

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 17 JANUARY 2019

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 17 January 2019 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty, Curley, 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, Technical Services Manager, Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services), Ms M McCabe (for Chief Financial Officer), Head of Service - Roads & Transportation, Head of Environmental & Public Protection, Service Manager (Roads), Environmental Services Manager, Service Manager (Public Protection), Public Protection Manager, Head of Regeneration & Planning, Head of Mental Health, Addictions & Homelessness and Corporate Procurement Manager.

Prior to the commencement of business, Councillor McCormick welcomed Ms Gail MacFarlane, Head of Service – Roads & Transportation to the meeting.

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

25 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 25

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 3 (Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2020/21 – Progress) – Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty, J McEleny and McKenzie;
 Agenda Item 6 (Review of Riverside Inverclyde) – Councillors Clocherty, McKenzie and Nelson;
 Agenda Item 19 (Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan) – Councillors Brooks and Curley;
 Agenda Item 20 (Registration of Private Landlords – Progress Update) – Councillor Curley;
 Agenda Item 24 (Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report: Update on Current Actions) – Councillors Brooks and Curley;
 Agenda Item 27 (Property Asset Management Report) – Councillors Brooks and Curley;
 and
 Agenda Item 28 (Review of Riverside Inverclyde) – Councillors Clocherty, McKenzie and Nelson.

26 Environment & Regeneration Revenue Budget 2018/19 – Period 7 (31 October 2018) 26

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising the Committee of the 2018/19 Revenue Budget Position as at Period 7 to 31 October 2018.

Decided: that the current projected underspent of £12,000 for 2018/19 as at 31

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October 2018 be noted.

27 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2020/21 – Progress 27

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) providing an update on the status of the projects within the Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.

Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty and J McEleny declared a non-financial interest in this item as Board Members of Inverclyde Leisure. Councillor McKenzie also declared an interest as a member of the King George VI Strategy Committee. All five 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 current position of the 2018/21 Capital Programme and the progress of the specific projects detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 be noted;
- (2) that it be noted that the costs in connection with the additional works for the District Court Room restoration are likely to increase and additional funding will be required and that this will be reported in due course;
- (3) that the further allocation of funding from the 2019/20 Core Property allocation to address the continuation of the general fabric upgrade of the Greenock Municipal Buildings be noted and approved; and
- (4) that the current City Deal progress detailed in paragraph 7 and Appendix 3 be noted.

28 Environment, Regeneration & Resources CDIP Performance Report 28

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on progress towards the achievement of key objectives as set out in the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan (CDIP) 2016/19.

Decided:

- (1) that it be noted that the report reflects the progress made by the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Directorate in delivering their key improvement actions and performance targets as detailed in the Environment, Regeneration & Resources CDIP; and
- (2) that it be noted that a new three year CDIP from 2019 to 2022 will be presented to the Committee for approval.

29 Policy on Safer Streets – Request by Councillor C McEleny 29

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a request received from Councillor C McEleny that it be remitted to Officers to draft a policy to support the implementation of “Safer Streets”, Safer Streets to be places which encourage walking and cycling and where private cars cease to be dominant with prioritisation for action to be community driven to improve the street environment as opposed to being a response to historical accidents.

Decided: that it be remitted to Officers to draft a policy to support the implementation of “Safer Streets”.

