

LOCAL POLICE & FIRE SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE – 22 FEBRUARY 2018

Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Thursday 22 February 2018 at 2.30pm

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

Chair: Councillor Clocherty presided.

In attendance: Mr H Scott (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: Chief Superintendent G Crossan and Superintendent R Kennedy, Police Scotland, Group Manager M Gallacher (for Area Manager G Binning), Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

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

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| 118 | Area Manager David Proctor | 118 |
| | The Convener referred to the recent retiral of Area Manager David Proctor, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and, on behalf of the Sub-Committee, extended his best wishes to Mr Proctor for a long and happy retirement. | |
| 119 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 119 |
| | An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor MacLeod, with Councillor J McEleny substituting, and Councillor Murphy. | |
| | No declarations of interest were intimated. | |
| 120 | Local Police Plan 2017 - 2020 | 120 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development requesting the Sub-Committee to consider the Inverclyde Local Police Plan 2017 – 2020. | |
| | The Sub-Committee heard a presentation on the Plan by Superintendent Kennedy which covered national and local priorities, how these are identified and the four pillars underpinning the priorities. Thereafter, both Superintendent Kennedy and Chief Superintendent Crossan answered a number of questions from Members relating to the Plan. | |
| | Decided: that the Sub-Committee endorse the Local Police Plan 2017 – 2020. | |
| 121 | Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2017 - 2020 | 121 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2017 – 2020. | |
| | During the course of discussion on this item, the view was expressed, in relation to the | |

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recently launched consultation on the future of the Fire and Rescue Service in Scotland, that no change should be made to the existing community fire station provision within Inverclyde and that all three stations in Greenock, Gourock and Port Glasgow should remain open.

Decided:

(1) that the Sub-Committee note the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Inverclyde 2017–2020 which had previously been endorsed by the Education & Communities Committee on 31 October 2017; and

(2) that a response be made to the Fire and Rescue Service consultation on the basis that no change be made to the existing community fire station provision in Inverclyde.

Provost Brennan left the meeting at this juncture.

122 Police Scotland Performance Report 122

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

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

123 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Performance Report 123

There was submitted a report on the performance and activities of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service during the reporting period quarter 3 of 2017 – 18.

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

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 22 FEBRUARY 2018

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 22 February 2018 at 4pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Dorrian, Jackson, McCabe, McCormick, C McEleny, J McEleny, McKenzie, McVey, Moran, Nelson, Quinn, Rebecchi and Robertson.

Chair: Provost Brennan presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Mr A Stevenson (for Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership), Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Property Services, Managing Solicitor (Licensing, Litigation & Committee Services), Ms S Lang, Mr A Greer and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Property Services), Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications and Corporate Communications Manager.

Apologies and Declarations of Interest

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

Councillor Curley declared an interest in Agenda Item 11 (Roads and Transportation: Shared Services Implementation).

**Minutes of Meetings of
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124	The Inverclyde Council – 30 November 2017	124
	Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.	
125	Planning Board – 6 December 2017	125
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Nelson.	
126	Local Review Body – 6 December 2017	126
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Nelson.	
127	General Purposes Board – 13 December 2017	127
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
128	Inverclyde Council (Special) – 21 December 2017	128
	Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.	

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129	Planning Board – 3 January 2018	129
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Nelson.	
130	Local Review Body – 3 January 2018	130
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
131	Audit Committee – 9 January 2018	131
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi.	
132	General Purposes Board – 10 January 2018	132
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133	Health & Social Care Committee – 11 January 2018	133
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.	
134	Environment & Regeneration Committee – 18 January 2018	134
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
135	Education & Communities Committee – 23 January 2018	135
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136	Petitions Committee – 1 February 2018	136
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Curley.	
137	Policy & Resources Committee – 6 February 2018	137
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139	Local Review Body – 7 February 2018	139
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
140	General Purposes Board – 14 February 2018	140
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	

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- 141 Approval of the Band D Council Tax for 2018/19 141**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing information on the latest position of the 2018/19 Revenue Budget to allow the level of Band D Council Tax for 2018/19 to be determined.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Council note the advice from the Chief Financial Officer and the Head of Legal & Property Services regarding the setting of the Band D Council Tax for 2018/19 in advance of confirmation of the 2018/19 Revenue Budget;
- (2) that the Council confirm the decision to increase the Band D Council Tax for 2018/19 by 3%; and
- (3) that it be agreed to consider the 2018/20 Budget, which will include the finalised Local Government Finance Settlement for Inverclyde Council, at a special meeting of the Council on 15 March 2018.
- 142 Resolution: Setting of Band D Council Tax for 2018/19 142**
- Arising from the foregoing paragraph, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Clocherty moved that the Council impose a 3% increase in the Council Tax for financial year 2018/19 and accordingly resolve to set the Band D Council Tax at £1,233.94.
- Decided:** that the Band D Council Tax for 2018/19 be set at £1,233.94.
- 143 River Clyde Homes Board – Appointment of Elected Member 143**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources requesting the Council to appoint a representative to the Board of River Clyde Homes following the resignation of Councillor McVey.
- Decided:** that Councillor Curley be appointed to serve on the Board of River Clyde Homes in place of Councillor McVey.
- 144 Appointment of Trustee – Peter Stanton Memorial Trust 144**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Council to appoint a trustee of the Peter Stanton Memorial Trust following the resignation of Ms Margaret McEleny, MBE. The report advised that two nominations had been received from disabled groups in Inverclyde.
- Decided:**
- (1) that Mr Eddie McCluskey be appointed as a trustee of the Peter Stanton Memorial Trust to serve on the Trust for a period of four years until 21 February 2022; and
- (2) that the Council's appreciation and best wishes be extended to Ms McEleny.
- 145 Women 50:50 Campaign – Taking Action on Women's Under Representation: Request by Councillor McCabe 145**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a request received from Councillor McCabe that the Council consider whether it would wish to support the Women 50:50 Campaign whose aim is to tackle women's under-representation in Scottish local councils through (1) agreeing a motion of support and (2) using the "What Women Want" resource. Following discussion, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Clocherty moved that consideration of the

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request be continued to the next scheduled meeting of the Council to allow referral of the matter to the Women's Forum and to give the campaign representatives an opportunity to address Members at an All Members' Briefing.

As an amendment, Councillor Quinn seconded by Councillor Ahlfeld moved that the motion submitted by the Women 50:50 Campaign be supported in the following terms:

"The council notes that women are under-represented across councils in Scotland and make up only 29% of councillors. Council further notes that whilst voluntary mechanisms such as all women shortlists, networks and mentoring have made some progress, women are still not represented equally.

Council notes that despite these measures 29% is the highest proportion of women in council in Scotland's history.

The council congratulates the Women 50:50 campaign which has been working across all political parties and has gained support from the SNP, Scottish Labour, Scottish Liberal Democrats and Scottish Green Party leaders and co-conveners.

The council supports Women 50:50's aim for fair representation of women in Scotland through legislated candidate quotas and backs the campaign's call for fair representation of women across Scotland's public life.

The council recognises that women are not a homogenous group, and that in any of our outreach work to encourage and champion women we should ensure that we engage a diverse group of women from different races, cultures, religions, disabilities, socio-economic statuses and sexualities."

On a vote, 2 Members, Councillors Ahlfeld and Quinn, voted in favour of the amendment and 17 Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Clocherty, Dorrian, Jackson, McCabe, McCormick, Moran, McKenzie, McVey, Rebecchi, Brooks, Crowther, Curley, C McEleny, J McEleny, Nelson and Robertson, voted in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that consideration of the request be continued to the next scheduled meeting of the Council to allow referral of the matter to the Women's Forum and to give the campaign representatives an opportunity to address Members at an All Members' Briefing.

146 Fair Trade Steering Group - Nestle

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development responding to the concerns expressed by Councillor Quinn in June 2017 in respect of any Council actions considered possible in relation to the long-standing publicity affecting Nestle's marketing of breast milk substitutes, particularly amongst the impoverished in developing countries.

Decided: that the Council note the current position relative to Fairtrade in Inverclyde purchasing products through Fairtrade and school activities.

147 Consultation Paper on Electoral Reform: Scottish Government

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services advising the Council of the Scottish Government's consultation on Electoral Reform.

Decided:

- (1) that the Council note the terms of the report and agree to make a collective response to the consultation as set out in the report; and
- (2) that it be noted that any individual Elected Member or group may submit individual responses as accords.

148 Health and Social Care Integration Integration Scheme Amendments – Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 148

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking the Council's formal approval to amendments to Inverclyde's Health and Social Care Integration Scheme.

Decided:

- (1) that the Council approve the amendments to the Health and Social Care Integration Scheme for Inverclyde as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report;
- (2) that the Council agree to the submission of the amended Integration Scheme to the Scottish Government for approval;
- (3) that the Council agree that any minor amendments to the Integration Scheme proposed by the Scottish Government, following their consideration thereof, will be agreed by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer) Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership following consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board and that the Integration Scheme will only require further approval by the Council if changes are significant; and
- (4) that the Head of Legal & Property Services, in consultation with the relevant Officers, be authorised to make any consequent changes to the Council's Standing Orders, Scheme of Administration and Scheme of Delegation arising from the Council's decision.

149 Roads and Transportation: Shared Services Implementation 149

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources making recommendations in respect of Roads and Transportation Shared Services implementation.

Councillor Curley declared a non-financial interest in this item through his employer's current contractual relationship with West Dunbartonshire Council and its road services and left the meeting.

Decided:

- (1) that the Council note the Detailed Business Case in respect of Inverclyde and West Dunbartonshire Councils and its recommendations in respect of progressing a shared service for Roads and Transportation Services on a Lead (Host) authority model as defined in the report and the support for this between the Chief Executives and lead officers of the two Councils;
- (2) that the Council agree the implementation of a formal shared Roads and Transportation Service commencing on 1 April 2018 between Inverclyde Council and West Dunbartonshire Council with Inverclyde as Lead (Host) authority;
- (3) that the Council authorise the appointment of a lead officer by Inverclyde Council through a recruitment panel process supported by both Councils as outlined in the report, with all Council costs subject to approval through the budget setting process; and
- (4) that the Council note that the Shared Services Joint Committee will be updated on agreement between Inverclyde and West Dunbartonshire Councils and that it will be advised of any governance arrangements necessary in consequence.

