care Inspectorate;
 - (2) that it be noted that the inspection had highlighted both the need to continue reviewing and updating support plans on a six monthly basis for approximately 1,300 service users and the importance of quality assurance visits twice yearly to ensure that the service meets the needs of service users and responds to any change in need; and
 - (3) that the Committee's congratulations be extended to all those involved in the service provision.
- 424 Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry 424**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising the Committee (1) of the formal service of a Section 21 Notice upon the Council in respect of the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry, requiring delivery of documents within its custody or control and (2) the arrangements necessary for compliance.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the arrangements in hand to implement the requirements of the Section 21 Notice.
- 425 Inverclyde HSCP – NHS Continuing Care Facilities and Community Services for Specialist Nursing, Older People's Dementia and Adult Mental Health Intensive Supported Living 425**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership (1) on the current progress of the provision of new NHS Continuing Care facilities on the Inverclyde Royal Hospital site and (2) providing an update on the progress of the Adult Mental Health Supported Living Service in Inverclyde.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the completion of Orchard View NHS Continuing Care Facility which was handed over on 17 July 2017;
 - (2) that the Committee note the progress of the work being undertaken at Neil Street to provide 8 self-contained flats for adults living in Ravenscraig Hospital; and
 - (3) that the Committee note the timetable for the closure of Ravenscraig Hospital as set out in the report.

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- 426 Justice in Scotland: Vision and Priorities 426**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership (1) providing an outline of the “Justice in Scotland: Vision and Priorities” paper published by the Scottish Government in July 2017 and the accompanying Delivery Plan 2017-18 and (2) highlighting related local developments detailed in the Inverclyde Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the outline of the “Justice in Scotland: Vision and Priorities” paper published by the Scottish Government; and
 - (2) that the Committee note the developments being made by the Inverclyde Community Justice Partnership.
- 427 Criminal Justice Social Work Funding 427**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership (1) providing an update on the impact of the changes to the national Criminal Justice Social Work (CJSW) Funding Formula which has resulted in Inverclyde receiving significantly reduced funding and (2) setting out the approach being taken to mitigate this.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the report be noted;
 - (2) that further update reports be submitted to the Committee; and
 - (3) that further representations be made by the Convener to the Cabinet Secretary, expressing serious concerns regarding the impact of changes to the National Criminal Justice Social Work Funding Formula and providing practical examples of the funding reduction on the provision of services.
- 428 Integrated Children’s Services Plan 428**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on the Integrated Children’s Services Plan and accompanying Outcome Delivery Plan which had been informed by Inverclyde’s Joint Strategic Needs Assessment of Children.
- Councillor Robertson declared a non-financial interest in this item as a contributor to the documents in her previous employment. She also formed the view that the nature of her interest and of the item of business did not preclude her continued presence in the Chamber or her participation in the decision making process.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note that an Integrated Children’s Services Plan had been developed along with an Outcome Delivery Plan, in line with the statutory requirements of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014;
 - (2) that approval be given to the Integrated Children’s Services Plan and accompanying Outcome Delivery Plan appended to the report; and
 - (3) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on the direct effect of the welfare changes on children and families within Inverclyde.

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429 Corporate Parenting

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on the progress of Inverclyde's Corporate Parenting Strategy and Plan and the associated activity of establishing a Champions Board.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee endorse the establishment of a Champions Board and confirm its commitment to a Champions approach to making a difference to the lives of looked after and care experienced children and young people; and
- (2) that an informal session on Corporate Parenting be arranged for the newly elected Members of the Council.

430 Residential Children's Unit – Crosshill Replacement

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on the status of the project for the replacement of the Crosshill Children's Unit on the site of the existing unit.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the proposed additional expenditure on the Crosshill Children's Unit replacement project, as set out in the report;
- (2) that approval be given to the utilisation of the overall Residential School Earmarked Reserve to address the over-expenditure subject to the agreement of the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board; and
- (3) that approval be given to the issue of tenders for the Crosshill Children's Unit project and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender, provided that the cost is within the revised budget allocation for the project.

