

Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Sub-Committee**Thursday 28 September 2017 at 2.30pm**

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Jackson (for Clocherty), Curley, Crowther (for MacLeod), McCabe, C McEleny, McVey, Murphy, Quinn and Robertson.

Chair: Provost Brennan presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Mr D Hall (for 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 R Kennedy (for Chief Superintendent G Crossan) and Chief Inspector A Kennedy, Police Scotland, Area Manager D Proctor and Group Manager M Gallagher, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.

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

509 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 509

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Clocherty, with Councillor Jackson substituting, and Councillor MacLeod, with Councillor Crowther substituting.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

510 Police Scotland Performance Report 510

There was submitted a report on the performance and activities of Police Scotland during the reporting period 30 April to 31 July 2017.

(Councillor McCabe entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

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

511 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Performance Report 511

There was submitted a report on the performance and activities of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service during the reporting period 1 June to 31 July 2017.

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

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The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 28 September 2017 at 4pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Crowther, Curley, Dorrian, Jackson, 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 (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Head of Legal & Property Services, Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services), Chief Financial Officer, Finance Manager (Environment & Technical), Finance Manager (Education & Exchequer), Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications, Acting Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and Corporate Communications Manager.

In attendance also: Mr D Jamieson and Mr T Yule, Audit Scotland.

512 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Clocherty and MacLeod.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

513 Annual Report to Elected Members and the Controller of Audit for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2017

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (1) presenting the Annual Report to Elected Members and the Controller of Audit for the financial year to 31 March 2017 and (2) presenting, for Elected Members as Trustees of the Lady Alice Shaw-Stewart Memorial Trust, the Trust's Annual Report and Accounts for approval.

Mr David Jamieson and Mr Tommy Yule of Audit Scotland were present and spoke to the Reports.

Decided:

(1) that the Council endorse the contents of the Annual Report to Members and the Controller of Audit for the financial year ended 31 March 2017 and approve the Action Plan in Appendix 1 of the Annual Report;

(2) that the Council endorse the Annual Accounts for Inverclyde Council for the financial year 2016/17 and grant approval for the signing of the Accounts by the Council Leader, Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer;

(3) that the Council endorse the Letter of Representation in Appendix 3 and approve the signing of this by the Chief Financial Officer;

(4) that the Members of the Council, as Trustees, endorse the contents of the Annual Report for the Lady Alice Shaw-Stewart Memorial Fund and grant approval for the signing of the Accounts by the current and former Provost and the Chief Financial Officer; and

(5) that the Members of the Council, as Trustees, endorse the Letter of Representation in Appendix 6 and approve the signing of this by the Chief Financial

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Officer.

The Council then adjourned at 4.15pm to allow for the signing of the various documents in connection with the previous item and re-convened at 4.25pm.

Prior to the commencement of the remaining business, Councillor C McEleny paid a tribute following the recent death of former Councillor Jim Grieve. Thereafter the Council observed a minute's silence.

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

514	Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Sub-Committee – 29 June 2017	514
	Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.	
515	The Inverclyde Council – 29 June 2017	515
	Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.	
516	General Purposes Board (Special) – 26 July 2017	516
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
517	Policy & Resources Committee – 8 August 2017	517
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
518	General Purposes Board – 9 August 2017	518
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
519	Audit Committee – 22 August 2017	519
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi.	
520	Health & Social Care Committee – 24 August 2017	520
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.	
521	Environment & Regeneration Committee – 31 August 2017	521
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
522	Education & Communities Committee – 5 September 2017	522
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Murphy.	

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- 523 Planning Board – 6 September 2017 523**
Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.
- 524 Local Review Body – 6 September 2017 524**
Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.
- 525 General Purposes Board – 13 September 2017 525**
Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.
- 526 Policy & Resources Committee – 19 September 2017 526**
Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.
- 527 2018/20 Revenue Budget Update 527**
 There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) providing an update regarding progress with the 2018/20 Revenue Budget and (2) outlining the next steps in the process.
Decided:
 (1) that the Council note the revised 2018/20 funding gap assessment prepared by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Management Team and the potential risk for a further savings exercise to take place in 2019 in the event that the funding gap is greater than the £13m outlined in Appendix 1;
 (2) that the Council approve the proposals in Appendix 2 to be included in the public consultation on the 2018/20 Revenue Budget and note that the proposals in Appendix 3 will be reported to the relevant Committee before March 2018;
 (3) that the Council approve the adjustments in Appendix 4 and that these adjustments be applied to the 2018/20 Budget;
 (4) that the Council note the next stages of the 2018/20 Revenue Budget process and agree that a special meeting of the Council take place on Thursday 21 December 2017 at 4pm to approve the final public consultation proposals and consider the latest position in respect of the 2018/20 Revenue Budget; and
 (5) that the Council note that the next report on the agenda covers the public consultation proposals.
- 528 Budget Consultation – Communications and Engagement 528**
 There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications on proposals regarding communications and engagement on the Council's 2018/20 Budget.
Decided: that the Council note the consultation, communications and engagement, objectives, audiences and key mechanisms outlined in the report, the timetable for consultation and the potential release of employees outlined in Appendix 1.
- 529 Motion by Inverclyde Joint Trade Unions – Request by Councillors McCabe and Clocherty 529**
 There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration &

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Resources on a request received from Councillors McCabe and Clocherty that consideration be given to a motion from Inverclyde Joint Trade Unions as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

During the course of discussion on the item, an addendum to the motion was accepted by the mover and seconder of the motion.

Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Jackson moved the following:

“Inverclyde Council has had to manage significant budget pressures for over a decade. Each year over that period the budget settlement for Inverclyde Council has reduced in real terms. Successive Governments at both a UK and Scottish level have presided over the funding regime during this period.

The Council has adopted different approaches to deal with this problem. On the one hand it has made efficiency savings which have eased budget gaps by increasing income or reducing spending but without any impact on services. On the other hand, and to a lesser extent, it has reduced or withdrawn services.

Moving forward, both the Council and the Trades Unions recognise that there is less and less scope for further efficiency savings. Further reductions in the settlement grant will inevitably lead to services being reduced or withdrawn. This will in turn impact on the most vulnerable people in our communities.

This Council and Trades Unions believe that austerity as a political and economic strategy is completely discredited and has inflicted untold damage on our workforce, public services and our communities.

This Council and Trades Unions resolve to:

- publicly and consistently advocate for a fair Local Government settlement.
- persuade Governments to make money available to ensure that vital services for Inverclyde residents are maintained at the level required for communities that are amongst the poorest in Scotland.
- work jointly in campaigns at all levels of Government against austerity and the impact of austerity on Local Government services.
- invite the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for Scotland to Inverclyde to visit the vital Council services that are under threat due to continued UK government austerity.”

As an amendment, Councillor Brooks seconded by Councillor Wilson moved the following motion:

“Inverclyde Council has had to manage significant budget pressures for over a decade. Each year over that period the budget settlement for Inverclyde Council has reduced in real terms. Successive Governments at both a UK and Scottish level have presided over the funding regime during this period.

The Council has adopted different approaches to deal with this challenge. On the one hand it has made efficiency savings which have eased budget gaps by increasing income or reducing spending but without any impact on service. On the other hand, and to a lesser extent, it has reduced or withdrawn services.

Moving forward, the Council recognises that there is less and less scope for further efficiency savings. Further reductions in the settlement grant will inevitably lead to services being reduced or withdrawn from our communities.

This Council believes that economic recovery and reducing the budget deficit should remain key priorities for our Governments as the accumulation of public sector debt is unsustainable. We welcome the reduction of UK net borrowing (% of GDP) from 9.9% 2009/10 to 2.3% 2016/17.

If the budget deficit is not brought under control, we fear the loss of employment and the reduction in vital public services, like the NHS, will have a greater impact on the most vulnerable people in our communities.

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This Council resolves to:

- Publicly and consistently advocate for a fair Local Government settlement.
- Persuade Governments to make resources available to ensure that vital services for Inverclyde residents are maintained at the level required for our communities that are amongst the most resilient in Scotland.
- Work jointly in campaigns at all levels of Government to improve the employment rate of 75.3%, the highest since comparable records began in 1971.”

As a further amendment, Councillor McVey seconded by Councillor Quinn moved the following motion:

“This Council believes that the matter of addressing the serious budget cuts should transcend party politics.

We believe that all Elected Members should work together in order to protect front line services and offer the best care for the most vulnerable in our community.

In addition, this Council believes that all Elected Members should work in such a manner as to alleviate the risk of compulsory redundancies.”

