

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 12 APRIL 2018

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 12 April 2018 at 4pm

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

Chair: Provost Brennan presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Head of Legal & Property Services, Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services), Chief Financial Officer, Ms S McAlees (for Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership), Head of Environmental & Public Protection, Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Communities, Head of Education, Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications and Corporate Communications Manager.

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Prior to commencement of the Council business Provost Brennan referred to the death on Tuesday 10 April of Wilma Bain, the Council's Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development after a long illness bravely fought.

The Provost paid tribute to Mrs Bain's professionalism and expertise in her various roles with Inverclyde Council and to her positive attitude throughout her illness and, on behalf of all Members and Officers, he extended his sincere condolences to Mrs Bain's husband and daughter.

The Council thereafter observed a minute's silence.

239 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 239

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Curley, C McEleny and Wilson.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

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

240 Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Sub-Committee – 22 February 2018 240

Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.

241 Inverclyde Council – 22 February 2018 241

Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.

242 Audit Committee – 27 February 2018 242

Approved on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi.

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243	Environment & Regeneration Committee – 8 March 2018	243
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
244	Education & Communities Committee – 13 March 2018	244
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245	Health & Social Care Committee – 14 March 2018	245
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.	
246	Inverclyde Council (Special) – 15 March 2018	246
	Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.	
247	Policy & Resources Committee – 27 March 2018	247
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
248	Environment & Regeneration Committee (Special) – 28 March 2018	248
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
249	Planning Board – 4 April 2018	249
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
250	Local Review Body – 4 April 2018	250
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
251	General Purposes Board – 11 April 2018	251
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
252	Women 50:50 Campaign – Taking Action on Women’s Under-Representation	252
	<p>There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting that the Council consider whether it would wish to support the Women 50:50 Campaign, the aim of which is to tackle women’s under-representation in Scotland’s Councils through (1) agreeing a motion of support and (2) using the “What Women Want” resource. The report advised that consideration of the matter had been continued from the meeting on 22 February 2018 to allow its referral to the Women’s Forum and to give the campaign representatives an opportunity to address an All Members’ Briefing Meeting.</p> <p>Following discussion, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Clocherty moved:</p> <p>(1) that the motion submitted by the Women 50:50 Campaign be supported in the following terms:</p> <p>“The council notes that women are under-represented across councils in Scotland and</p>	

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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"; and

(2) that the campaign be supported by use of the "What Women Want" resource.

As an amendment, Councillor Brooks moved that no action be taken. There being no seconder for Councillor Brooks's amendment, this then fell.

Decided:

(1) that the motion submitted by the Women 50:50 Campaign be supported in the following terms:

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Councillor Brooks asked that his dissent at this decision be recorded.

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Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 1 2018 – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 8 March 2018 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 1 2018.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 1 2018 and that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head

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of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

254 Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy – 2018/19 – 2021/22: Remit from Policy & Resources Committee 254

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Policy & Resources Committee of 27 March 2018 relative to the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2018/19 – 2021/22.

Decided: that approval be given to:

- (a) The Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy;
- (b) Authorised Limits for 2018/22;
- (c) The Treasury Management Policy Statement set out in paragraph 5.2 of the report to the Policy & Resources Committee;
- (d) The policy on repayment of Loans Fund advances set out in paragraph 8.2 of the report to the Policy & Resources Committee;
- (e) Treasury Policy Limits;
- (f) Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Indicators; and
- (g) The 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 for consideration of the following item 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.

Appendices to Minutes

255 Environment & Regeneration Committee – 8 March 2018 255

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.

256 Education & Communities Committee – 13 March 2018 256

Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.

257 Policy & Resources Committee - 27 March 2018 257

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.

258 Environment & Regeneration Committee (Special) – 28 March 2018 258

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.

259 General Purposes Board – 11 April 2018 259

Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.