Councillor Curley returned to the meeting at this juncture.

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- 150 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 9) Order 2017 150**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 18 January 2018 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 9) Order 2017.
- Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 9) Order 2017 and that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.
- 151 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 7) Order 2017 151**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 18 January 2018 requesting approval 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 approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 7) Order 2017 and that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.
- 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 consideration of Item 14 (Appendices 1 and 2 relative to Agenda Item 6) on the grounds that consideration of the item involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act, for Item 15 (Proposed Modifications to Committee and Senior Management Structure) on the grounds that consideration of the item involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 and for Item 16 (Appendices to Minutes) on the grounds that consideration of the item involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the respective paragraphs of the relevant minutes.**
- 152 Appendices 1 and 2 relative to Agenda Item 6 Providing Information on the Nominees for Appointment as a Trustee of the Peter Stanton Memorial Trust 152**
- There were submitted letters of nomination from Port Glasgow Otters Swimming Club and Inverclyde Community Care Forum (trading as Your Voice) providing information relative to their nominees for appointment as a Trustee of the Peter Stanton Memorial Trust.
- Noted**

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153 Proposed Modifications to Committee and Senior Management Structures 153

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive proposing changes to the Committee and Senior Management structures of the Council.

Decided:

- (1) that the Council approve the variations to the Scheme of Administration relating to the remits of the Education & Communities and Environment & Regeneration Committees as outlined in paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3 and Appendix A of the report;
- (2) that the Council approve the establishment of the Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee, decisions 1 and 2 to be implemented in the first cycle of meetings following the 2018 summer recess;
- (3) that the Council approve modifications to the Corporate and Extended Management Team structures as outlined in paragraphs 5.5 – 5.7 and Appendix C;
- (4) that the Council note that the proposals, which make a significant contribution towards reducing the current budget shortfall, result in a sizeable reduction in management capacity, with the risks identified in the report relative to their potential effect upon services and timescales for responses to the public and Members; and
- (5) that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive to appoint the Interim Head of Environmental & Public Protection Services within the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Directorate up until March 2020, as specified in paragraph 5.9.

Appendices to Minutes

154 General Purposes Board – 13 December 2017 154

Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.

155 General Purposes Board – 10 January 2018 155

Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.

156 Environment & Regeneration Committee – 18 January 2018 156

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.

157 Education & Communities Committee – 23 January 2018 157

Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.

158 General Purposes Board – 14 February 2018 158

Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 27 FEBRUARY 2018

Audit Committee

Tuesday 27 February 2018 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor Rebecchi presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Chief Internal Auditor, Ms G Murphy (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Property Services) and Mr M Thomson (for Chief Financial Officer).

In Attendance Also: Mr T Yule, Audit Scotland.

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| 159 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 159 |
| | An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Curley, with Councillor Crowther substituting. | |
| | No declarations of interest were intimated. | |
| 160 | External Audit Action Plans – Current Actions | 160 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the status of current actions from External Audit Action Plans as at 31 January 2018. | |
| | Decided: that the Committee note the progress to date in relation to the implementation of external audit actions. | |
| 161 | Internal Audit Progress Report – 4 December 2017 to 2 February 2018 | 161 |
| | 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 4 December 2017 to 2 February 2018. | |
| | Decided: that the monitoring report in respect of Internal Audit activity for the period 4 December 2017 to 2 February 2018 be noted. | |
| 162 | Internal Audit Charter | 162 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources presenting the revised Internal Audit Charter which sets out the purpose, authority and principal responsibilities of the Council's Internal Audit function. | |
| | Decided: that the content of the Internal Audit Charter be noted. | |

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163 External Audit Plan 2017/18**163**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer presenting the External Audit Plan for 2017/18 produced by Audit Scotland.

Decided:

- (1) that the Annual Audit Plan 2017/18 be noted; and
- (2) that a special meeting of the Audit Committee be held on 28 June 2018 at 1pm to review the draft Annual Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2018 prior to their submission to Audit Scotland.

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 8 MARCH 2018

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 8 March 2018 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

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

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

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

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Brooks, with Councillor Wilson substituting, and Councillor J McEleny, with Councillor Robertson substituting.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:-

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

Agenda Item 5 (Inverclyde Local Development Plan Proposed Plan) – Councillor Wilson;

Agenda Item 6 (Consultation – Glasgow Airport: Modernising Our Flightpaths) – Councillor Wilson;

Agenda Item 13 (Award of Contracts for Employability Services) – Councillors Ahlfeld and Robertson.

165 **Inverclyde Local Development Plan Proposed Plan**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan Proposed Plan and accompanying documents for public consultation.

Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest in this item as Vice-Chair of Clydeplan. 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.

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

Decided: that consideration of the matter be continued to enable an All Members' Briefing to be arranged within the next two weeks, prior to a special meeting of the Committee, to be held on a date to be arranged in consultation with the Convener before the end of March.

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 8 MARCH 2018

166 Environment & Regeneration Revenue Budget 2017/18 – Period 9 (31 December 2017) 166

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 9 to 31 December 2017.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £142,000 for 2017/18 as at 31 December 2017 as set out in the report and note that the decision by the Crisis Resilience Management Team to allocate £40,000 of this underspend for emergency pothole works will reduce this underspend to £102,000; and
- (2) that the Committee note the current projected spend on winter maintenance and the projected use of the winter maintenance earmarked reserve.

167 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2017/18 to 2019/20 – Progress 167

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 and the progress of the specific projects detailed in Appendices 1 and 2; and
- (2) that the Committee note and approve the additional expenditure on the Greenock Municipal Buildings District Court Offices and the William Street (former Education HQ) Offices projects and the utilisation of the Asset Management Plan (AMP) Capital Programme/Model Contingency as set out in paragraph 6.9 of the report.

168 Riverside Inverclyde – Project Update 168

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 and McKenzie declared a non-financial interest in this item 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: that the Committee note the progress to date and that further progress reports will be submitted for Members' information and consideration in due course.

169 Consultation – Glasgow Airport: Modernising Our Flightpaths 169

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the publication of a consultation concerning the changing of flightpaths into and out of Glasgow Airport "Glasgow Airport – Modernising Our Flightpaths" and seeking approval of a response on behalf of the Council.

Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest in this item as a member of Glasgow Airport Consultative Committee. 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.

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Decided: that the Committee approve the Council's response to the consultation as set out in the report.

170 West of Scotland Loan Fund 170

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) providing an update on the current status of the West of Scotland Loan Fund Limited (WSLF) and (2) seeking approval to amend the Articles of Association.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the content of the report and the current status of the West of Scotland Loan Fund Limited; and
- (2) that approval be given to the proposal to amend the WSLF Articles of Association to enable individual member authorities to make decisions on the remaining funding within the WSLF.

171 A78 Trunk Road, Inverkip, Road Safety 171

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the outcome of discussions with officials from Transport Scotland in respect of road safety on the A78 trunk road at Inverkip.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the outcome of discussions with officials from Transport Scotland in respect of road safety on the A78 trunk road at Inverkip; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to seek regular meetings with Transport Scotland, involving Elected Members, to discuss a variety of issues in relation to road safety.

172 Environmental & Commercial Services (Roads) – Proposed RAMP/Capital Programme for 2018/19 172

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval in relation to a proposed programme of projects to be undertaken in 2018/19 using RAMP/Capital funding and grant offers of funding by the Scottish Government for Cycling, Walking and Safer Street projects (CWSS).

Decided:

- (1) that the list of projects for the 2018/19 RAMP/Capital and CWSS grant aided roads related projects as set out in the report be approved; and
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to achieve full spend of the RAMP/Capital budget through the substitution of projects from a reserve list when necessary.

173 LED Strategy – Design Procedures 173

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the procedures adopted during the design of the LED replacement strategy.

Decided: that the Committee note the procedures adopted during the design of the LED replacement strategy.

Councillor Robertson left the meeting following consideration of this item of business.

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174 Proposed 20mph Speed Limit Zone – Request by Councillor C McEleny 174

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a request by Councillor C McEleny on proposals for a 20mph speed limit zone on a number of streets in Gourrock and the roll out of 20mph zones to other parts of Inverclyde.

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

Decided:

- (1) that the request from Councillor C McEleny be noted; and
- (2) that it be remitted to officers to develop a road safety strategy and to submit a report on the strategy to the Committee with recommendations as to how to improve road safety, including priorities and financial implications.

175 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 1 2018 175

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. 1 2018 and that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and Head of Legal & Property Services to arrange for implementation of the Order.

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)
Award of Contracts for Employability Services	6 & 8
Commercial and Industrial Portfolio Information – Scheme of Delegation Register	2, 6 & 9
Broomhill Way, Greenock – Lease Renewal	2, 6 & 9
John Wood Street, Port Glasgow – Lease Renewal	2, 6 & 9

176 Award of Contracts for Employability Services 176

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for the award of contracts for Employability Services to be delivered from 1 April 2018.

Councillors Ahlfeld and Robertson declared a non-financial interest in this item as members of Inverclyde Community Development Trust. 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: that approval be given to the award of contracts to the organisations listed in Appendix 1 to the report for the delivery of Employability Services from 1 April 2018.

177 Commercial and Industrial Portfolio Information – Scheme of Delegation Register 177

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the exercise by officers of powers delegated to them in terms of the Scheme of Delegation and providing an update on the management of the Council's commercial and industrial portfolio for the period January to December 2017.

Decided: that the Committee note the terms of the report.

178 Broomhill Way, Greenock – Lease Renewal 178

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

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

179 John Wood Street, Port Glasgow – Lease Renewal 179

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval (1) to grant a lease renewal of premises at John Wood Street, Port Glasgow and (2) for recurring rental payments to continue to be met by the Common Good Fund.

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

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 13 MARCH 2018

Education and Communities Committee

Tuesday 13 March 2018 at 2pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Clocherty, Curley, MacLeod, McCabe, C McEleny, McVey, Murphy, Quinn, Robertson and Wilson, Rev. F Donaldson and Mrs F Gilpin, Church Representatives, Ms A McMillan, Parent Representative and Ms P McEwan, Teacher Representative.

Chair: Councillor Clocherty presided.