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- 30 Review of Riverside Inverclyde 30**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on the outcome of a Board meeting of Riverside Inverclyde on 13 December 2018 at which proposals agreed by the Committee at its meeting on 27 November 2018 were considered.
- Councillors Clocherty, McKenzie and Nelson declared a non-financial interest in this item as Board Members of Riverside Inverclyde. 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.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the consideration by the Board of Riverside Inverclyde of the proposals for the delivery of regeneration activities in Inverclyde as approved by the Committee on 27 November 2018 be noted;
- (2) that approval be given to a continuation of the matter to allow Riverside Inverclyde's Board to consider the proposals with a view to reverting to the Council and Scottish Enterprise for further discussion at the end of January/early February 2019; and
- (3) that the staffing implications be considered as Agenda Item 28.
- 31 Withdrawal from the European Union – Audit Scotland Implications 31**
- It was noted that this item had been withdrawn.
- 32 Removal of Core Path 26B “South of Berryards” from the Core Paths Plan 32**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to remove Core Path 26B “South of Berryards” from the Inverclyde Core Paths Plan.
- Decided:** that approval be given to the removal of Core Path 26B “South of Berryards” from the Inverclyde Core Paths Plan.
- 33 Transient Visitor Taxes in Scotland – Supporting a National Discussion (Consultation) 33**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the Scottish Government's discussion document on a Transient Visitor Tax and (2) seeking approval for the Council's response.
- Following discussion, Councillor Brooks moved that the consultation response be re-drafted to oppose the introduction of Transient Visitor Taxes in Scotland.
- As an amendment, Councillor McCormick moved that the consultation response set out in the report be approved subject to amendment of the wording set out at paragraph 4.3 as follows:-
- (a) insert “and others” after “... on the potential to raise revenue from cruise ship passengers”; and
- (b) the last sentence to read “The tax would be agreed locally and administered by the Council.”
- On a vote, 1 Member, Councillor Brooks, voted in favour of the motion and 10 Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, Curley, Jackson, McCabe, McCormick, C McEleny, J McEleny, McKenzie and Nelson, voted in favour of the amendment which was declared carried.

Decided: that the consultation response set out in the report be approved subject to amendment of the wording at paragraph 4.3 as follows:-

- (a) insert “and others” after “... on the potential to raise revenue from cruise ship passengers”; and
- (b) the last sentence to read “The tax would be agreed locally and administered by the Council.”

34 Cemetery Development Update

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental & Public Protection providing an update on progress with regard to the development of cemeteries and associated works throughout Inverclyde.

Following discussion, Councillor McKenzie moved:-

- (1) that the position with regard to the site investigations at Knocknairshill Cemetery be noted and that a further report be submitted to the Committee following SEPA's determination of the Site Investigation Report;
- (2) that the current policy in respect of the sale of lairs, in terms of which two lairs may be purchased, be maintained;
- (3) that the position in respect of the land adjacent to Kilmacolm Cemetery be noted and that the potential land purchase be progressed as soon as possible, with a report being submitted to the Committee prior to any decision to buy;
- (4) that agreement be given to develop Port Glasgow and Kilmacolm Garden of Remembrance in line with the costings identified in the report;
- (5) that the current position with regard to memorial inspections be noted and that a report be submitted to the Committee advising of the outcome of the proposed guidance on memorial inspections; and
- (6) that agreement be given to the siting of a Tree of Tranquillity at Gourrock Walled Garden.

As an amendment to (2) above, Councillor McCabe moved that it be agreed that the sale of lairs only be granted for immediate use and that this policy be reviewed when sufficient interment capacity is developed.

On a vote, 3 Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, McKenzie and Nelson, voted in favour of the motion, and 7 Members, Councillors Brooks, Clocherty, Curley, Jackson, McCabe, McCormick and J McEleny voted in favour of the amendment which was declared carried. Councillor C McEleny abstained from voting.

Decided:

- (1) that the position with regard to the site investigations at Knocknairshill Cemetery be noted and that a further report be submitted to the Committee following SEPA's determination of the Site Investigation Report;
- (2) that the sale of lairs only be granted for immediate use and that this policy be reviewed when sufficient interment capacity is developed;
- (3) that the position in respect of the land adjacent to Kilmacolm Cemetery be noted and that the potential land purchase be progressed as soon as possible, with a report being submitted to the Committee prior to any decision to buy;
- (4) that agreement be given to develop Port Glasgow and Kilmacolm Garden of Remembrance in line with the costings identified in the report;
- (5) that the current position with regard to memorial inspections be noted and that a report be submitted to the Committee advising of the outcome of the proposed guidance on memorial inspections; and
- (6) that agreement be given to the siting of a Tree of Tranquillity at Gourrock Walled Garden.