The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration to allow the Committee to consider a proposed response to the Social Security (Scotland) Bill at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.

431 Social Security (Scotland) Bill: Call for Views

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership seeking approval of a proposed response to the "Social Security (Scotland) Bill: Call for Views" consultation document on behalf of Inverclyde Council and Inverclyde HSCP.

Decided: that the Committee note the contents of the consultation document, "Social Security (Scotland) Bill: Call for Views" and agree to the submission of the response set out in the appendix.

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.

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Report on Social Work Complaints Review Committee of 31 May 2017	1 and 3
Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations	6 and 8
432 Report on Social Work Complaints Review Committee of 31 May 2017	432
<p>There was submitted a report by the Social Work Complaints Review Committee on the outcome of a hearing held on 31 May 2017 under the Local Authority Complaints Procedure in respect of the Provision of Social Work Functions.</p> <p>The Committee noted the terms of the report and upheld the recommendations of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee, all as detailed in the appendix.</p>	
433 Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations	433
<p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on matters relating to the HSCP governance process for externally commissioned Social Care Services.</p> <p>Councillor Brooks declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Director of CVS Inverclyde and as a Member of the Board of River Clyde Homes, Councillors McCabe and C McEleny declared a non-financial interest as Members of the Board of River Clyde Homes, Councillor MacLeod declared a non-financial interest as a Non-Executive Director of Parklea Association and Councillor Robertson declared a non-financial interest as a Member of Inverclyde Community Development Trust. All of the Members 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.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the Committee note the governance report set out in appendix 1 covering the period 6 May to 23 July 2017; and</p> <p>(2) that Members acknowledge that officers regard the control mechanisms in place through their governance meetings as sufficiently robust to ensure ongoing quality and safety and the fostering of a commissioning culture of continuous improvement.</p>	

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 31 AUGUST 2017

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 31 August 2017 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Jackson, McCabe, McCormick, J McEleny, McKenzie and Nelson.

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), Ms M McCabe (for Chief Financial Officer), Acting Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Service Manager (Roads), Mr K Lang and Ms E Provan (Environmental & Commercial Services), Head of Regeneration & Planning, Property Assets Manager, Technical Services Manager and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications).

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

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| 434 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 434 |
| | No apologies for absence were intimated. | |
| | Councillors Clocherty, McKenzie and Nelson declared an interest in Agenda Item 16 (Transfer of Site at Drumfrochar Road, Greenock). | |
| 435 | Environment & Regeneration Revenue Budget 2017/18 – Period 3 to 30 June 2017 | 435 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on (1) the 2016/17 Revenue Budget outturn and (2) the 2017/18 position as at Period 3 (30 June 2017) which showed a projected underspend of £110,000. | |
| | Decided: that the Committee note the outturn for 2016/17 and the current projected underspend of £110,000 for 2017/18 as at 30 June 2017. | |
| 436 | Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2017/18 to 2019/20 - Progress | 436 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) providing an update on the status of the projects within the Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme and (2) highlighting the overall financial position. | |
| | Decided: that the Committee note the current position of the Capital Programme 2017/20 and the progress on the specific projects detailed in appendices 1 and 2 of the report. | |
| 437 | Environment, Regeneration & Resources CDIP Performance Report | 437 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on progress towards the achievement of key | |

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objectives as set out in the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan (CDIP) 2016/19.

Decided: that the Committee note that the report reflects the progress made by the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Directorate in delivering its key improvement actions and performance targets as detailed in the Environment, Regeneration & Resources CDIP and that further performance progress reports will be submitted to every second meeting of the Committee.

438 **Town and Village Centre Regeneration** 438

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the allocation of funds for town and village centre regeneration.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note progress in respect of the development of regeneration projects in Greenock, Gourock and Port Glasgow; and
- (2) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to release funds in respect of the regeneration initiatives in Gourock as set out in paragraph 4.4 of the report.