In attendance: Acting Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Community Safety & Wellbeing Manager, Community Learning & Development Manager, Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy, 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), Head of Education, Property Services Manager and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

180 **Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest** 180

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Rev. D Burt.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 14 (Update on the Use of the Pupil Equity Fund) – Councillor Curley.

Agenda Item 17 (Update on the Beacon Arts Centre: The Greenock Arts Guild Limited – Litigation Matter) – Councillors McCabe and Robertson.

181 **Communities 2017/18 Revenue Budget – Period 9 to 31 December 2017** 181

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 9 to 31 December 2017.

Decided: that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £132,000 for the 2017/18 Revenue Budget as at 31 December 2017.

182 **Communities Capital Programme 2017 - 2020 Progress** 182

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 Communities 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 reduction in the projected cost for the Watt Complex refurbishment project and that the budget reduction will be returned to the overall

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Capital Programme; and

(3) that the Committee note and approve the additional expenditure on the Inverkip Community Hub project and utilisation of budgets as outlined in paragraph 11.1.

183 Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) Programme Update 183

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) providing an update on the progress of the Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) Programme locally and (2) appending the recently published National Report for 2016-17.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the contents of the report and the progress which continues to be made locally; and

(2) that the Committee endorse the National Report for 2016-17.

184 Loans of Paintings from the McLean Museum and Art Gallery 184

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development informing the Committee of two requests for loans of paintings from the McLean Museum and Art Gallery (the James Watt Trust).

Decided: that approval be given to loans of the works “Still Life with Pomegranate” by Mary Armour to the Kirkcudbright Galleries, Dumfries and Galloway and “Tom Wickham’s Barns” by Victoria Crowe to the City Art Centre, Edinburgh on the dates specified in the report, subject to matters of transport, security and insurance being arranged to the satisfaction of the Libraries, Museums and Archives Manager.

185 Flexible Energy Company Obligation (ECO) Eligibility 185

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval for Inverclyde Council to adopt the Flexible Energy Company Obligation (ECO) Eligibility Policy which allows local authorities to access Flexible ECO Affordable Warmth funding for energy efficiency works to be made available to Inverclyde residents with the highest level of need living in private sector housing.

Decided: that the Committee approve the ECO Flexible Eligibility Statement of Intent appended to the report, authorised by the Chief Executive or Corporate Director, and that the document be advertised on the Council’s website.

186 Tender for a Delivery Partner for the 2018/19 Home Energy Efficiency Programme Scotland: Area Based Scheme (HEEPS: ABS) 186

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development requesting the Committee to grant delegated authority to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept a tender for a Delivery Partner for the 2018/19 Home Energy Efficiency Programme Scotland: Area Based Scheme (HEEPS: ABS) in accordance with Contract Standing Order 17.3(ii).

Decided: that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender for a Delivery Partner for the 2018/19 HEEPS: ABS Programme and also, subject to further funding from the Scottish Government, to accept the optional year extension to the 2019/20 contract, in accordance with Contract Standing Order 17.3(ii).

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187 Tendering of Care and Repair and Small Repairs Service 187

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development requesting the Committee to grant delegated authority to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept a tender for the provision of the Care and Repair and Small Repairs Service in accordance with Contract Standing Order 17.3(ii).

Decided: that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept a tender for the Care and Repair and Small Repairs Service in accordance with Contract Standing Order 17.3(ii).

188 Public Space CCTV Provision - Update 188

It was noted that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda and would be the subject of a report to the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee on 27 March 2018.

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 3 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 out opposite the heading to each item.

Item	Paragraph(s)
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189 Whinhill Golf Club Proposals 189

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) on the current position regarding the Whinhill Golf Course savings proposal and (2), following consideration by the Members' Budget Working Group, presenting a one year interim savings proposal for consideration as part of the Council's budget setting process.

There was circulated to the Committee, updated Appendix 1 (Proposed Golf Charges 2018-19).

The Committee agreed that the recommendations contained in the report, incorporating the amended Appendix 1 as circulated, be considered as part of the budget setting process, all as detailed in the appendix.

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190 Update on the Beacon Arts Centre: The Greenock Arts Guild Limited – Litigation Matter 190

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing a further update on the Beacon Arts Centre/Greenock Arts Guild Limited (GAG) litigation matter raised by the Greenock Arts Guild in relation to the Beacon development.

Councillors McCabe and Robertson declared a non-financial interest in this item as Members of the Board of Greenock Arts Guild Limited. 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.

The Committee agreed to note the current position and to take action, all as detailed in the Appendix.

191 Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report: Update on Current Actions 191

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 Committee is fully advised of progress.

The Committee noted the current progress in respect of the Clune Park Area Regeneration Plan and the further matters set out in the report, all as detailed in the Appendix.

The Communities business concluded at 3.50pm. The Committee commenced consideration of the Education items of business at 4pm with Rev. Donaldson, Mrs Gilpin, Ms McMillan and Ms McEwan joining the meeting. Councillor Wilson did not return to the meeting at this juncture.

192 Education 2017/18 Revenue Budget – Period 9 to 31 December 2017 192

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 9 to 31 December 2017.

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

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £207,000 in the 2017/18 Education Revenue Budget as at Period 7 to 31 October 2017; and

(2) that the Committee note that proposals have been developed as part of the 2018/20 budget process to address a number of the projected underspends.

193 Education Capital Programme 2017 - 2020 Progress 193

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.

(Rev. Donaldson left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

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Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress of the specific projects detailed in Appendix 1; and
- (2) that approval be given to the issue of tenders for the St Mary's Primary School refurbishment and extension project and that delegated authority be granted 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.

194 Update on the Glasgow City Region Improvement Collaborative: Initial Improvement Plan 194

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) providing an update on progress with the Glasgow City Region Improvement Collaborative (known as the West Partnership) and (2) informing the Committee of the West Partnership's initial improvement plan.

(Rev. Donaldson returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided: that the Committee note the progress and initial Improvement Plan of the West Partnership.

195 Increasing Wi-Fi Provision for Schools in Inverclyde 195

There was submitted a report by the Head of Education advising the Committee of the outcome of the recent Wi-Fi feasibility study for schools with a view to increasing Wi-Fi capability for schools in Inverclyde.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the use of SEMP funding to support schools to take forward the initiative, as detailed in the report; and
- (2) that the Committee approve the proposal to open up the Wi-Fi networks to unsupported devices in primary schools.

196 Update on the Use of the Pupil Equity Fund 196

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the use by schools in Inverclyde of the Pupil Equity Fund (PEF).

Councillor Curley declared a non-financial interest in this item due to an element of his spouse's position in St Stephen's High School being directly funded by PEF. 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.

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

Decided: that the report be noted.

197 Inverclyde's Autism Strategy – Progress to Implementation 197

There was submitted a report by the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy informing the Committee of the progress made in the implementation of Inverclyde's Autism Strategy 2014.

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

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Decided:

- (1) that the Committee acknowledge the progress made to date in the implementation of Inverclyde's Autism Strategy;
- (2) that the Committee agree that the funding identified to support the implementation of the Autism Strategy be carried over into financial year 2018-2019;
- (3) that the Committee approve the delegation of the governance systems for Autism Strategy grant allocation payments to the Council's Grants Sub-Committee; and
- (4) that regular update reports be submitted to the Committee.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE – 14 MARCH 2018

Health & Social Care Committee

Wednesday 14 March 2018 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Brooks, Dorrian, Jackson, Crowther (for MacLeod), McCabe, J McEleny (for C McEleny), McKenzie, Moran, Quinn, Rebecchi and Robertson.

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Head of Health & Community Care, Head of Mental Health, Addictions & Homelessness, Head of Strategy & Support Services, Ms J Cantley (for Head of Children's Services & Criminal Justice), Ms F McLaren (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr A Ghosh-Ray (Finance Services), Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services).

Prior to the commencement of business, the Convener extended his appreciation, on behalf of the Committee, to all staff working during the recent severe weather conditions to ensure the continuation of services to vulnerable people within Inverclyde.

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

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

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

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 7 (Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations) - Councillors Brooks and McCabe.

Agenda Item 8 (Redesign of Services for Adults with a Learning Disability (the LD Redesign) Update January 2018 - Councillor McCabe.

199 **Mental Health Strategy**

199

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising the Committee of the development of a whole system five year strategy for Mental Health Services.

The Committee heard a presentation on the subject by the Head of Mental Health, Addictions & Homelessness who then answered a number of questions from Members.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the report and the strategic direction in respect of Mental Health Services;
- (2) that it be agreed that the full strategy and implementation plan be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee; and
- (3) that a further report be submitted to the Committee on Children's Mental Health Services, providing an overview of existing services and information on how the views of young people can be used to inform the delivery of services and future developments.

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200 Revenue and Capital Budgets 2017/18 Projection as at 31 December 2017 200

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership and the Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Revenue and Capital Budgets 2017/18 as at Period 9 to 31 December 2017.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the projected underspend of £249,000 in the current year Revenue Budget as at 31 December 2017;
- (2) that the Committee note the current projected Capital position;
- (3) that the Committee note the current Earmarked Reserves position;
- (4) that the Committee note the proposed transfer of £314,000 to Earmarked Reserves, subject to approval by the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board; and
- (5) that it be agreed to add Kinship Care from 1 April 2018 to the Children's Residential Care Adoption and Fostering Earmarked Reserve.

201 Unison's Ethical Care Charter (ECC) Update Report 201

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on the previous six months of implementation of Unison's Ethical Care Charter (ECC) within Inverclyde HSCP.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the evidence provided regarding the effectiveness and positive impact of Unison's Ethical Care Charter; and
- (2) that a further update be submitted to the meeting of the Committee on 26 April 2018.

202 Corporate Parenting Plan 202

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on the progress of the multi-agency Inverclyde Corporate Parenting Plan 2016 – 2018.

Decided: that the Committee note the Corporate Parenting Plan progress report.

203 Proposed New General Medical Services Contract for Scotland 2018 203

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership (1) outlining the content of the proposed 2018 General Medical Services (GMS) Contract in Scotland and (2) advising of the implications associated with implementing the proposed contract within Inverclyde HSCP.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the content of the proposed 2018 General Medical Services (GMS) Contract in Scotland;
- (2) that the Committee note the progress made thus far in implementing the proposals as a result of the Inverclyde New Ways Programme and the consultation required with local GPs; and
- (3) that the Committee note the financial and workforce implications of delivering the proposed 2018 General Medical Services (GMS) Contract in Scotland.

