

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 18 JANUARY 2018

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 18 January 2018 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), Technical Services Manager, Ms A Galloway, Mr J Kerr and Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services), Ms M McCabe (for Chief Financial Officer), Head of Regeneration & Planning, Acting Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Mr K Lang and Ms E Provan (Environmental & Commercial Services) and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications).

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

32 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 32

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 8 (Second Consultation on Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategies and Regulation of District and Communal Heating) – Councillor Brooks.

Agenda Item 13 (Cremator Replacement Update) – Councillor Brooks.

33 Environment & Regeneration Revenue Budget 2017/18 – Period 7 to 31 October 2017 33

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 7 to 31 October 2017.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £146,000 for 2017/18 as at 31 October 2017; and
- (2) that the Committee note the position in respect of recent receipt of ESF Grant.

34 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2017/18 to 2019/20 - Progress 34

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:

- (1) that the Committee note the current position of the 2017/20 Capital Programme

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and the progress of the specific projects detailed in Appendices 1 and 2;

(2) that the Committee note the allocation of 2018/19 Core Property Services funding and projects detailed in paragraph 6.2;

(3) that the Committee approve the issue of tenders for the Pottery Street Office and Depot refurbishment and grant delegated authority to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender provided the cost is within the budget allocation for the project; and

(4) that the Committee note the return of £300,000 flooding grant to the Scottish Government due to the project in Cove Road being significantly reduced in scope following works by Scottish Water.

35 Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan (CDIP) Performance Report 35

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on progress towards the achievement of key objectives as set out in the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan (CDIP) 2016/19.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note that the report reflects the progress made by the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Directorate in delivering its key improvement actions and performance targets as detailed in the Environment, Regeneration & Resources CDIP; and

(2) that the Committee note that further performance progress reports will be submitted to every second meeting.

36 Climate Change Plan 36

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of a new Climate Change Plan for the Council.

Decided: that approval be given to the new Climate Change Plan for the Council as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

37 Glasgow City Deal – Project Heads of Terms 37

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to agree the Heads of Terms with Scottish Power for the Inverkip City Deal Project and with Peel Ports for the Greenock Ocean Terminal City Deal Project.

Decided:

(1) that agreement be given to the terms set out in the report;

(2) that delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to enter into negotiations with both Peel Ports and Scottish Power to agree Heads of Terms for the Capital expenditure of Greenock Ocean Terminal and the roads projects at Inverkip identified in paragraph 5.16 of the report;

(3) that delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to enter into negotiations with both the George Wylie Foundation and the Dunard Trust in respect of Heads of Terms for the Capital expenditure of Greenock Ocean Terminal; and

(4) that delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to enter into negotiations with both Peel Ports and the

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George Wylie Foundation for the use of the visitor facility at Greenock Ocean Terminal.

- 38 Modern Apprenticeship Programme 38**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on the progress of Modern Apprenticeships delivered by Inverclyde Council.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the progress being made with the programme delivery; and
 - (2) that a wider report providing an update on the Employability Programme be submitted to the Committee.
- 39 Second Consultation on Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategies and Regulation of District and Communal Heating 39**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources informing the Committee of the second consultation on proposed statutory Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategies and Regulation of District and Communal Heating for local authorities and seeking approval for the Council's response. Councillor Brooks declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Member of the Board of River Clyde Homes. 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 Committee approve Appendix 1 to the report as the Council's response to the second consultation on Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategies and Regulation of District and Communal Heating, subject to inclusion at Question 25 of the response of the wording "however an adequate resource needs to be provided in recognition of the burden which could potentially affect local authorities".
- 40 Consultation on Financial Arrangements for Regional Transport Partnerships (RTPs) 40**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer advising the Committee of the response from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) to the Scottish Government's consultation in relation to financial arrangements for Regional Transport Partnerships (RTPs).
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the response given by SPT to the recent consultation on financial arrangements for RTPs; and
 - (2) that it be agreed to make arrangements for a presentation by SPT on its budget and how the Council's contribution is utilised.
- 41 Scottish Government/Transport Scotland – Various Consultations 41**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking the Committee's approval to support and endorse the consultation responses of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) in respect of the Scottish Government/Transport Scotland consultations in relation to bus services, free bus travel, smart ticketing and low emission zones.

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Following discussion, Councillor McCabe moved that the Committee support and endorse the consultation responses of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport in respect of the Scottish Government/Transport Scotland consultations “Local Bus Services in Scotland – Improving the Framework for Delivery”, “Free Bus Travel for Older and Disabled People and Modern Apprentices”, “The Future of Smart Ticketing in Scotland” and “Building Scotland’s Low Emission Zones”.

As an amendment, Councillor Curley moved that the Committee note the consultation responses of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport in respect of the Scottish Government/Transport Scotland consultations “Local Bus Services in Scotland – Improving the Framework for Delivery”, “Free Bus Travel for Older and Disabled People and Modern Apprentices”, “The Future of Smart Ticketing in Scotland” and “Building Scotland’s Low Emission Zones”.