439 **Development Plan Update** 439

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) updating the Committee on progress of the preparation of the Local Development Plan covering the Inverclyde Council area and (2) seeking approval of the 2017 Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement attached to the report at appendix 2; and
- (2) that a short life Members-Officers Working Group be established to assist the Committee in its consideration of issues arising from the emerging proposed Local Development Plan and that Councillors McCormick, Jackson, Curley, Nelson, McKenzie and Wilson be appointed thereto.

440 **Flood Risk Management - Update Report 10** 440

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 progress to date on the Central Greenock Flood Prevention Project;
- (2) that the Committee note the progress to date on the flood prevention schemes outwith central Greenock; and
- (3) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee with detailed recommendations as to the scope of works required for the Coves Burn, Cove Road and Steel Street.

441 **Cemetery Development Update** 441

There was submitted a report by the Acting Head of Environmental & Commercial

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Services on progress of cemetery development in Inverclyde.

The Acting Head of Environmental & Commercial Services advised the Committee that the legend on the map showing land adjacent to Kilmacolm Cemetery should read “Sections A, B and C not owned by Inverclyde Council”.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note that further expansion of Knocknairshill, Greenock and Port Glasgow Cemeteries is not feasible due to unsuitable ground conditions;
- (2) that the Committee note that preliminary discussions are ongoing with the land owners of land adjacent to Kilmacolm and Inverkip Cemeteries about the possibility of land being sold to Inverclyde Council for cemetery expansion and that a further report will advise on the progress of these discussions and the associated financial implications; and
- (3) that the Committee note the prospects of other as yet unidentified potential sites for cemetery development will be investigated.

442 Cremator Replacement Update 442

There was submitted a report by the Acting Head of Environmental & Commercial Services updating the Committee on the replacement of cremators within Greenock Crematorium.

Decided: that the Committee note that on completion and consideration of the feasibility study into the options for the replacement of two cremators at Greenock Crematorium a detailed report outlining the costs, revenue implications and funding routes will be submitted to the Committee for consideration.

443 Traffic Calming Policy – Revised Guidelines and Assessment Criteria 443

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of revised guidelines and assessment criteria within the Traffic Calming Policy as set out in appendix 2 to the report.

Decided: that approval be given to the revised guidelines and assessment criteria within the Traffic Calming Policy.

444 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 8) Order 2017 444

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 8) Order 2017.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 8) Order 2017 and that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services to arrange for implementation of the Order.

445 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Removal of the Use of Parking Discs in Kilmacolm 445

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the outcome of the consultation procedure undertaken for the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Port Glasgow, Kilmacolm & Quarriers Village) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 4)

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Order 2017 and (2) requesting the Committee to decide whether it would wish to hear the maintained objection in relation to the TRO at a special meeting of the Committee or to appoint an independent Reporter.

Decided: that the Committee note the requirement to hold a public hearing to consider the maintained objection in relation to The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Port Glasgow, Kilmacoll & Quarriers Village) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 4) Order 2017 and that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services to make the necessary arrangements for the public hearing at a special meeting of the Environment & Regeneration Committee.

446 Port Glasgow Sculpture Update**446**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the review of the location of the Port Glasgow Sculpture, as agreed at the meeting of the Committee on 15 June 2017.

Members asked a number of questions which were answered by the Officers present.

To allow the Committee to consider contractual matters relative to the sculpture, 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 on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6, 8 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

Following consideration of and discussion on the contractual matters, the public and press were re-admitted to the meeting.

Decided: that, subject to the Port Glasgow Regeneration Forum agreeing the revised location for the Port Glasgow Sculpture at its meeting on 18 September 2017, Riverside Inverclyde be instructed by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to progress the project at the new location in Coronation Park as described in paragraph 2.3 of the report.

447 The Toll Boys Monument, Port Glasgow**447**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking authority for expenditure of £25,000 from the Port Glasgow Regeneration Fund for the manufacture and installation of the Toll Boys Memorial on a new site adjacent to 5 Robert Street, Port Glasgow.

Decided: that approval be given for an allocation of £25,000 from the sum allocated for regeneration of Port Glasgow at the Environment & Regeneration Committee on 2 March 2017 for the manufacture and installation of the Toll Boys Memorial.