On a vote between the two amendments, 2 Members, Councillors Brooks and Wilson, voted in favour of their amendment and 4 Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, McKenzie, McVey and Quinn voted in favour of the amendment by Councillor McVey seconded by Councillor Quinn. 14 Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Dorrian, Jackson, McCabe, McCormick, Moran, Murphy, Rebecchi, Crowther, Curley, C McEleny, J McEleny, Nelson and Robertson abstained from voting. The amendment by Councillor Brooks, having received fewer votes, then fell.

On a vote between the motion and the amendment by Councillor McVey seconded by Councillor Quinn, 4 Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, McKenzie, McVey and Quinn, voted in favour of the amendment and 14 Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Dorrian, Jackson, McCabe, McCormick, Moran, Murphy, Rebecchi, Crowther, Curley, C McEleny, J McEleny, Nelson and Robertson voted in favour of the motion which was declared carried. 2 Members, Councillors Brooks and Wilson, abstained from voting.

Decided: that the following motion be agreed:

“Inverclyde Council has had to manage significant budget pressures for over a decade. Each year over that period the budget settlement for Inverclyde Council has reduced in real terms. Successive Governments at both a UK and Scottish level have presided over the funding regime during this period.

The Council has adopted different approaches to deal with this problem. On the one hand it has made efficiency savings which have eased budget gaps by increasing income or reducing spending but without any impact on services. On the other hand, and to a lesser extent, it has reduced or withdrawn services.

Moving forward, both the Council and the Trades Unions recognise that there is less and less scope for further efficiency savings. Further reductions in the settlement grant will inevitably lead to services being reduced or withdrawn. This will in turn impact on the most vulnerable people in our communities.

This Council and Trades Unions believe that austerity as a political and economic strategy is completely discredited and has inflicted untold damage on our workforce, public services and our communities.

This Council and Trades Unions resolve to:

- publicly and consistently advocate for a fair Local Government settlement.
- persuade Governments to make money available to ensure that vital services for Inverclyde residents are maintained at the level required for communities that are amongst the poorest in Scotland.
- work jointly in campaigns at all levels of Government against austerity and the impact of austerity on Local Government services.

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- invite the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for Scotland to Inverclyde to visit the vital Council services that are under threat due to continued UK government austerity.”

530 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 8) Order 2017 530

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 31 August 2017 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 8) Order 2017.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 8) Order 2017 and that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

531 Glasgow City Region Education Improvement Collaborative – Collaboration to Deliver Excellence and Equity in Education 531

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on a remit from the Education & Communities Committee of 5 September 2017 seeking approval of recommendations for additional governance arrangements for Education in the Glasgow City Region to ensure greater collaboration whilst maintaining local accountability.

Decided: that approval be given to the recommendation from the Glasgow City Region Cabinet that the recommendations outlined in Appendix 1 of the report to its 15 August 2017 meeting are progressed with regular updates being submitted to the Education & Communities Committee.

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 the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act, as detailed in the relevant minute.

Appendices to Minutes

532 Health & Social Care Committee – 24 August 2017 532

Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.

533 Environment & Regeneration Committee – 31 August 2017 533

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.

534 Education & Communities Committee – 5 September 2017 534

Approved on the motion of Councillor Murphy.

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- 535 **General Purposes Board – 13 September 2017** 535
 Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.
- 536 **Policy & Resources Committee – 19 September 2017** 536
 Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 5 OCTOBER 2017

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 5 October 2017 at 3pm

Present: Provost Brennan (for Councillor Clocherty), Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Crowther, Curley, Jackson, Dorrian (for McCabe), McCormick, J McEleny, McKenzie and Nelson.

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services), Ms M McCabe (for Chief Financial Officer), Finance Manager (Environment & Technical), Acting Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Ms E Provan (Environmental & Commercial Services), Head of Regeneration & Planning and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

537 **Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest** 537

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Clocherty, with Provost Brennan substituting, and Councillor McCabe, with Councillor Dorrian substituting.

Councillors McKenzie and Nelson declared an interest in agenda item 4 (P1 Powerboat Scottish Grand Prix of the Sea).

538 **Glasgow City Deal – Outline Business Case Submission** 538

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to submit the Outline Business Cases for both Greenock Ocean Terminal and Inverkip to the City Deal Cabinet.

The Head of Regeneration & Planning advised the Committee that the wording at paragraph 5.26 of the report should read “incl. Optimum Bias incl. Optimism Bias” rather than “incl. Optimum Bias excl. Optimism Bias.”

Decided:

- (1) that the Outline Business Cases for Greenock Ocean Terminal and Inverkip be submitted to the City Deal Cabinet;
- (2) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to continue to work with the project specific private sector partners in development of the Final Business Cases for Greenock Ocean Terminal and Inverkip; and
- (3) that the Committee note the offer of £1.5m from the Dunard Fund in respect of the Building for Ocean Terminal subject to inclusion of a permanent exhibition space for the George Wyllie Collection.

539 **Town and Village Centres – Environmental Improvements** 539

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) updating the Committee on progress made on the environmental improvements within Town and Village Centres across Inverclyde and (2) on the

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distribution of Community Spend Funds across the Town and Village Centres.

Decided: that approval be given to the direct award of grant funding by the Council, or Riverside Inverclyde on the Council's behalf, to Community Councils in respect of community spend as referred to in the report and subject to the projects being of a scale where delivery through Riverside Inverclyde is not cost effective.

540 P1 Powerboat Scottish Grand Prix of the Sea 540

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) highlighting the success of the 2017 P1 Scottish Grand Prix of the Sea powerboat event and (2) recommending that the Council co-host the event in 2018.

Councillors McKenzie and Nelson declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Board Members of Riverside Inverclyde. 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.

After discussion, Councillor McKenzie moved that the opportunity to host the 2018 P1 Scottish Grand Prix of the Sea be declined. As an amendment, Councillor McCormick moved that the Council enter into a 50/50 co-hosting agreement with Riverside Inverclyde to co-host the P1 Scottish Grand Prix of the Sea event in 2018 and that funds be reallocated from an existing earmarked reserve for tourism and events. On a vote, 2 Members, Councillors Ahlfeld and McKenzie, voted for the motion and 9 Members, Provost Brennan and Councillors Brooks, Crowther, Curley, Dorrian, Jackson, McCormick, J McEleny and Nelson, voted for the amendment which was declared carried.

Decided: that the Council enter into a 50/50 co-hosting agreement with Riverside Inverclyde to co-host the P1 Scottish Grand Prix of the Sea event in 2018 and that funds be reallocated from an existing earmarked reserve for tourism and events.

541 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order: Bearhope Street, Greenock One Way Operation 541

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the outcome of the consultation procedure undertaken for the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) associated with the proposal to make Bearhope Street, Greenock one way, The Inverclyde Council, Bearhope Street, Greenock (One Way and Prohibition of Right Turn) Order 2016, 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, Bearhope Street, Greenock (One Way and Prohibition of Right Turn) Order 2016 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.

542 Request for a New Street Name at Kirn Drive, Gourrock 542

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of a street name for a new development off Kirn Drive, Gourrock.

Decided: that the new street off Kirn Drive, Gourrock be named Kirn Gardens.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 11 OCTOBER 2017

General Purposes BoardWednesday 11 October 2017 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr D Keenan (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.

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| 543 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 543 |
| | <p>Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Jackson and MacLeod, with Councillor Robertson substituting for Councillor MacLeod.</p> <p>No declarations of interest were intimated.</p> | |
| 544 | Taxi Fares Review 2017 | 544 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to determine the taxi fares and scale charges following the annual review. Mr Keenan advised the Board that no objections or representations were received within the statutory time period of one month following the date of advertisement.</p> <p>Decided: that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to make the necessary arrangements to implement the new taxi fares and scale charges.</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> | |
| 545 | Application for Renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence | 545 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on an application for the renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence which was granted, all as detailed in the appendix.</p> | |
| 546 | Application for Taxi Driver's Licence | 546 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence which was granted, all as detailed in the appendix.</p> | |
| 547 | Application for Taxi Driver's Licence | 547 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence which the Board agreed to continue to the next meeting, all as detailed in the appendix.</p> | |

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 12 OCTOBER 2017

Education and Communities Committee

Thursday 12 October 2017 at 3pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Clocherty, J McEleny (for Curley), Crowther (for MacLeod), McCabe, C McEleny, McVey, Murphy, Quinn, Robertson and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Clocherty presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Head of Legal & Property Services, Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services), Acting Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Community Safety & Wellbeing Manager, Mr I Cameron (for Chief Financial Officer) and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

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

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(Councillor C McEleny entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

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

Councillors McCabe, C McEleny and McVey declared an interest in agenda item 2 (Service of Demolition Order under the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987).

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, 12 and 13 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

549 **Service of Demolition Order – 8 Clune Park Street, Port Glasgow**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval to serve a Demolition Order under Sections 120 and 115 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 on the tenement building at 8 Clune Park Street, Port Glasgow. The report advised that all 8 properties within the building are currently the subject of Closing Orders and are all below the tolerable standard as defined by Section 86 of the 1987 Act.

