

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 29 NOVEMBER 2018

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 29 November 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, Nelson, Quinn, Rebecchi and Wilson.

Chair: Provost Brennan presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, 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, Mr J Douglas, Ms S Lang, Ms K Macvey and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Property Services), Chief Financial Officer, Head of Children's Services & Criminal Justice (Chief Social Work Officer), Head of Health & Community Care, Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications, Head of Regeneration & Planning, Corporate Policy, Performance & Partnership Manager and Corporate Communications Manager.

698 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 698

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

699 Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report 2017/18 699

There was submitted a report by the Chief Social Work Officer for Inverclyde Council (1) on the contents of her Annual Report 2017/18 and (2) seeking approval for its submission to the Office of the Chief Social Work Adviser to the Scottish Government. (Councillor Nelson entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the Inverclyde Chief Social Work Officer Report for 2017/18 be noted and that approval be given for its submission to the Office of the Chief Social Work Adviser to the Scottish Government; and
- (2) that the Council's appreciation be conveyed to all staff involved.

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

700 Appointment Panel – Head of Education – 11 September 2018 700

Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.

701 Appointment Panel – Head of Education – 26 September 2018 701

Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.

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702	Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee – 27 September 2018	702
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McVey.	
703	The Inverclyde Council – 27 September 2018	703
	Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.	
704	Audit Committee – 9 October 2018	704
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi.	
705	General Purposes Board – 10 October 2018	705
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
706	Health & Social Care Committee – 11 October 2018	706
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.	
707	Environment & Regeneration Committee – 25 October 2018	707
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
708	Education & Communities Committee – 30 October 2018	708
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
709	Local Review Body – 7 November 2018	709
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Nelson.	
710	Policy & Resources Committee – 13 November 2018	710
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
711	General Purposes Board – 14 November 2018	711
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
712	Environment & Regeneration Committee (Special) – 27 November 2018	712
	Councillor McCormick seconded by Councillor Clocherty moved approval of the minute as a correct record and confirmation of the decision at paragraph 670 (Inchgreen - City Deal Strategic Business Case) as minuted. This was agreed unanimously. Decided: that the minute be approved.	

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- 713 Equal Pay – Notice of Motion by Councillor Quinn 713**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a Notice of Motion by Councillor Quinn, countersigned by Councillor Ahlfeld, submitted in terms of Standing Order 22 in the following amended terms:
 “For a number of years there have been discussions and debates relating to equal pay deliberations for a small number of clerical assistants in our local schools. We request that the matter be referred to the next scheduled meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee to allow assessment of new information recently received in relation to the claims and to consider the making of payments thereafter.”
Decided: that the Notice of Motion by Councillor Quinn, as amended, be agreed.
- 714 Humanity & Inclusion’s Stop Bombing Civilians Campaign – Request by Councillor MacLeod 714**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a request received from Councillor MacLeod for the Council to support Humanity & Inclusion’s campaign to stop bombs being dropped on civilian populations which would include having a photograph taken beside the organisation’s poster.
Decided: that it be agreed to support Humanity & Inclusion’s Stop Bombing Civilians Campaign.
- 715 Financial Strategy 2018/2026 - Update 715**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer appending the updated Financial Strategy for review and approval by the Council.
 There was circulated to Members, amended Appendix 12 to the report.
 (Councillor Wilson left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
Decided: that approval be given to the latest revision of the Financial Strategy as set out in the report and appendices, as amended.
- 716 Statutory Review of Polling Scheme 716**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (1) advising Members of the need to carry out a statutory review of the Council’s Polling Scheme and (2) requesting approval of the draft Polling Scheme detailed in Appendix 3 and the associated timescale detailed in Appendix 1.
Decided:
 (1) that the requirement to undertake a review of the Polling Scheme between 1 October 2018 and 31 January 2020 be noted;
 (2) that approval be given to the timetable relating to the statutory review of the Polling Scheme outlined in Appendix 1; and
 (3) that approval be given to the draft Polling Scheme forming Appendix 3 and that the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to carry out consultations in relation to the draft Scheme.

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- 717 Standard Commission’s Hearing: Councillor Rebecchi 717**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services notifying the Council of the Standard Commission’s Hearing on 21 September 2018 relative to a complaint about Councillor Rebecchi.
(Councillor Wilson returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
Decided: that the Standard Commission’s Hearing decision relative to Councillor Rebecchi be noted.
- 718 Response to Local Governance Review 2018 718**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications setting out the Council’s proposed response to the Local Governance Review as requested by the Scottish Government.
Decided:
(1) that the key themes and outcomes to emerge from the workshop consultation be noted; and
(2) that approval be given to the Inverclyde Council Local Governance Review response and key themes set out in paragraph 5.1 of the report.
- 719 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Shore Road, Wemyss Bay (Designated Parking Places and Waiting Restrictions) Order 2018: Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 719**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 25 October 2018 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Shore Road, Wemyss Bay (Designated Parking Places and Waiting Restrictions) Order 2018.
Decided: that approval be given to the making of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Shore Road, Wemyss Bay (Designated Parking Places and Waiting Restrictions) Order 2018 and that the Head of Environmental & Public Protection and the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.
- 720 Treasury Management – Mid-Year Report 2018/19: Remit from Policy & Resources Committee 720**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Policy & Resources Committee of 13 November 2018 requesting approval of the Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2018/19.
Decided: that approval be given to the Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2018/19.
- 721 Watt Complex: Remit from Education & Communities Committee 721**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Education & Communities Committee of 30 October 2018 requesting the Council, as Trustees of the Watt Institution, to approve arrangements in relation to 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.

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Decided: that the Council, as Trustees of the Watt Institution, approve the proposals set out in the report in relation to the Watt Complex.

722 Trust Funds Annual Accounts 2017-18 722

There was submitted a report by the Honorary Treasurer requesting the Council, as Trustees, to adopt the examined Annual Accounts of the Birkmyre Trust and Watt Institution Trust Fund.

Decided: that the Council, as Trustees, approve the Annual Accounts of the Birkmyre Trust and Watt Institution Trust Fund for the year ended 31 March 2018.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that it contained exempt information as defined in the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as detailed in the relevant minute.

Appendices to Minutes

723 Appointment Panel – Head of Education – 11 September 2018 723

Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.

724 Appointment Panel – Head of Education – 26 September 2018 724

Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.

725 Environment & Regeneration Committee – 25 October 2018 725

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.

726 Education & Communities Committee – 30 October 2018 726

Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.

727 General Purposes Board – 14 November 2018 727

Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.

728 Environment & Regeneration Committee (Special) – 27 November 2018 728

Councillor McCormick seconded by Councillor Clocherty moved approval of the appendix to the minute as a correct record and confirmation of the decision at paragraph 670 (Inchgreen – City Deal Strategic Business Case) as minuted. This was agreed unanimously.

Decided: that the appendix to the minute be approved.