

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 27 NOVEMBER 2018

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Tuesday 27 November 2018 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Head of Legal & Property Services, Mr A McClintock and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Property Services), Ms M McCabe and Mr M Thomson (for Chief Financial Officer), Head of Regeneration & Planning, Head of Environmental & Public Protection, Mr K Lang and Mr D Hall (Environmental & Public Protection) and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

683 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 683

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Jackson, with Councillor Dorrian substituting.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 2 (Inverclyde Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2019-2024) – Councillors Brooks and Curley.

Agenda Item 6 (King George VI Building – 9-11 King Street, Port Glasgow) – Councillor McKenzie.

Agenda Item 8 (Review of Riverside Inverclyde) – Councillors Clocherty, Curley, McKenzie and Nelson.

684 Inverclyde Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2019-2024 684

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for the new annual Inverclyde Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) covering the period 2019-2024 to be submitted to the Scottish Government.

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

Reference was made to a site within the Strategic Housing Investment Plan in relation to its availability for affordable housing. As discussion on this matter would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, it was agreed that this be considered further in private session.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee approve the Strategic Housing Investment Plan for the five year period 2019-2024 for submission to the Scottish Government as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;

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- (2) that the Committee note the projects included in the Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2019-2024 as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (3) that a report on a specific site be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee, all as detailed in the appendix.

685 Residual Waste Strategy – Procurement Rationale 685

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) providing an update on the procurement rationale with regard to the biodegradable municipal waste landfill ban to come into effect in 2021 and (2) seeking approval to progress a collaborative procurement for residual waste disposal services for Inverclyde Council, West Dunbartonshire Council and the Lomond and Helensburgh area of Argyll & Bute Council.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the report and procurement rationale in respect of the future residual waste strategy;
- (2) that the Committee agree that the Council participate in the procurement of residual waste disposal services in collaboration with West Dunbartonshire Council and Argyll & Bute Council; and
- (3) that the Committee note that should the projected costs exceed existing budgets, this will be reported back to the Committee prior to the Council formally agreeing to participate in the collaborative contract.

686 City Region Tourism Strategy 686

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisation Development, Policy & Communications informing the Committee of plans for tourism development collaboration across the city region through the Glasgow City Region tourism strategy and action plan.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the content of the Glasgow City Region tourism strategy and action plan as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (2) that the Committee note the commitment to work collaboratively across the region towards increasing visitors in the City Region area.

687 Brexit Preparedness – Current Situation 687

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on Brexit preparations relevant to Inverclyde Council.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the work ongoing regarding Brexit with COSLA, Glasgow City Region and Audit Scotland and the potential implications for the Council; and
- (2) that the Committee note that a further report will be submitted to its scheduled meeting in January 2019.

688 King George VI Building – 9-11 King Street, Port Glasgow 688

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) updating the Committee on the proposal to refurbish the King George VI

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building and (2) seeking approval to utilise the residual Council funding with the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund, if awarded, to progress the Phase 2 refurbishment. Councillor McKenzie declared a non-financial interest in this item as a member of the King George VI Building Steering Group. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision-making process.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current position with regard to the Stage 2 funding application; and
 (2) that the Committee approve the use of the residual Council funding of £470,000 to part fund the project estimated at £1,435,000.

689 Access to Carriageway for Contractors**689**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on recent developments relative to implementing measures which would allow contractors using the Town Hall access to the carriageway underneath the Municipal Buildings.

Decided: that the Committee note that, having taken advice from the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service regarding proposals to allow access to the carriageway for contractors using the Town Hall, Officers are unable to facilitate such a provision on the grounds of fire safety.

The Committee went into recess at 4.05pm to allow Members to read the Appendix to Item 7 (Inchgreen Strategic Business Case) and reconvened at 4.25pm.

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)
Inverclyde Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2018-2024 – Further Consideration of Particular Site	6 & 8
Inchgreen – City Deal Strategic Business Case	6, 8 & 9
Review of Riverside Inverclyde	1, 6 & 8

690 Inchgreen – City Deal Strategic Business Case**690****C**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking Committee approval to submit a revised Strategic Business Case for Inchgreen to the City Deal Cabinet. Following a vote, the Committee agreed to take the actions as recommended, all as detailed in the Appendix. Following a referral in terms of Standing Orders, this decision was remitted to the Inverclyde Council for confirmation.

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691 Review of Riverside Inverclyde**691**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on the review of Riverside Inverclyde.

Councillors Clocherty, McKenzie and Nelson declared a non-financial interest in this item as Board Members of Riverside Inverclyde. Councillor Curley also declared a non-financial interest in this item as the organiser of a sporting event 'Port Glasgow 10K' which received a £250 grant from RI. All 4 Members 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.

In relation to this item, Officers undertook to submit a public report to the next scheduled meeting of the Committee.

Following a vote, the Committee agreed to note the key findings of the review and to take actions in principle on the review, all as detailed in the Appendix.