204 Redesign of Services for Adults with a Learning Disability (the LD Redesign) – Update January 2018 204

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising the Committee of the latest position in relation to the implementation of the Redesign of Services for Adults with Learning Disabilities in Inverclyde (the LD Redesign) and intended actions to continue to move these forward.

Councillor McCabe declared a non-financial interest in this item as the relative of a user of the McPherson Centre, Gourock. 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.

During the course of consideration of this item, the Committee viewed a video produced by TAG (The Advisory Group) which included interviews with service users, seeking their views on the proposed service redesign. Mr Michael McLellan of TAG was present and introduced the video.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress to date in respect of the LD Redesign;
- (2) that the Committee note the endorsement by the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board of intended actions to fully implement the LD Redesign, including the closure of the McPherson Centre in Autumn 2018, as signed off by the Integration Joint Board on 30 January 2018, subject to the Council's budget decision making process;
- (3) that the Committee note the allocation of budget to the LD Redesign by the Integration Joint Board to take forward short term implementation actions to support redesign and work with stakeholders to develop plans;
- (4) that a report be submitted to the Committee following the summer recess providing an update on the potential new facility, including information on timescales and funding; and
- (5) that regular reports on the progress of the proposals be submitted to at least every second meeting of the Committee.

The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration to allow the Committee to take a decision on the Social Work Standby Services Agreement prior to the termination of the current arrangement on 31 March 2018. This was agreed unanimously.

205 Interim Minute of Agreement for Social Work Standby Services 205

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership seeking approval, in terms of Contract Standing Order 23.3, to participate in a collaborative agreement with Glasgow City, East Dunbartonshire, Renfrewshire, East Renfrewshire and West Dunbartonshire Councils in respect of the provision of Social Work Standby Services.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve, in terms of Contract Standing Order 23.3, the Council's participation in the collaborative agreement with Glasgow City, East Dunbartonshire, Renfrewshire, East Renfrewshire and West Dunbartonshire Councils; and
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to negotiate and enter into the Minute of Agreement for Social Work Standby Services.

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 9 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

206 Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations

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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.

Councillors Brooks and McCabe 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 the Committee note the governance report set out in Appendix 1 covering the period 25 November 2017 to 26 January 2018; 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.

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 15 MARCH 2018

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 15 March 2018 at 4pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Dorrian, Jackson, MacLeod, McCabe, McCormick, C McEleny, J McEleny, McKenzie, McVey, Moran, Murphy, Quinn, Rebecchi, Robertson and Wilson.

Chair: Provost Brennan presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Mr G McGovern (for Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development), Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership), Head of Legal & Property Services, Legal Services Manager (Procurement & Conveyancing), Ms R McGhee and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Property Services), Chief Financial Officer, Education & Exchequer Finance Manager, Social Care Finance Manager, Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications, Ms A Rainey (Human Resources), Head of Community Care & Health, Acting Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Acting Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities and Corporate Communications Manager.

207 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

207

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

208 Council Budget Approval

208

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing sufficient information to enable the Council to approve a Revenue Budget for 2018/19 or 2018/20, a Capital Programme for 2018/21, use of projected Free Reserves and a provisional contribution to the Integration Joint Board.

Following discussion, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Ahlfeld moved:

(1) that the proposals contained in the document circulated at the meeting entitled "2018/19 Budget Proposal by the Labour, Independent, Conservative & Liberal Democrat Groups" (Appendix 1 to the minute) be approved namely:-

- (a) the Service Committee savings detailed on page 2;
- (b) the Public Consultation savings detailed on pages 3 & 4;
- (c) the Investment Proposals detailed on pages 5 to 10;
- (d) the reports due back from officers detailed on page 12;

(2) that the 2018/21 Capital Programme be approved after adjusting for the proposals in paragraph 6.2 of the Chief Financial Officer's report;

(3) that the Council's contribution to the Integration Joint Board in 2018/19 be £48.059 million as detailed in Appendix 4 of the Chief Financial Officer's report and that this sum be adjusted for the items listed in paragraph 7.3 of the report as and when the figures are confirmed;

(4) that officers report back to the relevant Committees on the items listed in Appendix 6 supplemented by the reports listed on page 11 of the Budget Proposal document by the Labour, Independent, Conservative & Liberal Democrat Groups; and

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(5) that the Budget Risks outlined by the Chief Financial Officer in Appendix 7 of his report be noted.

As an amendment, Councillor C McEleny seconded by Councillor Robertson moved:

(1) that the proposals contained in the document circulated at the meeting entitled "2018/20 Budget Proposal by the SNP Group" (Appendix 2 to the minute) be approved namely:-

- (a) the Service Committee proposals detailed on page 2;
 - (b) the Public Consultation proposals detailed on pages 3 & 4;
 - (c) the Investment Proposals detailed on pages 5 to 7;
 - (d) the reports due back from officers detailed on page 9;
- (2) that the 2018/21 Capital Programme be approved after adjusting for the proposals in paragraph 6.2 of the Chief Financial Officer's report;
- (3) that the Council's contribution to the Integration Joint Board in 2018/19 be £48.059 million as detailed in Appendix 4 of the Chief Financial Officer's report and that this sum be adjusted for the items listed in paragraph 7.3 of the report as and when the figures are confirmed;
- (4) that officers report back to the relevant Committees on the items listed in Appendix 6 supplemented by the reports listed on page 9 of the Budget Proposal document by the SNP Group; and
- (5) that the Budget Risks outlined by the Chief Financial Officer in Appendix 7 of his report be noted.

On a vote, 6 Members, Councillors Crowther, Curley, MacLeod, C McEleny, J McEleny and Robertson, voted in favour of the amendment and 15 Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Clocherty, Dorrian, Jackson, McCabe, McCormick, Moran, Murphy, Ahlfeld, McKenzie, McVey, Quinn, Rebecchi, Brooks and Wilson, voted in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

Decided:

(1) that the proposals contained in the document circulated at the meeting entitled "2018/19 Budget Proposal by the Labour, Independent, Conservative & Liberal Democrat Groups" (Appendix 1 to the minute) be approved namely:-

- (a) the Service Committee savings detailed on page 2;
 - (b) the Public Consultation savings detailed on pages 3 & 4;
 - (c) the Investment Proposals detailed on pages 5 to 10;
 - (d) the reports due back from officers detailed on page 12;
- (2) that the 2018/21 Capital Programme be approved after adjusting for the proposals in paragraph 6.2 of the Chief Financial Officer's report;
- (3) that the Council's contribution to the Integration Joint Board in 2018/19 be £48.059 million as detailed in Appendix 4 of the Chief Financial Officer's report and that this sum be adjusted for the items listed in paragraph 7.3 of the report as and when the figures are confirmed;
- (4) that officers report back to the relevant Committees on the items listed in Appendix 6 supplemented by the reports listed on page 11 of the Budget Proposal document by the Labour, Independent, Conservative & Liberal Democrat Groups; and
- (5) that the Budget Risks outlined by the Chief Financial Officer in Appendix 7 of his report be noted.

Inverclyde Council
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2018/19 Budget Proposal

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Summary Position - Revenue Budget

	2018/19 £m
Funding gap per November Financial Strategy	7.465
Impact of draft LG Settlement - Dec 17	(2.308)
Adjustments - Dec 17	(0.724)
Increased pay award allowance	<u>0.500</u>
Estimated Funding Gap- 21.12.17	4.933
Error in Settlement intimated 23.1.18	0.182
Extra Funding Announced 31.1.18	(2.420)
Increase Pay Award to match Mr Mackay's Statement	0.200
Increase Pay Allowance in 2019/20	0.000
No use of rolling reserve	1.140
Policy Areas	(0.114)
3.0% Council Tax increase 2018/19	(0.860)
Latest Funding Gap (6.3.18)	<u>3.061</u>
Service Committee Reports	(1.903)
Public Consultation Savings	(1.158)
Balance	<u><u>0</u></u>

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1 Year Budget Proposal
2018/20 Budget
Saving considered by Service Committee

Delivering Differently Programme		18/19 £000	Est FTE	Comments
1/	HSCP - Housing Wardens Service	35	0	
2/	- Long Term Care Placements	250	0	
3/	- Learning Disabilities	139	8.5	
4/	- Mental Health - Redesign	162	0	
5/	- Addictions Service Review	10	1	
6/	ECOD - ASN Service Review	249	6.1	
7/	- Safer Communities Restructure	129	5.2	
8/	- PPP Unitary Charge	100	0	
9/	- Leisure Strategy AMP	87	0	
10/	ERR - Regeneration & Planning Restructure	172	4	
11/	- Roads Service Review	103	0.6	
12/	Chief Exec - Management Restructure (£675k by 2020/21)	74	12.6	Approved by Council February, 2018
	Totals	1510	38.0	
Other Savings (by Committee)		18/19 £000	Est FTE	
13/	HSCP - Sundry minor proposals	69	0	
14/	E&C - Sundry minor proposals	0	0	Saving due 2019/20
15/	- Community Waivers Policy	10	0	
16/	P&R - NDR Discretionary Relief Policy	26	0	
17/	- Unallocated Welfare Reforms Funding	288	0	Increased saving in lieu of SG Funding for Clothing Grants / Free Sanitary Products
	Totals if all approved	1903	38.0	

