

A meeting of the Inverclyde Council will be held on Thursday 6 June 2019 at 4pm within the Municipal Buildings, Greenock.

GERARD MALONE
Head of Legal and Property Services

BUSINESS

Prior to the commencement of business, an opening prayer will be offered by Rev. A Sorensen.

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NEW BUSINESS		
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**APPOINTMENT PANEL – HEAD OF CULTURE, COMMUNITIES & EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES
11 MARCH 2019**

Appointment Panel – Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources

Monday 11 March 2019 at 4pm

Present: Councillors J Clocherty, L Quinn and E Robertson, Mr A Fawcett, Chief Executive and Mr S Allan, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources.

Present also: Mr S McNab, Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications (Adviser to Panel).

Chair: Mr Fawcett presided.

Apologies: An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Ms R Binks, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development.

The following paragraph is submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Panel.

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 for the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

256	Shortlisting and Arrangements for Interview of Applicants – Post of Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources	256
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There were submitted copies of applications received from 15 candidates for the post of Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources.
The Panel decided to call a shortlist of five candidates for interview and thereafter to make an appointment, all as detailed in the appendix.

LOCAL POLICE & FIRE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 18 APRIL 2019

Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 18 April 2019 at 2pm

Present: Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Jackson, MacLeod, J McEleny, McVey, Murphy, Quinn and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor McVey presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Communities, Service Manager, Community Learning & Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport, Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services), Head of Environmental & Public Protection, Service Manager, Public Protection and Mr I Hanley (Community Safety & Resilience).

In attendance also: Chief Superintendent G Crossan, Chief Inspector S Wright and Inspector J MacDonald, Police Scotland and Group Manager D McCarrey, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.

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

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No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

258 Presentation – Scottish Police Authority (SPA) 258

The Convener welcomed to the meeting, Professor Susan Deacon CBE, Chair of the Scottish Police Authority.

Professor Deacon began her presentation by explaining that while the SPA had interface with local government colleagues through CoSLA and the Scrutiny Conveners' Forum, she was taking an opportunity to meet directly with local authorities and other service providers to ensure public services were working together to make the best use of available resources.

By way of background, she explained that a single police force for Scotland had come about for three stated reasons: (1) finance and sustainability reasons, (2) sharing specialist capabilities and (3) providing more involvement of local Councillors in policing. At the same time, the SPA had been established (1) to maintain and improve policing and hold the Chief Constable accountable for the delivery of operational policy, (2) to provide a clearer separation between policy and ministers, ensuring no undue political influence and (3) to address shortcomings in governance accountability which existed under the old arrangements.

In this respect, Professor Deacon advised the Committee that she believed significant improvements had been and were continuing to be made, with stability being provided last year with the new leadership of Police Scotland. In her view, Police Scotland was now one of the best police forces in the world.

The Committee was advised that the SPA had revised the governance structures and decision-making processes to make these more open and transparent and to focus on public interest issues.

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One of the main areas requiring further work was around communications and the Police had now embarked on an ambitious programme of transformation and change internally, including improvements in technology, review of the police estate and the shape and balance of the workforce.

Following the presentation, Professor Deacon answered a number of questions from Members including questions relating to cyber crime and technology but focusing particularly on:

Community Policing

Community Policing within Inverclyde was recognised as being extremely effective and Professor Deacon emphasised the impact of leadership in achieving these high standards. She stated that it was vital to ensure that the right balance was achieved between national specialisation and adherence to national frameworks, and exercising discretion and working in a flexible way at a local level.

Police Numbers

Concerns were expressed by Members regarding the effect of the national reduction in police numbers particularly within the context of the serious drugs problems within Inverclyde, the Community Justice funding reduction and reduction in Community Warden numbers.

Professor Deacon indicated that while police officer numbers in Scotland had been sustained in a way which had not been achieved elsewhere in the UK, the emphasis should be on deploying resources more effectively and efficiently. One significant trend was for police officers to become involved in less crime-related activity and this was something which had to be looked at to ensure that gaps in provision within the community were met appropriately across all public sector organisations.

In relation to the drugs problem both locally and nationally, she stated that this was a complex issue with many contributing factors and one that required multi-agency input.

Brexit Implications

It was recognised that the Brexit implications for the Police would be both significant and costly. Chief Superintendent Crossan advised the Committee, that while access to the Shengen Information System may not be available on withdrawal from the European Union, information sharing arrangements would continue as these were mutually beneficial, particularly given the enormous threat of online crime.

Following the presentation and questions, the Convener expressed his thanks on behalf of the Committee to Professor Deacon for her attendance at the meeting.

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| 259 | Police Scotland – Spotlight on Violence in Inverclyde 2018/19 | 259 |
| | There was submitted a briefing paper by Police Scotland on violent crime in the Inverclyde Division in the period April 2018 to February 2019.
Decided: that the information contained in the report be noted. | |
| 260 | Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Performance Report | 260 |
| | There was submitted a report on the performance and activities of the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service during the reporting period 1 January to 31 March 2019.
(Councillor Wilson left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
Decided: that the information contained in the report be noted. | |

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| 261 | Public Space CCTV Provision | 261 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on progress on the replacement of the public space CCTV system.</p> <p>Decided: that the information contained in the report be noted.</p> | |
| 262 | Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee Update Report (April 2019) | 262 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on current and emerging national issues relating to both Police and Fire & Rescue Services.</p> <p>Decided: that the information contained in the report be noted.</p> | |
| 263 | Scottish Police Authority Visit to Inverclyde | 263 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and the Divisional Commander, K Division providing an update on the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) visit to Inverclyde on 27 and 28 February 2019.</p> <p>Decided: that the information contained in the report be noted.</p> | |
| 264 | Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 | 264 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 and resulting changes to criminal law for perpetrators of domestic abuse in Scotland from 1 April 2019.</p> <p>Decided: that consideration of this item be continued to the next meeting of the Committee.</p> | |
| 265 | Police Scotland – Shaping our Direction and Delivery 2019 - 2022 | 265 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval of a response to the Police Scotland consultation ‘Shaping our Direction and Delivery 2019 – 2022’.</p> <p>Mr Hanley advised the Committee that comments in relation to the consultation response could be submitted for up to one week from the date of the meeting.</p> <p>Decided: that approval be given to the consultation response attached at Appendix 1, subject to the inclusion of any further comments submitted by Members.</p> | |

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The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 18 April 2019 at 4pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfield, Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Dorrian, Jackson, MacLeod, McCabe, McCormick, C McEleny, J McEleny, McKenzie, McVey, Moran, Murphy, Nelson, Quinn, Rebecchi, Robertson and Wilson.

Chair: Provost Brennan presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership), Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Property Services, Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services) and Corporate Communications Manager.

266 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 266

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Councillors Brooks and Murphy declared an interest in agenda item 6 (Support for the International Fair Trade Charter – Request by Councillor McCabe).

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The Inverclyde Council, Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards**

267 Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee – 21 February 2019 267

Approved on the motion of Councillor McVey.

268 Inverclyde Council – 21 February 2019 268

Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.

269 Audit Committee – 26 February 2019 269

Approved on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi.

270 Health & Social Care Committee – 28 February 2019 270

Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.

271 Planning Board – 6 March 2019 271

Approved on the motion of Councillor Nelson.

272 Local Review Body – 6 March 2019 272

Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.

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273	Environment & Regeneration Committee – 7 March 2019	273
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
274	Appointment Panel – Head of Education – 11 March 2019	274
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
275	Education & Communities Committee – 12 March 2019	275
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
276	General Purposes Board – 13 March 2019	276
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
277	Environment & Regeneration Committee (Special) – 14 March 2019	277
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
278	Grants Sub-Committee – 20 March 2019	278
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Brooks.	
279	Inverclyde Council (Special) – 21 March 2019	279
	Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.	
280	Education & Communities Committee (Special) – 26 March 2019	280
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
281	Policy & Resources Committee – 26 March 2019	281
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
282	Appointment Panel – Head of Education – 27 March 2019	282
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
283	Planning Board – 3 April 2019	283
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
284	Local Review Body – 3 April 2019	284
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
285	General Purposes Board – 10 April 2019	285
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	

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- 286 Environment & Regeneration Committee (Special) – 16 April 2019 286**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor McCormick.
- 287 SNP Group - Changes to Committee Membership 287**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources requesting the Council to consider changes proposed by the SNP Group to its membership of the Health & Social Care and Environment & Regeneration Committees.
- Decided:** that agreement be given to the following changes to the SNP Group representation on the Health & Social Care and Environment & Regeneration Committees:
- Health & Social Care Committee
Councillor Crowther to be replaced by Councillor C McEleny
- Environment & Regeneration Committee
Councillor C McEleny to be replaced by Councillor Crowther
- 288 Appointment of Community Council Champion 288**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Council to appoint a Community Council Champion following the resignation of Councillor Quinn.
- Decided:**
- (1) that Councillor J McEleny be appointed as Community Council Champion in place of Councillor Quinn; and
- (2) that it be agreed to carry out a review of the roles of and support given to the nominated Champions.
- 289 Scheme of Delegation (Officers) - Update 289**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services advising the Council of an update required to the Scheme of Delegation (Officers) following the appointment of the Shared Head of Service Roads (Strategic Lead Wider Shared Services).
- Decided:** that approval be given to the changes to the Scheme of Delegation (Officers) as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.
- 290 Support for the International Fair Trade Charter – Request by Councillor McCabe 290**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a request received from Councillor McCabe that the Council consider whether it would wish to pledge its support for the International Fair Trade Charter. Councillor Brooks declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Community Member of the Fair Trade Steering Group and Councillor Murphy declared a non-financial interest as a Council Member of that Group. Both Members 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.

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Decided:

(1) that it be agreed to support the International Fair Trade Charter; and
 (2) that a report be submitted on the operation of Fair Trade practices within Inverclyde and the Council's activities in relation to Fair Trade.

291 International Day of Persons with Disabilities – Request by Councillor MacLeod 291

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a request received from Councillor MacLeod that Inverclyde Council recognises the International Day of Persons with Disabilities each year by flying the recognised purple flag on 3 December.

Decided: that it be agreed to recognise the International Day of Persons with Disabilities each year by flying the recognised purple flag on 3 December.

292 Statutory Review of Polling Scheme 292

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive requesting the Council (1) to consider the representation received on the statutory review of the Polling Scheme by the consultation deadline and (2) to confirm its approval of the proposed Polling Scheme as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

Decided:

(1) that the representation received be noted and approval be given to the proposed Polling Scheme forming Appendix 1 to the report;

(2) that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive to make such amendments to the Polling Scheme as may from time to time be necessary to take account of any building works and/or closures in order to facilitate suitable and reasonable polling arrangements; and

(3) that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to review the arrangements affecting certain voters currently using the Prospecthill Christian Fellowship, Prospecthill Street, Greenock and to report to the Council in due course.

293 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 1 2019 293

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 7 March 2019 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 1 2019.

Decided: that approval be given to the making of the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 1 2019 and that the Shared Head of Service Roads and the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

294 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 4 2018 294

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 7 March 2019 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 4 2018.

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Decided: that approval be given to the making of the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 4 2018 and that the Shared Head of Service Roads and the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

295 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Gourock, Inverkip & Wemyss Bay) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2018: The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 295

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the special meeting of the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 14 March 2019 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Gourock, Inverkip & Wemyss Bay) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2018.

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to the making of the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Gourock, Inverkip & Wemyss Bay) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2018 and that the Head of Legal & Property Services and Shared Head of Service Roads be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith; and

(2) that a report be submitted to the August meeting of the Environment & Regeneration Committee on the outcome of the meeting involving Roads Officers, Ward Councillors and residents on issues arising from the implementation of the Order and any other road safety matters identified.

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 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.

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296 Environment & Regeneration Committee – 7 March 2019 296

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.

297 Appointment Panel – Head of Education – 11 March 2019 297

Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.

298 Education & Communities Committee – 12 March 2019 298

Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.

299 General Purposes Board – 13 March 2019 299

Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.

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300	Education & Communities Committee (Special) – 26 March 2019	300
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
301	Appointment Panel – Head of Education – 27 March 2019	301
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
302	General Purposes Board – 10 April 2019	302
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 23 APRIL 2019

Audit Committee

Tuesday 23 April 2019 at 3pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Brooks, Curley, McCabe, McCormick, J McEleny, McVey, Murphy, Nelson, Quinn and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor Rebecchi presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Head of Environmental & Public Protection, Head of Legal & Property Services, Chief Internal Auditor, Ms G Murphy and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Property Services) and Mr M Thomson (for Chief Financial Officer).

In attendance also: Mr M Laird, Audit Scotland.

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303 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 303

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Councillor Curley declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 (Appendix relative to Item 2 providing an update on Special Investigations).

304 Internal Audit Progress Report – 4 February to 29 March 2019 304

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources appending the monitoring report in respect of Internal Audit activity for the period 4 February to 29 March 2019.

Decided: that the Committee note the monitoring report in respect of Internal Audit Activity for the period 4 February to 29 March 2019.

305 Internal Audit - Annual Strategy and Plan 2019-2020 305

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources presenting for approval the Internal Audit Annual Strategy and Plan for 2019-2020.

Decided: that the Committee approve the Internal Audit Annual Strategy and Plan for 2019-2020.

306 Management Report - 2018/19 306

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer presenting a management report issued by Audit Scotland following a review of the internal controls and financial systems as part of the 2018/19 Annual Audit.

Decided: that the Committee note the content of the management report received from Audit Scotland and the matters arising.

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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 item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

307 Appendix relative to Item 2 providing an update on Special Investigations

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There was submitted appendix relative to Item 2 (Internal Audit Progress Report – 4 February to 29 March 2019) providing an update on special investigations. Councillor Curley declared a non-financial interest in this matter as the close relative of an employee within a service referred to in the appendix. 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. Following discussion, the Committee agreed to authorise a number of actions relative to the special investigations, all as detailed in the Appendix.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE – 25 APRIL 2019

Health & Social Care Committee

Thursday 25 April 2019 at 3pm

Present: Provost Brennan (for Councillor McCabe), Councillors Brooks, C McEleny, Clocherty (for Dorrian), Jackson, MacLeod, McKenzie, Moran, Quinn, Rebecchi and Robertson.

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Head of Health & Community Care, Head of Strategy & Support Services, Head of Mental Health, Addictions & Homelessness, Service Manager (Assessment & Care), Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Property Services) Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services), Technical Services Manager and Ms A Edmiston (for Chief Financial Officer).

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

308 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 308

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Dorrian, with Councillor Clocherty substituting and Councillor McCabe, with Provost Brennan substituting.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 7 (Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations) – Councillors Brooks and MacLeod;
Agenda Item 8 (Learning Disability (LD) Redesign - Progress Report, March 2019) – Councillor Brooks.

309 Revenue and Capital Budget Report – 2018/19 Revenue Projected Outturn as at 28 February 2019 309

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership and the Chief Financial Officer on the projected outturn on the Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2018/19 as at 28 February 2019.

Decided:

- (1) that the projected underspend of £793,000 in the current year Revenue Budget as at 28 February 2019 be noted;
- (2) that the current projected Capital position be noted and that approval be given to
 - (a) the additional expenditure on the Cardross and Wellpark projects as outlined in Sections 6.3 and 6.6 and reflected within the projected spend contained in the report and
 - (b) utilisation of the projected underspend within the existing Revenue Budget and Capital Programme contingency to address the additional expenditure; and
- (3) that the current Earmarked Reserves position be noted.

310 Impact of Welfare Reform on Mental Health 310

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde

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Health & Social Care Partnership (1) informing the Committee of the impacts of Welfare Reform and Social Security change on people with mental health problems, (2) outlining specific concerns as to the effects of conditionality rules on clients with mental health problems and (3) requesting the Committee to consider possible HSCP workload implications as a result of the above.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted;
- (2) that the Convener write to the appropriate UK and Scottish Government Ministers enclosing a copy of the report and highlighting the issues contained therein; and
- (3) that the annual Welfare Reform update submitted to the Committee include information on mental health implications.

311 Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 – April 2019 Update**311**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an overview on progress to date in implementing the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 with specific focus on the waiving of charges for residential respite and short breaks.

Decided: that approval be given to the waiving of charges for all eligible carers for respite and short breaks from 1 April 2019.

312 Review of Inverclyde HSCP Alcohol and Drug Services – Progress Update**312**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising the Committee of progress of the Inverclyde HSCP Review of Alcohol and Drug Services.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress being made in terms of the review of the HSCP Alcohol and Drug Services be noted; and
- (2) that a further report be submitted once the Phase 2 recommendations have been developed.

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 out opposite each item.

Item	Paragraph(s)
Appendix 7 relative to Agenda Item 2	6, 8 & 9
Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations	6 & 9
Learning Disability (LD) Redesign – Progress Report, March 2019	6, 8 & 9
HSCP Learning Disability Redesign – Direct Contract Award for the Provision of a Consultation and Facilitation Service	6, 8 & 9

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- 313 Appendix 7 Relative to Agenda Item 2 (Revenue & Capital Budget Report) 313**
- There was submitted Appendix 7 relative to Agenda Item 2 (Revenue & Capital Budget Report – 2018-19 Revenue Projected Outturn as at 28 February 2019) providing contractual information in relation to the Cardross Crescent Care Home project.
Decided: that the Appendix be noted.
- 314 Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations 314**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on matters relating to the HSCP governance process for externally commissioned Social Care Services.
 Councillor Brooks declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Member of the Board of River Clyde Homes and Councillor MacLeod declared a non-financial interest as a non-executive Director of Parklea Association. Both Members 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 governance report for the period from 25 January 2019 to 29 March 2019 as detailed in Appendix 1 be noted; and
 (2) that Members acknowledge that Officers regard the control mechanisms in place through their governance meetings as sufficiently robust to ensure ongoing quality and safety and the fostering of a commissioning culture of continuous improvement.
- 315 Learning Disability (LD) Redesign – Progress Report, March 2019 315**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on the outcome of the site options appraisal work as part of the HSCP's Learning Disability Redesign and the feasibility study which is currently underway.
 Councillor Brooks declared a financial interest in this item due to a potential financial association of a personal nature and left the meeting prior to its consideration.
 The Head of Health & Community Care provided the Committee with an update in relation to one of the sites.
 The Committee agreed to note (1) the options appraisal methodology and outcome relative to the preferred sites, (2) that a full business case, including the outcome of the feasibility study, would be submitted to a future meeting and (3) the progress of the feasibility study and position relative to the one year extension of the contract for service user and carer consultation, all as detailed in the Appendix.
 Councillor Brooks returned to the meeting at this juncture.
- 316 HSCP Learning Disability Redesign – Direct Contract Award for the Provision of a Consultation and Facilitation Service 316**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership seeking approval to make a direct contract award for the provision of a consultation and facilitation service as directed by the Learning Disability Programme Board.

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Decided: that approval be given to the direct award of a contract to The Advisory Group (TAG) for one year for a consultation and facilitation service for the Learning Disability redesign by Inverclyde HSCP as directed by the Learning Disability Programme Board and that on terms of contract to be determined by the Head of Legal & Property Services.

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 2 MAY 2019

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 2 May 2019 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Jackson, McCabe, McCormick, 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), Shared Head of Service Roads, Head of Environmental & Public Protection, Service Manager (Roads), Head of Regeneration & Planning and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

317 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 317

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:-

Agenda Item 3 (Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2018/19 – 2020/21 – Progress) – Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty and J McEleny;
 Agenda Item 20 (Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Bruce Street, Greenock (7.5 Tonnes Weight Restriction) Order 2019) – Councillor Curley;
 Agenda Item 22 (Stopping Up Order – The Stopping Up of Road and Footpaths, Inverclyde (Teviot Road/Pentland Avenue, Port Glasgow) Order 2019) – Councillor Curley; and
 Agenda Item 25 (King George VI Building – 9-11 King Street, Port Glasgow) – Councillor McKenzie.