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 paragraphs 2, 6 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

448 Bay Street, Port Glasgow – Lease Renewal**448**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration &

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Resources seeking approval to renew the lease of premises at Bay Street, Port Glasgow.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

449 Bow Road, Greenock – Disposal of Premises 449

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to dispose of premises at Bow Road, Greenock.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

450 Transfer of Site at Drumfrochar Road, Greenock 450

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to transfer ownership of a site at Drumfrochar Road, Greenock.

Councillors Clocherty, McKenzie and Nelson declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Board Members of an organisation referred to in the report. 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.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

451 Property Assets Management Report 451

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on activities and proposals for the management of the Council's property assets.

There were circulated copies of a consultation response relative to the sale of the former McLean's Yard at Cove Road, Gourock.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to take action in respect of (1) the pontoon in East India Harbour, (2) premises at Shore Street, Gourock, (3) the former McLean's Yard at Cove Road, Gourock, (4) a site at Shore Street, Gourock and (5) premises at West Stewart Street, Greenock, all as detailed in the appendix.

452 Mr Gordon Fisher 452

Councillors Clocherty and McCormick referred to the forthcoming retiral of Mr Gordon Fisher, Property Assets Manager, and, on behalf of the Committee, wished him a happy retirement.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 5 SEPTEMBER 2017

Education and Communities Committee
Tuesday 5 September 2017 at 2 pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Clocherty, Curley, Crowther (for MacLeod), McCabe, C McEleny, McVey, Murphy, Quinn, Robertson and Wilson, Rev. F Donaldson, Rev. D Burt and Mrs F Gilpin, Church Representatives and Ms P McEwan, Teacher Representative.

Chair: Councillor Clocherty presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Acting Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Community Safety and Wellbeing Manager, Ms G Murphy (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Legal Services Manager (Litigation, Licensing & Committee Services), Technical Services Manager, Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services), Mr I Cameron (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr C Given (Finance Services), Head of Education, Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy, Ms L Wilkie, Ms L Varrie and Ms L Cote (Education Services), Property Services Manager, Corporate Communications Manager and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications).

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

453 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest
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An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor MacLeod, with Councillor Crowther substituting.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 24 (Update on the Beacon Arts Centre: The Greenock Arts Guild Limited) – Councillors McCabe and Robertson.

Agenda Item 27 (Award of Contracts for the Provision of Mainstream Transport for 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21) – Councillor McVey.

The Committee then observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect following the recent death of former Councillor Jim Grieve.

454 Communities 2017/18 Revenue Budget Report – Period 3 to 30 June 2017
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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 final outturn and the 2017/18 Revenue Budget position as at Period 3 to 30 June 2017.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the final outturn for 2016/17; and
- (2) that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £65,000 for the 2017/18 Communities Revenue Budget as at Period 3 to 30 June 2017.

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455 Communities Capital Programme 2017-2020 Progress 455

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 of the report;
- (2) that approval be given to the virement of £14,000 from Community Hubs Other Expenditure to the Birkmyre Pitch Drainage Project to cover the difference between the current budget and the total projected cost of the project; and
- (3) that approval be given to the allocation of funding from the Repairs and Renewal Fund to progress the 3G Pitch Carpet Rejuvenation at Lady Octavia Recreation Centre as outlined in Section 10.1, subject to approval by the Policy & Resources Committee.

456 Auchmountain Glen Heritage Project – Feasibility Study 456

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration and Resources (1) advising the Committee of the Auchmountain Glen Heritage Project and (2) requesting funding for a feasibility study to establish the viability of restoring the heritage trail.

Decided: that approval be given to the allocation of £15,000 from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations budget for a feasibility study, with any balance being used to assist in developing the project.