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- 35 Environmental and Public Protection (Roads) – Proposed RAMP/Capital Programme for Carriageway Protective Surface Treatments (2019/20) 35**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a proposed RAMP/Capital Programme for carriageway protective surface treatments for 2019/20.
- Decided:**
- (1) that approval be given to the proposed programme and spend profile for 2019/20 for carriageway protective surface treatments as outlined in paragraph 5.1 of the report; and
- (2) that a report with details of the most up-to-date Scottish Roads Maintenance Condition Survey and information on complaints from members of the public be submitted to the Committee.
- 36 RAMP/Capital Lighting – Progress Update 36**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the implementation of the Council’s Street Lighting Investment Strategy.
- Decided:** that the progress with regard to the implementation of the Council’s Street Lighting Investment Strategy be noted.
- 37 Flood Risk Management – Update Report 14 37**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on the progress of the Council’s Flood Risk Management Programme.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the current progress on the Central Greenock Flood Prevention Schemes be noted; and
- (2) that the current progress of the Flood Prevention Schemes outwith central Greenock be noted.
- 38 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 9) Order 2018 38**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 9) Order 2018.
- Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 9) Order 2018 and that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Public Protection and the Head of Legal & Property Services to arrange for implementation of the Order.
- 39 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 10) Order 2018 39**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde

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Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 10) Order 2018.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 10) Order 2018 and that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Public Protection and the Head of Legal & Property Services to arrange for implementation of the Order.

40 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Inner Greenock) (Controlled Parking Zone) (Variation No. 6) Order 2018 40

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Inner Greenock) (Controlled Parking Zone) (Variation No. 6) Order 2018.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Inner Greenock) (Controlled Parking Zone) (Variation No. 6) Order 2018 and that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Public Protection and the Head of Legal & Property Services to arrange for implementation of the Order.

41 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Port Glasgow, Kilmacolm and Quarrier’s Village) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2018 41

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Port Glasgow, Kilmacolm and Quarrier’s Village) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2018.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Port Glasgow, Kilmacolm and Quarrier’s Village) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2018 and that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Public Protection and the Head of Legal & Property Services to arrange for implementation of the Order.

42 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Gourock, Inverkip and Wemyss Bay) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2018 42

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the outcome of the consultation procedure undertaken for the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) associated with various requests for waiting restrictions in Gourock entitled Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Gourock, Inverkip and Wemyss Bay) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2018 and (2) requesting the Committee to decide whether it wished to hear the maintained objections in relation to the TRO at a special meeting of the Committee or to appoint an independent Reporter.

Decided: that the requirement to hold a public hearing to consider the maintained objections in relation to The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Gourock, Inverkip and Wemyss Bay) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2018 be noted and that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Public Protection and the Head of Legal &

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Property Services to make the necessary arrangements for the public hearing at a special meeting of the Environment & Regeneration Committee to be held on Thursday 14 March 2019 at 3pm.

43 Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the first iteration of the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan (RRTP) and (2) seeking approval for the future reporting of the RRTP through the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) and the Local Housing Strategy (LHS).

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.

Decided:

- (1) that the RRTP be noted; and
- (2) that agreement be given to the future reporting of the RRTP through the SHIP and LHS.

44 Registration of Private Landlords – Progress Update

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) updating the Committee on the progress to date in relation to the approval of private landlords and agents onto the Scottish Government Private Landlord Register and (2) highlighting the protocols put in place to refuse or remove landlords, or agents, from the Private Landlord Register.

Councillor Curley declared a non-financial interest in this item as a private landlord. 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 contents of the report be noted.

45 Riverside Inverclyde's Waterfront Land Holdings

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the extent of Riverside Inverclyde's waterfront land holdings and the background thereto, as requested by the Committee at its meeting on 25 October 2018.

Decided: that the position in relation to Riverside Inverclyde's waterfront land holdings as set out in the report be noted.

(Councillor Curley left the meeting at this juncture).

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 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as are set opposite each item.