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

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to the making of a Demolition Order under Sections 120 and 115 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 in respect of the building at 8 Clune Park Street, Port Glasgow; and

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(2) that approval be given to the revocation of the Closing Orders previously made over all 8 properties within 8 Clune Park Street, Port Glasgow.

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 17 OCTOBER 2017

Audit Committee**Tuesday 17 October 2017 at 3pm**

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Brooks, Crowther (for Curley), Dorrian (for McCabe), McCormick, J McEleny, McVey, Clocherty (for Murphy), Nelson and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor Rebecchi presided.

In attendance: Chief Financial Officer, Chief Internal Auditor, Acting Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Finance Manager (Environment & Technical), Ms G Murphy (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Mr N Duffy (Legal & Property Services).

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

550 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 550

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Curley, with Councillor Crowther substituting, Councillor McCabe, with Councillor Dorrian substituting and Councillor Murphy, with Councillor Clocherty substituting.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

551 Internal Audit Progress Report – 31 July to 22 September 2017 551

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 31 July to 22 September 2017.

Decided: that the monitoring report in respect of Internal Audit activity for the period 31 July to 22 September 2017 be noted.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE – 19 OCTOBER 2017

Health & Social Care Committee

Thursday 19 October 2017 at 3pm

Present: Provost Brennan (for Councillor Jackson), Councillors Brooks, Dorrian, MacLeod, Clocherty (for McCabe), J McEleny (for C McEleny), McKenzie, Moran, Ahlfeld (for Quinn), Rebecchi and Robertson.

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

In attendance: Head of Health & Community Care, Head of Children's Services & Criminal Justice, Head of Mental Health, Addictions & Homelessness, Service Manager, Inequalities, Migration and Strategic Housing, Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Technical Services Manager, Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services) and Ms A Edmiston (for Chief Financial Officer).

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

552 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 552

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Jackson, with Provost Brennan substituting, Councillor McCabe, with Councillor Clocherty substituting, Councillor C McEleny, with Councillor J McEleny substituting and Councillor Quinn, with Councillor Ahlfeld substituting.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 2 (Presentation – Care Placements for Older People) – Councillor Clocherty.

Agenda Item 10 (Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations) – Provost Brennan and Councillor MacLeod.

553 Revenue and Capital Budget 2017/18 Projection as at 31 August 2017 553

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on the position of the Revenue and Capital Budgets for the current year as at Period 5 to 31 August 2017.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the projected underspend of £15,000 in the current year Revenue Budget as at 31 August 2017;
- (2) that approval be given to the virements listed in Appendix 6;
- (3) that the current projected Capital position be noted; and
- (4) that the current Earmarked Reserves position be noted.

554 Presentation – Care Placements for Older People 554

The Board heard a presentation by the Head of Health & Community Care on care placements for older people which covered the changes in demand for older people's services, the number of care home placements from 2014/15 to present, the impact on

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care homes and community based services.

Following the presentation, Mr Stevenson answered a number of questions from Members.

Councillor Clocherty declared a non-financial interest in this item as the spouse of an employee working in the care home sector. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision making process.

Decided: that the presentation be noted.

555 Freedom of Information Monitoring Report – 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 555

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing information on Freedom of Information requests processed by the HSCP during the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017.

Decided: that the report be noted.

556 Personal Independence Payment (PIP) Assessments 556

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on information received from the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) in relation to Inverclyde Council's request for local Personal Independent Payment (PIP) assessments. The report advised that the DWP had responded that it would not be possible to use the premises at Duff Street, Greenock for PIP assessments and that Inverclyde Council and the HSCP would not be permitted to undertake assessments.

Decided: that the report be noted.

557 Refugee Resettlement 557

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership (1) on the HSCP's current involvement in the Afghan and Syrian refugee schemes and the positive resettlement programme within Inverclyde and (2) providing an update on the national discussions regarding involvement with other schemes including the Vulnerable Children's Scheme and the Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children's Scheme (UASC Scheme).

Decided:

(1) that the Committee acknowledge the HSCP's commitment to the existing refugee schemes and the success of the resettlement to date;

(2) that the Committee note that discussions are underway to continue future involvement and potential expansion in the resettlement programme; and

(3) that agreement be given for officers to continue to be involved in national discussions with regard to future schemes and that further reports be submitted as and when appropriate.

558 Redesign of Services for Adults with a Learning Disability (The LD Redesign) 558

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership outlining the component parts of the programme to implement the HSCP Redesign of Services for Adults with a Learning Disability (the LD Redesign).

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Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the intention to move to the next stage with the HSCP Redesign of Services for Adults with a Learning Disability (the LD Redesign);
- (2) that the Committee note the intention of the required redesign programme, governance structure and programme team to deliver the LD Redesign and that the Programme Board met for the first time on 20 September 2017;
- (3) that the Committee note the creation of an interim management structure to take the service through the implementation of the redesign and the required practice and cultural change;
- (4) that the Committee endorse the intention to undertake the necessary work to move to a proposed new service model and wider staffing structure with a 2 year implementation time frame;
- (5) that the Committee note the relationship of the programme to savings proposals; and
- (6) that the Committee note the design and delivery of a comprehensive communication, engagement and consultation process with local people, service users and carers, staff and their representatives, provider organisations and other stakeholders to direct the implementation of the redesign.

559 Tendering of Supported Living Service**559**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership (1) seeking approval to change the tender weightings in relation to the forthcoming tender process for a Supported Living Service in Inverclyde and (2) requesting delegated authority for the acceptance of the successful tenders.

(Councillor Ahlfeld left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

- (1) that Contract Standing Order 13.2 be suspended to allow the use of 60% Quality and 40% Cost of Service weightings in the forthcoming tender for the Inverclyde Supported Living Service; and
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the successful tenders in accordance with Contract Standing Order 17.3(ii).

560 Homelessness and Temporary Accommodation**560**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on the work underway to review the current temporary accommodation model and to consider alternative models for the service in the longer term which will form the basis of a new temporary accommodation strategy to meet the increased support needs of homeless households and to mitigate the financial impacts of welfare reforms.

(Councillor Ahlfeld returned to the meeting and Councillor Dorrian left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the work which Arneil Johnston is currently undertaking in respect of a temporary accommodation review, using 6 clear, identifiable actions, which will support the development of a delivery plan and financial model for an improved service which more accurately responds to the needs of service users; and

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(2) that a briefing be made to the Committee Members on the outcome of the temporary accommodation review, including the options for future provision within Inverclyde.

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 and 8 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

561 Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations**561**

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.

Provost Brennan declared a non-financial interest in this item as a member of the Board of Sir Gabriel Wood's Mariners' Home Management Committee and Councillor MacLeod declared a non-financial interest as a Non-Executive Director of Parklea Association. Both 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.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the governance report set out in Appendix 1 covering the period 24 July to 14 September 2017; and

(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.

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Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 26 October 2017 at 2pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

In attendance: Mr P MacDonald (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 Committee.

Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated

562 The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Port Glasgow, Kilmacolm & Quarriers Village) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 4) Order 2017 562
The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, further to the statutory consultation process undertaken in terms of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 on The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Port Glasgow, Kilmacolm & Quarriers Village) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 4) Order 2017 (the proposed TRO), (1) requesting that the Committee adopt the Rules of Procedure for the purposes of the special meeting, (2) advising, in relation to the proposed TRO, of the discussions between Council Officers and the person who has, as part of the public consultation, objected to the proposed TRO (the Objector) and (3) making proposals to facilitate the effective, fair and proper hearing by the Committee of the Objector who has not withdrawn his objection (the Objection) and come to a formal recommendation on the proposed TRO.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the Rules of Procedure as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- (2) that the terms of Appendix 2 in relation to the Objection be considered and noted; and
- (3) that it be agreed to allow the Objector an opportunity to be heard at the special meeting in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

In this regard, the Committee heard the Objector, Mr Norrie Johnstone, in relation to the Objection.

Mr W Rennie, Acting Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, was present and the Committee heard Mr Rennie in support of the proposed TRO.

The Committee then adjourned to private session to consider the Objection.

Following consideration of the Objection, the Committee returned to public session and Mr Johnstone and Mr Rennie were re-admitted to the meeting.

The Committee, having considered and having had regard to the Objection, the oral representations made by Mr Johnstone and the oral representations made by Mr Rennie at the meeting, further decided:

- (4) that the Objection be dismissed and that the proposed TRO as detailed in

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Appendix 3 be approved and referred to the next meeting of the Inverclyde Council recommending that the Inverclyde Council formally approve the proposed TRO and that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services to arrange for its implementation in accordance with the statutory procedure, all in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

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Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 26 October 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), Mr P MacDonald and Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services), Ms M McCabe (for Chief Financial Officer), Acting Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Service Manager (Roads), Ms E Provan (Environmental & Commercial Services), Head of Regeneration & Planning, Technical Services Manager and Corporate Communications Manager.