On a vote, 4 Members, Councillors Crowther, Curley, J McEleny and Nelson, voted in favour of the amendment and 7 Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty, Jackson, McCabe, McCormick and McKenzie, voted in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that the Committee support and endorse the consultation responses of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport in respect of the Scottish Government/Transport Scotland consultations “Local Bus Services in Scotland – Improving the Framework for Delivery”, “Free Bus Travel for Older and Disabled People and Modern Apprentices”, “The Future of Smart Ticketing in Scotland” and “Building Scotland’s Low Emission Zones”.

42 Flood Risk Management – Update Report 11

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on the progress on the Council’s Flood Risk Management Programme.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current progress on the Central Greenock Flood Prevention Schemes; and
- (2) that the Committee note the current progress of the Flood Prevention Schemes outwith Central Greenock and note that detailed recommendations as to the proposals for Coves Burn, Gourrock are the subject of a separate report.

43 Flood Risk Management – Coves Burn, Gourrock

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on the progress on the Council’s Flood Risk Management Scheme for Coves Burn, Gourrock.

Decided: that the Committee note the positive interventions which have resolved the flood risk at Coves Burn and the consequent release of unspent grant, as detailed in the report.

44 Cremator Replacement Update

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Head of Environmental & Commercial Services (1) providing an update on the replacement of cremators within Greenock Crematorium, (2) advising of the anticipated cost and (3) requesting that the Committee remit the report to the budget process for approval.

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Councillor Brooks declared a non-financial interest in this item as a registered funeral celebrant. 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:

(1) that the Committee approve, in principle, investing £1.65m in the replacement of cremators, associated equipment and building works and remit consideration of the funding to the budget process;

(2) that the Committee note the estimated ongoing operational revenue savings, agree to the increase of 5% in all cremation charges with effect from the operation of the new facility and note that it is proposed that both these items will be used to prudentially fund £850,000 of the £1.65m investment, leaving £800,000 to be funded from the 2018/21 Capital Programme; and

(3) that the Committee note that further reports will be submitted in the future to advise the Committee on the progress of the project.

45 Environmental & Commercial Services (Roads) - Proposed RAMP Capital Programme for Carriageway Protective Surface Treatments (2018/19) 45

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the proposed RAMP/Capital Programme for carriageway protective surface treatments for 2018/19.

Decided;

(1) that the Committee approve the proposed programme and spend profile for 2018/19 for carriageway protective surface treatments as outlined in paragraph 5.1 of the report; and

(2) that the Committee note that further reports will be submitted to a future meeting in respect of the award of the tenders for carriageway protective surface treatments.

46 LED Strategy - Future Spend to Save 46

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for a spend to save project for street lighting.

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

Decided: that approval be given to the proposed spend to save project (LED Work Package 5) comprising the conversion of existing white, non-LED lanterns to white LED lanterns.

47 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 7) Order 2017 47

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 7) Order 2017.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 7) Order 2017 and that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services to arrange for implementation of the Order.

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48 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 9) Order 2017 48

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 9) Order 2017.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 9) Order 2017 and that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services to arrange for implementation of the Order.

49 King George VI Building Phasing and Costs 49

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the current status of the proposal to refurbish the King George VI building and (2) recommending that Option 1 be progressed pending a further report on funding and end-use.

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

Decided: that approval be given to progressing Phase 1 of the refurbishment project and that a further report on end-use and funding options be submitted to the Committee for consideration in due course.

The Committee adjourned at 5.10pm and re-convened at 5.12pm.

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.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Paragraph(s)</u>
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50 Review of Roads and Transportation 50

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the outcome of an operational review of parts of the Roads and Transportation Service and (2) seeking approval for efficiency measures which will deliver £103,000 per annum of recurring revenue savings.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the review which is being undertaken into Roads operational efficiencies; and

(2) that support be given to the saving proposal, in principle, prior to its submission to the Council as part of the budget setting process.

51 Regeneration and Planning Service Restructure**51**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning providing details of a proposed restructure within the Regeneration and Planning Service.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the proposed management restructure; and
- (2) that approval be given to associated savings of £192,000, in principle, prior to their submission to the Council as part of the budget setting process.

52 Property Assets Management Report**52**

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. The Committee agreed to take action in respect of (1) Parklea Park, Port Glasgow, (2) (a) Holmscroft Street, Greenock, (b) part of the site of the former Greenock Academy, (c) the site of the former Garvald School for the Deaf, Chester Road, Greenock and (d) the former Quarriers Home, 14-16 Bank Street, Greenock, (3) the site of the former Hector McNeil Baths, (4) the site of the former Balrossie School, Kilmacolm, (5) premises in Kelly Street and (6) accommodation within Gourrock Municipal Buildings, all as detailed in the appendix.