Item	Paragraphs(s)
Care and Repair Savings Update	6 & 8

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	Building Services Unit – Review and Business Plan	1 & 11	
	Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report: Update on Current Actions	6, 9, 12 & 13	
	Clune Park Estate: Port Glasgow Training Initiative Properties	6, 9, 12 and 13	
	McLean’s Yard, Cove Road, Gourrock	2, 6 & 9	
	Upper Kirn Drive Development Proposal	2, 6 & 9	
	Property Asset Management Report	2, 6 & 9	
	Review of Riverside Inverclyde	1 & 12	
46	Care and Repair Savings Update		46
	<p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) providing an update on the implementation of the Council approved Care and Repair Service saving and (2) seeking approval to accept a tender for the provision of the Care and Repair and Small Repairs/Handyman Service. (Councillor Curley returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business).</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the current progress on the implementation of the Care and Repair saving be noted; and</p> <p>(2) that approval be given to acceptance of the tender from Bridgewater Housing Association for the Care and Repair and Small Repairs/Handyman Service as set out in the report, in accordance with Contract Standing Order 17.3(ii).</p>		
47	Building Services Unit - Review and Business Plan		47
	<p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources apprising the Committee of the review carried out on the Building Services Unit (BSU) and presenting a business case for its retention.</p> <p>Decided: that agreement be given to the recommendation from the review of the BSU by the Corporate Management Team that it be retained and that the 10 year Business Plan appended to the report be approved.</p>		
48	Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report: Update on Current Actions		48
	<p>There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental & Public Protection (1) advising the Committee of the current actions to implement the Council’s decisions on the Clune Park Estate and (2) providing a briefing on key, current items to ensure that the Committee is fully advised of progress.</p> <p>Councillors Brooks and Curley declared a non-financial interest in this matter 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.</p>		

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(Councillor J McEleny left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided: that the current progress in respect of the Clune Park Area Regeneration Plan be noted.

The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Head of Legal & Property Services was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the action recommended, if approved, to be progressed at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.

- 49 Clune Park Estate: Port Glasgow Training Initiative Properties 49**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services recommending action in relation to flats within Clune Park Estate.
Councillors Brooks and Curley declared a non-financial interest in this matter 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.
(Councillor J McEleny returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.
- 50 McLean's Yard, Cove Road, Gourock 50**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the outcome of further discussions with the Cardwell Bay Association of Small Boat Owners in relation to McLean's Yard, Cove Road, Gourock.
Decided: that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to complete negotiations and thereafter conclude a lease of the site of the former McLean's Boat Yard, Cove Road, Gourock to the Cardwell Bay Association of Small Boat Owners on the basis of the Heads of Terms detailed within the report, subject to obtaining planning permission for a change of use and otherwise on terms acceptable to the Head of Legal & Property Services and the Chief Financial Officer.
- 51 Upper Kirn Drive Development Proposal 51**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) updating the Committee on the ongoing negotiations regarding the disposal of land at Upper Kirn Drive, Gourock and (2) the widening of Kirn Drive.
Following consideration, the Committee (1) agreed to the action recommended in relation to the disposal of land at Upper Kirn Drive, Gourock and (2) noted that the Council's Roads Officers are currently working on a feasibility study for widening part of Kirn Drive by one full lane and once completed a further report will be submitted to the Committee for consideration.
- 52 Property Asset Management Report 52**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources making recommendations in respect of a number of property assets.

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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.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

53 Review of Riverside Inverclyde**53**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on the outcome of a Board meeting of Riverside Inverclyde on 13 December 2018 at which proposals agreed by the Committee at its meeting on 27 November 2018 were considered.

Councillors Clocherty, McKenzie and Nelson declared a non-financial interest in this item as Board Members of Riverside Inverclyde. 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.

It was noted that earlier in the meeting the Committee had agreed (1) to note the consideration by the Board of Riverside Inverclyde of the proposals for the delivery of regeneration activities in Inverclyde as approved by the Committee on 27 November 2018; and (2) to approve a continuation of the matter to allow Riverside Inverclyde's Board to consider the proposals with a view to reverting to the Council and Scottish Enterprise for further discussion at the end of January/early February 2019.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended in relation to staffing matters, all as detailed in the appendix.