In attendance also: Ms F Maguire, Chief Executive, Riverside Inverclyde.

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

563 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 563

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:-

Agenda Item 4 (Riverside Inverclyde – Project Update) – Councillors Clocherty, McKenzie and Nelson;

Agenda Item 14 (Stopping-Up Order – The Stopping-Up of Roads and Footpaths, Inverclyde (Grampian Road, Port Glasgow) Order 2017) – Councillors Brooks and McCabe;

Agenda Item 15 (Stopping-Up Order – The Stopping-Up of Roads and Footpaths, Inverclyde (Campsie Road, Port Glasgow) Order 2017) – Councillors Brooks and McCabe;

Agenda Item 18 (Self-Build Plots, Leperstone Avenue, Kilmacolm) – Councillors Clocherty, McKenzie and Nelson.

564 Environment & Regeneration Revenue Budget 2017/18 – Period 5 to 31 August 2017 564

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the position of the Revenue Budget 2017/18 as at Period 5 (31 August 2017) which showed a projected underspend of £32,000.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £32,000 for 2017/18 as at 31 August 2017; and
- (2) that the Committee note that action is being taken to reduce the level of expenditure slippage in Earmarked Reserves.

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565 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2017/18 to 2019/20 - Progress 565

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.

566 Riverside Inverclyde – Project Update 566

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on Riverside Inverclyde's progress relating to the regeneration projects within Port Glasgow, Greenock and Gourock.

Councillors Clocherty, McKenzie and Nelson declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Board Members of Riverside Inverclyde. They also formed the view that the nature of their interest and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision making process.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the progress to date and that further progress reports will be submitted for Members' information and consideration in due course; and

(2) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to release funds in respect of the regeneration initiative in Kilmacolm as set out in paragraph 5.1 of the report.

567 Labour Market Statistics 567

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on Labour Market Statistics.

Decided: that the Committee note the content of the report and the sensitivity associated with ensuring statistical information is considered on a like for like basis.

568 Location for Social Security Agency in Scotland 568

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources summarising the process completed by the Scottish Government in respect of selecting a preferred location for the delivery of devolved Social Security in Scotland.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the content of the report and the selection of Glasgow City and Dundee City as the preferred locations for the new Social Security Agency; and

(2) that the Convener, in consultation with the political groups on the Council, write to the Scottish Government to express the cross party concerns raised by Members during the consideration of and discussion on this matter and to request a meeting with the relevant Minister to seek information on the operation of the selection process and how Inverclyde can improve its chances of being selected as a preferred location in the future.

569 Scottish Government Consultation on the Proposed New Climate Change Bill 569

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

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Resources seeking approval of a response to the Scottish Government's consultation on a proposed new Climate Change Bill.

Decided: that the Committee approve the Council's response to the Climate Change Bill consultation set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

570 **Scottish Government Climate Change Reporting** 570

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the performance data to be submitted to the Scottish Government in respect of climate change reporting required under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 and (2) advising of feedback received on the data submitted for reporting year 2015/16.

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

571 **Request for Names for the Three A8 Roundabouts in Port Glasgow** 571

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of names for the three roundabouts on the A8 in Port Glasgow.

Decided: that the roundabouts on the A8 trunk road in Port Glasgow be named Glen Roundabout, Kingston Roundabout and Comet Roundabout as shown on the plan appended to the report.

572 **Request for a New Street Name at Cowal View, Gourock** 572

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of a street name for a new development off Cowal View, Gourock.

Decided: that the new street off Cowal View, Gourock be named Cowal Court.

573 **Naming of Garden on Shore Street, Gourock** 573

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for the naming of the secret garden on Shore Street, Gourock.

Decided:

(1) that the secret garden on Shore Street, Gourock be named the George Wyllie Garden; and

(2) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to release funds from the Town & Village Centre Regeneration budget to meet any costs associated with signage.

574 **Provision of New Bus Shelters under the SPT Quality Bus Corridor Budget 2017/18** 574

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) seeking approval for the installation of five new bus shelters funded as part of the SPT Quality Bus Corridor Budget for 2017/18 and (2) asking the Committee to note the additional revenue maintenance costs that will be funded by the Council.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee approve the provision of new bus shelters at the five

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proposed locations as detailed in the report and note that the associated annual maintenance costs will be contained within the Bus Shelter Maintenance Budget; and (2) that the Committee note the position regarding new bus shelter installations from 2017/18.

575 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 3 2017 575

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order to accompany the provision of parking bays for the disabled.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 3 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.

576 Stopping-Up Order – The Stopping-Up of Roads and Footpaths, Inverclyde (Grampian Road, Port Glasgow) Order 2017 576

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending that the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to promote the Stopping-Up of Roads and Footpaths, Inverclyde (Grampian Road, Port Glasgow) Order 2017 and, provided there are no maintained objections, to confirm the Order.

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

Decided: that the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to promote the Stopping-Up of Roads and Footpaths, Inverclyde (Grampian Road, Port Glasgow) Order 2017 and that, if after the 28 day period for statutory objections no such objections are made or maintained, delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to take all necessary action in connection therewith, including confirmation of the Order.

577 Stopping-Up Order – The Stopping-Up of Roads and Footpaths, Inverclyde (Campsie Road, Port Glasgow) Order 2017 577

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending that the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to promote the Stopping-Up of Roads and Footpaths, Inverclyde (Campsie Road, Port Glasgow) Order 2017 and, provided there are no maintained objections, to confirm the Order.

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

Decided: that the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to promote the Stopping-Up of Roads and Footpaths, Inverclyde (Campsie Road, Port Glasgow) Order 2017 and that, if after the 28 day period for statutory objections no such objections are made or maintained, delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to take all necessary action in connection therewith, including confirmation of

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the Order.

578 Glasgow City Deal – Outline Business Case Update 578

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the submission of Outline Business Cases for Inverkip and Greenock Ocean Terminal to Glasgow City Region Cabinet.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note that the Outline Business Cases for Inverkip and Greenock Ocean Terminal were submitted to Glasgow City Region Cabinet and were granted approval to proceed to Final Business Case preparation; and

(2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to arrange a meeting with Transport Scotland and interested parties, including the Ward Councillors, to seek to address road safety concerns on the A78 trunk road at Inverkip.

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.

579 Grieve Road, Greenock – New Lease 579

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to enter into a lease of premises at Grieve Road, Greenock.

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

580 McLean's Yard, Cove Road, Gourrock 580

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the outcome of further community consultation in respect of the former McLean's Yard, Cove Road, Gourrock and making a number of recommendations in this regard.

There was circulated to the Committee updated Appendix 2 providing details of responses received to the consultation.

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

581 Self-Build Plots, Leperstone Avenue, Kilmacolm 581

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the response to the marketing for Plot 3 Leperstone Avenue, Kilmacolm, within the site of seven plots forming the Kilmacolm self-build repopulation initiative.

Councillors Clocherty, McKenzie and Nelson declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Board Members of Riverside Inverclyde. 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.

582 Property Assets Management Report**582**

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.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended in respect of (1) ground at Drumshantie Road, Gourrock, (2) ground adjacent to Murdieston Dam and within Murdieston Park, Greenock and (3) land at Upper Bow Road, Greenock, all as detailed in the appendix.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 31 OCTOBER 2017

Education and Communities Committee

Tuesday 31 October 2017 at 2pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Clocherty, Curley, J McEleny (for MacLeod), McCabe, C McEleny, McVey, Murphy, Quinn, Robertson and Wilson, Rev F Donaldson, Rev D Burt and Ms F Gilpin, Church Representatives, Ms A McMillan, Parent Representative 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), Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services), Mr I Cameron (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr C Given (Finance Services), Community Learning & Development Manager, Libraries, Museum & Archives Manager, Head of Education, Ms L Wilkie (Education Services) and Property Services Manager.

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

583 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor MacLeod with Councillor J McEleny substituting.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 4 (Inverclyde Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2018/19 – 2022/23) – Councillors McCabe, C McEleny, McVey and Wilson.

Agenda Item 6 (Charging Structure for Team Sports) – Councillors Clocherty and J McEleny.

Agenda Item 15 (Increase in Early Learning and Child Care to 1140 Hours) – Councillor Robertson.

584 Communities 2017/18 Revenue Budget Report – Period 5 to 31 August 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 2017/18 Communities Revenue Budget position as at Period 5 to 31 August 2017.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £20,000 for the 2017/18 Communities Revenue Budget as at Period 5 to 31 August 2017;
- (2) that the Committee approve the virement totalling £1,000 as detailed in paragraph 7.1 and Appendix 5 of the report; and
- (3) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on the current position in relation to the Lady Alice Bowling Club.