318 Environment & Regeneration 2018/19 Revenue Budget – Period 11 (28 February 2019) 318

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 11 to 28 February 2019.

Decided: that the current projected underspend of £383,000 for 2018/19 as at 28 February 2019 be noted.

319 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2020/21 - Progress 319

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.

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Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty and J McEleny declared a non-financial interest in this item as Board Members of Inverclyde Leisure. 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 current position of the 2018/21 Capital Programme and the progress on 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, that additional funding will be required and that this will be reported in due course;
- (3) that the addition of the project for the refurbishment of the Finance area of the Greenock Municipal Buildings be noted;
- (4) that the current City Deal progress detailed in section 7 and Appendix 3 be noted; and
- (5) that arrangements be made for Members to visit the Pottery Street Depot and, once the works have been completed, the District Court.

320 Keep Britain Tidy – Request by Councillor Murphy

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a request received from Councillor Murphy that a report on the Local Authority becoming part of Keep Britain Tidy be submitted to a future meeting of the Environment & Regeneration Committee.

Councillor Murphy was present and participated in the debate. Councillor Murphy indicated that she would wish to amend her request and asked that a report on endorsing and adopting the objectives and values of Keep Scotland Beautiful be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

Decided: that a report on endorsing and adopting the objectives and values of Keep Scotland Beautiful be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

321 Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan Performance Report

321

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.

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322 Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2019/22 322

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan (CDIP) for 2019/22.

Decided: that approval be given to the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2019/22.

323 Street Naming of Unnamed Road at The Harbours, Greenock 323

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for the naming of an unnamed road at The Harbours, Greenock, consideration of which had been continued from the meeting of the Committee held on 7 March 2019.

Following discussion, Councillor McCormick moved that the unnamed road at The Harbours, Greenock be named Virginia Street. As an amendment, Councillor Curley moved that the unnamed road be named Frederick Douglass Street. As a further amendment, Councillor McCabe moved that the unnamed road be named Barack Obama Street.

On a vote between the two amendments, three Members, Councillors Crowther, Curley and J McEleny, voted for the amendment by Councillor Curley and three Members, Councillors Clocherty, Jackson and McCabe, voted for the amendment by Councillor McCabe. Five Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, McCormick, McKenzie and Nelson, abstained from voting. There being equality in voting, the Convener exercised his vote in favour of the amendment by Councillor McCabe. Councillor Curley's amendment, having received fewer votes, then fell.

On a vote between the motion and the amendment by Councillor McCabe, two Members, Councillors Jackson and McCabe, voted for the amendment and nine Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, McCormick, J McEleny, McKenzie and Nelson, voted for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that the unnamed road at The Harbours, Greenock be named Virginia Street.

324 Inverclyde Alliance – Repopulation Group – Proposed Expenditure 324

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for expenditure against the £500,000 allocation to repopulation within earmarked reserves.

The Corporate Director advised the Committee of the following amendments to the Inverclyde Repopulation Strategic Investment Framework and Action Plan appended to the report:-

Overarching Goal – amend to read “To grow the population of Inverclyde by 2025 by improving the employment, housing and infrastructure offer”.

Strategic Objectives – amend Bullet Point 4 to read “Increase the number and quality of jobs and the number of locally based employers”.

Outturn 3 and Outturn 4 - include CVS Inverclyde as potential partners.

In addition, it was suggested that Transport Scotland be added as a potential partner under Outturn 3.

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Decided: that the progress through the Repopulation Group of the preparation of an action plan be noted, that the expenditure detailed in the action plan at appendix 1 subject to the amendments outlined by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources and the inclusion of Transport Scotland as a potential partner under Outturn 3 be approved and that, subject to reports back to the Committee at least annually, the budget in respect of all expenditure be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources.

325 **Town Centre Capital Fund 2019/20 – Award to Inverclyde Council** 325

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) advising of the award of £660,000 to Inverclyde Council through the local authority capital settlement from the Town Centre Fund and (2) making proposals for expenditure.

Decided:

- (1) that the award of £660,000 capital grant to Inverclyde Council for the financial year 2019/20 from the Scottish Government Town Centre Fund be noted;
- (2) that approval be given to the general direction of proposed expenditure as indicated in the report;
- (3) that approval be given to specific expenditure of £20,000 to deliver heritage road signs and information boards in the heritage quarter of Greenock; and
- (4) that it be noted that further reports will be submitted as work progresses.

326 **Towns and Villages Environmental Improvements Update** 326

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the progress in respect of the two Town and Village Centres funding streams funded from earmarked reserves.

Decided:

- (1) that the completion of the Towns and Villages environmental improvement projects, the monies spent to date and the balance remaining be noted; and
- (2) that approval be given to the projects detailed in paragraphs 6.4 and 6.5 of the report as Town Centre priority projects.

327 **West Blackhall Street Public Realm Proposals** 327

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the West Blackhall Street public realm improvement project.

Decided: that the ongoing West Blackhall Street public realm improvements design review be noted and that it be agreed that the project be progressed, subject to future reports to the Committee.

328 **Underutilised Sites in Greenock Town Centre** 328

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources identifying underutilised sites in Greenock Town Centre and recommending that these be prioritised for action.

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Decided: that the Scottish Government Town Centre Fund allocation be used to contribute towards bringing one or more of the underutilised sites and buildings referred to in Section 5 of the report back into productive use.

329 Glasgow City Deal – Inverkip (Scottish Power/Transport Scotland)

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on the revised access arrangements and road improvements on the A78 in respect of the Inverkip former Power Station City Deal Project.

Councillor Rebecchi was present as a Member with a specific ward-based interest in the item and, with the consent of the Convener, participated in the debate.

Following discussion, Councillor Nelson moved (1) that the position as now agreed between Transport Scotland and Scottish Power/Iberdrola in respect of roads improvements on the A78 be noted and (2) that it be remitted to Officers to discuss Option 2 (roundabout at Main Street, Inverkip, with new link road to Marina with pedestrian bridge ramp realignment and new signalised roundabout on A78 at Inverkip Power Station site) with Transport Scotland.

As an amendment, Councillor McCabe moved (1) that the position as now agreed between Transport Scotland and Scottish Power/Iberdrola in respect of roads improvements on the A78 be noted and (2) that the revised design be approved to enable the project to progress through detailed design, tender and thereafter inclusion in the Final Business Case to be submitted to the City Deal Project Management Office.

The Committee adjourned at 4.30pm and reconvened at 4.40pm.

On a vote, four Members, Councillors Crowther, Curley, J McEleny and Nelson, voted for the motion and seven Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty, Jackson, McCabe, McCormick and McKenzie, voted for the amendment which was declared carried.

Decided:

- (1) that the position as now agreed between Transport Scotland and Scottish Power/Iberdrola in respect of roads improvements on the A78 be noted; and
- (2) that the revised design be approved to enable the project to progress through detailed design, tender and thereafter inclusion in the Final Business Case to be submitted to the City Deal Project Management Office.

330 Glasgow City Deal – Final Business Case Submission – Greenock Ocean Terminal (Marine Works)

330

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to submit the Final Business Case for Greenock Ocean Terminal (Marine Works) to the City Deal Cabinet.

Decided:

- (1) that agreement be given to the submission of the Final Business Case for Greenock Ocean Terminal (Marine Works);
- (2) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to continue to work with the projects specific private sector partners in the implementation of the Marine Works if approved by the City Deal Cabinet;

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(3) that it be noted that Officers will continue to develop the Terminal Building element of the Final Business Case for progression; and

(4) that authority be delegated to the Head of Legal & Property Services, the Chief Financial Officer and other relevant Officers to take all necessary steps to conclude a Funding Agreement, Profit Share Agreement and a lease of part of the Ocean Terminal Building and any other agreements as are necessary with Clydeport Operations Limited.

331 Inverclyde Local Development Plan 331

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) advising of the Proposed Inverclyde Local Development Plan examination report received from the Scottish Government Planning & Environmental Appeals Division, which recommended a number of modifications to the Plan, and (2) seeking approval to adopt the Plan.

Decided: that the modifications to the Proposed Inverclyde Local Development Plan contained within the Scottish Government Planning & Environmental Appeals Division examination report be accepted and that it be agreed to adopt the Plan, subject to the procedures set out in Section 7 of the report.

332 Pre-Consultation Draft Clyde Regional Marine Plan 332

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the publication by the Clyde Marine Planning Partnership of the Pre-Consultation Draft Clyde Regional Marine Plan and (2) seeking approval of the proposed response on behalf of the Council.

Decided:

(1) that the publication of the Pre-Consultation Draft Clyde Regional Marine Plan be noted; and

(2) that approval be given to the Council's response to the consultation set out in Section 6 of the report and Appendix 2.

333 Public Space CCTV Provision 333

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on the replacement of the public space CCTV system.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

334 Roads and Transportation – SPT Grant Funded Projects (2019/20) 334

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising the Committee of the SPT approved grant funded projects for 2019/20.

Decided:

(1) that the SPT approved project list detailed in paragraph 5.1 of the report for 2019/20 be noted and approved; and

(2) that the potential location of a pedestrian crossing on Ashton Road, Gourock be investigated.

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- 335 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On Street) Order No. 2 2019 335**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order to accompany the provision of parking bays for the disabled.
- Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On Street) Order No. 2 2019 and that it be remitted to the Shared Head of Service Roads and the Head of Legal & Property Services to arrange for implementation of the Order.
- 336 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Bruce Street, Greenock (7.5 Tonnes Weight Restriction) Order 2019 336**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Bruce Street, Greenock (7.5 Tonnes Weight Restriction) Order 2019.
- Councillor Curley declared a non-financial interest in this item as an employee of a firm which undertook an assessment of the railway bridge at Bruce Street, Greenock on behalf of Network Rail. 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 Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Bruce Street, Greenock (7.5 Tonnes Weight Restriction) Order 2019 and that it be remitted to the Shared Head of Service Roads and the Head of Legal & Property Services to arrange for implementation of the Order.
- 337 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 10) Order 2019 337**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 10) Order 2019.
- Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 10) Order 2019 and that it be remitted to the Shared Head of Service Roads and the Head of Legal & Property Services to arrange for implementation of the Order.
- 338 Stopping Up Order – The Stopping Up of Road and Footpaths, Inverclyde (Teviot Road/Pentland Avenue, Port Glasgow) Order 2019 338**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of the Stopping Up Order – The Stopping Up of Road and Footpaths, Inverclyde (Teviot Road/Pentland Avenue, Port Glasgow) Order 2019.
- Councillor Curley declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Board Member of River Clyde Homes. 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.

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Decided: that the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to promote the Stopping Up of Road and Footpaths, Inverclyde (Teviot Road/Pentland Avenue, Port Glasgow) Order 2019 and, if after the twenty eight day period for statutory objections, no such objections are made or maintained, authority be delegated to the Head of Legal & Property Services to take all necessary action in connection therewith, including the confirmation of the Order.

339 Delegated Powers: Authorisation of Officers 339

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to update the delegated powers of Officers in the event of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union.

Decided: that, with effect from the date of the UK withdrawal from the EU, approval be given to amend the powers delegated to the Head of Environmental & Public Protection to remove the reference to the European Communities Act 1972 and add the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and regulations retained or brought into domestic legislation by that Act.

340 Traffic Calming Policy – 31 August 2017: Request by Councillor Brooks 340

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a request received from Councillor Brooks that the Committee request Officers to review the Traffic Calming Policy, dated 31 August 2017, and submit a report to a future meeting of the Environment & Regeneration Committee.

Decided: that Officers review the Traffic Calming Policy dated 31 August 2017 and submit a report to a future meeting of the Committee.

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)
Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report: Update on Current Actions	6, 9, 12 & 13
King George VI Building – 9-11 King Street, Port Glasgow	6 & 8
Upper Kirn Drive Development Proposal	2, 6 & 9
Property Assets Management Report	2, 6 & 9

341 Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report: Update on Current Actions 341

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (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.

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

342 King George VI Building – 9-11 King Street, Port Glasgow 342

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on the proposal to refurbish the King George VI building and the condition of the building and making a number of recommendations in this regard.

Councillor McKenzie declared a non-financial interest in this item as a member of the King George VI Strategy Committee. 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.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to take action, all as detailed in the Appendix.

343 Upper Kirn Drive Development Proposal 343

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing (1) an update on the ongoing negotiations regarding the disposal of Council owned land at Upper Kirn Drive, Gourrock and (2) further details on the proposed development and the proposed road widening.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to take action, all as detailed in the Appendix.

344 Property Assets Management Report 344

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources making recommendations in respect of a number of property assets.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the Appendix.

**APPOINTMENT PANEL – HEAD OF CULTURE, COMMUNITIES & EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES
3 MAY 2019**

Appointment Panel – Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources

Friday 3 May 2019 at 9am

Present: Councillors J Clocherty, L Quinn and E Robertson, Mr A Fawcett, Chief Executive, Ms R Binks, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and Mr S Allan, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources.

Present also: Mr S McNab, Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications (Adviser to Panel).

Chair: Mr Fawcett presided.

The following paragraph is submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Panel.

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 for the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

345 Appointment of Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources

345

The Panel interviewed four candidates, one candidate having previously withdrawn from the process and agreed to appoint Mr Anthony McEwan to the post of Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources, all as detailed in the appendix.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 7 MAY 2019

Education and Communities Committee

Tuesday 7 May 2019 at 2pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Clocherty, Curley, MacLeod, McCabe, Nelson (for C McEleny), McVey, Murphy, Quinn, Robertson and Wilson, Rev. D Burt and 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, Libraries, Education Development & Arts Manager, 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), Mr D McLavin (Corporate Communications), Head of Education, Property Services Manager, Corporate Policy, Performance & Partnership Manager and Ms T Bunton (Finance Services).

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

346 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor C McEleny, with Councillor Nelson substituting, and Rev. F Donaldson.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 3 (Communities Capital Programme 2018-2021 Progress) – Councillors Clocherty and Curley.

Agenda Item 21 (Review of School Transport Provision within Inverclyde) – Councillors Quinn and Wilson.

Agenda Item 24 (Beacon Arts Centre Update Report) – Councillors Clocherty and Robertson.

Agenda Item 26 (Admissions and Placing Requests for Academic Year 2019/20) – Rev. Burt.

347 Communities 2018/19 Revenue Budget - Period 11 to 28 February 2019

347

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the position of the 2018/19 Revenue Budget as at Period 11 to 28 February 2019.

Decided:

(1) that the current projected overspend of £4,000 in the 2018/19 Communities Revenue Budget as at Period 11 to 28 February 2019 be noted; and

(2) that it be noted that the current projected overspend will be contained within the overall Education & Communities 2018/19 Revenue Budget.

348 Communities Capital Programme 2018-2021 Progress 348

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 and (2) highlighting the overall financial position. Councillor Clocherty declared a non-financial interest in this item as a member of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure and Councillor Curley declared a non-financial interest as a member of Boglestone Community Association. Both Members 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 progress of the specific projects detailed in Appendix 1 be noted; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to the Committee on (a) the overall impact on users of the Inverclyde Leisure Spend to Save project at Boglestone Community Centre and (b) usage (including education usage) of the mountain bike track at Rankin Park.

349 How Good is our Public Library Service? - Review of Inverclyde Libraries 349

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development informing the Committee of the recent validated self-evaluation of Inverclyde Libraries by the Scottish Library and Information Council (SLIC). The report advised that the assessment panel had endorsed Inverclyde Libraries' self-evaluation grades of 5 (very good) for Vision, Innovation and Management of Change for Engagement with Community Development Processes and for Planning, Developing and Enhancing the Library Service.

Decided:

- (1) that the positive SLIC report on Inverclyde Libraries be noted;
- (2) that the upward trajectory in respect of Inverclyde Libraries' continuous improvement journey as evidenced by the self-evaluation undertaken by the service since 2007 be noted; and
- (3) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all those involved in the service provision.

350 Inspection of Local Authorities – Community Learning and Development in Inverclyde 350

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development informing the Committee of the recent Education Scotland Inspection of Community Learning and Development, focusing on a two-phased approach of Strategic and Place-Based inspections. The report advised that in assessing the quality indicators, Education Scotland had graded the key indicators, Improvement in Performance and Impact on the Local Community as good and Delivering the Learning Offer with Learners and Leadership and Direction as very good.

Decided:

- (1) that the positive inspection outcome of the Strategic Inspection of Community Learning and Development, including the Place-Based part of the inspection, within the East and Central communities of Greenock be acknowledged;
- (2) that the improvement actions recommended by Education Scotland be noted;
- (3) that it be noted that Inverclyde was performing well nationally when compared with other local authorities inspected to date; and

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(4) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all those involved in the service provision.

351 Community Learning and Development Literacies Report
351

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising the Committee of progress made by Community Learning and Development against the Adult Literacies in Scotland 2020: Strategic Guidance (ALIS 2020), with all delivery linking to the three year plan 'Co-ordinating Community Learning and Development in Inverclyde'. The report advised that progress made against ALIS was very good and that all recommendations in ALIS 2020 had been delivered to a high standard and recently endorsed in the inspection of Community Learning and Development.

Decided:

- (1) that the positive progress made against ALIS 2020 be noted; and
- (2) that the Committee's appreciation be extended to all those involved in the service provision.

352 Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018
352

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising the Committee of the introduction of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 and resulting changes to criminal law for perpetrators of domestic abuse in Scotland from 1 April 2019.

Decided: that the introduction of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 which came into force on 1 April 2019 be noted.

353 Crawl Hole Access to 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 crawl holes across Inverclyde, (2) highlighting the additional six months review of the pilot at Inverclyde Academy's 3G pitch and (3) seeking approval to increase the number of crawl holes across the school estate.

Decided:

- (1) that it be agreed that the provision of the crawl hole at the Inverclyde Academy 3G pitch remain in place following the successful pilot, with monitoring procedures put in place to ensure that it remained fit for purpose;
- (2) that it be agreed to commence the roll-out of other crawl holes within the wider school estate on a phased basis, commencing with the secondary school pitches on a trial basis over the next six months;
- (3) that it be agreed to consider the further roll-out of crawl holes within the primary estate provision if further trials in secondary schools are successful; and
- (4) that any damage to pitches with crawl holes be monitored and that authority be granted to the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development to close any crawl holes if significant damage occurred.

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354 Road Safety West of Scotland

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) providing an update on the Council's continued participation with Road Safety West of Scotland (RSWoS) and (2) advising that the Council would be chairing the Road Safety West of Scotland Forum for the period 2019 – 2021.

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

Decided:

- (1) that Inverclyde Council's continuing role in Road Safety West of Scotland be noted;
- (2) that Councillor Curley's role as Chair of Road Safety West of Scotland be noted; and
- (3) that an annual report be submitted to the Committee on the work undertaken by Road Safety West of Scotland.

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 two 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)
Update on Funding – Inverclyde Association for Mental Health (IAMH)/In-Work Enterprises	6, 8 and 9
Beacon Arts Centre Update Report	6

355 Update on Funding – Inverclyde Association for Mental Health (IAMH)/In-Work Enterprises

355

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval to increase the level of revenue funding for the Inverclyde Association for Mental Health (IAMH) facility at Broomhill, Greenock.

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

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the transfer of the existing funding allocation of £16,000 per year from In-Work Enterprises to the parent organisation, Inverclyde Association for Mental Health (IAMH);
- (2) that approval be given to the increase in funding from £16,000 to £23,000 per financial year; and
- (3) that it be noted that the increase in funding was being contained within the existing Community Facilities Funding Revenue Budget.

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356 Beacon Arts Centre Update Report**356**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update in respect of the action plan being taken forward by the Greenock Arts Guild Ltd (GAG) Board in relation to the Beacon Arts Centre.

Councillors Clocherty and Robertson declared a non-financial interest in this item as members of the Board of Greenock Arts Guild Ltd. 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.