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REVENUE BUDGET 2018/20

Public Consultation Savings - 1 Year Budget Proposal

Ref	Directorate	Service	Saving Description	2018/19 £000	FTE
Promoting Population, Economic Regeneration and Employability:					
4	Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Regeneration & Planning	Reduction in annual funding to Riverside Inverclyde and reduction in economic regeneration funding.	159	0.0
5	Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Environment & Commercial Services	Increase daily parking charges from £1 to £2	42	0.0
6	Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Finance Services	Increase LTE Property Council Tax levy from 130% to 150%	50	0.0
Subtotal				251	0.0
Successful Communities:					
10	Education, Communities & ODHR	Safer & Inclusive Communities	Whinhill Golf Course saving as a result of efficiencies and increased income generation.	20	0.0
11	Education, Communities & ODHR	Safer & Inclusive Communities	Removal of a number of Primary Schools from community letting.	15	0.0
15	Education, Communities & ODHR	Safer & Inclusive Communities	End Care and Repair contracted service , bring grant support service for adaptations in house and create a single small repairs service within Inverclyde. Saving delivered from 2019/20.	0	-2.5
Subtotal				35	-2.5
Tackling Health Inequality/Alcohol Mis-use:					
18	Education, Communities & ODHR	Safer & Inclusive Communities	Withdrawal of Free Swimming to the Over 60s (includes £15k allowance for increased income)	77	0.0
19	Education, Communities & ODHR	Safer & Inclusive Communities	Reduction in fee to Inverclyde Leisure resulting from increased charges and efficiencies.Reduced saving conditional on limiting average price increases to 2.5% .	102	0.0
21	HSCP	Community Care & Health	Introduce a £2.50 Weekly Charge for Community Alarms in line with other Scottish Councils.	168	0.0
Subtotal				347	0.0

Best Start in Life:								
	Subtotal						0	0.0
Protecting Our Environment:								
26	ER&R/ECS/13/2018	Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Environment & Commercial Services	Increase commercial waste charges and withdrawal of kerbside glass recycling .			190	6.0
27	ER&R/ECS/14/2018	Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Environment & Commercial Services	Increase to burial and cremation charges.			210	0.0
	Subtotal						400	6.0
Delivering Excellent Services								
31	ER&R/FIN/08/2018	Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Finance	Reduction of posts within Benefits Service.			121	5.5
32	ER7R/FIN/10/2018	Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Finance	Increase Registrar's non-statutory charges by 10%			4	0.0
	Subtotal						125	5.5
	Savings Total						1,158	9

1 Year Budget - Investment Proposals

Proposals	Who By	GMT Comments	Estimated Costs (One off) £000	Estimated Costs (Recurring) £000
1/ Investing in training and apprenticeship programmes that will equip our young people for real jobs, with priority given to care leavers and young people with learning difficulties and/or autism.	Scott Allan	At Council in February 2017 an allocation was made from earmarked reserves for young people with autism and the intention is that this funding will provide a grant to employers (potentially £3000 per employee) and ongoing training to retain people in jobs. In view of the support required it is proposed to allocate an additional £170k one off funding which will allow five new apprenticeships to be created (£34k each) for clients in this area of need. Delivery is based on one per year for 5 years.	170	
2/ Investing in services to make Inverclyde a dementia and autism friendly community.	Louise Long/ Wilma Bain	The Council approved £150k use of reserves in February 2017 to assist with the early years of the Autism Strategy, progress against which is reported to the Education & Communities Committee. HSCP have implemented a 10 year Autism strategy and is refreshing the Dementia Strategy this year. Further one off investment from the Council would be beneficial to continue and secure the projects currently being undertaken. £100k for Autism to continue grants process and £100k for new Dementia strategy to support creating dementia friendly initiatives such as dementia friendly buildings.	200	
3/ Securing the future of our I-Youth Zones for 2018/19 whilst an independent review of Youth Services provision is undertaken.	Wilma Bain	Funding exists to 31/3/18 for three I-Youth Zones. Current extra cost for the 3 facilities is £186,000 as some costs are contained in existing CLD budgets. MBWG agreed one further years funding from reserves whilst the review is on-going	186	

1 Year Budget - Investment Proposals

Proposals	Who By	CMT Comments	Estimated Costs (One off) £000	Estimated Costs (Recurring) £000
4/ Additional resources for our anti-poverty fund.	Alan Puckrin	There is estimated to be £630k unallocated in the Anti-Poverty EMR plus recurring revenue unallocated of £66k. Clothing Grant extra funding stops 31.3.19 and it would cost £25k / year to continue the £90 level (Core Budget is for £80/child). It is proposed to allocate £25k per year from the unallocated recurring sum to increase clothing grants to £90/child on a permanent basis. New funding is also expected from the Scottish Government and if received this will be reinvested in the Clothing Grants budget. E&C Cttee recommended the implementation of free sanitary products in secondary schools at a cost of £5k (one off) and up to £22k recurring and it is proposed to use existing Welfare Reform budgets to fund this initiative.	200	47
5/ Creation of a Community Fund with local communities deciding how this is spent.	Wilma Bain	Currently £150k from Grants to Vol orgs to support Community ownership/transfer proposals of which £135k remains uncommitted. A further allowance would allow a pilot for Community Budgeting to be undertaken within each of the Wards via a £350k Fund.	215	(47)
6/ Funding for Pipe Bands Championship 2019-21	Wilma Bain	The Policy & Resources Committee agreed to allocate up to £345k for the Council to bid to host a major Pipe Band Championship for a 3 year period starting in 2019. This was subject to a final decision as part of the Budget. A decision on the Council's application to host the event has been deferred pending the Council's budget decision.. The sum allocated is the maximum allowance and officers would look to reduce this via sponsorship and charging.	345	
7/ Creation of extra storage at Inverkip Community Hub	Wilma Bain	Based on the design received it is estimated that an allowance of £50,000 would be needed to provide the increased storage.	50	

1 Year Budget - Investment Proposals

Proposals	Who By	CMT Comments	Estimated Costs (One off) £000	Estimated Costs (Recurring) £000
8/ Grant support to demolish redundant buildings	Scott Allan	Provision of grant support to private owners to allow the demolition of redundant buildings at Port Glasgow Industrial Estate based on a policy to be approved by Committee.	150	
9/ Contingency Reserve	Alan Puckrin	Approximately £45k of the 2016/18 Contingency remains unallocated. It would be recommended that a further sum of £120k to cover 2018/20 should be sufficient based on previous demand.	120	
10/ Indoor Bowling Club - Bring up to standard to hold national competitions	Wilma Bain	Request for additional investment supported by the Petitions Committee. Report due to go the Education & Communities Committee	100	
11/ Beacon Arts Centre - Creation of a repairs and renewals fund	Wilma Bain	The Beacon could benefit from one off funding to deliver a number of spend to save / repairs & renewals projects. A one off Council contribution earmarked for such initiatives would help make the Beacon more financially sustainable.	120	
12/ Summer Playschemes	Wilma Bain	Reported to the January Education & Communities Committee with the recommendation that if this as a recurring Policy Priority then it should be built into the recurring budget from 2018/19. Committee recommended Option 1 (status quo)		40
13/ Lady Alice Bowling Club	Wilma Bain	Costs for the refurbishment of Lady Alice Bowling Club are estimated to be £180k more than the £150k allowance in the earmarked reserve. E&C Committee recommended progressing a long term lease with the Bowling Club to allow external funding to be accessed. If successful this is estimated to reduce the increased costs to £65k.	65	

1 Year Budget - Investment Proposals

Proposals	Who By	CMT Comments	Estimated Costs (One off) £000	Estimated Costs (Recurring) £000
14/ Indoor Tennis Facility- Increase in capital provision	Wilma Bain	Report considered by the MBWG 19.2.18 outlined options for a £1.5 million new facility and a proposal by IL to run the facility at no net cost by year 5. MBWG agreed to allocate a further £150k to the capital programme in lieu of a more detailed report on the facility and a presentation by IL on the Business Plan. This increases the Council contribution to £500k.	150	
15/ IL Spend to Save Investments	Wilma Bain	Outline proposals submitted by IL to invest £470k (Lady Octavia) and £830k (Boglestone CC) and thereafter reduce the Management Fee by £100k/year. Proposal involves re-configuring the internal lay out of the buildings to create more revenue generating opportunities eg. cafe, soft play, gym equipment etc. Saving can be advanced to 2018/19 by using Reserves to support the Capital Programme.	1300	(100)
16/ Fund cremator replacement from reserves	Alan Puckrin	The Environment & Regeneration Committee agreed to fund £850k of the proposed investment in replacement cremators from increased charges and savings in energy/maintenance costs. If reserves were used for this then the income/saving could be used for the overall budget	850	(54)
17/ Capital Programme 2018/21 -Funding Deficit	Alan Puckrin	The proposed 2018/21 Capital Programme has a deficit of £467,000 after cost reductions in 3 projects . MBWG agreed in principle to fund this from Reserves	467	
18/ Allowance for 3 to 4 Traffic Management Studies.	Scott Allan	Study to involve traffic counts, physical surveys, traffic modelling, indicative road layout & report.	30	

1 Year Budget - Investment Proposals

Proposals	Who By	CMT Comments	Estimated Costs (One off) £000	Estimated Costs (Recurring) £000
19/ Provision of 3 passing places on the moors side in Kilm Drive	Scott Allan	Provision of passing places will involve extensive excavation & retaining structures, possible diversions. May require CPOs.	200	
20/ Investment in the Refurbishment of Ashton Prom including railings and monument	Scott Allan	Works will be delivered within the allowance proposed	50	
21/ Master Plan for the Gourrock Park including Tennis Courts/ Theatre, Floodlit Mini Golf and Environmental Improvements.	Scott Allan	Master Plan would be progressed in 2018/19 with results feeding into future budget consideration.	20	
22/ Extend Gourrock Pool opening by one month in 2018.	Wilma Bain	Proposal would allow a further trial on the extension to Gourrock Pool opening.	16	
23/ Increased investment in roads/footways following recent winter weather	Scott Allan	It is clear that the recent severe weather has caused a large number of issues on the roads infrastructure. Extra one off resources will assist in addressing these whilst continuing with the planned RAMP investment	206	
24/ The General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) come into force from May 2018. The CMT have created a small team within Legal Services to progress the many requirements however a one off sum is needed to meet training and system change costs.	Louise Long	There are no existing budgets either recurring or one off to meet the requirements of this major change in legislation. The financial & reputational implications for non-compliance are significant.	150	

1 Year Budget - Investment Proposals

Proposals	Who By	CMT Comments	Estimated Costs (One off) £000	Estimated Costs (Recurring) £000
25/ It is expected that the Council will continue to require Reserves to be set aside to smooth the Budget over the period of this Council.	Alan Puckrin	The previous Budget Strategy was supported by £4.6 million set aside from reserves. It is strongly recommended that the Council continues to earmark a significant element of the Free Reserves to support the 2019/23 Budget Strategy in the event the Council approves a 2018/19 Budget on 15 March. Some of the allocated amount will be required in 2019/20 to fund the delay in achieving all savings from the 1 April, 2019. The 1 Year Budget proposal is that any increase in surplus in 2017/18 and surplus generated in 2018/19 is added to the Free Reserves and thereafter any use is considered as part of future years' budgets.	2450	
26/ A refreshed strategy from the Repopulation Group is due to be prepared and the resultant action plan will require funding to be implemented.	Scott Allan	Funding to be used for various measures to attract people to move to Inverclyde including assistance with re-location costs, Council Tax and marketing/promotion.	500	
		Totals	8310	(114)

1 Year Budget Group
Free Reserves Position

	£m	
Free Reserves 31.3.17	1.95	
P8 Surplus (net of £1.14m)	0.56	
Earmarked for 2017/18	1.14	
Earmarked for 2018/19	3.49	
Write Backs approved (21.12.17)	2.29	
	9.43	
Less: Approved to Date		
LED lighting (14.11.17 P&R)	0.62	
Continuing Care (21.12.17)	0.50	
Balance Available	8.31	
Proposals per attached list	8.31	Note 1

Note 1 - There is a net revenue saving of £114,000 in 2018/19 arising from the investment proposals.