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585 Communities Capital Programme 2017-2020 Progress 585

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

Decided:

- (1) that the report be noted; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee on the position in respect of the various grass playing pitches within Inverclyde and the estimated cost of bringing all of the pitches up to the standard of Birkmyre Park and the other refurbished pitches.

586 Inverclyde Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2018/19 – 2022/23 586

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval for the submission to the Scottish Government of the new yearly Inverclyde Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) covering the period from 2018/19 – 2022/23.

Councillors McCabe, C McEleny and McVey declared a non-financial interest in this item as Members of the Board of River Clyde Homes and Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest as a Director of Link and Larkfield Housing Associations. 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.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the Strategic Housing Investment Plan for the five year period from 2018/19 – 2022/23 for submission to the Scottish Government by 1 November 2017; and
- (2) that the projects included in the Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2018/19 – 2022/23, as detailed in the appendix to the report, be noted.

587 Empty Homes Officer Shared Service 587

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the new Empty Homes Officer Shared Service pilot project with River Clyde Homes.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the new two year Empty Homes Officer Shared Service pilot project with River Clyde Homes to tackle long term empty homes in Inverclyde; and
- (2) that a progress report be submitted to the Committee in May 2018.

588 Charging Structure for Team Sports 588

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) on the position with regard to charging for pitches and halls for team sports and (2) providing benchmarking information in this regard.

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

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Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current position in respect of charges for team sports; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to the Committee on the support provided to sporting organisations within Inverclyde on a sport by sport basis, and that to provide context, the report include information, where available, on the participation rates in respect of the various sports.

589 Loan of a Painting from the McLean Museum and Art Gallery 589

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising of a request for the loan of a painting from the McLean Museum and Art Gallery (the James Watt Trust).

Decided: that the Committee approve the request for the loan of the painting “An Old Woman Reading” by Harry Clifford Pilsbury to Art UK for exhibition at the London Art Fair from 17 until 21 January 2018, subject to matters of transport, security and insurance being arranged to the satisfaction of the Libraries, Museum & Archives Manager.

590 Draft Local Police Plan 2017-2020 - Inverclyde 590

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval of the consultation response to the draft Local Police Plan 2017-18 – Inverclyde.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the response to the draft Local Police Plan 2017-18 – Inverclyde appended to the report; and
- (2) that Police Scotland be requested to provide an update on the final Plan to the next meeting of the Police & Fire Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

591 Draft Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Inverclyde 2017 591

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval of a consultation response to the draft Inverclyde Local Fire and Rescue Plan and, subject to the consultation response, endorsement of the final Plan.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the consultation response to the draft Inverclyde Local Fire and Rescue Plan appended to the report and that the final Plan be endorsed, subject to the comments contained in the consultation response; and
- (2) that the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service be requested to provide an update on the final Plan to the next Police and Fire Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

592 A Three Year Plan for Co-ordinating Community Learning and Development (CLD) in Inverclyde 2015-2018: Progress Report Year 2 592

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the progress made in implementing the three year plan for Co-ordinating Community Learning and Development in Inverclyde 2015-2018.

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Decided:

- (1) that the progress made in implementing the three year plan for Community Learning and Development in Inverclyde be noted; and
- (2) that approval be given to the recommendations set out in Section 5 of the review, namely (a) that a risk assessment of the Plan is undertaken to develop the next three year Plan 2018-2021, (b) that the co-ordination of CLD is integrated within the emerging Local Outcome Improvement Planning infrastructure and (c) that a workforce development review is progressed in conjunction with Education Scotland and Community Learning and Development Standards.

593 Year of Young People 2018 – Inverclyde Plan**593**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) informing the Committee of the work being undertaken to plan Inverclyde's contribution to the 2018 themed year, the Year of Young People, (2) providing further information on the planned activity in this regard and (3) seeking endorsement of the Inverclyde Year of Young People 2018 Draft Plan.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the requirement of the Council to develop a Plan for the Year of Young People 2018;
- (2) that endorsement be given to the Inverclyde draft Year of Young People 2018 Plan as set out in the report;
- (3) that the final Plan be submitted to the Committee in January 2018 with an update on progress in August 2018 and an evaluation by February 2019; and
- (4) that a report be submitted to the Policy & Resources Committee seeking the allocation of £20,000 to celebrate the Year of Young People, the report to include proposals for the use of the funding sought.

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, 9 12 and 13 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

594 Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report: Update on Current Actions**594**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & 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 Council is fully advised of progress.

The Committee noted the current progress in respect of the Clune Park Area Regeneration Plan and the further action as detailed in the report, all as detailed in the appendix.

The Communities business concluded at 4.10pm. The Committee commenced consideration of the Education items of business at 4.15pm with Rev Donaldson, Rev Burt, Ms Gilpin, Ms McMillan and Ms McEwan joining the meeting. Councillor Wilson did not return to the meeting at this juncture.

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595 Election of a Parent Representative to the Education & Communities Committee 595

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising the Committee of the results of the nominations of a Parent Representative to serve on the Education & Communities Committee. The report advised that two nominations had been received and, following a ballot with each Parent Council entitled to cast a single vote, Ms Anna McMillan had received the higher number of votes.

Councillor Clocherty welcomed Ms McMillan to the meeting.

Decided: that approval be given to the appointment of Anna McMillan as Parent Representative to serve on the Education & Communities Committee in accordance with the Scheme of Arrangements.

596 Education 2017/18 Revenue Budget – Period 5 to 31 August 2017 596

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the 2017/18 Education Revenue Budget position as at Period 5 to 31 August 2017.

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

Decided: that the Committee note the projected current underspend of £456,000 in the 2017/18 Education Revenue Budget as at Period 5 to 31 August 2017 and that proposals have been developed as part of the 2018/20 budget to address a number of the projected underspends.

597 Education Capital Programme 2017-2020 Progress 597

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 Education Capital Programme and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the progress of the specific projects detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;

(2) that the Committee note the significant increase in the planned 2017/18 expenditure based on latest cashflow forecasts received from contractors; and

(3) that approval be given to the changes to the scope of the St Mary's Primary School Refurbishment and Extension Project including the revised budget allocation and utilisation of the overall Capital Programme contingency/lifecycle fund allocation re-profiling to address the revised scope of works as outlined in Section 7.1 and Appendix 2.

598 Increase in Early Learning and Childcare to 1140 Hours 598

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the draft submission to the Scottish Government of Inverclyde's 1140 expansion programme.

Councillor Robertson declared a non-financial interest in this item as the spouse of a registered child minder. 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 on the decision making process.

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Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the content of the 1140 hours expansion plan as set out in the appendix to the report; and
- (2) that agreement be given to the submission of the plan to the Scottish Government in final form.

599 Inverclyde Schools Malawi Partnership 599

There was submitted a report by the Head of Education providing information on the Inverclyde Schools Malawi Partnership, one of the longest running partnerships in Scotland which has been sustained and developed over a 10 year period.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the success of the sustained partnership between Inverclyde schools and schools in Malawi; and
- (2) that arrangements be made for an informal briefing on the Malawi Partnership to be provided to all Members involving the “voluntary” communication group and young people involved in the partnership.

600 Inverclyde Summer Lunch Clubs 2017 600

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the Inverclyde Summer Lunch Clubs 2017 including the outcomes achieved.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the report; and
- (2) that support be given to the continued development of lunch provision and family learning sessions during the school holiday period.

601 Statutory Consultation to Address Minor Anomalies in the Current School Catchment Areas 601

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval to undertake a statutory consultation to amend the catchment areas identified in Appendix 1 to the report in order to produce a GIS map of school catchment areas.

Decided: that approval be given to the carrying out of a statutory consultation to amend the catchment areas identified in Appendix 1 in order to produce a GIS map of school catchment areas.

Ms Gilpin left the meeting at this juncture.

602 Period Poverty – Request by Councillor McCabe 602

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a request received from Councillor McCabe that a report be submitted at the earliest opportunity identifying proposals, including funding, to tackle the problem of period poverty in Inverclyde.

Decided: that a report be submitted to the Committee at the earliest opportunity identifying proposals, including funding, to tackle the problem of period poverty in Inverclyde.

The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Committee to be advised of the submission at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.

603 Fair Funding for Schools

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development requesting the Committee to note the response from Inverclyde Council Education Services to the Scottish Government's consultation on Education Governance - Fair Funding to Achieve Excellence and Equity in Education.

Decided: that the Committee note the contents of the submission by Inverclyde Education Services to the Fair Funding consultation, as set out in appendix 2 to the report.