The Committee agreed (1) to note the progress to date and that a draft budget had been agreed for finalisation by the GAG Board at its next meeting and (2) to grant delegated powers to release funding subject to conditions, all as detailed in the appendix.

The Communities business concluded at 3.25pm. The Committee commenced consideration of the Education items of business at 4pm with Councillors Nelson and Wilson, Rev. Burt, Mrs Gilpin, Ms McMillan and Ms McEwan joining the meeting.

357 Mr Grant McGovern**357**

The Convener referred to the forthcoming retiral of Grant McGovern, Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Communities. On behalf of the Committee, he thanked Mr McGovern for his years of service to education within Inverclyde and extended his best wishes to him for the future.

358 Education Scotland Report on Lomond View Academy**358**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development informing the Committee of the recent Education Scotland inspection of Lomond View Academy, focusing on progress being made within the school in improving learning and teaching and raising attainment. The report advised that the two key indicators, Learning Teaching and Assessment and Raising Attainment and Achievement, had both been assessed as satisfactory.

Mr David Peden, Head Teacher, was present and addressed the Committee in relation to the inspection report.

Decided:

- (1) that the Education Scotland report on Lomond View Academy be noted;
- (2) that a progress report be submitted to the Committee in six months' time; and
- (3) that the Committee's appreciation be extended to all those involved in the inspection process.

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359 Education Scotland Report on All Saints Primary School 359

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development informing the Committee of the recent Education Scotland inspection of All Saints Primary School, focusing on progress being made within the school in improving learning and teaching and raising attainment. The report advised that in respect of the four key indicators, Leadership of Change, Raising Attainment and Achievement and Ensuring Wellbeing, Equality and Inclusion had been assessed as satisfactory and Learning, Teaching and Assessment had been assessed as good.

Ms Lorraine Fisher, Head Teacher, was present and addressed the Committee in relation to the inspection report.

Decided:

- (1) that the Education Scotland report on All Saints Primary School be noted; and
- (2) that the Committee's appreciation be extended to all those involved in the inspection process.

360 Education Scotland Report on Moorfoot Primary School, Nursery Class and Garvel Deaf Centre 360

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development informing the Committee of the recent Education Scotland inspection of Moorfoot Primary School, Nursery Class and Garvel Deaf Centre, focusing on progress being made in improving learning and teaching and raising attainment/securing children's progress. The report advised that the two key indicators for the Primary School, Learning, Teaching and Assessment and Raising Attainment and Achievement had been assessed as good and that the two key indicators for the Nursery Class, Learning, Teaching and Assessment and Securing Children's Progress had also been assessed as good.

Ms Alison Irvine, Head Teacher, was present and addressed the Committee in relation to the inspection report.

Decided:

- (1) that the Education Scotland report on Moorfoot Primary School, Nursery Class and Garvel Deaf Centre be noted; and
- (2) that the Committee's appreciation be extended to all those involved in the inspection process.

361 Education 2018/19 Revenue Budget – Period 11 to 28 February 2019 361

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the position of the 2018/19 Education Revenue Budget as at Period 11 to 28 February 2019.

Decided: that the current projected underspend of £60,000 in the 2018/19 Education Revenue Budget as at Period 11 to 28 February 2019 be noted.

362 Education Capital Programme 2018-2021 Progress 362

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and Chief Financial Officer (1) providing an update in respect of the status of the projects forming the Education Capital Programme and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.

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

363 Education & Communities Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2016/19 – Final Progress Report 363

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the achievement of key objectives in the Education, Communities & Organisational Development Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan (CDIP) 2016/19.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress made in delivering the year 3 improvement actions outlined in the Education, Communities & Organisational Development CDIP 2016/19 be noted;
- (2) that it be noted that this was the last progress report on the Education, Communities and Organisational Development CDIP 2016/19; and
- (3) that an report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee providing an update on the position in respect of Early Learning and Childcare.

364 Education, Communities & Organisational Development Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2019/2022 364

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval of the new Education, Communities & Organisational Development Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan (CDIP) for 2019/22.

During the course of discussion on this item, it was agreed to include reference within the Plan to the Young Persons' Health and Wellbeing Survey to be carried out in 2019.

Decided: that approval be given to the Education, Communities & Organisational Development CDIP 2019/22, subject to the inclusion of reference to the Young Persons' Health and Wellbeing Survey.

365 Education Services Standards and Quality Report March 2018 – March 2019 and Improvement Plan 2019-20 365

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development appending the Education Services Standards and Quality Report for March 2019 and the Education Services Improvement Plan for session 2019-20.

Decided: that approval be given to the content and publication of the Education Standards and Quality Report 2018-19 and the Improvement Plan 2019-20.

The Committee adjourned at 5.35pm and re-convened at 5.40pm.

366 Scottish Youth Parliament Elections 2019 366

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising the Committee of the success of the recent Scottish Youth Parliament elections and the two newly elected Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament for the constituency of Inverclyde.

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Decided:

- (1) that the process of identifying and electing candidates to the Scottish Youth Parliament be noted and that the Committee's congratulations be extended to the two newly elected Members for the Inverclyde constituency, Megan Alford and Cameron Noble;
- (2) that it be noted that the two new Members will serve for a period of two years and will represent young people locally through the Inverclyde Youth Council and nationally through Scottish Youth Parliament sittings and committees; and
- (3) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

367 Expansion of Free School Meals and Clothing Grant Policy 367

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval for changes to the Free School Meals and Clothing Grant Policy agreed as part of the 2019/20 Budget.

Decided: that approval be given to the amended policy for access to free school meals and school clothing grants for implementation from the 2019/20 academic school year.

368 National Updates and Guidance 368

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an overview of current and emerging national updates related to education.

Decided: that the current and emerging updates on the curriculum and inclusion be noted.

369 Review of School Transport Provision within Inverclyde 369

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) advising the Committee of the review of school transport provision within Inverclyde and (2) seeking approval to communicate with parents and carers on a range of proposals for future implementation.

Councillor Quinn declared a non-financial interest in this item as a member of St Columba's High School Parent Council and Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest as the Vice-Chair of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport. Both Members 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 approval be given for Officers to hold a series of events to seek views on the introduction of passes for relevant pupils who qualify for free school transport; and
- (2) that consideration of the item be continued for a further report to include the feasibility and implications of (a) proposals for the devolution of financial decision-making concerning equitable school transport, based on the individual needs of all school communities across the area, as part of Phase 2 of the Council's Participatory Budgeting development and (b) the provision of a transport grant of £6.90 per week, based on the current weekly bus pass costs, to all high school pupils who live 1-2 miles of their school, entitlement to the grant being automatic for pupils in receipt of free school meals but also provided on identification of individual circumstances by Education staff.

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Councillor Wilson left the meeting at this juncture.

370 Inverclyde’s Autism Strategy – Progress to Implementation Update

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Communities (1) advising of the progress made in the implementation of Inverclyde’s Autism Strategy 2014 following the Committee’s agreement in January 2019 to implement a process of direct contract award in order to deliver the strategy outcomes and (2) informing the Committee of the change of Chair of the Autism Strategy Implementation Group from Education to the Health & Social Care Partnership (HSCP) as of May 2019.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress made to date in the implementation of the outcomes contained in Inverclyde’s Autism Strategy through the direct grant award process previously agreed by the Committee in January 2019 be noted;
- (2) that the anticipated project costs for each outcome prior to completion of procurement and legal procedures required in the allocation of grant funding be noted;
- (3) that authority be delegated to Officers to make a direct award for the delivery of the Transition to Adult Services, details of which were set out in the private appendix to the report, in anticipation of the successful completion of appropriate financial scrutiny procedures required by Procurement and Legal Services; and
- (4) that it be noted that the Chair of the Autism Strategy Implementation Group would transfer from Education to a senior HSCP Officer from May 2019.

Councillor Nelson 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 I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as are set opposite the heading to each item.

Item	Paragraph(s)
Inverclyde’s Autism Strategy – Appendix	6 and 8
Local Authority Provision of Cleaning and Janitorial Services to Police Scotland	1 and 6
Admissions and Placing Requests for Academic Year 2019/20	3

371 Inverclyde’s Autism Strategy – Appendix

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There was submitted appendix to the Autism Strategy report providing details of the proposed direct award for the Transition to Adult Services project for those with autism.

Decided: that the appendix be noted.

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372 Local Authority Provision of Cleaning and Janitorial Services to Police Scotland**372**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications advising the Committee of the proposed changes to the provision of cleaning and janitorial services by Police Scotland and the potential employee and financial implications for the Council.

Decided:

- (1) that the proposed changes to the provision of cleaning and janitorial services by Police Scotland and any potential employee and financial implications for the Council be noted;
- (2) that the contents of the letter to Susan Deacon, Chair of the Scottish Police Authority, expressing concern about Police Scotland's national approach be noted; and
- (3) that an update report be submitted to the Committee once there was greater clarity around the service provision and financial impact on the Council.

373 Admissions and Placing Requests for Academic Year 2019/20**373**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the progress of school placing requests for the academic year 2019/20.

Rev. Burt declared a non-financial interest in this item as the family of a pupil referred to in the report was known to him. 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 current position in relation to placing requests for schools in Inverclyde be noted.

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Policy & Resources Committee

Tuesday 21 May 2019 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, J McEleny (for MacLeod), McCabe, McCormick, C McEleny, McVey, Moran, Rebecchi, Robertson and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided for agenda items 1-11, 12 (part), 13-15 and 17-25 and Councillor Clocherty presided for items 12 (part) and 16.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Ms H Watson (for Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership), Head of Legal & Property Services, Ms C Craig-McDonald, Mr A Greer and Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services), Chief Financial Officer, Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications, Corporate Policy, Performance & Partnership Manager and Ms G Baxter (Human Resources, Policy & Communications).

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

374 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 374

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor MacLeod, with Councillor J McEleny substituting.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 7 (Welfare Reform Update) – Councillor J McEleny;
 Agenda Item 16 (Local Child Poverty Action Report) – Councillor Robertson; and
 Agenda Item 24 (Beacon Arts Centre, Request for Funding) – Councillors Clocherty and Robertson.

375 Policy & Resources Capital Programme 2018/2023 – Progress Report 375

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

Decided: that the current position of the 2018/23 Capital Programme and the progress on the specific projects detailed in the report and Appendix 1 be noted.

376 2018/23 Capital Programme 376

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the latest position of the 2018/23 Capital Programme.

Decided: that it be agreed to note the current position of the 2018/23 Capital Programme and that a report on the 2018/19 outturn will be presented to the next meeting of the Committee.

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377 Policy & Resources Committee 2018/19 Revenue Budget – Period 11 to 28 February 2019 377

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and Chief Financial Officer on the 2018/19 projected outturn for the Policy & Resources Committee as at Period 11 to 28 February 2019.

Decided:

- (1) that the 2018/19 projected underspend of £778,000 for the Policy & Resources Committee as at Period 11 to 28 February 2019 be noted; and
- (2) that the projected 2018/19 surplus of £20,410 for the Common Good Fund be noted.

378 2018/19 General Fund Revenue Budget as at 28 February 2019 378

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the position of the General Fund Revenue Budget as at 28 February 2019 and (2) providing an update in respect of the position of the General Fund Reserves and Earmarked Reserves.

Decided:

- (1) that the latest position of the 2018/19 Revenue Budget and General Fund Reserves be noted; and
- (2) that it be noted that the use of any Free Reserves over and above £3.8M be considered as part of the 2020/23 budget process.

379 2019/20 Budget – Initial Position 379

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the initial position of the 2019/20 Revenue Budget.

Decided: that the initial position of the 2019/20 Revenue Budget, the current position of the Council's Free Reserves and the potential adjustment identified by officers arising from the prior year treatment of the Capital Fund be noted.

380 Welfare Reform Update 380

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) providing an update on recent developments in respect of Welfare Reform and (2) seeking approval for a policy change in investments funded from the Anti-Poverty Fund.

Councillor J McEleny declared a financial interest in this matter as a Trustee of Home-Start and left the meeting prior to its consideration.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the updated Discretionary Housing Payments policy set out in Appendix 3;
- (2) that approval be given to the one-off investments funded from the Anti-Poverty Fund and detailed in section 11 of the report; and
- (3) that the report otherwise be noted.

Councillor J McEleny returned to the meeting at this juncture.

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- 381 Corporate Services Progress Report 2018/19 381**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications providing an update on the achievement of key objectives during 2018/19 by the Council's Corporate Services, as detailed in the Education, Communities & Organisational Development and the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plans (CDIPs) 2016/19 focusing on actions which sit within Finance and ICT, Legal & Property, Procurement, Organisational Development and Policy and Communications.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the progress made by the Council's Corporate Services during 2018/19 in delivering the three year improvement actions detailed in their respective CDIPs be noted; and
 - (2) that it be noted that this was the last progress report on the Corporate Services elements of the CDIPs for the period 2016-2019.
- 382 NRS Mid-Year Population Estimates (2018) for Inverclyde and Scotland 382**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications providing details of the latest mid-year population estimates (2018) published by the National Records of Scotland (NRS) on 25 April 2019.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the latest mid-year population estimates for Inverclyde and Scotland be noted; and
 - (2) that it be remitted to the Inverclyde Alliance Population Partnership to consider and report back these latest population statistics to the appropriate committees and agree any additional actions in connection with these including information on natural change and migration.
- 383 Accounts Commission Report – Challenges and Performance 2019 383**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications (1) on the publication of the Accounts Commission Report "Local Government in Scotland, Challenges and Performance 2019", (2) highlighting relevant matters and (3) seeking approval for any actions arising.
(Councillor Wilson left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
- Decided:**
- (1) that the contents of the Accounts Commission Report "Local Government in Scotland, Challenges and Performance 2019" be noted and that approval be given to the Action Plan set out in Appendix 1;
 - (2) that the Head of Organisational Development, Policy and Communications arrange a briefing session for Members in relation to the Accounts Commission report; and
 - (3) that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to carry out a review of Members' support, including consultation with other Councils, and to submit a report to the Committee in due course.

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| 384 | Audit Scotland Report on South Lanarkshire Council | 384 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications summarising the main points of Audit Scotland's 2019 Best Value Assurance Report (BVAR) on South Lanarkshire Council.</p> <p>Decided: that it be agreed to note the content of Audit Scotland's BVAR on South Lanarkshire Council and to take cognisance of the recommendations made in respect of that local authority.</p> | |
| 385 | Freedom of Information Requests 2018 | 385 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing details of Freedom of Information (FOI) requests received by the Council from January to December 2018.</p> <p>(Councillor McCabe left the meeting during consideration of this item of business and Councillor Clocherty assumed the Chair.</p> <p>Councillor Wilson returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business).</p> <p>Decided: that the information provided in relation to FOI requests received by the Council during 2018 be noted.</p> | |
| 386 | General Data Protection Regulation Update | 386 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services providing the annual update on the implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) within the Council.</p> <p>(Councillor J McEleny left the meeting and Councillor McCabe returned and resumed the Chair during consideration of this item of business).</p> <p>Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.</p> | |
| 387 | Employee Opinion Survey - 2018 | 387 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications on the results of the latest three-yearly Council-wide Employee Opinion Survey carried out in October 2018.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) that the positive outcome of the Employee Opinion Survey results be noted; (2) that it be noted that the Employee Opinion Survey results will be issued to Council employees via an ICON message from the Chief Executive ensuring that the communication can be included on noticeboards, etc. for non PC users; and (3) that the action plan set out in Appendix 1 to address the key actions of the survey, including feedback to employees on the progress of the plan, be noted. | |
| 388 | Education, Communities & Organisational Development and Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plans 2019/22 | 388 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of the new Education, Communities & Organisational Development and Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plans for 2019/22.</p> | |

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Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the new Education, Communities & Organisational Development and Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plans 2019/22; and
- (2) that it be noted that performance reports on the corporate elements of these plans will be presented to every second meeting of the Committee.

389 Local Child Poverty Action Report 389

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval of the draft Inverclyde Local Child Poverty Action Report (LAR), a copy of which was appended to the report.

Councillor Robertson declared non-financial interests in this matter as a Board Member of Financial Fitness and a consultant to Stepwell. She also formed the view that the nature of her interests and of the item of business did not preclude her continued presence in the Chamber or her participation in the decision-making process.

(Councillor McCabe left the meeting during consideration of this item of business and Councillor Clocherty assumed the Chair.

Councillor McCabe then returned to the meeting).

Decided:

- (1) that the funding detailed within the draft Inverclyde Local Child Poverty Action Report be approved; and
- (2) that it be agreed to approve the LAR Report 2018/19 and note that this will be submitted to the Scottish Government on 30 June 2019.

Councillor McCabe resumed the Chair at this juncture.

390 Draft Integration Review Self Evaluation 390

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing a draft self-evaluation for review of progress with the integration of Health & Social Care for the Committee's comment and feedback, prior to submission to the Scottish Government.

Decided: that it be agreed to approve the draft self-evaluation for submission by the revised deadline.

391 Proposed Wheelchairs (Short Term Access) Scotland Bill 391

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on Inverclyde HSCP's response to the Proposed Wheelchairs (Short Term Access) Scotland Bill.

Decided: that the content of the questionnaire response be noted.

392 Information Sharing Protocol 392

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services providing an overview of the amended Information Sharing Protocol, which had been updated to reflect the new requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation, and seeking approval of the amended policy, a copy of which was appended to the report.

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Decided: that the Information Sharing Protocol be approved.

393 Scheme of Delegation (Officers) 393

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Committee to remit it to the Head of Legal & Property Services to make any necessary consequential arrangements to update the Scheme of Delegation (Officers) in the event of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union.

Decided: that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to make any consequential arrangements to update the Scheme of Delegation (Officers) as necessary with effect from the date of the UK withdrawal from the EU.

394 Contract Awards – 1 October 2018 to 31 March 2019 394

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising the Committee of contracts awarded for the supply of goods or materials, provision of services and execution of works during the period 1 October 2018 to 31 March 2019.

Decided: that the contracts awarded by the Council during the period 1 October 2018 to 31 March 2019 be noted.

395 Treasury Management Consultants Tender – Variation to Price/Quality Split 395

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer seeking approval for a variation to the standard price/quality split to be used in the tender process and evaluation of a proposed tender for Treasury Management Consultants.

Decided: that it be agreed to suspend Contract Standing Order 13.2 and to approve the use of a 60% quality and 40% cost of service weighting in the forthcoming tender for the contract for Treasury Management Consultants.

396 Additional In-Service Days for Schools 396

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval of two additional in-service days during session 2019/20.

Decided: that approval be given to additional in-service days on Tuesday 22 October 2019 and 27 February 2020 for all schools.

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 ground 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)
Welfare Reform Update – Appendix	6
Beacon Arts Centre, Request for Funding	6 and 12

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397 Welfare Reform Update – Appendix 8 397

There was submitted Appendix 8 relative to Agenda Item 7 (Welfare Reform Update) providing information on households which left a Private Rented Sector tenancy.

Decided: that the terms of Appendix 8 be noted.

398 Beacon Arts Centre, Request for Funding 398

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on a request received from the Greenock Arts Guild Board for one-off funding from the Council.

Councillors Clocherty and Robertson declared a non-financial interest in this item as Board Members of Greenock Arts Guild Ltd. 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 take action, all as detailed in the appendix.

Report To:	Inverclyde Council	Date:	6 June 2019
Report By:	Head of Legal & Property Services	Report No:	LP/074/19
Contact Officer:	Gerard Malone	Contact No:	01475 712710
Subject:	Health and Social Care Integration Appointment of Chair to Integration Joint Board		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to request the Council to confirm the nomination of Members to and appoint the Chair of the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board (“IJB”).