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Reports back to Committee

- 1/ 20mph Zones
 - As agreed at the Environment & Regeneration Committee on 8th March 2018, a report is required regarding the identification and implementation of future 20mph zones.
- 2/ Rent Deposit Scheme
 - Report required on how a rent deposit scheme could operate within the private sector including the identification of a potential pilot scheme.
- 3/ Learning Disabilities
 - Report back to Committee after the summer recess providing an update on the new facility including delivery timescales and associated financial implications.

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Leader's Motion

Can I therefore formally move the following motion:

- 1/ That the proposals contained in the document circulated today entitled "2018/19 Budget Proposal by the Labour, Independent, Conservative & Liberal Democrat Groups" be approved namely:
 - a) The Service Committee savings detailed on Page 2
 - b) The Public Consultation savings detailed on Pages 3 & 4
 - c) The Investment Proposals detailed on Pages 5 to 10
 - d) The reports due back from officers detailed on Page 12
- 2/ That the 2018/21 Capital Programme be approved after adjusting for the proposals in paragraph 6.2 of the Chief Financial Officer report.
- 3/ That the Council's contribution to the Integration Joint Board in 2018/19 be £48.059 million as detailed in Appendix 4 of the Chief Financial Officer's report and that this sum be adjusted for the items listed in paragraph 7.3 of the report as and when the figures are confirmed.
- 4/ That officers report back to the relevant Committees on the items listed in Appendix 6 supplemented by the reports listed on Page 11 of the Budget Proposal document by the Labour, Independent, Conservative & Liberal Democrat Groups.
- 5/ That the Budget Risks outlined by the Chief Financial Officer in Appendix 7 of his report be noted.

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2018/20 Budget Proposal

By the
SNP Group

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SNP 2 Year Revenue Budget

2018/20 Funding Gap including Policy Priorities

	2018/19 £m	2019/20 £m
Funding gap per November Financial Strategy	7.465	12.938
Impact of draft LG Settlement - Dec 17	(2.308)	(2.308)
Adjustments - Dec 17	(0.724)	(0.965)
Increased pay award allowance	<u>0.500</u>	<u>0.500</u>
Estimated Funding Gap- 21.12.17	4.933	10.165
Error in Settlement intimated 23.1.18	0.182	0.182
Extra Funding Announced 31.1.18	(2.420)	(2.420)
Increase Pay Award to match Mr Mackay's Statement	0.200	0.200
Increase Pay Allowance in 2019/20	0.000	0.900
No use of rolling reserve in 2018/19	1.140	0.000
Policy Areas - See attached proposals	0.336	0.581
Latest Funding Gap (14.2.18)	<u>4.371</u>	<u>9.608</u>
Use Reserves to smooth impact over 5 years	(0.315)	(1.500)
Service Committee Reports	(1.881)	(3.337)
3.0% Council Tax Increase both years	(0.860)	(1.750)
Public Consultation Savings	(1.949)	(3.021)
	<u>(0.634)</u>	<u>0.000</u>

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2 Year Budget Proposal
2018/20 Budget
Saving considered by Service Committee

Delivering Differently Programme		18/19 £000	19/20 £000	Est FTE
1/	HSCP - Housing Wardens Service	35	93	0
2/	- Long Term Care Placements	250	528	0
3/	- Learning Disabilities	139	500	8.5
4/	- Mental Health - Redesign	162	162	0
5/	- Addictions Service Review	10	40	1
6/	ECOD - ASN Service Review	249	373	6.1
7/	- Safer Communities Restructure	129	195	5.2
8/	- PPP Unitary Charge	100	100	0
9/	- Leisure Strategy AMP	87	87	0
10/	ERR - Regeneration & Planning Restructure	172	192	4
11/	- Roads Service Review	103	103	0.6
12/	Chief Exec - Management Restructure (£675k by 2020/21) (Note 1)	74	572	12.6
	Totals	1510	2945	38
Other Savings (by Committee)		18/19 £000	19/20 £000	Est FTE
13/	HSCP - Sundry minor proposals	69	69	0
14/	E&C - Sundry minor proposals	0	12	0
15/	- Community Waivers Policy	10	19	0
16/	P&R - NDR Discretionary Relief Policy	26	26	0
17/	- Unallocated Welfare Reforms Funding	266	266	0
	Totals if all approved	1881	3337	38.0

Note 1 - Already approved by the Council, February 2018.

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REVENUE BUDGET 2018/20

SNP -Savings Proposal

Ref	Directorate	Service	Saving Description	2018/19 £000	2019/20 £000	FTE by 2019/20
	Promoting Population, Economic Regeneration and Employability:					
2	Education, Communities & ODHR	Inclusive Education, Culture & Corp Policy	Reduction to opening hours within Museum and carry out service review of staffing.	36	70	2.5
4	Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Regeneration & Planning	Reduction in annual funding to Riverside Inverclyde and reduction in economic regeneration funding.	159	209	0.0
5	Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Environment & Commercial Services	Increase daily parking charges for stays longer than 3 hrs from £1 to £2 and introduce new parking charges in currently free car parks. Stays under 3 hrs in car parks to be free. Officers also to bring back a report on the impact on Residents Parking of this change.	38	162	0.0
6	Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Finance Services	Increase LTE Property Council Tax levy from 130% to 150%	50	50	0.0
				283	491	2.5
	Successful Communities:					
9	Education, Communities & ODHR	Safer & Inclusive Communities.	Reduction to Grants to Voluntary Organisations budget of £114k (47%).	114	114	0.0
10	Education, Communities & ODHR	Safer & Inclusive Communities.	Whinhill Golf Course saving as a result of increased income approved 13/3/18 E&C Committee.	20	20	0.0
11	Education, Communities & ODHR	Safer & Inclusive Communities.	Closure of a number of underused community facilities and the removal of a number of Primary Schools from community letting. Retain Paton St	61	115	2.0
15	Education, Communities & ODHR	Safer & Inclusive Communities.	End Care and Repair contracted service , bring grant support service for adaptations in house and create a single small repairs service within Inverclyde.	0	193	-2.5
16	Education, Communities & ODHR	Safer & Inclusive Communities.	10% increase on school let income.	15	20	0.0

17	ECOD/INC/16/2018	Education, Communities & ODHR	Inclusive Education, Culture & Corp Policy	Saving is based on Reduction in Libraries HQ and £10k from other expenditure.	63	84	2.8
	Subtotal				273	546	2.3
	Tackling Health Inequality/Alcohol Mis-use:						
18	ECOD/SAF/13/2018	Education, Communities & ODHR	Safer & Inclusive Communities	Withdraw Free Swimming to the Over 60s. Includes increased IL income allowance	77	77	0.0
19	ECOD/SAF/14/2018	Education, Communities & ODHR	Safer & Inclusive Communities	Reflects £198k savings based on efficiencies and increased fees & charges per paper to IL Board 29.1.18 less £20k to smooth out highest increases.	110	178	0.0
21	HSCP/CC&H/11/2018	HSCP	Community Care & Health	Introduce a Weekly Charge for Community Alarms in line with other Scottish Councils. Proposed charge is £1.00. 50p increase each subsequent year for remainder of current council	67	135	0.0
	Subtotal				254	390	0.0
	Best Start in Life:						
24	ECOD/EDU/28/2018	Education, Communities & ODHR	Education	Reduction to the devolved school management budget for consumables (25%).	147	220	0.0
25	ER&R/ECS/20/2018	Education, Communities & ODHR	Education	Reduction in cleaning frequency in non-hygiene areas within Schools	234	374	22.6
	Subtotal				381	594	22.6
	Protecting Our Environment:						
26	ER&R/ECS/13/2018	Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Environment & Commercial Services	Increase commercial waste charges, withdrawal of kerbside glass recycling.	190	238	6.0
27	ER&R/ECS/14/2018	Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Environment & Commercial Services	Increase to burial and cremation charges.	210	210	0.0
29	ER&R/ECS/19/2018	Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Environment & Commercial Services	Reduction to front line street sweeper and clean up operatives.	233	379	16.0
	Subtotal				633	827	22.0
	Delivering Excellent Services:						
31	ER&R/FIN/08/2018	Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Finance	Reduction of posts within Benefits Service.	121	168	5.5
32	ER7R/FIN/10/2018	Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Finance	Increase Registrar's non-statutory charges by 10%	4	5	0.0
	Subtotal				125	173	5.5
	Savings Total				1,949	3,021	55

