

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 4 SEPTEMBER 2018

Education and Communities Committee

Tuesday 4 September 2018 at 2pm

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

Chair: Councillor Clocherty presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Communities, Service Manager (Community Learning & Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport), Mr I Cameron (for Chief Financial Officer), Education & Exchequer Finance Manager, Ms G Murphy (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services), Acting Head of Education, Property Services Manager, Early Years Manager, Corporate Policy & Partnership Manager and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

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

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor C McEleny, with Councillor Crowther substituting, and Rev D Burt.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 5 (Grants to Voluntary Organisations) – Councillor Robertson.

Agenda Item 6 (Under 19s Sports Grants 2018/19) – Councillor Curley.

Agenda Item 10 (Greenock Arts Guild Ltd: Beacon Construction: Update on Legal Claim) – Councillor Robertson.

Agenda Item 21 (Update on the Beacon Arts Centre: The Greenock Arts Guild Ltd) – Councillor Robertson.

Agenda Item 22 (Award of Contract for the Provision of Transport Needs for Children with Additional Support and/or Medical Needs for 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21) – Councillor McVey.

480 **Communities 2018/19 Revenue Budget – Period 3 to 30 June 2018**

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on (1) the final outturn of the 2017/18 Communities Revenue Budget and (2) the 2018/19 Revenue Budget position as at Period 3 to 30 June 2018.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the final outturn for the 2017/18 Communities Revenue Budget; and

(2) that the Committee note the current projected overspend of £33,000 for the 2018/19 Communities Revenue Budget as at Period 3 to 30 June 2018.

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- 481 Communities Capital Programme 2018/21 Progress 481**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Communities and the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the status of the projects forming the Communities Capital Programme 2018/21 and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the progress of the specific projects detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.
- 482 Libraries, Museums and Archives Service Annual Report 2017 – 2018 482**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Communities appending the Libraries, Museums and Archives Service Annual Report 2017 – 2018.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee endorse the Libraries, Museums and Archives Service Annual Report 2017 – 2018; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to the October meeting of the Committee on the timeline relative to the closure of the Heritage Hub and the opening of the refurbished McLean Museum and Art Gallery and any legacy issues arising from the operation of the Heritage Hub.
- 483 Grants to Voluntary Organisations 483**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) on the awards made to voluntary organisations by the Grants Sub-Committee on 20 June 2018 and (2) proposing a review of the process involved.
- Councillor Robertson declared a non-financial interest in this item due to an association with Inverclyde Youth Theatre and Thistle Theatre Company. She also formed the view that the nature of her interest and of the item of business did not preclude her continued presence in the Chamber or her participation in the decision-making process.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the awards granted to a range of community groups at the meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee on 20 June 2018; and
- (2) that it be remitted to Officers to carry out a review of the Grants to Voluntary Organisations (GTVO) process and to report further to the Committee in due course.
- 484 Under 19s Sports Grants 2018/19 484**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the awards made to under 19s sport groups by the Grants Sub-Committee on 26 June 2018.
- Councillor Curley declared a non-financial interest in this item due to an association with Inverclyde Archers. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision-making process.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the awards granted to a range of community sports groups at the meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee on 26 June 2018.

485 **Ward 7 Community Facilities Review**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) informing the Committee of the outcome of the recent community consultation and engagement exercise on the long term future of all Ward 7 community facilities (hubs) and (2) making recommendations with regard to the future operating model for these facilities based on the results of the community engagement exercise. There was also submitted an addendum relative to the survey results which showed, by percentage, all of those who expressed a first preference, all of those who expressed a second preference and all of those who expressed a third preference with the clear preference being for retention of the Grieve Road facility.

Following discussion, Councillor Murphy moved:

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted;
- (2) that it be agreed to close Paton Street and Fancy Farm community facilities as recommended in the report;
- (3) that it be agreed to invest in creating car parking capacity at Grieve Road Community Centre as recommended in the report and that, in addition, it be remitted to Officers to examine the potential for reconfiguring the facilities at the centre and carrying out internal decoration works;
- (4) that a report be submitted to the October meeting of the Committee on the consultations with the community with a view to establishing a constituted management committee for the Grieve Road Community Centre and that any management committee so established be consulted regarding the proposed works as set out in (3) above;
- (5) that a report be submitted to the October meeting of the Committee on the discussions which have taken place with Oak Tree Housing Association regarding a potential future asset transfer of the Paton Street facility; and
- (6) that the Policy & Resources Committee be requested to approve a one-off investment in respect of the proposals as set out in the proposals above.

As an amendment, Councillor McVey moved:

- (1) that it be remitted to officers to endeavour to establish a fully constituted management committee at the Grieve Road Community Centre as soon as possible and that should this not be successful, a report on progress be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee in order that the funding identified in the report can be relocated to the Paton Street Community Centre; and
- (2) that it be remitted to Officers to continue dialogue with Oak Tree Housing Association regarding the potential asset transfer of the Paton Street Community Centre to the Housing Association and that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee detailing how this transfer could be achieved and any associated costs to the Council.