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 At its meeting of 25 May 2017, the Council appointed four of its Elected Members to serve on the IJB.
- 2.2 The Integration Scheme between the Council and the NHS Board sets out the local arrangements for the appointment of Chair and Vice Chair of the IJB. The next Chair of the IJB is to be a member appointed on the nomination of the Council.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Council determines its nominations to the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board and:
1. confirms the re-appointment of the following members for a further term of office of two years:

Councillor Clocherty with Councillor Moran as proxy;
Councillor Rebecchi with Councillor Dorrian as proxy;
Councillor Quinn with Councillor Ahlfeld as proxy;
Councillor Robertson with Councillor Crowther as proxy; and
 2. appoints Councillor Clocherty as the Chair.

Gerard Malone
Head of Legal & Property Services

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Inverclyde Integration Joint Board was established by Parliamentary Order on 27 June 2015 following approval of the Inverclyde Integration Scheme by the Scottish Ministers and has been fully operational since August 2015. The approved Integration Scheme between the Council and Greater Glasgow & Clyde NHS Board states that the Council shall appoint four voting representatives to serve on the IJB.
- 4.2 These representatives and their named proxies were appointed by the Council at its meetings on 25 May 2017 and 27 September 2018 as follows:-
1. Councillor Clocherty with Councillor Moran as proxy;
 2. Councillor Rebecchi with Councillor Dorrian as proxy;
 3. Councillor Quinn with Councillor Ahlfeld as proxy;
 4. Councillor Robertson with Councillor Crowther as proxy;
- 4.3 On 29 June 2017, the Council appointed Councillor Clocherty as Vice Chair of the IJB.

5.0 RE-APPOINTMENT OF ELECTED MEMBERS

- 5.1 The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Order 2014 (“the Order”) and the Standing Orders of the IJB set out when IJB members’ term of office expire and the process for re-appointment.
- 5.2 The IJB voting members nominated by Inverclyde Council have reached the end of their two year terms of office.
- 5.3 Recognising the benefits of continuity, it is proposed to re-nominate the members detailed at paragraph 4.2 and their proxies to serve as voting members of the IJB for a further two year term but this is, of course, a matter for decision by the Council.

6.0 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

- 6.1 The Integration Scheme and Order also make provision for the appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair of the IJB. Article 4 of the Order provides for the Chair to be appointed by the NHS Board or the Council from among the voting members nominated by the NHS Board and the Council. The Vice Chair is appointed by the authority who did not appoint the Chair.
- 6.2 In terms of the Order, the appointment to Chair and Vice Chair must alternate regularly. Paragraph 2.2 of the Integration Scheme states that the Chair and Vice Chair positions will rotate every two years between the NHS Board and the Council, with the Chair being from one party and the Vice Chair from the other.
- 6.3 The Order also states that the NHS Board or the Council may change the person appointed by them as Chair or Vice Chair during an appointing period.
- 6.4 The position of Chair of the IJB has been held by an NHS Board nominee since June 2017. As this two year term of office is coming to an end, the position of Chair of the IJB is now to be held by a Council nominee.
- 6.5 Councillor Clocherty was appointed Vice Chair of the IJB by the Council in June 2017 with an expectation that he would take over as Chair at the end of two years when positions would rotate in terms of the Integration Scheme. For the purposes of continuity of Council representation and experience, it is recommended that Councillor Clocherty is appointed as Chair of the IJB.

7.0 PROPOSALS

- 7.1 It is proposed that the Council confirms the re-appointment of its nominees to serve on the IJB, notes the arrangements for appointing the Chair and Vice Chair of the IJB and appoints

Councillor Clocherty as Chair of the IJB.

8.0 IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Finance

None.

Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (if Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

8.2 Legal

The Order makes provision for the persons who must be included in the membership of the IJB and their terms of office, this includes a set number of Elected Members nominated by the Local Authority. The re-appointment of Elected Members and the appointment of Chair as set out in this report will comply with the terms of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2104, the Order and the Integration Scheme.

8.3 Human Resources

None.

8.4 Equalities

Equalities

(a) Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES (see attached appendix)
X	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required

8.5 Repopulation

None.

9.0 CONSULTATIONS

9.1 The Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnership has been consulted in the preparation of this report.

10.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 N/A

Report To:	Inverclyde Council	Date:	6 June 2019
Report By:	Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Report No:	SL/LP/086/19
Contact Officer:	Sharon Lang	Contact No:	01475 712112
Subject:	Councillor McCormick – Resignation from Shared Services Joint Committee		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of Councillor McCormick's resignation from the Shared Services Joint Committee.
- 1.2 Four Council representatives serve on the Shared Services Joint Committee, the other Members being Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks and Curley.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Council appoints a Member to serve on the Shared Services Joint Committee in place of Councillor McCormick, having due regard to Standing Order 54 of the Council's Standing Orders (Political Balance).

Gerard Malone
Head of Legal & Property Services

Report To:	Inverclyde Council	Date:	6 June 2019
Report By:	Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Report No:	SL/LP/085/19
Contact Officer:	Sharon Lang	Contact No:	01475 712112
Subject:	Councillor Ahlfeld – Resignation from Inverclyde Leisure Board		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of Councillor Ahlfeld's resignation from the Board of Inverclyde Leisure.
- 1.2 Four Council representatives serve on the Board of Inverclyde Leisure, the other Members being Councillors Brooks, Clocherty and J McEleny.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Council appoints a Member to serve on the Board of Inverclyde Leisure in place of Councillor Ahlfeld, having due regard to Standing Order 54 of the Council's Standing Orders (Political Balance).

Gerard Malone
Head of Legal & Property Services

Report To:	Inverclyde Council	Date:	6 June 2019
Report By:	Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Report No:	SL/LP/061/19
Contact Officer:	Sharon Lang	Contact No:	01475 712112
Subject:	Administrative Arrangements: Cycle of Council, Committee, Sub-Committee and Board Meetings to June 2020		

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to set out for approval the schedule of Committee cycles for the period to June 2020.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 The timetable is based on a cycle of five meetings of Thematic Committees, the Audit Committee, the Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee and the Council. The Planning Board and the General Purposes Board, as Regulatory Committees, have dates set aside each month for the determination of applications and associated business.

2.2 In line with last year's arrangements, the timetable has been designed to avoid, as far as is practicable, the holding of Council and Committee meetings during school holidays.

2.3 As in last year's timetable, a number of pre-agenda meetings, the August Policy & Resources Committee and a number of Planning and General Purposes Board meetings are scheduled to take place during the school holidays and it is not proposed to make any changes to the dates of these for the following reasons:

- (a) The pre-agenda meetings are an integral part of the Committee process and cannot be altered without changing the dates of the Committee meetings themselves which would have a knock-on effect on the rest of the timetable;
- (b) The additional Policy & Resources Committee held in August is arranged with the specific purpose of dealing with items arising during the recess period which cannot wait until the resumption of the Committee timetable;
- (c) The Planning and General Purposes Boards have a date set aside each month for the determination of applications and associated business and it is necessary to continue to hold these meetings on the dates set out to allow the business to be disposed of.

2.4 It is proposed that the Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee which previously met on the same day as the Council at 2pm should now meet at 3pm on the Thursday following the Tuesday Policy & Resources Committee.

The timetable therefore runs as follows:

- (a) The Planning Board will meet on the first Wednesday and the General Purposes Board on the second Wednesday respectively each month with the exception of July;
- (b) All ordinary meetings of the Thematic Committees (excepting the Education & Communities Committee), the Audit Committee, Local Police & Fire Committee, Planning Board and General Purposes Board will normally be held at 3pm;
- (c) The ordinary meetings of the Council will take place at 4pm.

- 2.5 The Inverclyde Integration Joint Board (IJB) has agreed to convene six meetings of the Board and three meetings of the IJB Audit Committee in the period to June 2020 and the dates of these meetings, which were agreed by the IJB on 14 May 2019, are included in the timetable.
- 2.6 The timetable again also includes proposed dates for the Petitions Committee established by the Council in October 2015 although these meetings will, of course, only be convened when there is relevant business to consider.
- 2.7 Like last year, the timetable also incorporates the special meeting of the Audit Committee held each year at the end of June to review the draft annual report and accounts.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Council is asked to approve the proposed cycle of Council/Committee/Sub-Committee/Board meetings for the year to June 2020 as set out in the report and appendix.

Gerard Malone
Head of Legal & Property Services

4.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

4.1 There are no financial implications.

Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (if Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Legal

4.2 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

Human Resources

4.3 There are no HR implications arising from this report.

Equalities

4.4 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

Repopulation

4.5 There are no repopulation implications arising from this report.

5.0 CONSULTATIONS

5.1 This report has been considered by the Corporate Management Team.

6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 None.

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Committee/Inverclyde Council	August/September 2019				October/November 2019			
	Submission Date - 9am	Pre- Agenda Date	Issue Agenda	Date of Meeting	Submission Date - 9am	Pre- Agenda Date	Issue Agenda	Date of Meeting
Policy & Resources Committee	12 July	Tues 23 July - 12 noon	26 July	6 Aug - 3pm	-	-	-	-
Audit Committee	26 July	Mon 5 Aug - 10am	9 Aug	20 Aug - 3pm	27 Sept	Mon 7 Oct - 10am	11 Oct	22 Oct - 3pm
Health & Social Care Committee	26 July	Tues 6 Aug - 1pm	9 Aug	22 Aug - 3pm	27 Sept	Tues 8 Oct - 3pm	11 Oct	24 Oct - 3pm
Environment & Regeneration Committee	2 Aug	Tues 13 Aug - 2pm	16 Aug	29 Aug - 3pm	4 Oct	Tues 15 Oct - 2pm	18 Oct	31 Oct - 3pm
Education & Communities Committee	9 Aug	Mon 19 Aug - 3pm	23 Aug	3 Sept - 2pm	11 Oct	Tues 22 Oct - 12 noon	25 Oct	5 Nov - 2pm
IJB Audit Committee (Date and time agreed by IJB)	16 Aug	Mon 26 Aug - 2.15pm	30 Aug	10 Sept - 1pm	NO MEETING			
Inverclyde Integration Joint Board (Dates and times agreed by IJB)	16 Aug	Mon 26 Aug - 3pm	30 Aug	10 Sept - 2pm	11 Oct	Mon 21 Oct - 3pm	25 Oct	4 Nov - 2pm
Petitions Committee	-	-	-	12 Sept - 3pm	-	-	-	14 Nov - 3pm
Policy & Resources Committee	23 Aug	Tues 3 Sept - 12 noon	6 Sept	17 Sept - 3pm	25 Oct	Tues 5 Nov - 12 noon	8 Nov	19 Nov - 3pm
Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee	23 Aug	Mon 2 Sept - 10am	6 Sept	19 Sept - 3pm	25 Oct	Mon 4 Nov - 10am	8 Nov	21 Nov - 3pm
Inverclyde Council	9 Sept	Mon 16 Sept - 4pm	19 Sept	26 Sept - 4pm	18 Nov	Mon 25 Nov - 4pm	28 Nov	5 Dec - 4pm

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Committee/Inverclyde Council	January/February 2020				February/March/April 2020			
	Submission Date - 9am	Pre- Agenda Date	Issue Agenda	Date of Meeting	Submission Date - 9am	Pre- Agenda Date	Issue Agenda	Date of Meeting
Audit Committee	29 Nov	Mon 9 Dec - 10am	13 Dec	7 Jan - 3pm	31 Jan	Mon 10 Feb - 10am	14 Feb	25 Feb - 3pm
Health & Social Care Committee	29 Nov	Tues 10 Dec - 3pm	13 Dec	9 Jan - 3pm	31 Jan	Tues 11 Feb - 3pm	14 Feb	27 Feb - 3pm
Environment & Regeneration Committee	6 Dec	Tues 17 Dec - 2pm	3 Jan	16 Jan - 3pm	7 Feb	Tues 18 Feb - 2pm	21 Feb	5 Mar - 3pm
Education & Communities Committee	13 Dec	Mon 6 Jan - 3pm	10 Jan	21 Jan - 2pm	14 Feb	Mon 24 Feb - 3pm	28 Feb	10 Mar - 2pm
IJB Audit Committee (Dates and times agreed by IJB)	3 Jan	Mon 13 Jan - 2.15pm	17 Jan	28 Jan - 1pm	21 Feb	Mon 2 Mar - 2.15pm	6 Mar	17 Mar - 1pm
Inverclyde Integration Joint Board (Dates and times agreed by IJB)	3 Jan	Mon 13 Jan - 3pm	17 Jan	28 Jan - 2pm	21 Feb	Mon 2 Mar - 3pm	6 Mar	17 Mar - 2pm
Petitions Committee	-	-	-	30 Jan - 3pm	-	-	-	19 Mar - 3pm
Policy & Resources Committee	10 Jan	Tues 21 Jan - 12 noon	24 Jan	4 Feb - 3pm	28 Feb	Tues 10 Mar - 12 noon	13 Mar	24 Mar - 3pm
Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee	10 Jan	Mon 20 Jan - 10am	24 Jan	6 Feb - 3pm	28 Feb	Mon 9 Mar - 10am	13 Mar	26 Mar - 3pm
Inverclyde Council	3 Feb	Mon 10 Feb - 4pm	13 Feb	20 Feb - 4pm	6 Apr	Tues 14 Apr - 4pm	16 Apr	<u>23 Apr - 4pm</u> *

NB As usual, the submission and pre- agenda dates for this cycle have been altered to avoid holding meetings in the week before Christmas and the week between Christmas and New Year.

* Date altered to take account of the school holidays.

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	April/May/June 2020			
Committee/Inverclyde Council	Submission Date - 9am	Pre- Agenda Date	Issue Agenda	Date of Meeting
Audit Committee	3 Apr	Tues 14 April - 10am	17 Apr	28 Apr - 3pm
Health & Social Care Committee	3 Apr	Tues 14 April - 3pm	17 Apr	30 Apr - 3pm
Environment & Regeneration Committee	9 Apr	Tues 21 April - 2pm	24 Apr	7 May - 3pm
Education & Communities Committee	17 Apr	Mon 27 Apr - 3pm	1 May	12 May - 2pm
IJB Audit Committee	NO MEETING			
Inverclyde Integration Joint Board (Date and time agreed by IJB)	24 Apr	Tues 5 May - 3pm	8 May	19 May - 2pm
Petitions Committee	-	-	-	21 May - 3pm
Policy & Resources Committee	1 May	Tues 12 May - 12 noon	15 May	26 May - 3pm
Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee	1 May	Mon 11 May - 10am	15 May	28 May - 3pm
Inverclyde Council	25 May	Mon 1 June - 4pm	4 June	11 June - 4pm
Inverclyde Integration Joint Board (Date and time agreed by IJB)	29 May	Mon 8 June - 3pm	12 June	23 June - 2pm
Audit Committee	29 May	Mon 8 June - 10am	12 June	25 June - 3pm

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PLANNING BOARD			
Submission Date - 9am	Pre- Agenda Date	Issue Agenda	Date of Meeting
25 July	n/a	30 July	7 Aug - 3pm
22 Aug	n/a	27 Aug	4 Sept - 3pm
19 Sept	n/a	24 Sept	2 Oct - 3pm
24 Oct	n/a	29 Oct	6 Nov - 3pm
21 Nov	n/a	26 Nov	4 Dec - 3pm
12 Dec	n/a	17 Dec	8 Jan - 3pm
23 Jan	n/a	28 Jan	5 Feb - 3pm
20 Feb	n/a	25 Feb	4 Mar - 3pm
19 Mar	n/a	24 Mar	1 Apr - 3pm
23 Apr	n/a	28 Apr	6 May - 3pm
21 May	n/a	26 May	3 June - 3pm

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD			
Submission Date - 9am	Pre- Agenda Date	Issue Agenda	Date of Meeting
26 July	n/a	1 Aug	14 Aug - 3pm
23 Aug	n/a	29 Aug	11 Sept - 3pm
20 Sept	n/a	26 Sept	9 Oct - 3pm
25 Oct	n/a	31 Oct	13 Nov - 3pm
22 Nov	n/a	28 Nov	11 Dec - 3pm
17 Dec	n/a	3 Jan	15 Jan - 3pm
24 Jan	n/a	30 Jan	12 Feb - 3pm
21 Feb	n/a	27 Feb	11 Mar - 3pm
20 Mar	n/a	26 Mar	8 Apr - 3pm
24 Apr	n/a	30 Apr	13 May - 3pm
22 May	n/a	28 May	10 June - 3pm

Report To:	Inverclyde Council	Date:	6 June 2019
Report By:	Chief Financial Officer	Report No:	FIN/59/19/AP/LA
Contact Officer:	Alan Puckrin	Contact No:	01475 712223
Subject:	Financial Strategy 2019/2029 - Update		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the updated Financial Strategy to the Council for review and approval.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The six monthly review of the Financial Strategy has been undertaken and takes into account the approved 2019/20 Budget and a review of all funding models included in the Appendix. The context takes into account the Spring Statement, the latest economic forecasts plus any developments in respect of the Scottish Government Budget.
- 2.2 The figures contained reflect economic forecasts announced by the Chancellor and OBR in March, 2019 which projected a marginal increase in economic growth after 2020 and confirmed that the annual budget deficit will remain for some time yet.
- 2.3 It can be seen from table 3 in paragraph 7.8 that the 2019/22 estimated funding gap is £12.815 million prior to the application of any further savings/ adjustments or any decision on whether to increase Council Tax.
- 2.4 Table 4a shows that based on the latest information including forecasts from the Fraser of Allander Institute, Fiscal Affairs Scotland and the local assessment of certain figures by the Chief Financial Officer, the mid-range scenario shows that the Council faces a potential funding gap of £19.1 million over the 2020/23 period prior to any decision around Council Tax levels.
- 2.5 In line with Best Practice, Tables 4b and 4c illustrate scenarios for the 2020/23 Revenue funding gap based on different assumptions around Government Grant, income, inflation and budget pressures. These Tables show potential funding shortfalls of £6.8 million to £30.5 million.
- 2.6 Table 5 in paragraph 7.13 shows that overall the Council has a £2.44 million funding shortfall on the 2019/23 Capital Programme. The Capital Programme allows for 5% over programming and this funding shortfall is within that limit. The outlook for capital is potentially more positive than for revenue and the Council will need to examine how it can best use capital to reduce pressure on the Revenue Budget.
- 2.7 All the other appendices and tables have been updated as follows:

Appendix 4 – School Estate Management Plan – this reflects the latest phasings and decisions. It remains financially balanced based on the assumptions made and recent savings applied. The final projects are scheduled for completion in 2020.

Appendix 5 – General Fund Reserves – this reflects the May,2019 Policy & Resources information and projects £3.641 million of unallocated reserves at 31st March, 2019.

Appendix 6 – Capital Fund – this reflects the latest review of receipts and £3.0 million allocated for Loans Charges (See Appendix 12).

Appendix 7 – Repairs and Renewals Fund – this reflects the latest projections for the refurbishment of 3G Pitches over 2018/25 and following a decision taken as part of the 2018/19 Budget to allocate an annual allowance from the Capital Programme, the maintenance model is now funded in the longer term.

Approval was given in December 2017 to combine the maintenance funds for the Port Glasgow Retail Development, Reservoirs above the Cut and Inverkip Railway Bridge into a single fund to provide longer term sustainability and reduce pressure on the Revenue Budget.

Appendix 8 – AMP – this reflects the latest projected figures taking into account write backs to the General Fund Reserves. The programme is coming to an end and remains affordable.

Appendix 9 – Vehicle Replacement Programme – reflects latest information and budget savings and remains affordable.

Appendix 10 – RAMP – shows the approved investment for the period to 31st March 2023 plus to deliver the Roads Asset Strategy.

Appendix 11 -- This Appendix provides a projection of the City Deal programme for the first 10 years of operation from both a revenue and capital perspective. It should be noted that this model will be refined as Business Case approvals are achieved but is currently affordable.

