

EDUCATION & COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 30 OCTOBER 2018

Education & Communities Committee

Tuesday 30 October 2018 at 2pm

Present: Councillors Moran (for Provost Brennan), Clocherty, Curley, MacLeod, McCabe, Crowther (for C McEleny), McVey, Murphy, Quinn, Robertson and Wilson, Rev. F Donaldson, Rev. D Burt and Mrs F Gilpin, Church Representatives 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, Service Manager (Libraries, Education Development & Arts), Ms G Murphy (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services), Acting Head of Education and Property Services Manager.

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

631 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 631

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Provost Brennan, with Councillor Moran substituting, Councillor C McEleny, with Councillor Crowther substituting, and Ms A McMillan.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 4 (Governance of Community Halls) – Councillors Curley, Moran and Wilson.

Agenda Item 6 (Heritage Hub Timeline) – Councillors Moran and Quinn.

632 Communities 2018/19 Revenue Budget – Period 5 to 31 August 2018 632

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the position of the 2018/19 Communities Revenue Budget as at Period 5 to 31 August 2018.

Decided:

- (1) that the current projected overspend of £13,000 in the 2018/19 Communities Revenue Budget as at Period 5 to 31 August 2018 be noted;
- (2) that it be noted that the projected overspend in the Communities Revenue Budget is being contained within the overall Education & Communities Directorate; and
- (3) that it be noted that a report on options to address the shortfall in Whinhill Golf Course income will be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

633 Communities Capital Programme 2018 – 2021 - Progress 633

There was submitted a report by the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Communities and Chief Financial Officer (1) on the status of the projects forming the Communities Capital Programme 2018/21 and (2) highlighting the overall financial

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position.

Decided: that the progress of the specific projects detailed in Appendix 1 of the report be noted.

634 Governance of Community Halls

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Communities (1) advising the Committee of the current arrangements for the governance of community halls managed on behalf of the Council by Inverclyde Leisure and local community groups and (2) outlining proposals to achieve a consistency of approach to governance across all of Inverclyde's community assets by taking account of advice published in Audit Scotland's report into the management of Arm's-Length External Organisations (ALEOs).

Councillor Moran declared a non-financial interest in this item as a member of Boglestone Community Association and Councillors Curley and Wilson declared non-financial interests as members of both Boglestone Community Association and Kilmacolm Community Centre Co Ltd. All 3 Members formed the view that the nature of their interests 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 issues identified in the report around the current governance model for self-managed community facilities be noted;
- (2) that agreement be given to the amendments to the governance model for self-managed community facilities as outlined in Section 7 of the report;
- (3) that it be agreed to undertake a review of the outlined governance arrangements to develop a model that is proportionate, coherent and provides a consistency of approach; and
- (4) that a report be submitted to the Committee on Inverclyde Leisure's support and promotion of community centres in Inverclyde.

635 Crawl Space Access to Inverclyde Academy Pitches

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) providing an update on the provision of a crawl hole at Inverclyde Academy 3G pitch following a one year trial and (2) advising the Committee of one significant incident of vandalism to the pitch during that period.

Following discussion, Councillor Clocherty moved:-

- (1) that the trial of a crawl hole at the Inverclyde Academy 3G pitch be extended for a 6 month period with the proviso that the trial can be suspended in the event of any further significant damage to the pitch; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to the Committee in due course reviewing the position of all pitches within Inverclyde and their suitability for community use.

As an amendment, Councillor Wilson moved that there be no extension to the trial of the crawl hole at Inverclyde Academy 3G pitch and that use of the crawl hole cease immediately.

On a vote, 1 Member, Councillor Wilson, voted in favour of the amendment, and 10 Members, Councillors Clocherty, McCabe, Moran, Murphy, McVey, Quinn, Crowther, Curley, MacLeod and Robertson, voted in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

Decided:

- (1) that the trial of a crawl hole at the Inverclyde Academy 3G pitch be extended for a 6 month period with the proviso that the trial can be suspended in the event of any

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further significant damage to the pitch; and

(2) that a report be submitted to the Committee in due course reviewing the position of all pitches within Inverclyde and their suitability for community use.

636 Ward 7 Community Facilities Review
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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing the Committee with an update on progress in relation to (a) consultations with the community with a view to establishing a constituted management committee for the Grieve Road Community Centre (b) progress with the potential for reconfiguring the facilities at the Centre and carrying out internal decoration works and (c) discussions which have taken place with Oak Tree Housing Association regarding a potential future asset transfer of the Paton Street facility.

Councillor McVey moved that Standing Orders be suspended to allow the Committee to reconsider the decision made at its meeting on 4 September 2018 with a view to re-opening the Paton Street Community Facility and investing in the upgrading of the facility. 6 Members, Councillors McVey, Quinn, Crowther, Curley, MacLeod and Robertson, voted in favour of the suspension of Standing Orders. This number did not achieve the two thirds of Members present and voting required for the motion to be successful.

Decided:

(1) that the position regarding the establishing of a management committee for the Grieve Road Community Facility be noted;

(2) that the reconfiguring of the layout of Grieve Road Community Facility be noted; and

(3) that the discussions with Oak Tree Housing regarding a future potential asset transfer of the Paton Street Community Facility be noted.

637 Heritage Hub Timeline
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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development informing the Committee of the timescales in respect of the closure of the temporary 'pop up' library, archive and museum in Cathcart Street (the Heritage Hub), the reinstatement of the Watt Library, Inverclyde Archives and the McLean Museum and Art Gallery in the Watt Complex in Kelly Street and the re-opening of the latter building to the public.