On a vote, 5 Members, Councillors McVey, Quinn, Crowther, MacLeod and Robertson, voted in favour of the amendment and 6 Members, Provost Brennan and Councillors Clocherty, McCabe, Murphy, Wilson and Curley, voted in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted;
- (2) that it be agreed to close Paton Street and Fancy Farm community facilities as recommended in the report;
- (3) that it be agreed to invest in creating car parking capacity at Grieve Road Community Centre as recommended in the report and that in addition, it be remitted to

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Officers to examine the potential for reconfiguring the facilities at the Centre and carrying out internal decoration works;

(4) that a report be submitted to the October meeting of the Committee on the consultations with the community with a view to establishing a constituted management committee for the Grieve Road Community Centre and that any management committee so established be consulted regarding the proposed works as set out in (3) above;

(5) that a report be submitted to the October meeting of the Committee on the discussions which have taken place with Oak Tree Housing Association regarding a potential future asset transfer of the Paton Street facility; and

(6) that the Policy & Resources Committee be requested to approve a one-off investment in respect of the proposals set out in the decisions above.

Councillors McCabe and Murphy left the meeting at this juncture.

486 Installation of a Memorial Window in the McLean Museum and Art Gallery 486

There was submitted a report by the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Communities seeking approval for the installation of a commemorative stained glass window in the McLean Museum and Art Gallery to recognise Inverclyde's involvement and sacrifice in the Dardanelles Campaign of World War I.

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

Decided:

(1) that the Committee give its agreement to the proposed installation of a commemorative stained glass window in the McLean Museum and Art Gallery; and

(2) that the proposal be referred for approval to the Inverclyde Council as Trustees of the Watt Institution.

487 Inverclyde PREVENT Strategy and Guidance - Update 487

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) updating the Committee on additional information to be included in the Inverclyde PREVENT Strategy and Guidance remitted from the Policy & Resources Committee on 22 May 2018 and (2) advising of the feasibility of third sector partner organisations being supported to access e-learning training resources as recommended by the Policy & Resources Committee.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note that access to the PREVENT e-learning training resources for third sector colleagues is a feasible proposal;

(2) that the PREVENT strategy and guidance be amended to take account of the proportionate training proposals to support third sector workers and volunteers working with vulnerable people; and

(3) that two members of the CLD team be trained to deliver the e-learning training resource to identified third sector workers and volunteers as required.

The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Committee to consider whether it would wish to participate in the National Emergency Services Day before the proposed date of 9 September. This

was agreed unanimously.

488 Emergency Services Day – 999 Day – 9 September

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications (1) advising the Committee of National Emergency Services Day on 9 September and (2) seeking approval for the Council to fly a specially designed flag to commemorate the work undertaken by the emergency services.

Decided: that the Committee support Emergency Services Day on 9 September and approve the flying of a flag above the Council's Headquarters on Emergency Services Day annually

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 the heading to each item.

Item	Paragraph(s)
Greenock Arts Guild Ltd: Beacon Construction: Update on Legal Claim	6 and 12
Update on the Beacon Arts Centre: Greenock Arts Guild Ltd	6

489 Greenock Arts Guild Ltd: Beacon Construction: Update on Legal Claim

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services providing an update on the legal advice obtained by Greenock Arts Guild Ltd (GAG) relative to the litigation matter in respect of the Beacon development.

Councillor Robertson declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Member of the Board of Greenock Arts Guild Ltd. She also formed the view that the nature of her interest and of the item of business did not preclude her continued presence in the Chamber or her participation in the decision-making process.

The Committee agreed to note the position and authorise action all as detailed in the appendix.

490 Update on the Beacon Arts Centre: Greenock Arts Guild Ltd

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the Beacon Arts Centre/Greenock Arts Guild Ltd (GAG) as part of the Council's commitment to reporting on the governance of external organisations.

Councillor Robertson declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Member of the Board of Greenock Arts Guild Ltd. She also formed the view that the nature of her interest and of the item of business did not preclude her continued presence in the Chamber or her participation in the decision-making process.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the progress made by the Beacon Arts Centre/Greenock Arts Guild since the previous report to the Committee in January 2018; and

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(2) that it be agreed that a further progress report be submitted to the Committee in January 2019.

The Communities business concluded at 4pm. The Committee commenced consideration of the Education items of business at 4.10pm with Mrs Gilpin, Ms McEwan and Ms McMillan joining the meeting.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Convener welcomed to the meeting Mr Stephen Parsons, who had recently been appointed as the Acting Head of Education and Mr Gary Johnstone, Education Scotland.

491 Clyde Conversations 2018

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) advising the Committee of the success of #ClydeConversations3, (2) appending an evaluation report from the event and (3) informing the Committee of the next steps for the follow up event in November 2018.

Corey Beaton and Megan Quinn, two of the young people involved in the Clyde Conversations Steering Group were present along with Jack Kinnimouth, CLD Worker and they addressed the Committee relative to the event and answered a number of questions from Members.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the contents of the report and the evaluation report and action plan;

(2) that the Committee acknowledge the success of #ClydeConversations3; and

(3) that the Committee endorse the proposals for the follow-up event in November 2018.

