

**ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 26 OCTOBER 2017**

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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.

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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.