
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(3) making proposals to facilitate the effective, fair and proper hearing by the Committee of the Objector who has not withdrawn his objection in order that the Committee can consider his objection (the Objection) and come to a formal recommendation on the proposed TRO.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.