457 Provision of Crawl Space Access to Inverclyde Academy Pitches 457

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising the Committee of the decision of the Petitions Committee to support a petition regarding crawl hole access to the Inverclyde Academy 3G pitch.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the decision of the Petitions Committee to support the petition regarding crawl hole access to the Inverclyde Academy 3G pitch;
- (2) that agreement be given to the provision of a crawl hole at the Inverclyde Academy 3G pitch for a trial period of 1 year, given the special circumstances of the pitches set out in Sections 6.1 and 6.2 of the report, with the proviso that the trial can be suspended in the event of significant damage occurring as a result of the crawl hole being installed; and
- (3) that a report be submitted to the Committee following the 1 year trial period to allow the Committee to determine if the trial has been successful and should be extended and that the report include information on the suitability or otherwise of providing similar access to other school pitches in Inverclyde.

458 Mortgage Guarantee Scheme 458

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval for a formal agreement with Scotwest Credit Union on the provision of a mortgage product which assists buyers to purchase a home in Inverclyde through a deposit guarantee scheme.

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Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve and support the scheme as outlined in Paragraph 5.2 and Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (2) that the £150,000 reserve for the scheme be reduced to £50,000 with the balance being returned to the Policy & Resources Committee for reallocation; and
- (3) that a report on the operation of the scheme be submitted to the Committee in 1 year's time.

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 three 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.

Item	Paragraph(s)
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Public Space CCTV Provision - Update	6 and 8
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Update on the Beacon Arts Centre: The Greenock Arts Guild Ltd	6 and 12
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Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report: Update on Current Actions	6, 9, 12 and 13
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459	Public Space CCTV Provision - Update	459
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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the proposed replacement of the public space CCTV system within Inverclyde.

Decided: that the Committee note the arrangements set out in the report for the replacement of the Council's ageing public space CCTV system.

460	Update on the Beacon Arts Centre: The Greenock Arts Guild Ltd	460
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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing a further update on the position in respect of the Beacon Arts Centre/Greenock Arts Guild Ltd as part of the Council's commitment to reporting on the governance of external organisations.

Councillors McCabe and Robertson declared a non-financial interest in this item as Members of the Board of Greenock Arts Guild Ltd. 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.

The Committee noted the position as detailed in the report, including the positive and successful aspects relating to the operation of the Beacon Arts Centre, and agreed to the recommendations including the submission of a further report to the January 2018 meeting, all as detailed in the Appendix.

461	Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report: Update on Current Actions	461
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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities &

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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 actions to ensure that the Committee is fully advised of progress.

The Committee noted the progress in respect of the Clune Park Regeneration Plan and agreed to other action, all as detailed in the Appendix.

The Communities business concluded at 3.15 pm.

The Committee commenced consideration of the Education items of business at 4 pm with Rev F Donaldson, Rev D Burt, Ms F Gilpin and Ms P McEwan joining the meeting.

462 Church of Scotland Representation on the Education and Communities Committee 462

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration and Resources advising of the nomination by the Church of Scotland of Rev. David Burt as its representative on the Education and Communities Committee following the resignation of Mr T Macdougall.

The Convener welcomed Rev. Burt to the meeting.

Decided: that the nomination of Rev. David Burt as the Church of Scotland Representative on the Committee be noted.

463 Election of Parent Representative and Teacher Representative to the Education and Communities Committee 463

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the results of the nominations of a Parent Representative and Teacher Representative to the Committee.

The Convener welcomed Ms Paula McEwan, the Teacher Representative nominee, to the meeting.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee approve the appointment of Ms Paula McEwan (EIS) as Teacher Representative, in accordance with the Scheme of Arrangements; and

(2) that it be noted that a report on the nomination of a Parent Representative will be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

464 Further Follow-up Progress Report Following Education Scotland Visit to Craigmarnock School 464

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing a follow up progress report on Craigmarnock School following the report made to the September 2016 meeting of the Committee on the results of the Education Scotland inspection of the school.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the further progress made since the previous report to the Committee in September 2016;

(2) that all those involved in the service provision be commended for the improvements made; and

(3) that a further progress report be submitted to the Committee in 1 year's time.