Policy and Resources Executive Sub-CommitteeWednesday 1 November 2017 at 2pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, McCabe, Robertson and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Head of Legal & Property Services, Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services), Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

604 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 604

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Councillors McCabe and Wilson declared an interest in the second additional agenda item (Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill).

605 Oxfam Scotland and Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) in Scotland: Rohingya Crisis Appeal – Request by Councillor McCabe 605

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a request received from Councillor McCabe in relation to the Oxfam Scotland Rohingya Crisis Appeal and the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) in Scotland emergency appeal for people fleeing Myanmar.

Decided: that the Council agree to make a donation of £10,000 to the DEC emergency appeal for people fleeing Myanmar, to be funded from the Contingency Earmarked Reserve.

The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders, if agreed by the Sub-Committee, to be implemented timeously. This was agreed unanimously.

606 Policing of Remembrance Sunday Parades 606

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval (1) for the implementation of Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders on 12 November 2017 to allow Remembrance Day parades to be appropriately policed at various locations within Inverclyde and (2) for the Council to absorb the costs of implementation.

Decided:

(1) that the Sub-Committee agree to the implementation of Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders at the six locations within Inverclyde where Remembrance Day

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parades are scheduled to take place on 12 November, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report;

(2) that the Council meet the relevant costs of implementing the Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders this year only, the advertising costs to be met from the Common Good Fund; and

(3) that, in the light of the correspondence from the Assistant Chief Constable of Police Scotland advising that in future it will require Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders to be in place for all pre-planned events regardless of size, location or nature of the event, it be remitted to the Chief Executive to raise the matter at a national level with CoSLA and that, once clarity has been established, a report be submitted in due course to the relevant Committee to enable the Council to consider the wider ramifications and how these may be addressed.

The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Council to submit a response to the call for evidence in relation to the Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, if agreed by the Sub-Committee. This was agreed unanimously.

607 Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) outlining the implications of the Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill and (2) seeking approval of the terms of the Council's response to the call for evidence as set out in the report.

Councillor McCabe declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a Board Member of River Clyde Homes and Councillor Wilson declared non-financial interest as a Director of Link Housing Association and as a Director of Larkfield Housing Association. Both 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.

Decided:

(1) that the Sub-Committee note the terms of the report; and

(2) that approval be given to the response to the call for evidence as detailed in Section 7.1 of the report and include the following response to point 4 on any other issues relating to the Bill the Council would wish to bring to the attention of the Scottish Parliament's Local Government & Communities Committee "It should be noted that Elected Members nominated by the Council to serve on an RSL Board act in the interest of the RSL."

PLANNING BOARD – 1 NOVEMBER 2017

Planning Board

Wednesday 1 November 2017 at 3pm

Present: Provost Brennan (for Councillor Moran), Councillors Jackson (for Clocherty), Crowther, Dorrian, J McEleny, McKenzie, McVey, Murphy, Rebecchi and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided at the commencement of the meeting and Councillor Dorrian presided for Agenda Item 2.

In attendance: Head of Regeneration & Planning, Development & Building Standards Manager, Mr G Leitch and Ms E Provan (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.

608 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Clocherty, with Councillor Jackson substituting, Councillor Moran, with Provost Brennan substituting, and Councillor Nelson.

Councillor Wilson declared an interest in Agenda Item 2 (Demolition of Original Ravenscraig Hospital (including front elevation) at Ravenscraig Hospital Grounds, Ravenscraig Hospital, Inverkip Road, Greenock (17/0025/LB)).

609 PLANNING APPLICATION

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**Demolition of original Ravenscraig Hospital (including front elevation):
Ravenscraig Hospital Grounds, Ravenscraig Hospital, Inverkip Road, Greenock
(17/0025/LB)**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning regarding an application by NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde for demolition of the original Ravenscraig Hospital (including front elevation) at Ravenscraig Hospital Grounds, Ravenscraig Hospital, Inverkip Road, Greenock (17/0025/LB).

The report recommended that listed building consent be granted subject to a number of conditions.

Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a Director of Link Housing Association and as a Director of Larkfield Housing Association and left the meeting. Councillor Dorrian assumed the Chair.

After discussion, Councillor J McEleny moved that listed building consent be refused as the Council should do all it can to protect the heritage of Inverclyde and in view of the powers available under Section 179 of the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 which provides an option for councils to serve a notice on a landowner requiring the proper maintenance of land, with "land" extending to "building" in this case. As an amendment, Councillor Jackson moved that listed building consent be approved subject to the conditions detailed in the report. On a vote, 4 Members, Councillors Crowther, J McEleny, McKenzie and Murphy, voted for the motion and 5 Members, Provost Brennan

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and Councillors Dorrian, Jackson, McVey and Rebecchi, voted for the amendment which was declared carried.

Decided: that listed building consent be granted subject to the following conditions:-

(1) that prior to the commencement of demolition, full details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority of the method of demolition and the treatment of the site following demolition, in the interests of visual amenity;

(2) that a licence to exclude the bat roost identified on site during the ecological assessment shall be obtained by the applicant prior to any works commencing on site, to protect bats in accordance with the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994 (as amended); and

(3) that an emergency procedure shall be put in place to ensure that if any additional bat roosts are identified prior to or during site development, works will be postponed and Scottish Natural Heritage contacted for advice on how to proceed, to protect bats in accordance with the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994 (as amended).

LOCAL REVIEW BODY – 1 NOVEMBER 2017

Local Review BodyWednesday 1 November 2017 at 4pm

Present: Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, Dorrian, McKenzie, Rebecchi and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Mr A Hamilton and Ms M Pickett (Planning Advisers), 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.

610 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 610

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

The meeting adjourned at 4.02pm and re-convened at 4.05pm.

611 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW 611

**(a) Change of use from residential flat to food bank and office:
Flat Ground – 1, 29 Robert Street, Port Glasgow (17/0108/IC)**

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review of the refusal of planning permission for change of use from residential flat to food bank and office at Flat Ground-1, 29 Robert Street, Port Glasgow (17/0108/IC).

Mr Hamilton acted as Planning Adviser in relation to this case.

After discussion, Councillor Clocherty moved (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 dismissed and that planning permission be refused (upholding the Appointed Officer's determination) for the following reasons:-

1. the proposal is not considered compatible with the residential use of the building within this established residential area and would result in noise, activity and traffic movements to the detriment of residential amenity contrary to Policies RES1 and RES6 (a) and (c) of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan; and

2. the change of use of an individual site within the designated Area of Potential Change would not be consistent with the aims of this designation or the supplementary guidance on Local Development Frameworks and could potentially jeopardise the long term redevelopment of the wider Area of Potential Change in a coordinated manner in accordance with Policy APC2 of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan.

As an amendment, Councillor Wilson moved (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 planning permission be granted.

On a vote 1 Member, Councillor Wilson, voted for the amendment and 5 Members,

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Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, Dorrian, McKenzie and Rebecchi, voted for the motion which was declared carried.

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 dismissed and that planning permission be refused (upholding the Appointed Officer's determination) for the following reasons:-
 1. the proposal is not considered compatible with the residential use of the building within this established residential area and would result in noise, activity and traffic movements to the detriment of residential amenity contrary to Policies RES1 and RES6 (a) and (c) of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan; and
 2. the change of use of an individual site within the designated Area of Potential Change would not be consistent with the aims of this designation or the supplementary guidance on Local Development Frameworks and could potentially jeopardise the long term redevelopment of the wider Area of Potential Change in a coordinated manner in accordance with Policy APC2 of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan.

**(b) Proposed erection of raised decking and boundary fence:
3 Cardross Place, Greenock (17/0186/IC)**

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review of the refusal of planning permission for the proposed erection of raised decking and boundary fence at 3 Cardross Place, Greenock (17/0186/IC).

Ms Pickett acted as Planning Adviser in relation to this case.

Mr Kerr referred to a new matter raised on behalf of the applicant in the form of a signed document from neighbouring properties in support of the application. He asked the Local Review Body whether it wished to have regard to the new matter in determining the application for review of refusal of planning permission in terms of Section 43(B) of the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 and he advised that, should this be the case, consideration would require to be continued to enable the signatories of the document to be consulted as interested parties and given the opportunity to make representations in accordance with the Town & Country Planning (Schemes of Delegation and Local Review Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013.

Decided:

- (1) that sufficient information had not been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and
- (2) that the Local Review Body have regard to the new matter submitted on behalf of the applicant in the form of a signed document from neighbouring properties in support of the application and continue consideration to enable the signatories of the document to be consulted as interested parties and given the opportunity to make representations in accordance with the Town & Country Planning (Schemes of Delegation and Local Review Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 8 NOVEMBER 2017

General Purposes Board**Wednesday 8 November 2017 at 3pm**

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

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

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

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

612 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 612

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Moran and MacLeod with Councillor Robertson substituting for Councillor MacLeod.