Appendix 12 – This Appendix illustrates how the Council intends to smooth the significant fluctuations in loans charges over the period to 2029/30. The figures reflect the £300,000 year on year reduction in budget to 2022/23 agreed as part of the March, 2018 Budget. Based on current projections the proposed annual reduction of £150,000 from 2023/24 is affordable but this will be kept under review in the medium term.

- 2.8 Section 11 of the Strategy reflects the identified risks to the Financial Strategy and mitigating actions whilst Appendices 1 to 3 highlights the major short / medium / long term issues the Council needs to be aware of which could materially impact on the figures presented.
- 2.9 Overall the Financial Strategy confirms the significant challenges facing the Council in coming years but that all models remain affordable, based on the latest information.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Council approves the latest revision of the Financial Strategy.

Alan Puckrin
Chief Financial Officer

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 The Financial Strategy requires to be reviewed twice per year and reported to Inverclyde Council. This is done in June and December each year.

5.0 CURRENT POSITION

5.1 The Strategy has been updated to reflect latest information as detailed in Section 2 of this report and confirms that the Council has an estimated recurring mid-range funding gap of £19.1 million over 2020/23 based on latest assessments.

5.2 It should be noted that within the movement in Block Grant assumptions, increases in ring-fenced grants or funding for national policy priorities eg: Early Years increase in hours or implementation of the Carers Act have not been included. This approach gives a truer year on year comparison for Members to consider.

5.3 All models in the Appendices have been reviewed and all remain affordable in the short / medium term.

5.4 Appendices 1-3 outline the short, medium and long term challenges which the Council requires to consider when agreeing future budgets.

5.5 The key messages are that unless there are improvements in the Local Government settlement compared to recent years, then the Council faces some extremely difficult choices in order to balance the Budget. The new fiscal framework within which Scotland now operates and the ongoing Brexit situation bring a further layer of uncertainty and therefore it is important that the Council's Financial Strategy provides a range of scenarios and that Members plan accordingly.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

6.1 The Financial Strategy is the key document for the Council's financial planning and links into other strategies and plans such as the Corporate Plan and Corporate Directorate Improvement Plans. Given the financial challenges which lie ahead then the importance of regular reviews of the document increases.

Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (if Applicable)	Other Comments

Legal

6.2 There are no specific Legal issues arising from the report.

Human Resources

6.3 There are no specific Human Resources issues arising from the report

Equalities

6.4 There are no specific equalities issues arising from the report

Repopulation

6.5 Having medium term financial plans which realistically reflect the pressures and opportunities faced by the Council and the communities it serves will help build confidence in the area and contribute to the Repopulation agenda.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The Financial Strategy has been produced after consultation with and input from the CMT and other relevant Officers.

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None



Financial Strategy

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1.1 Foreword

This latest revision of the Council's Financial Strategy reflects the continued pressure on the Public Finances plus political and constitutional uncertainty.

Given the challenging economic situation, and the significant financial issues we will face over future years, it is essential that the Council updates its Financial Strategy regularly to ensure it provides a practical framework within which policy choices can be identified, debated and approved.

The approval of this revised Financial Strategy demonstrates that we are clear both about the outcomes we want to achieve for our communities and the financial challenges that need to be addressed if we are to successfully deliver on these outcomes.

To provide a clear, consistent strategic direction for the Council the following outcomes were agreed for the Financial Strategy – it will ensure that:

- **the Council has a comprehensive, sustainable, balanced budget;**
- **the Council reviews the level of Council Tax annually in the context of the Financial Strategy, to determine an appropriate level in the best interests of the people of Inverclyde;**
- **resources are allocated and deployed to facilitate delivery of the outcomes in the Corporate Plan/Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Corporate Directorate Improvement Plans;**
- **all key strategic decisions on the allocation and deployment of resources are made within the appropriate financial context;**
- **Members can take full account of the impact of decisions on the overall financial resources of the Council in the short, medium and long term;**
- **there is a high level of confidence in the financial management of the Council;**
- **the Council has flexibility to address new policy requirements, or significant changes to existing policies, within overall available financial resources;**
- **resources are invested effectively, efficiently and on a sustainable basis;**
- **there is continued improvement in the delivery of major projects;**
- **there remains a focus on securing efficiencies across the organisation;**
- **the Council continues to invest in improving service quality, delivering new infrastructure, enhancing service levels and upgrading existing assets;**
- **there is an increased level of understanding on behalf of the wider community with regard to the finances of the Council.**

The primary financial challenge facing the Council over the coming period, given the continued pressure on public sector budgets, will be to stay within the approved revenue budget and deliver a capital programme that continues to maintain a high level of investment in key infrastructure.

There is no doubt that setting the 2019/20 budget generated options which required difficult decisions. This position is expected to continue with a funding gap of over £18 million estimated for 2020/23. One of the main challenges faced by the Council is therefore forward planning, preparatory investment and a sufficient lead in period prior to implementation of both savings and investment for the period beyond the current budget.

Given the difficult position the Council faces on capital expenditure, it is essential that future capital expenditure proposals are largely self-financing through the release of other capital assets, as well as delivering efficiencies which will secure ongoing revenue savings.

The Council has also approved corporate policies to charging and income generation – including maximising external funding to supplement existing resources and support service delivery. The Council increased the level of income generated by charging as part of the overall 2019/20 Budget.

The Financial Strategy also ensures that strategic initiatives which require long term revenue and capital commitments such as The City Deal, Asset Management Strategy and the School Estates Management Plan are locked down.

We also need to ensure that the Financial Strategy continues to support the Corporate Plan directly, the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and effectively link this Strategy to our Corporate Directorate Improvement Plans.

The Financial Strategy is a dynamic document and will be monitored on an ongoing basis by the Corporate Management Team and the Policy & Resources Committee. It will continue to be formally reviewed by the Council twice yearly, in June and in December.

This Financial Strategy is key to the future success of the Council – it is about making sure we have sufficient resources in place when required to deliver the outcomes we realistically can achieve for the communities of Inverclyde.

Councillor Stephen McCabe
Leader of the Council

Aubrey Fawcett
Chief Executive

2.0 Why have a Financial Strategy?

- 2.1 The purpose of our Financial Strategy is to provide clear direction, supported by a practical framework and explicitly defined parameters, on how the Council will structure and manage financial resources in the medium to long term to ensure they are deployed effectively to achieve corporate objectives.
- 2.2 This is not just another financial process – the Financial Strategy is integral to our Strategic Planning and Performance Management Framework which underpins the achievement of the outcomes identified in the Corporate Plan, and is an integral part of the Corporate Directorate Improvement Plans.
- 2.3 The requirement to develop a medium to long term financial strategy covering the next three to ten years (and in some areas longer) is a vital component of decision making.
- 2.4 The Council has taken into account guidance from CIPFA when developing the Financial Strategy as well as best practice from other local authorities.
- 2.5 Our ambition is to maintain a single, coherent Financial Strategy that brings together the corporate objectives of the Council along with all the relevant financial information in a clear, accessible document.
- 2.6 The value of such a Strategy is that it enables the Council to develop a better understanding of the wider policy and financial environment within which it operates, identify and respond flexibly to opportunities and threats, manage and mitigate risks and ensure that financial resources are contributing to achieving corporate objectives.
- 2.7 The Strategy will also provide information to a range of stakeholders:

Table 1 – Stakeholder Information

For the Council and Elected Members	to decide how available financial resources will be used
For Chief Officers, managers and employees	To help optimise the available resources and reinforce their roles in financial management arrangements
For residents	to show how the Council's Financial Strategy impacts upon service provision
For Council Tax payers	to demonstrate how the Council looks after public resources
For partners	to share the Council's vision and help identify opportunities for joint working and resource deployment.

- 2.8 Inevitably some of the information of the Financial Strategy will be based on forecasts and these will change over time - the Strategy is reviewed regularly so that the Council can respond proactively to any such changes.
- 2.9 The inclusion of information in the Financial Strategy does not infer approval and all financial projections and issues will have to be subject to approval through the budget process.
- 2.10 The Strategic Planning and Performance Management Framework continues to develop links between the strategic planning and budgeting processes. This allows services to plan ahead, taking into account the resources available and proactively identify opportunities to achieve efficiencies or secure alternative funding sources. This process also encourages the development of joint resourcing opportunities within the Inverclyde Alliance.

3.0 Financial Summary

- 3.1 On 21 March 2019 the Council agreed the 2019/20 Revenue Budget.. As part of the Budget Strategy the Council also agreed to progress a medium term Budget Strategy covering 2020/23, the life of the current Council.
- 3.2 The same meeting also agreed the 2019/23 Capital Programme which took into account the latest Government Grant settlement information.

Table 2 – Short Term Summary – Approved Revenue and Capital Budgets (March 2019)

	2019/20 £million
<u>General Fund Revenue</u>	192.764
<u>Budget Financed by</u>	
Government Grant (Including NDR)	(160.575)
Council Tax	(31.359)
Approved Contribution from General Reserve	(0.830)
	0
<u>Capital Programme (2019/20)</u>	
Approved Spend	26.29
<u>Financed by</u>	
Government Grants	12.25
Capital Receipts	0.28
Other Grants	1.40
Prudential Borrowing	4.00
Resources Carried Forward from prior year	17.72
Use of Revenue Reserves 2019/20	0.67
Surplus in Resources in 2019/20	10.03

4.0 Overall Economic Position

UK Context

- 4.1 The March 2019 Spring Statement by the UK Government and OBR forecasts revised a number of the key projections. These are based on a managed Brexit with GDP figures down in 2019/20 compared to the 2018 Autumn Statement but most others the same or marginally improved. Some of the latest figures are shown below.

	<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022/23</u>
GDP (real % change)	1.4	1.2	1.5	1.6	1.6
CPI (% change)	2.3	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.0
Interest Rate (LIBOR)	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.3
Borrowing (£Billion)	23	29	21	18	14

- 4.2 Overall net borrowing has reduced from the 2018 Autumn Statement and is projected to fall due to projected increased tax receipts. All the above forecasts are highly uncertain given the significant pressures on the Public Finances and the on-going Brexit uncertainty.
- 4.3 Despite the fluid situation it appears clear that there will be no material rises in tax rates or increased use of borrowing and as such considerable pressure will remain on the Public Finances.

The Scottish Context

- 4.4 The current Scottish Government plans contain a number of commitments which are expected to impact on Local Government finances over the life of the Parliament. The main areas are as follows:

- NHS Budget to increase by £500m more than inflation by the end of the Parliament
- Additional £1.3 billion in Health & Social Care Partnerships
- To almost double the free early years provision by 2020
- Increase Scottish Attainment Fund by £750 million with more allocated to Head Teachers
- Extend payment of the Living Wage to all Social Care and Early Years workers.
- Abolish the “Bedroom Tax”
- Council Tax increases to be capped.
- Reform of Council Tax

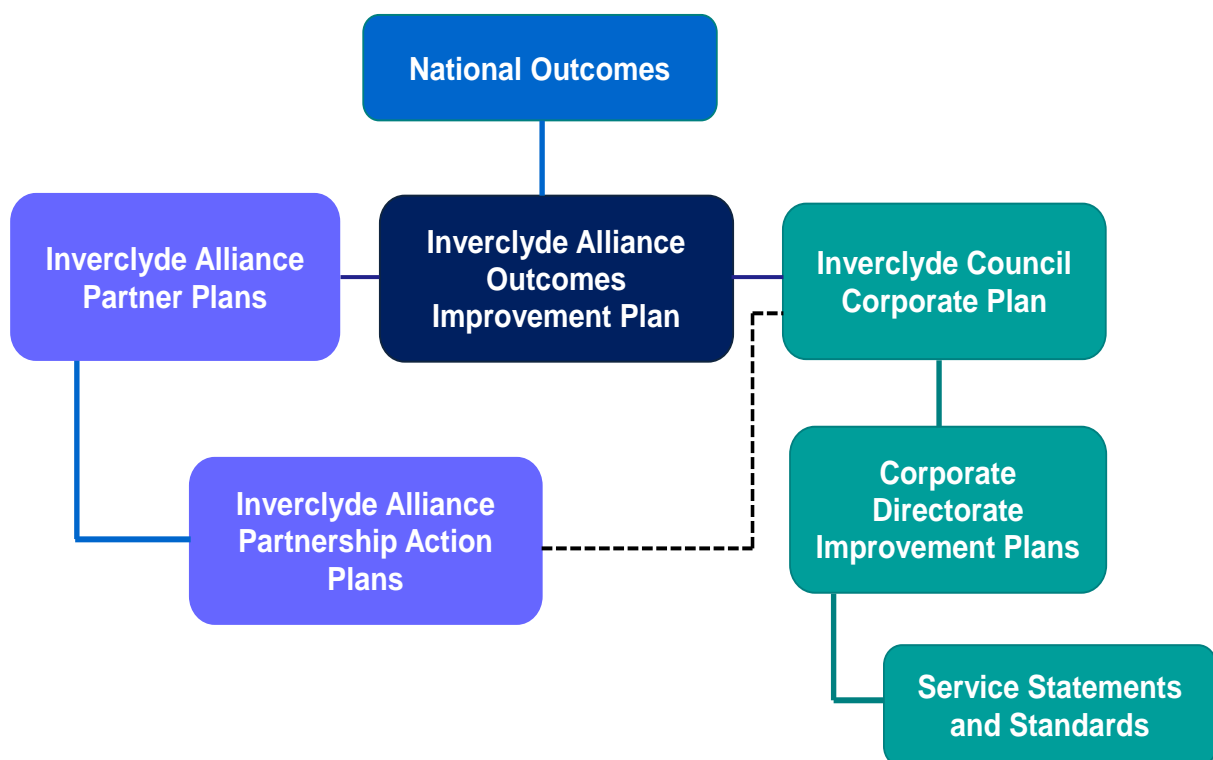
Progress has been made on a number of these commitments but the longer term funding for some areas remains uncertain and this issue has been highlighted in various reports by the Accounts Commission/Auditor General.

- 4.5 The Scottish Government published their first Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) in May 2018 which gave broad financial plans for the next 5 years. Within the document the underlying message for Local Government as a whole was that it is not in the “protected” element of the Scottish Budget and as such budgets will remain under pressure unless there is a combination of improved settlements from the UK Government, increased Scottish GDP or increases in Scottish Taxation relative to the rest of the UK.

- 4.6 The Autumn Statement resulted in £950m of Barnett consequential for Scotland of which £550m resulted from increased funding for the NHS. Whilst there are also Barnett consequential sums arising from increased funding for Councils in England for Roads, Social Care, Schools etc, whether these sums are allocated to Councils in Scotland will become clearer on the 12th December, when the Scottish Government will announce the Scottish Budget.
- 4.7 The Scottish Parliament has agreed to vary income tax rates compared to the rest of the UK since the March 2018 Budget. Some of the extra funding funded an improved settlement for Local Government however analysis by the Fraser of Allander Institute highlighted that income per capital growth in Scotland was lower than the rest of the UK in 2017/18 and the first part of the 2018/19. These figures show that Scottish Tax Policy is adding only £182 million to the Scottish Budget despite the fact that the Policy is adding approximately £500m more in income tax revenues ie: the bulk of the increases in tax is offset by weaker income growth.
- 4.8 The above indicates that 2017/18 and 2018/19 tax forecasts may have been too optimistic and the Scottish Government potentially faces a reduction in 2020/21 and 2021/22 budgets once the difference between out-turn and forecast is finalised.
- 4.9 Based on the above it is clear that Local Government faces a continued squeeze on resources for the foreseeable future which will require clear prioritisation and inevitably a review of some of the universal service provision policies at both a national and local level.
- 4.10 Brexit continues to be an area of considerable uncertainty with the UK leaving date still unclear. There is almost daily speculation and reports outlining potential impacts but the Financial Strategy is based on the latest approved Budgetary information from both UK and Scottish Governments. Future Financial Strategy reports will highlight any issues arising from Brexit as and when they become clearer.

5.0 Local Context

- 5.1 The local environment within which the Council operates has changed significantly in recent years and will alter further in future years due to the impact of national legislation and policy, further economic turbulence, societal changes and developing customer expectations.
- 5.2 The overall strategic framework within which the Council operates is outlined in the Strategic Planning and Performance Management Framework. The Framework includes the Local Outcome Improvement Plan, the Corporate Plan, Corporate Directorate Improvement Plans and the Financial Strategy.
- 5.3 The Strategic Planning and Performance Management Framework is shown in the Diagram below.



- **National Outcomes** are set by the Scottish Government and sit within a National Performance Framework. These 11 outcomes are an overarching guide for the local community planning partnership document, the Inverclyde Outcomes Improvement Plan.
- The **Inverclyde Alliance Outcomes Improvement Plan (OIP)** is a high level strategic partnership document setting out the vision and direction for the Inverclyde area, as agreed by all the Inverclyde Alliance partner organisations and communities. The outcomes are based on evidence of the key issues and challenges for the Inverclyde area and through community engagement. They set out what we want to achieve for all the communities of Inverclyde.
- The **Partnership Action Plans** set out the Partnership actions and projects which will contribute to the achievement of the OIP priorities and are expressed through the wellbeing indicators (see below in 5.4) to help better understand their impact on a crosscutting basis.
- The Council approved a new **Corporate Plan 2018/22** on 7 June 2018.

The Corporate Plan is a public facing document and sets out the ways in which Inverclyde Council hopes to deliver better outcomes for the people of Inverclyde through the delivery of 10 organisational priorities. The Plan reflects the wellbeing outcomes from the Outcomes Improvement Plan and sets out, at a high level, what the Council will do to help deliver the partnership priorities. The Plan also contains high level budget information for key services.

- **Corporate Directorate Improvement Plans (CDIPs)** set out the vision for each Directorate. New CDIPs have been produced for the period 2019/22. The Plan covers two broad areas, the first being corporate cross cutting improvement actions and the second Directorate Improvement actions. These improvement actions are based on robust self-evaluation and are mapped to the Corporate Plan organisational priorities. In addition the HSCP has recently developed a Strategic Plan 2019/24 which supports the Inverclyde Joint Board.
- **Service Statement and Standards** set out what services do on a day to day basis and will not change significantly year on year, but will be refreshed to reflect any structural or legislative changes. It is a public facing document which also sets out a summary of the financial and employee resources allocated to run the service. Service standards are also reflected in the Service Statements, setting out what quality standards the service follows and what customers can expect.

Outcomes for Inverclyde

The focus of the Strategic Planning and Performance Management Framework is on addressing the main challenges facing the area. The Inverclyde Outcomes Improvement Plan builds on the achievements of the SOA and contains three strategic priorities to be delivered in partnership:

- **Population:** Inverclyde's population will be stable and sustainable with an appropriate balance of socio-economic groups that is conducive to local economic prosperity and longer term population growth
 - **Inequalities:** There will be low levels of poverty and deprivation and the gap between the richest and poorest members of our communities will be reduced
 - **Environment Culture and Heritage:** Inverclyde's environment, culture and heritage will be protected and enhanced to create a better place for all Inverclyde residents and an attractive place in which to live, work and visit
- 5.4 The OIP continues to focus on the delivery of the **wellbeing outcomes**, which the Inverclyde Alliance, including the Council, has adopted. These wellbeing outcomes have been adapted and expanded from 'Getting it Right for Every Child', to help us work towards a Nurturing Inverclyde, 'Getting it Right for Every Child, Citizen and Community'. The wellbeing outcomes cover the core areas of Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible and Included.
- 5.5 A key challenge for the Inverclyde Alliance, and the public agencies, operating in Inverclyde, over the next five years will be to ensure better alignment between available resources, across all agencies, and the outcomes and priorities identified in the Inverclyde Outcomes Improvement Plan.
- 5.6 The Council is working to establish a picture of resource deployment in the context of the OIP and will work with partners to try to capture the picture across all involved agencies.

Demographics and Population

The most significant challenge facing Inverclyde is depopulation and associated demographic change – this has been recognised by the Council and our Partners as a priority in the Inverclyde Outcomes Improvement Plan and the Council's Corporate Plan 2018/22.