Councillor Moran declared a non-financial interest in this item as a patron of the Dardanelles Window Fundraising Committee and Councillor Quinn declared a non-financial interest as the Chair of Gourrock Heritage and Arts. Both Members formed the view that the nature of their interests 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 likely timescales for the closure of the Heritage Hub, the reinstatement of the Watt Library, Inverclyde Archives and McLean Museum and Art Gallery and the re-opening of the Watt Complex to the public; and

(2) that the report be referred to the Inverclyde Council as Trustees of the Watt Institution for approval of the proposals in respect of the Watt Complex.

Councillor Wilson left the meeting at this juncture.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act

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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 paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

638 Branchton Community Centre – Update on Progress 638

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the position relative to Branchton Community Centre and the Committee agreed to note the information provided in the report with a further update being provided to the next meeting, all as detailed in the appendix.

The Communities business concluded at 3.55pm. The Committee commenced consideration of the Education items of business at 4.00pm with Rev. Donaldson, Rev. Burt, Mrs Gilpin and Ms McEwan joining the meeting. All of the Elected Members returned to the meeting with the exception of Councillor Murphy.

639 Education Scotland Report on Gourock Primary School 639

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising the Committee of the Education Scotland external inspection of Gourock Primary School. The report advised that in relation to the Indicators of Quality, Education Scotland had assessed the school as excellent for Leadership of Change and Ensuring Wellbeing, Equality and Inclusion and very good for Learning, Teaching and Assessment and Raising Attainment and Achievement. The Committee heard from the Head Teacher, Ms Patricia Robertson, in relation to the inspection report and inspection process along with four Primary 6 and 7 pupils who also answered questions from Members.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the Education Scotland report on Gourock Primary School; and
- (2) that the Committee's congratulations be extended to all staff and pupils for the results achieved.

640 October 2018 Progress Report following Education Scotland's May 2016 Inspection of Craigmarloch School 640

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the progress being made within Craigmarloch School in response to the Education Scotland inspection report published in May 2016

Decided:

- (1) that the further progress made since the previous report to the September 2017 meeting of the Committee be noted; and
- (2) that it be agreed that as officers are fully satisfied with the improvements made by the school, there is no requirement for further reporting to the Committee.

641 Education 2018/19 Revenue Budget – Period 5 to 31 August 2018 641

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the position of the 2018/19

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Education Revenue Budget as at Period 5 to 31 August 2018.

Decided: that the current projected underspend of £90,000 in the 2018/19 Education Revenue Budget as at Period 5 to 31 August 2018 be noted.

642 Education Capital Programme 2018 – 2021 - Progress 642

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) on the status of the projects forming the Education Capital Programme and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.

Decided: that the progress of the specific projects detailed in appendix 1 be noted.

643 Update on the Glasgow City Region Improvement Collaborative: Phase 2 Improvement Plan 643

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

Decided: that the progress to date with the West Partnership's Phase 2 Improvement Plan be noted.

644 Pregnancy and Parenthood in Young People Strategy - Improvement Plan 644

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) informing the Committee of the local implementation of the Scottish Government's Pregnancy and Parenthood in Young People Strategy and (2) requesting endorsement of the proposed direction of travel adopted in the associated Improvement Plan for a community planning approach.

Decided:

(1) that the contents of the report (1) and the final draft of the local Improvement Plan be endorsed; and

(2) that it be agreed that, once approved, the Plan be submitted to the Inverclyde Alliance for final approval.

645 Inverclyde Secondary Schools Health and Wellbeing Survey 645

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) advising the Committee of the Inverclyde Secondary Schools Health and Wellbeing survey and (2) seeking approval of the direction of travel as set out in the report.

Decided:

(1) that the contents of the report and the direction of travel detailed therein be approved; and

(2) that progress reports be submitted to the Committee when available.

646 Active Schools Performance – August 2018 646

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development informing the Committee of the Active Schools Team performance in the school year 2017-18.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

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- 647 English for Speakers of Another Language (ESOL) - Update 647**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an overview of English for Speakers of Another Language (ESOL) provision within Inverclyde, including the impact on the refugee ESOL learners attending community based provision within Community Learning and Development.
- Decided:** that the ESOL provision as set out in the report be endorsed.
- 648 Update on the Use of the Pupil Equity Fund 648**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the use of the Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) within Inverclyde Schools.
- Decided:** that the contents of the report be noted.
- 649 Online School Payments – Moving Towards a Cashless Environment in Inverclyde Schools 649**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval to remove cash payments for school meals, and school trips as appropriate, from primary schools starting on 19 August 2019.
- Decided:**
- (1) that approval be given to the removal of cash payments for school meals, and school trips as appropriate, from primary schools starting on 19 August 2019; and
- (2) that it be noted that a review of secondary school ParentPay usage will be carried out during session 2018/19 to assess the feasibility of moving to a cashless environment and that the outcome of the review will be submitted to the Committee for consideration.
- 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 & 8 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.**
- 650 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive – St Mary’s Primary School Refurbishment and Extension 650**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and Chief Financial Officer advising the Committee of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive (emergency powers) to issue an instruction in respect of the acceptance of the most economically advantageous tender for the comprehensive refurbishment and extension of St Mary’s Primary School.
- Decided:** that the use of the emergency powers procedure be noted.