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- 465 Education 2017/18 Revenue Budget – Period 3 to 30 June 2017 465**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the 2016/17 final outturn and the 2017/18 Education Revenue Budget position as at Period 3 to 30 June 2017.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the final outturn for 2016/17;
 - (2) that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £272,000 for the 2017/18 Education Revenue Budget as at Period 3 to 30 June 2017; and
 - (3) that approval be given to the virements totalling £89,000 as detailed in Appendix 5 to the report.
- 466 Education Capital Programme 2017-2020 Progress 466**
- 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:** that the Committee note the progress of the specific projects detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.
- 467 Education and Communities Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2016/19 – Progress Report 467**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy providing an update on the Education, Communities and Organisational Development Corporate Director Improvement Plan (CDIP) 2016/19, focusing on improvement actions which sit within the Education, Inclusive Education and Culture and Safer and Inclusive Communities Services.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the progress made in delivering the year two improvement actions outlined in the Education, Communities and Organisational Development CDIP 2016/19; and
 - (2) that it be agreed to consider a second progress report at the meeting of the Committee on 23 January 2018.
- 468 Revised Inspection Models 468**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing information on the approaches taken for the inspection of schools and the education functions of authorities by Education Scotland. Mr Gary Johnstone, Area Lead Officer, Education Scotland, was present and answered questions from Members regarding the factors influencing the type of inspection model used.
- Decided:** that the report be noted.
- 469 Craigmarloch School – Change to School Day 469**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development proposing a number of changes to Craigmarloch School's current opening times for secondary aged pupils to align the school day with all other

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Inverclyde secondary schools.

Decided: that agreement be given to the proposed changes to Craigmarloch School's day for secondary school pupils, as detailed in the report.

Councillor Wilson left the meeting at this juncture.

470 Changes to National Qualification Arrangements 470

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on changes to the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) arrangements for Recognising Positive Achievement, the most significant being the lack of a fallback from National 5 to National 4.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the changes to the SQA arrangements and the interim position statement issued to Inverclyde Schools; and
- (2) that the Convener write to the Depute First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education conveying the Committee's concern regarding the implications for affected pupils of the lack of a fallback from National 5 to National 4 and seeking clarification in this regard.

471 School Term Dates – Session 2018/19 471

There was submitted a report by the Head of Education seeking approval for the setting of the school term dates for session 2018/19.

Decided: that approval be given to the term dates for session 2018/19 set out in Appendix 1 to report.

472 Update on the Use of the Pupil Equity Fund 472

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the uses made by schools of the Pupil Equity Funding (PEF).

Decided: that the report be noted.

473 Review of Outstanding Remits 473

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on a number of outstanding remits assigned to the Education, Communities and Organisational Development Directorate from previous meetings of the Committee.

Decided: that the Committee note the position with regard to the outstanding remits as detailed in Section 5 of the report.

474 Increase in Early Learning and Childcare to 1140 Hours 474

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing information on the Scottish Government's intention to increase the entitlement of early learning and childcare to 1140 hours and the initial planning at a local level.

Decided:

- (1) that agreement be given to the infrastructure proposals detailed in Section 10 of

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the report subject to the necessary further statutory and non-statutory consultations set out in Section 14;

(2) that agreement given to the proposals for early phase developments set out in Section 12; and

(3) that it be noted that the Business Case will be submitted to the Scottish Government on 29 September 2017 in draft format, subject to approval at the meeting of the Committee on 31 October 2017.

475 **The Naming of the New West End Early Years Facility** 475

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on a proposed name for the new West End Early Years Facility to replace Kelly Street Children’s Centre.

Decided: that it be agreed that Glenpark Early Learning Centre be the name of the new West End Early Years Facility.

476 **Aluminium Composite Material (ACM) Cladding** 476

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the assurance activities undertaken across the Inverclyde School Estate in response to the Grenfell Tower fire in London and the subsequent Scottish Government activities in respect of Aluminium Composite Material (ACM) Cladding.

Decided: that the report be noted.