Councillor J McEleny declared an interest in Agenda Item 3 (Application for Taxi Driver's Licence).

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.

613 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence 613

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence which the Board agreed to continue to the next meeting of the Board, all as detailed in the appendix.

614 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence 614

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence. Following consideration the application, following a vote was granted, all as detailed in the appendix.

Councillor J McEleny declared a non-financial interest in this item and left the meeting.

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 14 NOVEMBER 2017

Policy & Resources Committee

Tuesday 14 November 2017 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Ms H Watson (for Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership), Head of Legal & Property Services, Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services), Chief Financial Officer, Education & Exchequer Finance Manager, Revenues & Customer Services Manager, Ms T Bunton (Finance Services), Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications, Mr A Hughes and Ms P Ramsay (Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications), Service Manager Inequalities, Migration & Strategic Housing, Ms K Barclay and Ms K McCready (Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy), Corporate Procurement Manager and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

615 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 615

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor MacLeod, with Councillor Crowther substituting.

Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, McCabe, McVey, Robertson and Wilson declared an interest in Agenda Item 9 (Annual Update in respect of Governance of External Organisations).

616 Policy & Resources Capital Programme 2017/2020 – Progress Report 616

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 Policy & Resources Capital Programme and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.

Decided: that the Committee note the current position of the 2017/20 Capital Programme, the reported advancement and the progress on the specific projects detailed in the report and Appendix 1.

617 Capital Programme 2017/20 617

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the latest position of the 2017/20 Capital Programme.

Decided: that the Committee note the current position of the 2017/20 Capital Programme and confirm that projects should continue as planned despite the increase in advancement.

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618 Policy & Resources Committee Revenue Budget 2017/18 - Period 6 to 30 September 2017 618

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and Chief Financial Officer on the 2017/18 projected out-turn for the Policy & Resources Committee as at Period 6 to 30 September 2017.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the projected underspend of £623,000 for the Policy & Resources Committee as at Period 6 to 30 September 2017;
- (2) that the Committee note the projected fund balance of £15,210 for the Common Good Fund and that action was agreed as part of the 2017/18 budget to begin to increase the fund balance to its recommended level; and
- (3) that the Committee approve the virement totalling £14,340 as detailed in paragraph 6.1 and Appendix 6.

619 General Fund Revenue Budget 2017/18 as at 30 September 2017 619

There was submitted a replacement report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the position of the General Fund Revenue Budget as at 30 September 2017 and (2) providing an update on the position of the General Fund Reserves and Earmarked Reserves.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the latest position of the 2017/18 Revenue Budget and General Fund Reserves; and
- (2) that the Committee note that the use of any free reserves will be considered as part of the review of the Council's Earmarked Reserves currently being undertaken by officers.

620 Welfare Reforms Update 620

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on the impact on the Council of the ongoing Welfare Reform changes.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the ongoing impact and actions being taken by officers in respect of the implementation of Welfare Reforms within Inverclyde; and
- (2) that a report on the Council led programme funded by Big Lottery and European Social Fund to increase the financial capacity and improve the social inclusion of the most disadvantaged individuals and households in Inverclyde, including information on the range of services and support provided, be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

621 Treasury Management – Mid-Year Report 2017/18 621

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the operation of the treasury function and its activities for the first six months of 2017/18 as required under the terms of Treasury Management Practice 6 ("TMP6") on "Reporting Requirements and Management Information Arrangements".

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Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the Mid-Year Report on Treasury Management for 2017/18 and the ongoing work to ensure the delivery of financial benefits for the Council be noted;
- (2) that decisions in relation to MIFID II on whether to elect to be a “professional” client for individual banks/financial organisations be delegated to the Chief Financial Officer;
- (3) that the Mid-Year Report be remitted to the Inverclyde Council for approval; and
- (4) that the proposal that the Finance Manager (Social Care), Finance Manager (Education & Exchequer) and the Finance Manager (Environment & Technical) each be authorised to exercise powers delegated to the Chief Financial Officer in relation to Treasury Management issues where the Chief Financial Officer is absent be remitted to the Inverclyde Council for approval.

622 Insurance Fund Position as at 30 September 2017**622**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the position of the Council’s Insurance Fund as at 30 September 2017, (2) highlighting any relevant issues and (3) requesting that authority be delegated to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept tenders to procure insurance and claims handling services.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the report and the Insurance Fund position as at 30 September 2017;
- (2) that approval be given to the issuing of tenders to procure insurance and claims handling services for the period from 1 October 2018 to 30 September 2023, the basis of the contract being determined in discussion with the Council’s Insurance Brokers; and
- (3) that authority be delegated to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the tenders as set out in Contract Standing Order 17.3(ii).

623 Annual Update in respect of Governance of External Organisations**623**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing the annual update in respect of the governance of external organisations.

The following Members declared a non-financial interest in this item:

Councillor Ahlfeld as a Board Member of Inverclyde Community Development Trust and Inverclyde Leisure;

Councillor Clocherty as a Board Member of Inverclyde Leisure;

Councillor McCabe as a Board Member of Greenock Arts Guild, Kilmacolm Community Centre Co Ltd and River Clyde Homes;

Councillor McVey as a Board Member of River Clyde Homes;

Councillor Robertson as a Board Member of Greenock Arts Guild and Inverclyde Community Development Trust; and

Councillor Wilson as a Board Member of Kilmacolm Community Centre Co Ltd.

All of the Members 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 the Committee note the last 12 months good performance in respect of the governance of external organisations as shown in Appendix 1 to the report and that any outstanding issues will be addressed at the next cycle of Committees; and

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(2) that the Committee approve the list of external organisations that will form part of this framework for the period October 2017 – September 2018 as shown in Appendix 3.

624 Annual SPSO Statistical Return April 2016 – March 2017 624

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications on the Council's complaint handling performance for the year 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017, with the exception of the Health & Social Care Partnership which is supported separately.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the local authority complaints handling procedure performance indicators annual update from April 2016 to March 2017, the Service Improvement Register CMT Update and the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman (SPSO) Annual Statistics for Inverclyde Council contained in Appendices 1, 2 and 3 of the report; and

(2) that the Committee note that the arms-length external organisations Inverclyde Leisure and Riverside Inverclyde are now using the SPSO model complaints handling procedure and that data should be reported in 2018.

625 Statutory and Key Performance Indicators Annual Report 2016/17 625

There was submitted a report by the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy on the Council's Statutory and Key Performance Indicators Annual Report 2016/17 which details progress made in the last year towards achievement of performance indicator targets.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the performance information outlined in the report;

(2) that it be noted a separate report will be prepared in 2018 when the 2016/17 Local Government Benchmarking Indicators have been published and analysed and the Council's performance in relation to the other Scottish local authorities is known; and

(3) that it be agreed that the performance information in the appendix be used to update the performance pages on the Council's website.

626 2018/20 Revenue Budget Update 626

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) updating the Committee on the latest position of the 2018/20 Revenue Budget and (2) seeking approval for £1.1m of proposed Efficiency Savings.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee agree to the Efficiency Proposals prepared by officers as set out in Appendix 1 to the report and to support the use of Reserves for the one-off investment in relation to LED lighting;

(2) that an All Members' Briefing on the Budget Settlement and latest Budget position be held at 3pm on 20 December 2017; and

(3) that the Committee otherwise note the latest position of the 2018/20 Revenue Budget.

627 Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) 2016 627

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing information on how the Scottish Index of Multiple

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Deprivation (SIMD) 2016 is used to inform service planning and the role of SIMD in the Scottish Government's grant allocation to Councils.

Decided: that the Committee note the contents of the report and how SIMD data is used as a tool to help inform service planning.

628 Delivering Differently in Inverclyde - Update

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive updating the Committee on the Delivering Differently programme with particular focus on developments associated with the Budget.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress made to date on the development and delivery of transformation and modernisation of services;
- (2) that powers be delegated to the Chief Executive to conduct Voluntary Early Release Trawls where required for those projects in Appendix 2 to the report but on the proviso that no decisions are taken without a report to the relevant Committee; and
- (3) that an annual update on progress of the Delivering Differently programme be submitted to the Committee.

629 Council Tax Exemption for Care Leavers – Request by Councillor McCabe

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a request from Councillor McCabe that the Committee request officers to submit a report on a proposed Council Tax Exemption Scheme for Care Leavers to the meeting of the Inverclyde Council on 30 November 2017.

Decided: that a report on a proposed Council Tax Exemption Scheme for Care Leavers be submitted to the meeting of the Inverclyde Council on 30 November 2017.