- 5.7 The fundamental issue for the Council is that at some point if the decline in population continues at the current pace then the area could become no longer sustainable as a unit of administration which would have an associated impact on other services such as health, police and fire. Following encouraging signs that the population decline was stabilising, with out-migration levels falling year on year since 2013/14, the latest mid-year population estimates (2018) show an increase in the number of people leaving the area and a fall in the number of those moving into Inverclyde. Work around repopulation is led by the Inverclyde Alliance Repopulation Group and the potential reasons for this change in trend will be considered by the group and any resulting actions fed into the Repopulation Strategy and Action Plan that was approved by the Alliance Board on 18 March 2019.
- 5.8 In the 2011 Census the population for Inverclyde was 81,485, a decrease of 3.2% from 84,200 in the 2001 census. The most recent population estimates set out Inverclyde's population for 2018 at 78,150, a decrease of -0.77% from 78,760 in 2017. The population of Inverclyde accounts for 1.4% of the total population of Scotland.
- 5.9 The latest mid-year population estimates (2018) show that 16% of Inverclyde's population is aged between 0 – 15 years, which is slightly less than the percentage for Scotland, 17%. 63% of the population is aged 16 – 64 years, compared to 64% in Scotland. 21% of Inverclyde's population is aged 65 years and older compared to 19% in Scotland.
- 5.10 Since 1985, Inverclyde's total population has fallen overall whilst Scotland's population has risen over this period.
- 5.11 , Official population projections continue to forecast a long term decline in Inverclyde's population. By 2041 the population of Inverclyde is projected to be 70,550, a decrease of 10.9% compared to the population in 2016. The population of Scotland is projected to increase by 5.3% per cent between 2016 and 2041.
- 5.12 Over the 25 year period the age group that is projected to increase the most in size in Inverclyde is the pensionable and over age group with a 14.1% increase. In Scotland, it is estimated that there will be a projected 25.1% increase in the pensionable age population by 2041.
- 5.13 The population aged under 16 in Inverclyde is projected to decline by 14.9% over the 25 year period, compared to a 1.5% decrease nationally.
- 5.14 . Between SIMD12 and SIMD16, the number of Inverclyde data zones in the 5% most deprived in Scotland fell by 3 from 14 to 11. This equates to 9.6% of all 114 Inverclyde data zones in the 5% most deprived category.

Inverclyde has the second highest concentration of multiple deprivation in Scotland, sitting behind Glasgow.

- 5.15 Demographic change will have significant impact on services as funding allocated from the Scottish Government is partly based on the population of an area. Even with additional allocations to take account of deprivation the budget is expected to reduce in real terms over the next five years.
- 5.16 In terms of indicators of deprivation the profile for Inverclyde differs from the national picture, these include:
- 5.0% of working age benefit claimants are claiming unemployment benefits. Of this, a higher proportion of 18 – 24 year olds (7.4%) are claiming than 25 – 49 year olds (6.0 %) or 50+year olds (3.3%). (As at March 2019).
 - In 2018, economic inactivity rates in Inverclyde, were the same as the national rate, 22.6% (January 2018 – December 2018)
 - The percentage of workless households in Inverclyde is 22% compared to 18% in Scotland (January – December 2017)

- Approximately 80.8% of working age adults in Inverclyde have NVQ1 and above, or other formal qualifications. 83.5% of the Scottish population have NVQ1 and above or other formal qualifications (January 2018 – Dec 2018).
- Median earnings for full time workers living in the area (Gross Weekly Pay) in 2018 were £566.30, a significant increase from the 2007 rate of £382.10 per week, which placed Inverclyde 13% below the national average. Earnings in 2018 were approximately 0.6% higher than those for Scotland as a whole (£562.70). This is the second year that gross median earnings for workers living in Inverclyde have been higher than the Scottish average.
- Working age people account for 63% of all people in Inverclyde (2018 mid-year population estimates). This is 1% lower than for Scotland as a whole.

5.17 The projected population changes will have an impact on all service areas, particularly Education and Social Care, where there will be a need to actively manage the transition from current service delivery arrangements to new models that are built around the needs of the future population.

5.18 The deprivation profile will have major implications for services as research indicates that those most vulnerable to poverty are more likely to require greater interventions and experience greater levels of health inequalities and a targeted focus to move individuals out of poverty will come at a significant cost to public agencies.

5.19 The predicted demographic changes also have other implications. A decline in younger economically active people and a growth in the older, more vulnerable age group can mean there will be fewer informal carers which could result in a higher dependency on the services provided by the Health & Social Care Partnership.

The public sector landscape in Inverclyde

5.20 The public sector landscape has changed significantly over the last 10-15 years in Inverclyde. The development of this mixed economy of public service provision presents new challenges for the Council as it seeks to ensure that outcomes are achieved and that resources are being deployed effectively and efficiently. This is particularly relevant in the context of the LOIP where there will need to be a robust appraisal of whether existing service delivery arrangements across all partner agencies can effectively deliver on the agreed outcomes.

5.21 Whilst the Council has to tackle the problems associated with poverty, health inequalities and deprivation now, it also has to look to the future, and ensure that effective intervention is put into place now, to prevent further problems from developing, which will ultimately require expensive interventions. Investment in the lives of our children and young people early on in their lives will result in a better outcomes and quality of life for them as they grow up in the Inverclyde area.

5.22 The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill received royal assent on 24 July 2015. The Act places new duties on the Council and its partners to provide new rights for community bodies. The Act came into effect in July 2016 and is beginning to have a significant impact on the way the Council interacts with the Community.

5.23 *Riverside Inverclyde*

Riverside Inverclyde is a joint initiative between the Council and Scottish Enterprise to regenerate 330 acres of the Clyde Waterfront scheduled to run from 2006/7 until 2017/18.

The Council's contribution towards Riverside Inverclyde was originally to be £24 million over the ten year period. In addition the Council has made contributions in kind by transferring specific assets to the Urban Regeneration Company which will count towards the £24 million contribution and a further £6.1 million financial support to specific major Regeneration projects led by Riverside Inverclyde.

Following the most recent governance review it was agreed by the Council and Scottish Enterprise to change the operational governance model due to the reduction in major regeneration projects being progressed by Riverside Inverclyde. The revised arrangements are due to become operational by July, 2019.

5.24 *River Clyde Homes*

River Clyde Homes is a not-for-profit housing organisation, which is run by a Board of Tenants, Council nominees and community members. It is regulated by the Government to ensure that it manages housing in the best interests of the tenants of Inverclyde, and the community as a whole.

The transfer to River Clyde Homes of all the Council housing stock was based on significantly more money being available to invest in homes and neighbourhoods and give tenants a real say in the decisions that are made about their housing, with tenants on the Board influencing policies and investment decisions.

5.25 *Inverclyde Leisure*

Inverclyde Leisure is a 'company limited by guarantee', not having share capital and recognised by HMRC and OSCR as having charitable status. In October 2001, the Trust was asked to take responsibility for the management and delivery of Inverclyde Council's sport and recreational services.

The Leisure Trust works in close partnership with Inverclyde Council and other internal and external agencies in order to develop the optimum service for residents and visitors to Inverclyde and so to ensure the Trust's Mission Statement is implemented.

The Council's Community Facilities transferred to Inverclyde Leisure in April 2010 and the transfer of the management of Outdoor Leisure Facilities to Inverclyde Leisure took place in April 2015. Inverclyde Leisure has revised its Business Planning process and a new Business Plan is reviewed annually by the Council.

The Council's percentage contribution to the Leisure Trust has reduced considerably and is currently under 30% of the Leisure Trust turnover.

5.26 *Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP)*

The Council and Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board established an integrated Community Health and Care Partnership (CHCP) in October 2010. This resulted in greater partnership working and efficiencies in line with the Government's stated objective of integrating aspects of Health & Social Care.

The Public Bodies (Joint Working) Act 2014 resulted in the creation of a HSCP Integrated Joint Board (IJB) during 2015/16 and required a revised Governance and Financial framework. The IJB is a separate legal entity and will receive resources from and delegate resources to the Council and Health Board. The Council was well placed to meet this challenge given the 4 successful years of CHCP operation.

The financial integration became live in April 2016 at a time of continued increasing demands on Council Budgets as the Partnership focuses on building community resources to support the delivery of health and social care services, including the acute sector.

6.0 Financial Management

Corporate Governance

- 6.1 The Council positively promotes the principles of sound corporate governance within all aspects of its activities.
- 6.2 Corporate governance is about the structures and processes for decision-making, accountability, controls and behaviour throughout the Council. It is based around key principles of openness, equality, integrity and accountability.
- 6.3 The fundamental principles of corporate governance should be reflected in the various dimensions of Council business, including;
- Ensuring a community focus underpins the Council's vision and priorities;
 - Ensuring the effective delivery of local services on a sustainable basis;
 - Establishing effective management structures and processes which include clearly defined roles and responsibilities for officers;
 - Developing and maintaining effective risk management systems that form part of the Council's strategic decision making process;
 - Ensuring high standards of propriety and probity in the stewardship of the Council's funds and the management of the Council's affairs;
 - A commitment to openness in the Council's affairs and the provision of full, accurate and clear information to all stakeholders.
- 6.4 The Chief Financial Officer has been designated as "the proper officer" and is responsible for advising the Council on all financial matters.
- 6.5 The Financial Regulations were refreshed and approved in September 2016 and are an essential component of the corporate governance of the Council.
- 6.6 The Financial Regulations are designed to facilitate the smooth running of the Council, protect its interests and the interests of members and officers, and ensure the proper administration of all the Council's financial affairs, including, Partnerships, The Common Good and Sundry Accounts.
- 6.7 Head Teachers must also comply with the Financial Regulations, with the exception of virement which is defined in the Devolved Management of Resources Scheme.

Roles and Responsibilities

- 6.8 It is important to set out clearly the roles and responsibilities of the key parties involved in the Financial Strategy and the management of overall financial resources of the Council.

Elected Members

- 6.9 Elected Members, through Full Council and Committees are responsible for considering and approving budgets and the Financial Strategy for the Council. Approved budgets must be financially balanced and demonstrate value for money and sustainability.

- 6.10 Throughout the year Committees receive reports which allow progress against approved budgets to be scrutinised. All members receive appropriate training in the areas of Financial Strategy, Local Government Finance and key specialist areas such as Treasury and Risk Management.

Corporate Management Team

- 6.11 The Chief Executive, Corporate Directors, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Property and Head of Organisational Development, Communications & Policy form the CMT, chaired by the Chief Executive, who are responsible, individually and collectively, for ensuring effective financial management across the organisation.
- 6.12 As Budget Holders the Corporate Directors are responsible for the budgets delegated to deliver the services within their Directorate in line with the priorities of the Council. Whilst they may delegate this responsibility within their Directorate they remain accountable in exercising overall financial control.
- 6.13 The CMT set aside time each reporting cycle to consider corporate financial matters including employee costs, key budget lines, earmarked reserves and savings delivery progress.

Chief Financial Officer

- 6.14 The Chief Financial Officer has a statutory role to ensure appropriate arrangements are in place for the proper administration of the financial affairs of the Council. He has the authority to comment and advise CMT, Chief Executive and Elected Members on all financial matters.

Heads of Service

- 6.15 Heads of Service are individually responsible for ensuring that the services within their remit are delivered in line with the agreed policy, and support the strategic direction of the Council. As Budget Holders they are responsible for the budgets delegated to them to deliver their service in a manner which demonstrates value for money in line with the priorities in the Corporate Directorate Improvement Plans.

Budget Managers

- 6.16 Responsibility for budgetary control lies with the Corporate Directors and as delegated budget holders, their Heads of Service and Service Managers. In recognition of the need to ensure budget holders are appropriately supported and trained, Finance Services delivers training to all Heads of Service and Managers on Financial Governance and budgetary control issues.

Financial Support to Services

- 6.17 Each Directorate has a dedicated Finance Manager and Principal Accountant who prepare and monitor the Directorate budget as well as providing a full range of financial advice to the Directorate.

Internal Audit

- 6.18 Internal Audit provide assurance to Elected Members, the Chief Executive and management that the internal processes of the Council are being managed appropriately in line with the overarching policies and outcomes are being delivered in an efficient and effective manner.

External Audit

- 6.19 The role of External Audit is to provide assurance to the Auditor General and the Accounts Commission that the Council has spent public money properly to deliver outcomes in an efficient and effective manner. They also provide assurance to the Elected Members, the CMT and general public that the Council's performance is reported in accordance with the financial standards and presents a fair account of the Council's activities.

Managing the Budget

- 6.20 Committees receive five budget monitoring reports throughout the year. These are jointly prepared by the Chief Financial Officer and the relevant Corporate Director.
- 6.21 The Corporate Management Team receive and discuss a budget overview every budget monitoring cycle covering key budget lines, employee costs, earmarked reserves, progress on the approved savings and key projects with financial implications.
- 6.22 All Services receive detailed budget information five times per year and in addition are sent FMS budget reports in intervening months plus having access to real time information held on the Council's Finance Management System.
- 6.23 The Council operates a risk based approach to budget monitoring ensuring that focus is given to larger and more volatile budgets. The identification of key budgets is agreed annually between Directorates and Finance.

7.0 Financial Outlook

- 7.1 Key financial issues are known or anticipated events and activities that have to be addressed within overall financial resources in the short-term (within 2 years), medium-term (within 4 years) or long-term (over 4 years).
- 7.2 Events and activities include efficiencies, planned savings, changes to service priorities and delivery, and known potential pressures. The financial impact of an event or activity may be one-off, recurring or time-limited.
- 7.3 The Council is due to receive Revenue Grant/Non-Domestic Rates Income of 160.575m in 2019/20.
- 7.4 When the Council's own projection of Council Tax Income based on 96.8% collection rate is added (£31.359m) then the income for the Council in 2019/20 is projected to be £191.934m
- 7.5 The level of resources available to the authority to fund its revenue expenditure is also dependent on Council Tax and the approved budget included a 4.79% increase in Band D Council Tax in 2019/20.
- 7.6 The Financial Strategy runs up to 2018/29 and beyond in terms of identifying potential issues, but the revenue forecasts are limited to the period which can be reasonably forecast. A new requirement from 2019/20 has been the production and approval of a Capital Strategy which covers a period beyond 2028/29. This examines a number of long term issues including the sustainability and affordability of borrowing and investment decisions.
- 7.7 The Council has agreed a Reserve Strategy which requires a minimum unallocated General Fund Reserve of 2% of turnover. Based on the 2019/20 Budget this equates to £3.8 million. The overall position of the Reserves shown in Appendix 5 and has been updated to reflect the latest projections. The Reserve Strategy was reviewed and approved by the Policy & Resources Committee in September 2016. Earmarked Reserves and the level of unallocated reserves are reviewed annual as part of the budget process.
- 7.8 The projected budget position in the short to medium term, is set out in the following tables and notes for both revenue and capital. Details of the short, medium and long-term issues identified in consultation with Services are contained at Appendices 1, 2 and 3.

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Table 3

	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>
	<u>£m</u>	<u>£m</u>	<u>£m</u>
Base Budget for Prior Year	190.379	191.934	190.934
<u>UPLIFTS FROM PRIOR YEAR</u>			
<u>Inflation (Note1)</u>			
Pay Inflation	4.347	3.600	3.000
Other Inflation	0.503	1.500	1.500
	<u>4.850</u>	<u>5.100</u>	<u>4.500</u>
<u>Budget Increases (Note 2)</u>			
General Pressures	0.400	1.000	1.000
Teachers Superannuation Allowance	0.390	0.000	0.000
	<u>0.790</u>	<u>1.000</u>	<u>1.000</u>
<u>Adjustments (Note 3)</u>			
Other Adjustments Applied	-0.033	-0.041	0.000
New Funding Per SG Settlement	2.909	0.000	0.000
Policy Pressure Approved (Feb/Mar 19)	0.211	0.071	0.000
Contribution from Reserves (Mar 19)	-0.830	0.830	0.000
Net Revenue Budget Before Savings	<u>198.276</u>	<u>198.894</u>	<u>196.434</u>
<u>Funded by: (Note 4)</u>			
Revenue Grant/NDR Income	160.575	159.575	158.575
Council Tax Income (Net of CTR)	31.359	31.359	31.359
	<u>191.934</u>	<u>190.934</u>	<u>189.934</u>
Annual Budget Before Savings (Surplus)/Deficit	<u>6.342</u>	<u>7.960</u>	<u>6.500</u>
Cumulative Budget Gap before Savings	<u>6.342</u>	<u>14.302</u>	<u>20.802</u>
<u>Savings Applied (Cumulative)</u>			
Adjustments Approved September 2017	-0.300	-0.600	-0.900
Efficiencies Approved November 2017	-0.197	-0.197	-0.197
Adjustments Approved December 2017	-0.241	-0.241	-0.241
Service Committee Reports Approved March 2018	-1.456	-1.559	-1.559
Public Consultation Savings Approved March 2018	-0.413	-0.413	-0.413
Adjustments Approved September 2018	-0.331	-0.331	-0.331
Adjustments Approved November 2018	-0.772	-0.783	-0.783
Adjustments Approved February 2019	-1.304	-1.341	-1.341
Savings Approved February 2019	-0.170	-0.170	-0.170
Adjustments Approved March 2019	0.015	0.000	0.000
Savings Approved March 2019	-1.173	-2.052	-2.052
Approved Budget (Surplus)/Deficit	<u>0.000</u>	<u>6.615</u>	<u>12.815</u>

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Note 1 Inflation

- a) Pay – The allowance for pay inflation is an allowance available over the 3 year period to fund all pay related pressures including the annual pay award, Pay and Grading Model review, impacts of living wage, increases in employers national insurance/pension costs, and movement in service bottom up employee budgets.
- b) Other Inflation – Inflation had been at a low rate in recent times and as such the allowances have been greatly reduced. However, over the last 12 months inflation has gradually increased and the allowance will come under pressure in future. Figures reflect the figures reported on 21 March 2019.

Note 2 Budget Increases

- a) General Pressures – Reflects pressures approved for 2019/20 in March 2019 plus a general allowance for 2020/22.
- b) Teachers Superannuation – Reflects allowance approved March 2019 to fund increase in Teachers' pension costs.

Note 3 Adjustments

- a) Other Adjustments – Reflects minor prior year savings agreed.
- b) New Funding – Reflects new funding received as part of the Settlement February 2019. The majority of the funding relates to the increased allocation for Social Care to fund Living Wage costs, Free Personal Care to U65's and additional funding towards the implementation of the Carers Act Scotland.
- c) Policy Pressures – Reflects pressures approved as part of the 2019/20 budget process.
- d) Contribution from Reserves – As part of the 2019/20 budget process, the Council approved use of reserves to fund the 2019/20 budget for 1 year.

Note 4 Funded By

- a) Reflects 2019/20 Finance Settlement included in Scottish Government Circular 2/2019. The 2020/22 figures are estimated based on continuing grant loss due to Depopulation and estimated cash reductions per estimates by Fiscal Affairs Scotland.
- b) Council Tax Income is shown net of Council Tax Reduction (CTR) Scheme. Grant is included within Council General Revenue Grant for CTR. Figures reflect decision to increase Council Tax by 4.79% on 21 February 2019. No increase is reflected for 2020/22.

7.9 *Other Short Term Revenue Issues*

The main remaining risks associated with the 2019/21 budget position will be around non-pay inflation allowances, the 2020/21 Grant settlement and increasing demand for certain services. Regular reporting to Committee will ensure officers report any significant variances at the earliest opportunity.

7.10 *Medium to Long Term Revenue Issues*

Looking beyond 2020/21 becomes increasingly difficult with uncertainty around the level of funding likely to be available, the impact of the Scotland Act, Brexit and the use the Scottish Government will make of its new powers. The Scottish Government have announced its intention to issue a 3 year (2020/23) settlement in December 2019 and depending on the level of certainty applied to the figures then this could provide a significant improvement to recent budgets.