492 Education 2018/19 Revenue Budget – Period 3 to 30 June 2018

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on (1) the final outturn of the 2017/18 Education Revenue Budget and (2) the 2018/19 Revenue Budget position as at Period 3 to 30 June 2018.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the final outturn of the 2017/18 Education Revenue Budget;

(2) that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £82,000 for the 2018/19 Education Revenue Budget as at Period 3 to 30 June 2018; and

(3) that the Committee approve the virement of £30,000 as set out in Paragraph 8.1 and Appendix 5 of the report.

493 Education Capital Programme 2018 – 2021 Progress

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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.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the progress of the specific projects detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;

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(2) that the Committee approve the following in respect of the Gourrock Primary School extension project:

(a) change to the scope of the project including the revised budget allocation and utilisation of the overall Capital Programme contingency/lifecycle fund allocation as outlined in Section 7.2; and

(b) the issue of tenders for the project and the granting of delegated authority to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender provided the cost is within the revised budget allocation for the project.

494 Education, Communities & Organisational Development Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan Review 494

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the annual review of the Education, Communities & Organisational Development Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan (CDIP).

Decided:

(1) that the Committee approve the refreshed Education, Communities & Organisational Development CDIP 2016/19;

(2) that it be noted that the refreshed Education, Communities & Organisational Development CDIP and Environment, Regeneration & Resources CDIP will be submitted to the Policy & Resources Committee for approval on 18 September 2018; and

(3) that it be noted that a new three year Education, Communities & Organisational Development CDIP will be submitted to this Committee in May 2019.

495 Three Year Plan for Co-ordinating Community Learning & Development in Inverclyde – 2018/21 495

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval for the publication of the three year plan 2018/21 for the co-ordination of Community Learning and Development (CLD) in Inverclyde.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee approve the three year plan 2018/21 for the co-ordination of Community Learning and Development in Inverclyde;

(2) that the Committee approve the publication of the three year plan in line with the guidance issued by Education Scotland; and

(3) that otherwise, the contents of the report be noted.

496 Year of Young People 2018 – Update on Inverclyde Plan 496

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) providing an update on the progress made in relation to Inverclyde's Year of Young People 2018 Plan and (2) informing Members of the planned activities for the remainder of the year.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the progress made to date on the actions outlined in Inverclyde's Year of Young People 2018 Plan;

(2) that the Committee note the planned activities and events due to take place before the end of the year;

(3) that an evaluation report on the Year of Young People be submitted to the

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Committee by February 2019; and

(4) that otherwise, the contents of the report be noted.

497 Inverclyde Education Services: Parental Engagement Strategy 2018 - 2021 497

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking the Committee's approval for the use of the Parental Engagement Strategy appended to the report across all areas of Education.

Decided: that the Committee approve the proposed Parental Engagement Strategy 2018 – 2021 as set out in the appendix to the report.

Councillor McCabe left the meeting at this juncture.

498 Action Taken to Finalise the Mapping of School Catchment Areas 498

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development informing the Committee of minor corrective steps undertaken at Dunnet Place, Greenock to finalise the school catchment area map for the Inverclyde website.

Decided: that the Committee note the action taken to ensure that Dunnet Place, Greenock is mapped to the correct catchment area.

499 School Term Dates – Session 2019/20 499

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval for setting the school term dates for the session 2019/20.

The Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advised the Committee that the closing date for schools in the second term should be Thursday 2 April 2020 rather than Friday as set out in the report.

Decided: that the Committee approve the term dates for 2019/20 as set out in Appendix 1, it being noted that the closing date for schools in the second term is Thursday 2 April 2020.

Councillor Wilson left the meeting at this juncture.

500 Access to Free Sanitary Products in Schools 500

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the implementation of the Scottish Government commitment to provide free access to sanitary products in schools and community facilities.

Decided:

(1) that the Council support the commitment to roll out access to free sanitary products across schools and colleges including access to sanitary products during term time at weekends and during the holiday periods; and

(2) that a report be submitted to the Committee in due course on the uptake of the provision and any impact on attendance rates.

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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 the heading to each item.

Item	Paragraph(s)
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Award of Contracts for the Provision of Transport for Children with Additional Support and/or Medical Needs for 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21	6 & 8
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Early Learning and Childcare, 1140 Hours: Gourock YAC Building	2, 6 & 9
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501	Award of Contracts for the Provision of Transport for Children with Additional Support and/or Medical Needs for 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21	501
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There was submitted a report by the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Communities advising the Committee of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to accept tenders for transport facilities for children with additional support and/or medical needs for school sessions 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21.

Councillor McVey declared a non-financial interest in this item as the holder of a taxi operator's licence within Inverclyde. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision-making process.

Decided: that the Committee note the use of the emergency powers procedure to accept tenders for transport facilities for children with additional support and/or medical needs for schools sessions 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

502	Early Learning and Childcare, 1140 Hours: Gourock YAC Building	502
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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on (1) the lease arrangements relative to the Gourock YAC building and (2) the implications of the proposals to increase early learning and childcare to 1140 hours on the operation of the football club at that location, as requested by the Committee at its meeting on 19 June 2018.

The Committee agreed to note the position and authorise action, all as detailed in the appendix.