SNP 2 Year Budget - Investment Proposals

Proposals	Who By	CMT Comments	Estimated Costs (One off) £000	Estimated Costs (Recurring) £000
1 Broadcasting and Recording of Council Committees and Full Council.	Gerard Malone	Enhances community involvement and awareness of local issues ; drives and maintains standards of engagement and conduct of business at meetings. There are 2 options, capital purchase plus maintenance or 3-5 years annual hire/maintenance. The CMT would recommend that Option 2 is taken if this matter is to be progressed .		Option 2 - 25
2 Increase in Inverclyde Council Apprentices.	Scott Allan	A sum of £200k would allow 4 extra 2 year Modern Apprenticeships to be created	200	
3 Incorporate 'Equally Safe' the Scottish Governments National Strategy to eradicate violence against women and girls into every part of the council's business from education to planning.	Wilma Bain	To fully incorporate the principles of 'Equally Safe' into every part of the Council's business the creation of a Training/Prevention and Promotion Worker at grade H on a 2 year temporary basis to support the Violence Against Women coordinator in the delivery of programmes in schools, further training for staff and partners, and the development and delivery of promotional campaigns. A budget of £3,000 for the purchase of publicity materials for training and awareness-raising events would be helpful.	75	
4 Extend free school meals to every Inverclyde primary school child. It would be the aim that this would be rolled out via universal extension to p4 in year 18/19, in p5 in 19/20, p6 in 20/21 and p7 in 21/22	Wilma Bain	A report on how this could be piloted and the potential implications was considered by the MBWG on 19.2.18. If it were agreed in principle to operate P4 as a pilot as part of the budget a more detailed report on the implementation would be prepared for the Education & Communities Committee before the summer recess. The estimated cost of a P4 pilot would be £200k for one year with the annual cost for a phased roll out being ; £200k (P4) , £380k (P4/P5) , £550k (P4/P5/P6) and £710k (P4/P5/P6/P7) . The report highlighted potential Clothing Grant uptake issues and knock on impacts to aspects of the Council grant settlement which would require to be addressed as part of the roll out.		£200k Yr1 £380k Yr2 708 £550k Yr3 £710k Yr4
5 Establish a simple conduit for business to access advice, support and services offered by the Council, especially to assist small Inverclyde businesses to bid and be awarded council contracts.	Scott Allan	Our business development team leader already provides this type of service to local businesses through direct intervention along with support from our Business Gateway contractor and the Supplier Development Programme. A series of workshops for Local Businesses would be advantageous highlighting contract opportunities and bid writing.	10	
6 Create a Neighbourhood masterplanning officer post to ensure new developments meet the needs of people and communities whilst identifying new needs that will be created.	Scott Allan	Sum allocated would allow the creation of a 2 year temporary urban planner position to work with communities and developers at Senior Planner level working within the Planning Policy Section	92	

SNP 2 Year Budget - Investment Proposals

Proposals	Who By	CMT Comments	Estimated Costs (One off)	Estimated Costs (Recurring)
7 Establish a conservation area grant to help houses in conservation areas become energy efficient.	Scott Allan	Establish a 50% match funded grant available initially for the replacement of windows and doors with timber replacements in the conservation area (10 grants at a £7500 typical intervention)	75	
8 Greener Inverclyde initiative that will see every Inverclyde primary school child having planted a tree during primary school.	Scott Allan	Assumes 500 trees per annum, with associated ties and stakes. Suitable land supply needs to be identified. Recurring costs will increase year on year for duration of programme due to cost of procuring new sapplings and ongoing maintenance costs.	15	10
9 Increase the number of 20mph Zones	Scott Allan	20mph speed limits can be progressed in urban areas subject to traffic speeds generally averaging around 20mph without enforcement. To achieve this, traffic calming usually supports proposals for 20mph speed limits with consequent implications for cost. A private members Bill is progressing through Parliament at present and if it becomes legislation, 20mph speed limits would become 'normal' in urban areas and generally replace 30mph limits. It is proposed therefore that a one off allocation be made to progress a 20mph limit across a residential area as an early win in advance of clarity on the the potential for the private members Bill to become legislation.	100	
10 Investing in services to make Inverclyde a dementia and autism friendly community	Louise Long / Wilma Bain	The Council approved £150k use of reserves in February 2017 to assist with the early years of the Autism Strategy with updates going to Education & Communities Committee. HSCP have implemented a 10 year Autism strategy and is refreshing the Dementia Strategy this year. Further one off investment from the Council would be beneficial to continue and secure the projects currently being undertaken. £100k for Autism to continue grants process and £100k for new Dementia strategy to support creating dementia friendly initiatives such as dementia friendly buildings.	200	
11 Introduce breakfast clubs in local community centres during school breaks	Wilma Bain	There is every possibility that a Literacy Lunch Club could be in place within the local community centre area where toast etc is provided for children and parents on arrival to some of the Literacy Lunch Clubs. Thereafter, lunch is provided following a range of family activities. Based on 5 Centres providing a service for 8 weeks would cost approximately £20k ie: £500/week/centre.		20
12 The General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)	Gerard Malone	The CMT have created a small team within Legal Services to progress the many requirements however a one off sum is needed to meet training and system change costs. The financial and reputational implications of non-compliance are significant.	150	

SNP 2 Year Budget - Investment Proposals

Proposals	Who By	CMT Comments	Estimated Costs (One off)	Estimated Costs (Recurring)
13 Traffic Management Studies at Larkfield Road/George Road Junction and Victoria Road/Tower Drive/Golf Road/ Hillside Road	Scott Allan	Study to involve traffic counts, physical surveys, traffic modelling, indicative road layout and a report.	14	
14 Investment in the refurbishment of Ashton Prom including railings and monument	Scott Allan	Works will be contained within the resources allocated	50	
15 Use of Reserves as part of the medium term budget strategy	Alan Puckrin	The 5 year savings smoothing strategy based on the proposals in this 2 year budget require a revolving fund of £1.14million plus £3.9million to smooth savings over 2018/23.	5,040	
16 Create a Child Poverty Fund	Wilma Bain	Create a new Child Poverty fund as part of a new Child Poverty Strategy which has the aim of drastically reducing child poverty over the remainder of this current Council. Fund will be partly funded by £1 million CFCR freed up by replacing this with Prudential Borrowing and using the projected £740k unallocated in the Anti Poverty Fund.	4,500	65
17 Extend Gourrock Pool opening to cover September	Wilma Bain	Following the trial in 2017 £16k would be required to make this arrangement permanent from 2018.		16
18 YOYP Grant for Youth Sport and Drama Clubs to boost youth participation	Wilma Bain	Year of Young People grants would be administered using the current Grants to Voluntary Organisation process.	125	
19 Summer Playschemes	Wilma Bain	Reported to the January Education & Communities Committee with the recommendation that if this is a recurring Policy Priority then it should be built into the recurring budget from 2018/19. Committee recommended Option 1 (Status quo).		40
20 Introduction of public space recycling bins.	Scott Allan	Already have some in-situ. Assumes 50 new bins.	30	25
		Totals	10,676	909

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Free Reserves Summary Position

	£m
Free Reserves 31.3.17	1.95
P8 Surplus (net of £1.14m)	0.56
Earmarked for 2017/18	1.14
Earmarked for 2018/19	3.49
Write Backs approved (21.12.17)	2.29
Surplus 2018/19	0.63
Reserves freed up via prudential borrowing	1.00
Allocate Anti Poverty Balance to Child Poverty Fund	0.74
	11.80
Less: Approved to Date	
LED lighting (14.11.17 P&R)	0.62
Continuing Care (21.12.17)	0.50
Balance Available	10.68
Proposals per attached list	10.68

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Reports Requested from Officers During 2018

- 1/ Child Poverty
 - Report prior to the summer recess outlining proposals to significantly reduce Child Poverty using the newly created Child Poverty Fund.
- 2/ Anti-Social Behaviour
 - Report back on how Community Wardens can be used to deliver a new Anti-Social Behaviour and Community Safety Strategy.

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Amendment

Can I therefore formally move the following amendment:

- 1/ That the proposals contained in the document circulated today entitled "2018/20 Budget Proposal by the SNP Group" be approved namely:
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 - b) The Public Consultation proposals detailed on Pages 3 & 4
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- 5/ That the Budget Risks outlined by the Chief Financial Officer in Appendix 7 of his report be noted.

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 27 MARCH 2018

Policy & Resources Committee

Tuesday 27 March 2018 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director (Chief Officer) Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Head of Legal & Property Services, Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services), Chief Financial Officer, Ms B McQuarrie (for Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications), Acting Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, ICT Service Manager, Corporate Procurement Manager, Ms K Barclay and Ms K McCready (Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy), Corporate Communications Manager and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications).

In attendance also: Mr A MacKenzie (Audit Scotland).

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209 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 209

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor MacLeod, with Councillor Curley substituting, Councillor McCormick, with Provost Brennan substituting, Councillor C McEleny, with Councillor Crowther substituting, and Councillor Wilson, with Councillor Brooks substituting.

Councillors Brooks and Curley declared an interest in agenda item 15 (Proposed Disposal of Land at Upper Bow Road, Greenock to Registered Social Landlord).

210 SOLACE Improving Local Government Benchmarking Framework 2016/17 210

There was submitted a report by the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy (1) providing details of the Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) 2016/17 data and (2) highlighting Inverclyde's performance across the range of indicators.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the LGBF 2016/17 data was published on 2 February 2018; and
- (2) that it be agreed that the information in the Appendix to the report be used to form the basis of the Council's public performance reporting on the LGBF 2016/17.

211 Audit Scotland Annual Assurance and Risks Report on Local Government 211

There was submitted a report by the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy (1) summarising the Audit Scotland Annual Assurance and Risks Report on Local

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Government published in February 2018 and (2) highlighting areas of particular relevance to Inverclyde Council.

Decided: that the Committee note that Inverclyde Council, as an outward looking authority, places value on the key messages contained within the Audit Scotland report and that these key messages will be taken into account in future service planning to ensure the ongoing delivery of Best Value.

212 Audit Scotland Reports on Renfrewshire, East Renfrewshire, Orkney Islands, West Lothian and Clackmannanshire Councils and Accounts Commission Report “Auditing Best Value – a summary of the overall framework for our new approach” 212

There was submitted a report by the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy summarising (1) Audit Scotland’s 2017 Best Value Assurance Reports (BVARs) on Renfrewshire, East Renfrewshire, Orkney Islands, West Lothian and Clackmannanshire Councils and (2) a report on feedback provided by local authorities (including Inverclyde) on the new approach to auditing Best Value, as contained in the Accounts Commission report entitled “Auditing Best Value – a summary of the overall framework for our new approach”.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the contents of Audit Scotland’s BVARs on Renfrewshire, East Renfrewshire, Orkney Islands, West Lothian and Clackmannanshire Councils and take cognisance of the recommendations made in respect of each Council;
- (2) that it be noted officers are exploring Renfrewshire Council’s Tackling Poverty Programme with the aim of establishing how they may learn from that Council’s approach to this area of work; and
- (3) that the Committee note the feedback provided by local authorities (including Inverclyde) regarding the new approach to auditing Best Value.