630 Refugee Schemes and Other Migration Issues

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership updating the Committee on (1) the current involvement in the two refugee resettlement schemes, the Afghan Scheme and the Syrian Scheme, and (2) the progress regarding involvement with other schemes including the Vulnerable Children's Scheme, the Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children's Scheme (UASC) and becoming a dispersal area for newly arrived asylum seekers.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee acknowledge the progress of the Council's commitment to the existing refugee schemes and the success of the resettlement to date;
- (2) that the Committee review participation in the current refugee schemes and commence involvement in the Vulnerable Children's Scheme the numbers being increased incrementally over the next three years to 60 families in total, approximately 12 new families per year;
- (3) that officers from Inverclyde continue discussions with the Home Office, the Scottish Government and CoSLA, along with other local authorities, to secure the most favourable arrangements, including financial, to allow the dispersal of UASC to Scotland; and
- (4) that dialogue continue with the Home Office for Inverclyde to voluntarily become an asylum dispersal area and to consider the potential impact of any dispersal schemes on the local area and community, the agreed numbers to be accepted into the area

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being in the region of 16 to 20, should Inverclyde conclude negotiations with the Home Office satisfactorily.

631 Community Empowerment Act Implementation 631

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on progress towards the implementation of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, including the preparation of Inverclyde Council guidance on Part 3 of the Act “Participation Requests” and Part 5 “Community Asset Transfer”.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress made in delivering the requirements of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015;
- (2) that the Guidance on submitting a Participation Request as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- (3) that the Guidance on submitting a request for Community Asset Transfer as set out in Appendix 2 be approved;
- (4) that the Committee note the Community Choices Budgeting Framework set out in Appendix 3; and
- (5) that it be delegated to the Heads of Legal & Property Services and Safer & Inclusive Communities to keep the guidance under review and to make such changes as they, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer, consider necessary.

632 National Learn to Teach Programme 632

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the Council’s planned participation in the National Learn to Teach Programme delivered by the University of Dundee and funded by the Scottish Government.

Decided: that the Committee note Inverclyde Council’s participation in the National Learn to Teach Programme which will commence in January 2018.

633 Living Wage Update 633

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications (1) advising that the Living Wage Foundation (LWF) announced on 6 November 2017 that the Living Wage rate will increase by 30p from £8.45 to £8.75 per hour and that, as an Accredited Living Wage employer, the Council is obliged to implement the revised rate with effect from 1 April 2018 and (2) asking the Committee to consider whether it would wish to implement the new Living Wage rate from the date of the announcement.

Decided: that the Committee note the revised Living Wage Foundation rate of £8.75 per hour and introduce the increased rate with effect from 6 November 2017.

634 Disability Confident – Level 3 Leader Status 634

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications advising that the Council had been awarded Disability Confident Leader Status.

Decided: that the Committee note the contents of the report and support ongoing measures to promote and raise awareness of the Disability Confident Scheme.

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- 635 Gold Award – Defence Employer Recognition Scheme 635**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications on the Council's ongoing active participation in supporting the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme and advising of the successful receipt of the Gold Award.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the Council's ongoing active participation in supporting the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme and successful receipt of the Gold Award.
- 636 Audit Scotland Report on Equal Pay in Scottish Councils 636**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications (1) on the publication on 7 September 2017 of the Audit Scotland Report "Equal Pay in Scottish Councils" and (2) providing an overview of the key messages and recommendations raised in the report and how these issues are being addressed by the Council.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the content of Audit Scotland's Report on Equal Pay in Scotland; and
- (2) that a report on the outstanding claims lodged against Inverclyde Council which are regarded as invalid, providing information on the categories of these outstanding claims and any potential implications, be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.
- 637 Corporate Health and Safety Report 637**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications seeking approval of the Corporate Health & Safety Report for 2016/17, a copy of which was appended to the report. (Councillors Ahlfeld and Wilson left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee approve the Corporate Health & Safety Report; and
- (2) that the report be supported by active promotion and support of health and safety.
- 638 Management of Asbestos Policy 638**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications seeking approval of a reviewed Managing Asbestos Policy, a copy of which was appended to the report.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee approve the Management of Asbestos Policy; and
- (2) that the policy be supported by active promotion of health and safety.
- 639 Smoke Free Policy 639**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications seeking approval of a reviewed Smoke Free Policy, a

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copy of which was appended to the report.

(Councillors Ahlfeld and Wilson returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the Smoke Free Policy; and
- (2) that the policy be supported by active promotion and support of the health benefits of not smoking.

640 Contract Awards – 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017**640**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising the Committee of contracts awarded for the supply of goods or materials, provision of services and execution of works during the period 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017.

Decided: that the Committee note the contracts awarded by the Council during the period 1 April 2017 to 30 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 each item:-

Item	Paragraph(s)
PPP Contract Review	6 and 8
Appendices 1a, 1b and 1c relative to Agenda Item 12 (2018/20 Revenue Budget Update)	1

641 PPP Contract Review**641**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on a review of the PPP Contract.

(Councillors McEleny and McVey left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

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

642 Appendices 1a, 1b and 1c relative to Agenda Item 12 (2018/20 Revenue Budget Update)**642**

There were submitted Appendices 1a, 1b and 1c relative to Agenda Item 12 (2018/20 Revenue Budget Update) providing information on proposed efficiency savings.

Decided: that the information contained in Appendices 1a, 1b and 1c be noted.

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 28 NOVEMBER 2017

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 28 November 2017 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Jackson, McCabe, McCormick, Robertson (for J McEleny) and McKenzie.

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

In attendance: Mr P MacDonald (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services), Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications), Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (for Agenda Items 2 and 3), Ms M McCabe (for Chief Financial Officer) (for Agenda Items 2 and 3), Legal Services Manager (Procurement & Conveyancing) (for Agenda Items 2 and 3) and Ms A Galloway (Legal & Property Services) (for Agenda Items 2 and 3).

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

643 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 643

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor J McEleny, with Councillor Robertson substituting.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

644 The Inverclyde Council, Bearhope Street, Greenock (One Way and Prohibition of Right Turn) Order 2016 644
The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, further to the statutory consultation process undertaken in terms of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 on The Inverclyde Council, Bearhope Street, Greenock (One Way and Prohibition of Right Turn) Order 2016 (the proposed TRO), (1) requesting that the Committee adopt the Rules of Procedure for the purposes of the special meeting, (2) advising, in relation to the proposed TRO, of the discussions between Council Officers and the person who has, as part of the public consultation, objected to the proposed TRO (the Objector) and (3) making proposals to facilitate the effective, fair and proper hearing by the Committee of the Objector who has not withdrawn his objection in order that the Committee can consider his objection (the Objection) and come to a formal recommendation on the proposed TRO.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the Rules of Procedure as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- (2) that the terms of Appendix 2 in relation to the Objection be considered and noted; and
- (3) that it be agreed to allow the Objector an opportunity to be heard at the special meeting in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

In this regard, the Committee noted that the Objector was not present in relation to his objection.

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Mr S Walker, Service Manager (Roads), and Ms E Provan (Environmental & Commercial Services) were present and the Committee heard Mr Walker in support of the proposed TRO.

The Committee then adjourned to private session to consider the Objection.

Following consideration of the Objection, the Committee returned to public session and Mr Walker and Ms Provan were re-admitted to the meeting.

The Committee, having considered and having had regard to the Objection and the oral representations made by Mr Walker at the meeting, further decided:

(4) that the Objection be dismissed and that the proposed TRO as detailed in Appendix 3 be approved and referred to the next meeting of the Inverclyde Council recommending that the Inverclyde Council formally approve the proposed TRO and that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services to arrange for its implementation in accordance with the statutory procedure, all in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

The meeting adjourned at 3.15pm and re-convened at 3.20pm with the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Ms McCabe, the Legal Services Manager (Procurement & Conveyancing) and Ms Galloway joining the meeting.

645 40 West Stewart Street – Surplus to Requirements

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking authority to declare the office and former Registrars' building at 40 West Stewart Street, Greenock surplus to requirements and to place it on the open market for sale, set a closing date for offers when the level of interest justifies it and thereafter return to the Committee with recommendations to sell for what is considered to give the best economic value to the Council.

Decided: that authority be granted to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to declare the property at 40 West Stewart Street, Greenock surplus to requirements and authorise it to be placed on the open market for sale, set a closing date for offers when the level of interest justifies it and note that a further report will be submitted to the Committee with recommendations to accept whichever offer is deemed to provide the greatest economic benefit to the Council.

646 Safer & Inclusive Communities Offices – Former Education Services Headquarters, 105 Dalrymple Street, Greenock – Name of Building

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending that the Committee approve a name for the former Education Services Headquarters, 105 Dalrymple Street, Greenock when it re-opens as the offices for Safer & Inclusive Communities.

Decided: that the former Education Services Headquarters, 105 Dalrymple Street, Greenock be named the James Watt Building when it re-opens as the offices for Safer & Inclusive Communities.