477 **Glasgow City Region Education Improvement Collaborative – Collaboration to Deliver Excellence and Equity in Education** 477

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development proposing, in support of the Regional Economic Strategy and Action Plan and in response to the Scottish Government report “Education Governance Review – Next Steps”, additional governance arrangements for Education in the Glasgow City Region to ensure greater collaboration whilst maintaining local accountability.

Decided:

(1) that agreement be given to the recommendation from the Glasgow City Region Cabinet that the recommendations in Appendix 1 – “Report by Chief Executives” are taken forward, subject to regular updates being submitted to the Committee; and

(2) that the matter be referred for consideration by Inverclyde Council at its meeting on 28 September 2017.

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 the heading to each item.

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478 Direct Contract Award for Visible Whole School Learning **478**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval to make a Direct Contract Award for Visible Whole School Learning, which was agreed, all as detailed in the Appendix.

479 Award of Contracts for the Provision of Mainstream School Transport for 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 **479**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to accept tenders for transport facilities for mainstream school transport contracts due for renewal from the start of school session 2017/18.

Councillor McVey declared a non-financial interest in this item as the result of a business association with one of the tendering companies and left the meeting.

Decided: that the Committee note the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to accept tenders for mainstream school transport contracts due for renewal from the start of the school session 2017/18 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

PLANNING BOARD – 6 SEPTEMBER 2017

Planning Board

Wednesday 6 September 2017 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, Dorrian, Curley (for J McEleny), McKenzie, McVey, Moran, Murphy, Nelson and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Head of Regeneration & Planning, Mr D Ashman (Regeneration & Planning Services), Service Manager (Roads), Mr G Leitch (Environmental & Commercial Services), Mr J Kerr (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services).

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

480 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 480

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor J McEleny, with Councillor Curley substituting, and Councillor Rebecchi.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

481 PLANNING APPLICATION 481

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning on an application for planning permission by A & J Sheridan for the erection of four dwellinghouses at Whitelea Road, Kilmacolm (16/0061/IC).

The Head of Regeneration & Planning advised the Board that, following receipt of a late representation, the applicant had requested that consideration of the application be continued.

Decided: that consideration of the application be continued.

LOCAL REVIEW BODY – 6 SEPTEMBER 2017

Local Review BodyWednesday 6 September 2017 at 4pm

Present: Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, Dorrian, McKenzie, Nelson, Moran (for Rebecchi) and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Mr A Williamson (Planning Adviser), Mr J Kerr (Legal Adviser) and Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services).

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

482 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 482

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Rebecchi with Councillor Moran substituting.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

483 PLANNING APPLICATION FOR REVIEW 483

**Use of basement area as bar restaurant (in retrospect):
The Tontine Hotel, 6 Ardgowan Square, Greenock (17/0053/IC)**

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review of the conditions imposed on the planning permission granted for the use of the basement area as a bar restaurant (in retrospect) at the Tontine Hotel, 6 Ardgowan Square, Greenock (17/0053/IC) to enable the Local Review Body to consider the matter afresh.

Decided:

- (1) that sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and
- (2) that the application for review be upheld and that conditions (1) and (2) of the planning permission granted in terms of the Decision Notice dated 18 April 2017 be deleted.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 13 SEPTEMBER 2017

General Purposes Board

Wednesday 13 September 2017 at 3pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Crowther, Curley, Dorrian, Jackson, J McEleny, Quinn and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr D Keenan (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms L Carrick (Legal & Property Services), Inspector J MacDonald and Sergeant J Curran, Police Scotland.

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

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| 484 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 484 |
| | <p>Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors MacLeod and Brooks with Councillor Wilson substituting on behalf of Councillor Brooks.</p> <p>No declarations of interest were intimated.</p> <p>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 paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.</p> | |
| 485 | Application for Taxi Driver's Licence | 485 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Property Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence which was refused, all as detailed in the appendix.</p> | |
| 486 | Application for the Renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence | 486 |
| | <p>It was noted that this item had been withdrawn, all as detailed in the appendix.</p> | |
| 487 | Application for a Taxi Driver's Licence | 487 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Property Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence which was granted, all as detailed in the appendix.</p> | |