213 Community Benefits Weightings 213

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources benchmarking the Council’s community benefits weighting with other Councils and determining if the evidence demonstrates an opportunity to increase the weighting.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the detail within the report and approve the continued use of a 10% community benefits weighting; and
- (2) that the Procurement Manager provide updates within future procurement reports on any changes requiring a review of the agreed percentage.

214 Proposed Investment in Digital Technologies 214

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer seeking approval for the upgrading and integration of the existing Customer Service Management (CSM) and associated systems.

Decided: that the Committee note the contents of the report and approve the investment of £145,000 funded from the Digital Access Earmarked Reserve for the upgrading and integration of the existing Customer Service Management (CSM) and associated systems.

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- 215 Policy & Resources Capital Programme 2017/2020 – Progress Report 215**
- 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 2017/2020 Capital Programme, the reported advancement and the progress on the specific projects detailed in the report and Appendix 1.
- 216 Capital Programme 2017/2020 216**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the latest position of the 2017/2020 Capital Programme.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the current position of the 2017/2020 Capital Programme of projected slippage of 4.51% (£1.452m); and
- (2) that the Committee note that decisions regarding the 2018/2021 Capital Programme taken by the Council on 15 March 2018 will be reflected in the report to the next meeting of the Committee.
- 217 Policy & Resources Committee Revenue Budget 2017/18 – Period 10 to 31 January 2018 217**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and the Chief Financial Officer on the 2017/18 projected out-turn for the Policy & Resources Committee as at Period 10 to 31 January 2018.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the 2017/18 projected underspend of £883,000 for the Policy & Resources Committee as at Period 10 to 31 January 2018; and
- (2) that the Committee note the projected fund balance of £9,520 for the Common Good Fund as at 31 March 2018.
- 218 General Fund Revenue Budget 2017/18 as at 31 January 2018 218**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the position of the General Fund Revenue Budget as at 31 January 2018 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 was considered at the meeting of the Council on 15 March 2018.
- 219 Welfare Reform Update 219**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on the latest position in respect of the Council's response to ongoing Welfare Reform changes.

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Decided: that the Committee note the latest developments in respect of Welfare Reform and the Council's response.

220 Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy – 2018/19 - 2021/22 220

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer seeking approval of the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2018/22, Treasury Policy Limits, a policy on the repayment of Loans Fund advances, the Council's Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators for the next 4 years and the List of Permitted Investments.

Decided: that the following, as outlined in the report, be remitted to the Inverclyde Council for approval:-

- (a) Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy;
- (b) Authorised Limits for 2018/22;
- (c) Treasury Management Policy Statement set out in paragraph 5.2 of the report;
- (d) Policy on repayment of Loans Fund advances set out in paragraph 8.2 of the report;
- (e) Treasury Policy Limits;
- (f) Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Indicators; and
- (g) List of Permitted Investments (including those for the Common Good Fund).

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)
Public Space CCTV Provision - Update	6, 8 & 9
John Wood Street, Port Glasgow – Lease Renewal Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee	2, 6 & 9
Proposed Disposal of Land at Upper Bow Road, Greenock to Registered Social Landlord	2, 6 & 9

221 Public Space CCTV Provision - Update 221

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the current position relative to the replacement of public space CCTV and requesting the Committee to agree a way forward.

There was circulated an amendment to the report including an additional recommendation.

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

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222 John Wood Street, Port Glasgow – Lease Renewal Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 222

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources requesting the Committee to consider a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 8 March 2018 relative to renewal of the lease of premises at John Wood Street, Port Glasgow.

Decided: that the Committee approve the continuing and increased funding from the Common Good Fund to meet the increased rental costs for the further 5 year period of the new lease of premises at John Wood Street, Port Glasgow.

223 Proposed Disposal of Land at Upper Bow Road, Greenock to Registered Social Landlord 223

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking authority for the disposal of land at Upper Bow Road, Greenock to a Registered Social Landlord.

Councillors Brooks and Curley declared a non-financial interest in this item as Board Members of a Registered Social Landlord. 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.

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 28 MARCH 2018

Environment & Regeneration Committee
Wednesday 28 March 2018 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Head of Legal & Property Services, Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services), Mr M Thomson (for Chief Financial Officer), Head of Regeneration & Planning 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.

224 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 224

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

225 Inverclyde Local Development Plan Proposed Plan 225

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan Proposed Plan and accompanying documents for public consultation, consideration of which had been continued from the meeting held on 8 March 2018 to enable an All Members' Briefing to be arranged prior to the special meeting of the Committee.

After discussion, Councillor McCabe moved that, for the following reasons:-

(a) Greenfield should be protected as far as possible and it is considered that there are other options within the Renfrewshire Housing Sub-Market to accommodate 75 units. It is also the case that 75 units would have a marginal impact on meeting the Renfrewshire Housing Sub-Market requirements;

(b) consideration of any release of greenfield land adjacent to Kilmacolm should only be justified by achieving wider community benefits for the area;

(c) housing development at the west of Quarry Drive site could compromise future necessary and critical land uses for Inverclyde involving potential expansion of the existing, adjacent Kilmacolm Cemetery; and

(d) the proposed plan does not make any provision for affordable housing in the villages of Inverclyde;

the site west of Quarry Drive should be deleted from Schedules 4 and 5 of the draft plan and the LDP and its supplementary guidance be otherwise approved for public consultation subject to the addition that any future greenfield site release in the villages of Inverclyde shall have a minimum 25% social rented allocation.

As an amendment, Councillor J McEleny moved that the Inverclyde Local Development Plan Proposed Plan and accompanying Supplementary Guidance be approved for public consultation.

On a vote, 2 Members, Councillors Brooks and J McEleny, voted for the amendment and 8 Councillors, Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Jackson, McCabe, McCormick and McKenzie, voted for the motion which was declared carried.

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Decided: that, for the following reasons:-

- (a) Greenfield should be protected as far as possible and it is considered that there are other options within the Renfrewshire Housing Sub-Market to accommodate 75 units. It is also the case that 75 units would have a marginal impact on meeting the Renfrewshire Housing Sub-Market requirements;
 - (b) consideration of any release of greenfield land adjacent to Kilmacolm should only be justified by achieving wider community benefits for the area;
 - (c) housing development at the west of Quarry Drive site could compromise future necessary and critical land uses for Inverclyde involving potential expansion of the existing, adjacent Kilmacolm Cemetery; and
 - (d) the proposed plan does not make any provision for affordable housing in the villages of Inverclyde;
- the site west of Quarry Drive should be deleted from Schedules 4 and 5 of the draft plan and the LDP and its supplementary guidance be otherwise approved for public consultation subject to the addition that any future greenfield site release in the villages of Inverclyde shall have a minimum 25% social rented allocation.

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 9 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

226 Glasgow City Region City Deal – Greenock Ocean Terminal

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the City Deal Greenock Ocean Terminal project and making recommendations in respect of the arrangements for the project. Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the Appendix.

PLANNING BOARD – 4 APRIL 2018

Planning Board

Wednesday 4 April 2018 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Crowther, Dorrian, J McEleny, McKenzie, McVey, Jackson (for Moran), Nelson and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor Nelson presided.

In attendance: Development & Building Standards Manager, Mr J Kerr (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Ms R McGhee and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Property Services).

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

227 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 227

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Clocherty, Councillor Moran, with Councillor Jackson substituting, Councillor Murphy and Councillor Wilson.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

228 PLANNING APPLICATION 228

**Proposed extension to rear of house:
60 Esplanade, Greenock (18/0018/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning regarding an application by Mr R Munro for proposed extension to the rear of the house at 60 Esplanade, Greenock (18/0018/IC).

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

- (1) that opaque glass shall be maintained within the windows so detailed on docquetted drawing 17_091_PL_003 in perpetuity, to ensure that the privacy of the neighbouring properties is safeguarded in perpetuity; and
- (2) that no development shall commence until samples of all external materials have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority; development thereafter shall proceed utilising the approved materials, unless the Planning Authority gives its prior written approval to any alternatives, to ensure a choice of external finishes appropriate to this part of the Greenock West End Conservation Area.

LOCAL REVIEW BODY – 4 APRIL 2018

Local Review BodyWednesday 4 April 2018 at 4pm

Present: Councillors Jackson (for Clocherty), Crowther, Dorrian, McKenzie, Nelson and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor Nelson presided.

In attendance: Mr A Williamson (Planning Adviser), Mr J Kerr (Legal Adviser) and Ms R McGhee and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Property Services).

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

229 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 229

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

230 PLANNING APPLICATION FOR REVIEW 230

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review of the refusal of planning permission for the construction of a single dwellinghouse on vacant land at Faulds Park Road, Gourrock (17/0208/IC), to enable the Local Review Body to consider the matter afresh.

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 would have a severe and detrimental impact on the SINC in terms of a reduction in biodiversity value both at an individual level as a woodland, and at a wider level as a wildlife corridor contrary to policies ENV1, ENV4 and ENV7 of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan;
 2. the tree removal resulting from the proposal would fail to safeguard Pritchard Wood which is a designated TPO, contrary to policy ENV6 of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan;
 3. the unacceptable loss of existing landscape features within the site together with lack of any detailed landscaping results in the proposal being contrary to Policy RES1 of the Local Development Plan;
 4. the removal of trees combined with the height of the proposed new house in an elevated position would result in an unexpected feature within Pritchard Wood, particularly during the winter months when the trees are not in leaf. This would be to the detriment of both the established character and amenity of the area and the amenity of the neighbouring residents, contrary to Policy RES1;
 5. the rear terraces of the proposed house by virtue of their location and size would allow the opportunity to undertake a range of functions over extensive periods of day and evening to an extent that the activity may impinge upon the enjoyment of

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neighbouring properties to the detriment of the amenity of neighbouring residents. As such the proposal is contrary to the advice and guidance within the Council's Planning Application Advice Note 5 together with Policy RES1 (a) of the Local Development Plan; and

6. the applicant has failed to demonstrate that the proposed house would not be impacted by noise from the industrial premises to the detriment of the amenity of the occupiers and that operation of the industrial premises would not be compromised due to the potential for disturbance to the occupiers of the proposed house.