The incremental impact of current major initiatives including Schools Estate Strategy, City Deal, and Asset Management Plans have been fully incorporated the overall Budget.

Post 2019/20 the main issues impacting on the revenue budget will be:

- **Funding will be impacted by future population change/demographic shifts and any changes to the way local government in Scotland is funded.**
- **Decisions of the new Scottish Government regarding any protection afforded to Local Government or other parts of the Budget plus the use that is made available tax raising powers.**
- **Welfare Reform changes and associated budget cuts will continue to impact on Council Services from both a demand and funding perspective.**
- **Health and Social Care integration continues to become embedded but the fundamental fact is that there is not enough money in current budgets to meet increasing demand.**
- **Pension costs influenced by the impact of auto-enrolment, the changes to LGPS and Teachers Pensions, plus costs associated with the Council resizing its workforce in order to balance its budgets and potential changes to Pension Tax Relief.**
- **Costs associated with sustainability including waste disposal and recycling, energy and fuel costs and general procurement inflation due to increased global demand for raw materials.**
- **As Loans Charges become a larger proportion of the Revenue Budget due to funding reductions and the Council's ambitious Capital Investment Programme then the impact of increases in interest rates will become greater.**
- **Overall global economic situation and in particular the Brexit vote resulting in uncertainty around investment returns, inflation levels and further reductions in public sector funding.**

The fundamental issue for the Council is that at some point if the squeeze on public sector finances and the decline in population continues then the area could become unviable as a unit of administration and this will have an associated impact on other local services such as health, police and fire.

- 7.11 Table 4 shows the high level estimate of the 2020/23 budget gap based on the above. In line with good practice tables 4b and 4c provide two further scenarios based on different assumptions. Table 4b represents an “optimistic” scenario and Table 4c representing a “pessimistic” scenario.

Table 4a

2020/23 Budget Gap - Mid Range Estimate

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2020/23
	£m	£m	£m	£m
1/ Estimated Block Grant Reduction	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2/ Continuing cash cut due to Depopulation	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0
3/ Inflation - Pay	3.6	3.0	3.0	9.6
- Non-Pay	1.5	1.5	1.5	4.5
4/ Pressures				
-Use of reserves, 2019-20	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.8
- FYE Policy Pressures	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
- General Pressures	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0
5/ Savings Already Approved	(1.0)	-		(1.0)
Approved Loans Charges Adjustment	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.9)
	<u>6.7</u>	<u>6.2</u>	<u>6.2</u>	<u>19.1</u>

- a/ Assumes no new Prudential Borrowing above that already approved unless linked to "Spend to Save".
- b/ Assumes no Council Tax increase. (3% annual increase would raise £0.9 million per year) and is before any fees and charges increase.
- c/ The GRG/NDRI assumption excludes any hypothecated grant increases eg: Early Years as this is ring fenced to deliver new policies rather than fund existing service provision.

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
	%	%	%
d/ Key Assumptions			
GRG/NDRI	0	0	0
Pay Inflation	3.0	2.5	2.5

Table 4b**2020/23 Budget Gap - Optimistic Scenario**

	2020/21 £m	2021/22 £m	2022/23 £m	2020/23 £m
Block Grant Reduction	(2.4)	(2.4)	(2.4)	(7.2)
Continuing Impact of Depopulation	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0
Inflation - Pay	3.6	1.8	1.8	7.2
- Non-Pay	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0
Pressures				
- Use of reserves-2019/20	0.8	-	-	0.8
- FYE Policy Pressures	0.1	-	-	0.1
- General Pressures	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.8
Savings Already Approved	(1.0)	-	-	(1.0)
Approved Loans Charges Adjustment	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.9)
Funding Gap	<u>3.4</u>	<u>1.7</u>	<u>1.7</u>	<u>6.8</u>

a/ Assumes Government contribution to increased teachers pension is continued from 2020.

b/ Assumes no new Prudential Borrowing above that already approved unless linked to "spend to save".

c/ Assumes no Council Tax increase (3% annual increase would raise £0.9million per year) and is before any fees and charges increase.

d/ The increase in Block Grant does excludes hypothecated funding increases eg Early Years etc

<u>e/ Key Assumptions</u>	<u>2020/21</u> %	<u>2021/22</u> %	<u>2022/23</u> %
GRG/NDRI	1.5	1.5	1.5
Pay Inflation	3.0	1.5	1.5

Table 4c**2020/23 Budget Gap - Pessimistic Scenario**

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2020/23
	<u>£m</u>	<u>£m</u>	<u>£m</u>	<u>£m</u>
Block Grant Reduction	3.2	2.4	1.6	7.2
Continuing Impact of Depopulation	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0
Inflation - Pay	3.6	3.6	3.6	10.8
- Non-Pay	2.0	2.0	2.0	6.0
Pressures				
-Use of reserves 2019/20	0.8	0	0	0.8
-FYE Policy Pressures	0.1	0	0	0.1
- General Pressures	1.5	1.5	1.5	4.5
Savings Already Approved	(1.0)	0	0	(1.0)
Approved Loans Charges Adjustment	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.9)
Funding Gap	<u>10.9</u>	<u>10.2</u>	<u>9.4</u>	<u>30.5</u>

a/ Assumes no new Prudential Borrowing above that already approved unless linked to "Spend to Save"

b/ Assumes no Council Tax increase. (3% increase would raise £0.9 million per year) and is before any fees and charges increase.

c/ The GRG/NDRI assumption excludes any hypothecated grant increases eg: Early Years as this is ring fenced to deliver new policies rather than fund existing service provision.

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
<u>d/ Key Assumptions</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
GRG/NDRI	-2.0	-1.5	-1.0
Pay Inflation	3.0	3.0	3.0

7.12 Short to Medium Term Capital Projections

The Council agreed a 4 year Capital Programme covering 2019/23 in March 2019. A 5% overprovision was built in to allow for increased resources/project cost reductions.

7.13 Long-Term Capital Projections

There is greater certainty around capital spend for the post 2022/23 period due to the fact that asset management plans will continue to utilise nearly all available funding i.e. Schools, Operational Properties, Roads, Lighting, Open Spaces and ICT.

Given the difficult position the Council faces on revenue expenditure, it is essential that future capital expenditure proposals are largely self-financing through the release of other capital assets, as well as delivering efficiencies which will secure ongoing revenue savings.

It is hoped that Local Government Capital Grants may increase in the medium term. Given the major revenue financial pressures the Council needs to seriously consider using any increase in grant to reduce prudential borrowing/use of reserves rather than identifying new projects.

Table 5 - Capital Programme 2019/2023 (Medium Term Capital Projections)

Table 5

<u>Expenditure/Projects by Committee</u>	<u>2019/20</u> <u>£m</u>	<u>2020/21</u> <u>£m</u>	<u>2021/22</u> <u>£m</u>	<u>2022/23</u> <u>£m</u>	<u>Totals</u> <u>£m</u>
Policy & Resources	0.51	0.37	0.36	0.36	1.60
Environment & Regeneration	13.22	17.69	6.62	6.65	44.18
School Estate	10.45	6.88	2.31	2.90	22.54
Education & Communities (Exc School Estate)	1.00	0.82	0.28	0.14	2.24
CHCP	1.11	0.23	0.00	0.00	1.34
	26.29	25.99	9.57	10.05	71.90
<u>Financed By</u>					
Government Grant	12.25	9.60	8.10	8.10	38.05
Sales/Contributions	0.28	0.54	0.15	0.10	1.07
Other Income	1.40	0.00	0.02	0.00	1.42
Revenue	0.67	0.83	0.68	0.23	2.41
Prudential Borrowing	4.00	3.77	0.46	0.56	8.79
Resources Carried Forward	17.72				17.72
	36.32	14.74	9.41	8.99	69.46
Shortfall in Resources					<u>2.44</u>

Notes

1 As per May 2019 P&R Committee

8.0 Treasury Management

- 8.1 Inverclyde Council has adopted the CIPFA “Treasury Management in the Public Services – Code of Practice” which sets out good practice for treasury management governance. The Council complies with legal and regulatory requirements in relation to its Treasury Management activities and has appointed consultants to provide advice on Treasury Management issues, including technical issues and the formulation of views on interest rates.
- 8.2 In complying with the Code of Practice, the Council produces a Treasury Management Practices document which sets out how the Council will manage and control its Treasury Management activities. This document is submitted to Committee for approval every three years with approval also being sought for any amendments in the intervening period.
- 8.3 The requirements for Treasury Management reporting following the implementation of the revised CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice in April 2010 has resulted in the following:
- An annual Treasury Management Strategy submitted at the start of the financial year and which includes the Council’s Prudential Indicators and covers issues such as the economic situation, the prospects for interest rates, and the Council’s borrowing and investment strategy for the coming year.
 - A mid-year review of the Strategy which include details of the Council’s debt and investment position, activity undertaken during the quarter, and performance to date against the Council’s Prudential Indicators and agreed policy limits.
 - An Annual Report for Treasury Management which is submitted to Members before the end of September each year and which advises Members of the Treasury Management activities during the previous financial year.

It should be noted that whilst all the above reports will go to the Policy & Resources Committee for initial scrutiny, all now require to go before the Full Council for approval.

- 8.4 Table 6 below shows the Council’s debt and investments position as at 30/4/19.

Table 6 – Council’s Debt and Investment Position – 30/4/19

The Council’s treasury portfolio position at 30/4/19 comprised:

		Principal		Average Rate
		<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	
Fixed rate funding	PWLB	99,260		3.92%
	Market	56,000	155,260	
Variable rate funding	PWLB	0		4.65%
	Market	46,667	46,667	
TOTAL DEBT			201,927	4.09%
TOTAL INVESTMENTS			18,184	0.84%

9.0 Reserves

- 9.1 A key aspect of the consideration of the Financial Strategy is the position of the General Fund Reserves. The Reserves Strategy was last reviewed and approved by Council in September 2016.
- 9.2 Reserves can be held for three main purposes:-
- A working balance to help cushion the impact of uneven cash flows - this forms part of General Reserves.
 - A contingency to cushion the impact of unexpected events or emergencies which also forms part of General Reserves.
 - A means of building up funds, often referred to as earmarked reserves, to meet known or predicted liabilities.
- 9.3 The Reserves Strategy is based on the core General Fund Reserve being maintained at a level of 2% of turnover. A turnover of approximately £190 million results in a core General Fund Reserve of £3.8 million. In the event that the Reserves are projected to fall below this level then Members must have a clear route for bringing Reserves back up to the level over the subsequent three financial years.
- 9.4 The Reserves Strategy also assumes the continued use of earmarked reserves. In this way, earmarked reserves can be separated from the core General Fund Reserve which should allow Members to more transparently track the underlying reserves position. A full review of existing Earmarked Reserves was undertaken following the 2017 Best Value Audit.
- 9.5 Within Inverclyde Council the main Reserves/Funds comprise; General Fund Reserve, Insurance Fund, Capital Fund and Repairs & Renewals Fund. The latest projected position is shown below.
- 9.6 (a) General Fund “Free” Reserves – This Reserve represents the Council’s contingency for unforeseen/unquantifiable events. The level of the Reserve is determined by the Reserve Strategy whilst the projected balance is reported to each Policy and Resources Committee. See Appendix 5.

Projected Balance 31/3/19 = £3.641 million

- (b) Insurance Fund – The Insurance Fund balance is required to meet Insurance Liabilities not covered by external Insurance Policies. The balance on the Fund is reviewed every 3 years by an independent actuary who comments upon not only the balance of the Fund but also the on-going internal contributions to the Fund.

Balance 30/9/18 = £3.442 million

- (c) Capital Fund – The Capital Fund is a Fund into which Capital Receipt income can be paid and used to fund either capital investment or repay the Principal element of debt repayments. The balance and planned usage of the Capital Fund is incorporated into the Financial Strategy. See Appendix 6.

Projected Balance 31/3/19 = £2.182 million

- (d) Repairs & Renewals Fund – The Repairs & Renewals Fund consists of sums received from external parties or allocated directly from Council resources which are thereafter released on a phased basis to maintain specific assets. Use of specific allocations to the Fund are agreed by Policy & Resources Committee and the overall position will be reported as part of the Financial Strategy. See Appendix 7.

Projected Balance 31/3/19 = £3.214 million

10.0 Monitoring, Reporting and Review Processes

- 10.1 The Financial Strategy should be a dynamic, relevant document and will be monitored on an ongoing basis by Finance - it will also be formally reviewed twice yearly, in May and then in November.
- 10.2 The formal review of the Financial Strategy will be reported to CMT and Full Council on a six monthly basis – there will also be capacity to review the Strategy as and when required, particularly when a new issue arises or the impact of major policy or initiative becomes clearer.
- 10.3 The Financial Strategy will only be revised if there are material changes to estimates, projections or policy which will have a financial impact however issues which may impact will be flagged up in the regular General Fund Budget reports to Policy & Resources Committee.
- 10.4 The deminimus level for a major impact requiring immediate review is 50% of the core General Fund reserves, £1.9 million, subject to the opinion of the Chief Financial Officer.
- 10.5 The financial management principles and expectations have been communicated and are understood by all Chief Officers and budget holders.
- 10.6 The Financial Strategy has been drawn up with the full involvement of the CMT and, will be communicated throughout the organisation.

11.0 Risk Management

- 11.1 The Council has developed a Corporate Risk Register, Directorate Risk Registers and individual service risk registers where appropriate.
- 11.2 Further work has also been undertaken to develop a Risk Register for the Financial Strategy and the required actions to mitigate risks – these are set out in the table below.
- 11.3 The risk assessment below considers the risks to our financial position arising out of matters considered in this Financial Strategy and utilises the same methodology used for the Corporate, Directorate and Service Risk Registers.

Risk	Management of Risk
<p>The Financial Strategy does not reflect in financial terms the objectives set out in other strategic plans of the Council.</p>	<p>The Financial Strategy provides a high level overview of the various strategic plans the Council has signed up to – it acknowledges that there will inevitably be financial implications arising from the Corporate Plan but it is not possible to quantify all of these at present.</p> <p>The Financial Strategy is updated as further information becomes available regarding these strategic plans.</p>
<p>The directorate planning process will identify a range of additional budget pressures over and above those currently considered in this Financial Strategy.</p>	<p>The Directorate Planning Guidance identifies that Corporate Directorate Improvement Plans (CDIP) should reflect the resources allocated – the need for additional resources to achieve a particular priority should be specifically identified via the Financial Strategy prior to the preparation of the CDIP.</p>
<p>Forecasts within the Financial Strategy are not accurately determined or reviewed on a regular basis.</p>	<p>The Budget and Financial Strategy set out the expected levels of expenditure and income for the future. The forecasts are arrived at through careful consideration of historic trends and actual expenditure levels and any factors which may have an impact in the future.</p> <p>Three scenarios are included in the Strategy based on Pessimistic, Mid-Range and Optimistic. This provided a broad range of potential outcomes.</p> <p>Throughout the financial year, the Council regularly monitors its financial performance against its budgets and will revise them where necessary, subject to remaining within the agreed overall budget for the Council.</p>
<p>There is a continuing need to deliver significant cuts and efficiencies over the medium to long term. Robust and detailed plans will be required on an operational level to ensure that this risk is mitigated and savings are duly delivered.</p>	<p>The risks relating to the delivery of savings will be mitigated by robust monitoring and financial control through the budget monitoring process, with action plans being required to find compensating savings for any overspends identified.</p> <p>Individual savings are reviewed by Change Boards and lead officers on a regular basis with material issues reported to the CMT and if required, Committee.</p>

<p>Income budgets not achieved or become unsustainable.</p>	<p>Chief Officers are consulted on proposed increases in income budgets/fees and charges and have the opportunity determine the levels of individual charges to achieve the budgeted income target.</p> <p>Equally, income budgets are monitored throughout the financial year and where a shortfall in income is anticipated, this is highlighted in reports to Committee.</p> <p>Proposals to increase fees and charges are reviewed in line with the Council's Charging Policy prior to reporting to Committee.</p>
<p>The Council has insufficient capital resources to sustain capital commitments.</p>	<p>The Council has already identified through the Financial Strategy a reduced reliance on capital receipts and Government Grants in the medium term.</p> <p>The combination of reduced funding and the economic position mean that the Council has to focus on maintaining key infrastructure whilst utilising prudential borrowing for specific capital projects.</p> <p>The Council has Asset Management Plans for all its assets with all the above issues captured within the Financial Strategy.</p>
<p>Bankruptcy of a major supplier or customer which could result in the Council having to pay twice for the same service or see artificially inflated prices if a replacement service needs to be obtained at very short notice.</p>	<p>The Council has reviewed its procurement process and a procurement manual has been developed which includes supplier financial appraisal at PQQ stage. This will ensure that the financial position of new contractors is vetted prior to ITT stage and entering into any large contracts.</p> <p>Regular reviews of financial position are undertaken for key suppliers on an ongoing basis.</p>
<p>Legislative changes are not anticipated and the financial impact is not addressed through the budget process of Financial Strategy.</p>	<p>Chief Officers are required to highlight the impact of legislative changes through the strategic planning and budgeting process and the likely resource requirement.</p> <p>In addition COSLA has a key role in assessing the financial impact of changes in legislation and lobbying for Councils to be funded appropriately.</p>

<p>Interest rates on borrowing may be higher than forecast.</p>	<p>Regular review of treasury management decisions. Prudent assumptions on likely interest rates have been incorporated into Financial Strategy. Borrowing is spread to reduce impact of short-term changes.</p>
<p>Reserves are required to cashflow unanticipated budget shortfalls and fall below minimum recommended level.</p>	<p>Reserve Strategy is in place which clearly states that there must be a clear route to bring reserves back up to the minimum level over the subsequent 3 financial years.</p>
<p>Revenue implications of capital programme/projects are not fully anticipated.</p>	<p>All capital projects identify revenue implications and link into Council priorities. All capital projects are subject to a robust approval process which includes a review of revenue implications.</p>
<p>The decision to leave the European Union will provide impacts which are not fully reflected in the Financial Strategy.</p>	<p>There is currently little hard information regarding impacts and their timing however, regular monitoring of the situation and the use of scenario planning when more information is available will help manage the uncertainty.</p>

Short-Term Issues (2019/21)

The tables in Appendices 1, 2 and 3 have been developed through ongoing consultation with the CMT by the Chief Financial Officer to develop detailed knowledge of the issues to inform the Financial Strategy and future budget setting.

<u>Service</u>	<u>Issues Identified</u>	<u>Issues & Potential Impacts</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>	<u>Responsible Officer</u>	<u>Timescale to report back</u>
Corporate	Equal Pay	Provision for outstanding claims may not be sufficient.	Offers issued and payments made to address the vast majority of outstanding claims. Provision will continue to be monitored and reviewed taking account of relevant legal judgements and advice from the Council's legal advisors.	Steven McNab	Ongoing
	Inflation	Uncertainty over non-pay inflation pressures are not fully clear over the period.	Inflation allowances are regularly reviewed. Regular monitoring and reporting to CMT/Members.	Alan Puckrin	Ongoing
	Welfare Reform	Impact of Welfare Reform and increase in demand for Services can only be estimated.	Update reports going to Committee each cycle.	Alan Puckrin	Ongoing
	Auto-enrolment	Amount set aside for auto-enrolment is an estimate and full cost may be greater than estimated.	Monitored via the Bottom Up Budget.	Steven McNab	February 2020
	Brexit	There could be an immediate impact of the UK leaving the EU and this may result in funding pressures from 2020/21.	The CMT will monitor the situation and will present reports to Committee as required.	Scott Allan	Ongoing

Social Care	Health/Social Care Integration	Impacts on Governance/Funding could be significant.	Monitor developments and report to relevant Committees. Increased Government Funding will help offset some pressures.	Louise Long	Ongoing
	Self Directed Support	Implement robust Resource Allocation System, possible pressure from new clients, who may otherwise not engage with Service.	As above	Louise Long	On Going
	Relationship with Service Providers.	Managing provider expectations whilst in a period of uncertainty over the future of the National Care Home Contract along with expectations from those providers out with this contract to fund inflation/impact of pensions/living wage.	As above	Louise Long	Ongoing
Education & Communities	Teacher Numbers	The Government threat of sanctions if teacher numbers are reduced limits options to balance the budget.	Continue to lobby for flexibility and monitor developments.	Ruth Binks	December 2019
	Teachers Pensions Discount Rate	Review by HMT has resulted in increased costs from 2019/20.	Indications are that UK Government will meet costs initially. Monitor and report on medium term solution.	Alan Puckrin	December 2019
Environment & Regeneration	None at present.				

