

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

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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

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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

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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.