Appendix 2

Medium-Term Issues (2021/23)

<u>Service</u>	<u>Issues Identified</u>	<u>Issues & Potential Impacts</u>	<u>Action to be Taken</u>	<u>Responsible Officer</u>	<u>Timescale to report back</u>
Corporate	Reductions in other public sector partner's funding streams	As Public Sector funding reductions continue, partners are reducing their contributions to key Council priorities.	Continue dialogue with partners.	Corporate Directors	Ongoing
	Reduction in Council Funding	Funding over 2021/23 likely to be further reduced in real terms in line with UK Fiscal Policy and Scottish Government priorities.	Await next Scottish Government Spending Review figures and factor into revised Financial Strategy.	Alan Puckrin	December 2019
	Government needs to reduce Public Sector Borrowing	Prudential Borrowing Capping would require revision of capital plans.	Rolling Capital Programme developed annually and longer term loan charges projections undertaken.	Alan Puckrin	On Going
	Removal of key services from Council control.	Scottish Government could review Public Sector landscape which could result in loss of large parts of the Council remit and resultant impact on corporate viability.	Keep track of developments and report to Committee as required.	Aubrey Fawcett	Ongoing
	Increased cost for externally provided contracts and services due to the Living Wage.	There is a clear desire to ensure suppliers of Council Services pay the Living Wage. This could add significant costs to the Council if passed on by suppliers.	Monitor developments and report to Committee when required.	Corporate Management Team	Ongoing
	Potential changes to funding of Local Government	Scottish Government continues to cap Council Tax but may introduce local taxation flexibility.	Monitor National developments and report as required.	Alan Puckrin	Ongoing
	Further increase in Pension Costs	Potential changes to Pension Tax Relief would add costs to both to Council and employees.	Monitor development and report to Committee when required.	Steven McNab	Ongoing
	Brexit	There could be an immediate impact of the UK leaving the EU and this may result in funding pressures in the medium term.	The CMT will monitor the situation and will present reports to Committee as required.	Scott Allan	Ongoing

<u>Service</u>	<u>Issues Identified</u>	<u>Issues & Potential Impacts</u>	<u>Action to be Taken</u>	<u>Responsible Officer</u>	<u>Timescale to report</u>
Social Care	<p>Ongoing Demographic demand pressures across many Social Care areas and ongoing drive towards Self-Directed Support and Independent Living</p> <p>Impact of inclusion of elements of the Acute Health Services within the IJB Budget.</p>	<p>Continuing increased demand will put considerable pressure on “flat cash” budgets.</p> <p>Potential for the Council to have to meet a proportion of any overspend caused by increasing pressure on Health Budgets.</p>	<p>Await detail of future settlements and model potential scenarios.</p> <p>Regular monitoring of the IJB Strategic Plan and financial projections added to supporting robust financial scrutiny by the IJB.</p>	<p>Louise Long</p> <p>Louise Long</p>	<p>December 2019</p> <p>On Going</p>
Environment & Regeneration	Biodegradable Waste diversion from Landfill.	From January 2021 all biodegradable waste is to be diverted from landfill. The financial implications could be significant.	Monitor and develop options and report to Committee via CMT during 2019.	Scott Allan	September 2019
Education & Communities	School Estate Management Plan	Reduced Capital resources and corporate cost pressures may make current planned investment in SEMP post 2020 unsustainable.	Six monthly review off all aspects of SEMP to continue. Recent review reflects approved acceleration programme which is still affordable in line with plan for completion but resources getting tighter.	Ruth Binks/ Alan Puckrin	On Going
	Early Years – Increase to 1140 hours.	Current funding is not sufficient to meet all the requirements in the legislation.	Funding now known to 2022. Council Costs to be contained within this sum.	Ruth Binks	August 2020

Long-Term Issues (Post 2023)

<u>Service</u>	<u>Issues Identified</u>	<u>Issues & Potential Impacts</u>	<u>Action to be Taken</u>	<u>Responsible Officer</u>	<u>Timescale to report</u>
Corporate	Depopulation and Change of Demographics	Continued loss of grant income, over provision of infrastructure. Viability of area under threat.	Population/Demographic trends to be monitored and reported to the Council and Alliance on a regular basis.	Steven McNab	Ongoing
Social Care	Increase in number of Elderly and Adults with Learning Difficulties and resource implications of policy direction of Independent Living and Self Directed Support.	Significant costs associated with reshaping, expanding delivery models.	Develop as part of HSCP Strategic Plan.	Louise Long	Ongoing
Environment & Regeneration	Regeneration of Greenock and Port Glasgow Town Centres.	Reports to Committee have identified significant investment needs within the Greenock and Port Glasgow Town Centre areas. Whilst contributions will be sought from Partners and the Private Sector the Council will require to provide a large amount of the funding.	Develop a funding model with clear outputs and funding sources.	Scott Allan	Ongoing
	Global Warming/Climate Change leading to rising sea levels	Significant impact on Council area with increased flooding and expenditure on sea defences.	6 year SEPA Flood Plan includes funding for a number of Council projects approved in Summer 2016.	Scott Allan	Ongoing
	Closure of major local employer	Could further increase rate of depopulation and would significantly impact of areas regeneration efforts.	??	Scott Allan/Stuart Jamieson	As required

School Estate - Earmarked Reserves

	2018/19 £000	2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000	2021/22 £000	2022/23 £000	2023/24 £000	2024/25 £000	2025/26 £000	2026/27 £000	2027/28 £000	2028/29 £000	2029/30 £000
Earmarked Reserve b/fwd	3,138	1,684	723	271	486	638	652	765	857	927	974	994
Available Savings added (a)	4,682	4,682	4,682	4,682	4,682	4,682	4,682	4,682	4,682	4,682	4,682	4,682
Extra Financing (b)	2,745	2,745	2,745	3,395	3,395	3,395	3,395	3,395	3,395	3,395	3,395	3,395
Prudential Schools Loan Charges (c)	-4,628	-4,732	-4,878	-4,977	-5,030	-5,039	-5,050	-5,060	-5,072	-5,084	-5,097	-5,111
Unitary Charge Payment (d)	-8,742	-8,742	-8,742	-8,742	-8,742	-8,742	-8,742	-8,742	-8,742	-8,742	-8,742	-8,742
Unitary Charge Inflation Element (e)	-1,106	-1,274	-1,544	-1,820	-2,105	-2,397	-2,696	-3,004	-3,420	-3,744	-4,077	-4,419
Unitary Charge Funding from Inflation Contingency	1,106	1,274	1,544	1,820	2,105	2,397	2,696	3,004	3,420	3,744	4,077	4,419
One Off Costs (f)	-1,180	-789	-125	0	0	-120	0	0	0	0	0	0
Extra Revenue Repairs (g)	-227	-221	-230	-239	-249	-258	-268	-279	-289	-300	-314	-326
Unitary Charge SG Contribution	6,096	6,096	6,096	6,096	6,096	6,096	6,096	6,096	6,096	6,096	6,096	6,096
Written Back to / from General Reserves (h)	-200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Earmarked Reserve c/fwd	1,684	723	271	486	638	652	765	857	927	974	994	988

(a) Savings now completed.

(b) £300k saving taken from 18/19 (£200k approved Sept 17 - £100k Loans Charges and £100k UC, £100k UC approved Mar 18), £650k increase from 2021/22 to fund acceleration of programme.

(c) Uses a pool fund rate of 3.55% for 2018/19, 3.65% for 2019/20, 3.80% for 2020/21, 3.90% for 2021/22 & 4.20% from 2022/23 onwards. No contingency. Reflects costs of acceleration of programme.

(d) Based on Actual Unitary Charge at Jan 2011 RPI of £8.842 million. £100k saving from 2018/19.

(e) Base at Jan 2019 RPI. Assumes 2.7% annual inflation (4% RPI discounted by factor of 1.5).

(f) Includes cost of QIO up to end of August 2018, full NDR for St Stephen's decant building to June 18, £12k rent 2018/19 for St Stephen's land, £374k per year added for additional school buses up to Aug 20. £106k added 2018/19 for PPP Contract Review. School Wi-Fi contribution included in 2018/19 b/f figure. After 2023/24 all one-off costs cease.

(g) Extra revenue repairs budget set aside for School buildings life cycle works as per Property Services schedule.

(h) £200k write back approved as part of 2019/20 Budget process.

Finance Strategy
General Fund "Free" Reserves
June 2019

	£000
Reserves Balance at 31st March 2018	4,589
Budgeted Contribution to Reserves: Note 1	
2017/18 Outturn Earmarked for 2018/21	15,689
2018/19	0
	15,689
Planned Use of Reserves 2018/21 Note 2	(19,858)
Projected Surplus (Deficit) Note 3	3,221
Free Reserves Balance 31st March 2019	3,641

GRG/NDR/Council Tax is approximately £190 million. Recommended minimum level of reserves is 2% / £3.8 million.

Notes:

- 1/ 2018/19 figures reflect a balanced budget set at 2018/19 budget setting process.
- 2/ Represents decisions taken between February 2015 and March 2019 and based on latest phasings.

<u>Approved Use of Reserves</u>	2018/19 £000	2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000	Total £000
February 2015 - £5.305m	(1,000)	(250)	0	(1,250)
February 2015 - £0.670m (MBWG Proposals)	(290)	(9)	(91)	(390)
September 2015 - £3.503m	(3)	0	0	(3)
March 2016 - £4.966m	(1,564)	0	0	(1,564)
February 2017 - £5.500m	(26)	(478)	(2,000)	(2,504)
November 2017 - LED Lighting	(620)	0	0	(620)
December 2017 - Continuing Care	(6)	(200)	(294)	(500)
March 2018 - £8.858m	(4,105)	(2,406)	(2,347)	(8,858)
January 2019	0	(169)	0	(169)
March 2019 - £4m	0	(1,885)	(2,115)	(4,000)
	(7,614)	(5,397)	(6,847)	(19,858)

- 3/ Figure reflects projected surplus reported to Policy & Resources Committee March 2019:

	2018/19 £000	2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000	Total £000
Projected Surplus (March 2019 P&R)	1,371	0	0	1,371
Contribution from Mortgage Guarantee Scheme	50	0	0	50
Contribution from Budget Smoothing EMR	340	0	0	340
Approved write back Earmarked Reserves	1,460	0	0	1,460
	3,221	0	0	3,221

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Finance Strategy
Capital Fund

	2018/19 £'000	2019/20 £'000	2020/21 £'000	2021/22 £'000	2022/23 £'000	2023/24 £'000	2024/25 £'000	2025/26 £'000
Balance B/fwd	(3,169)	(2,182)	(2,991)	(2,310)	(2,105)	(1,897)	(1,685)	(1,470)
Additions (Estimate)	(280)	(2,033)	(525)					
Interest (Estimate)	(23)	(16)	(34)	(35)	(32)	(28)	(25)	(21)
Principal Repayments	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240
Other Payments	1,050	1,000	1,000					
Balance at Year End	(2,182)	(2,991)	(2,310)	(2,105)	(1,897)	(1,685)	(1,470)	(1,251)

Notes

a Estimated Receipts:

2018/19 SEMP Receipts, return of £0.393m, Ravenscraig & Lilybank, due to site abnormalities.
SEMP Receipts return of £0.1m 17/18 Sacred Heart receipt, no longer required.
AMP Receipts, £0.592m, West Stewart Street
Other Receipts, £0.181m, Bow Road, Shore Street

2019/20 SEMP Receipts, £1.310m, remainder of Greenock Academy Site, Kings Glen House plot.
SEMP Receipts, return of £0.700m, St Stephens & Kings Gen, due to site abnormalities.
AMP Receipts, £0.050m, Glenbrae
Other Receipts, £0.350m, Upper Kirm Drive, Gourrock
Other Receipts, £0.250m, Business Store
Recovery of Scottish Enterprise Clawback, £0.731m
Contribution from Affordable Housing Fund, Cumberland Walk, £0.040m

2020/21 SEMP Receipts, £0.525m, remainder of Sacred Heart Site
£240k SEMP from 2015/16.

c Other Payments:

2018/21 £3.0m payment to fund Loan Charges smoothing exercise.
2018/19 £0.050m payment for tenant, Cumberland Walk

**Finance Strategy
Repairs & Renewals Fund**

	2018/19 £'000	2019/20 £'000	2020/21 £'000	2021/22 £'000	2022/23 £'000	2023/24 £'000	2024/25 £'000
Balance B/fwd	(3,249)	(3,214)	(3,167)	(3,176)	(3,147)	(2,382)	(2,386)
Additions:							
Environmental Maintenance	(134)	(75)					
Leisure Strategy	(1)	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)
Central Energy Efficiency Fund							
Maintenance Payments:							
Environmental Maintenance	50	36	36	71	36	41	36
Leisure Strategy	121			15	785		115
Former Housing Repairs & Renewals Fund							
Affordable Housing Fund		80					
Contribution to Energy Efficiency Administration	21	40					
Interest							
Environmental Maintenance	(4)	(5)	(7)	(9)	(8)	(7)	(7)
Leisure Strategy	(8)	(9)	(15)	(20)	(20)	(9)	(9)
Former Housing Repairs & Renewals Fund	(8)	(9)	(13)	(17)	(17)	(18)	(18)
Affordable Housing Fund	(1)	(1)		0	0	0	(1)
Central Energy Efficiency Fund	(1)	(1)	(1)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Balance:							
Environmental Maintenance	(638)	(608)	(579)	(517)	(489)	(455)	(426)
Leisure Strategy	(1,230)	(1,314)	(1,329)	(1,334)	(569)	(578)	(472)
Former Housing Repairs & Renewals Fund	(1,191)	(1,120)	(1,133)	(1,150)	(1,167)	(1,185)	(1,203)
Affordable Housing Fund	(68)	(29)	(29)	(29)	(29)	(29)	(30)
Central Energy Efficiency Fund	(86)	(96)	(106)	(117)	(128)	(139)	(150)
Balance at Year End	(3,214)	(3,167)	(3,176)	(3,147)	(2,382)	(2,386)	(2,281)

Finance Strategy
Repairs & Renewals Fund

Notes

- a Future contribution to Leisure Strategy subject to confirmation of available funds.
- b Leisure Strategy commitments:
 - 2018-25 Pitches/MUGA's Lifecycle costs in excess of recurring £120k Leisure Strategy AMP budget.
- c Central Energy Efficiency Fund commitments:
 - 2018/19 £17k LED Lighting, Ingliseton MRF
 - 2018/19 £4k LED Lighting, GMB Carraigeway
- d Environmental Maintenance is a combined fund used for ongoing maintenance of Greenock Cut, Gallaghers (Port Glasgow) Development and Inverkip Footbridge.

Finance Strategy
Asset Management Plan - Offices

	2018/19 £000's	2019/20 £000's
Earmarked Reserve Offices		
Earmarked Reserve b/fwd	402	186
Additional Funding (Note d)	375	305
Available Savings/(Cost) Added (Note a)	352	302
Loan Charges (Note b)	(600)	(604)
Further One Off Costs (Note c)	(343)	(180)
Net Saving/(cost) for year	(216)	(177)
Earmarked Reserve c/fwd	186	9

Notes

- a Net Revenue Savings & Costs Excluding Loan Charges
- b Assumes an interest rate of 4%
- c Further One Off costs relate to the costs.
for various decants, demolitions and rental of storage area as well as an allowance for dilapidations of leased properties, a £300k contribution towards William St refurb, a £203k contribution to the refurbishment of the District Court and a £130k contribution to the GMB Finance corridor works.
£50k of the one off costs in 19/20 relates to uncommitted dilapidations budgets and may not be required.
- d Additional funding consists of original funding allocation of £1m adjusted for:
£200k Workstream Saving from 2011/12
£30k Topslice saving from 2012/13
£60k Workstream Saving from 2013/14
£100k Workstream Saving from 2014/15
£45k BPRA scheme saving from 2015/16
£65k Revenue saving from 2015/16
£125k further Revenue saving from 2016/17
£34k balance of BPRA scheme added to Reserve 2017/18
£70k Revenue saving agreed Nov 2018 from 2019/20
- e All Office refurbishments are now complete, ongoing net saving of £3k will be returned to the Revenue Contingency. The remaining £9k Earmarked Reserve along with any of the remaining Dilapidations budget that is not required will be used to help offset the deficit in the capital programme.

Finance Strategy
Asset Management Plan - Depots

	2018/19 £000's	2019/20 £000's	2020/21 £000's
Earmarked Reserve Depots			
Earmarked Reserve b/fwd	306	374	151
Additional Funding (Note d)	800	800	800
Available Savings/(Cost) Added (Note a)	54	54	54
Loan Charges (Note b)	(706)	(777)	(822)
Further One Off Costs (Note c)	(80)	(300)	(25)
Net Saving/(cost) for year	68	(223)	7
Earmarked Reserve c/fwd	374	151	158

Notes

- a Net Revenue Savings & Costs Excluding Loan Charges
b Assumes an interest rate of 4%
c Further One Off costs relate to the cost of decants etc as well as a £250k allowance for demolition of obsolete Depots.
d Additional funding made up of:
- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|--|
| Contribution from Zero Waste Fund | £200k | From 2010/11 |
| Contribution from Revenue Budget | £300k | From 2012/13, original £500k allocation reduced by £200k Workstream Saving |
| Reduction in funding | £(100)k | from 2016/17 & as a result of reduction in capital spend of £1.5m |
| Additional Contribution from Revenue | £400k | From 2017/18, diversion of Riverside Inverclyde budget. |
| Write back to Free Reserves | £(250)k | Inverclyde budget 2017/18 |

Finance Strategy
Vehicle Replacement Programme

	2018/19 £000's	2019/20 £000's	2020/21 £000's	2021/22 £000's	2022/23 £000's	2023/24 £000's	2024/25 £000's
Earmarked Reserve							
<u>Capital Requirements:</u>							
Vehicle Purchases	1,422	1,389	2,311	570	367	877	1,557
Grant Funding	(44)	(33)		(19)			
Residual Value	(389)	(246)	(543)	(148)	(96)	(273)	(465)
Net Capital Requirement	989	1,110	1,768	403	271	604	1,092
Earmarked Reserve b/fwd	230	200	206	227	260	275	312
Loan Charges	(980)	(1,025)	(1,010)	(998)	(1,016)	(994)	(1,036)
Additional Revenue Costs, Tracking System	(28)	(28)	(28)	(28)	(28)	(28)	(28)
	(1,008)	(1,053)	(1,038)	(1,026)	(1,044)	(1,022)	(1,064)
Funding Available							
Loan Charges	1,078	1,059	1,059	1,059	1,059	1,059	1,059
Other Adjustments	(100)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funding Available	978	1,059	1,059	1,059	1,059	1,059	1,059
Annual Funding Surplus/(Shortfall)	(30)	6	21	33	15	37	(5)
Earmarked Reserve c/fwd	200	206	227	260	275	312	307

It should be noted that the model:

- a Assumes continuation of Food Waste collection and includes replacement of Food Waste Vehicles, 2018/19.
- b Includes Low Carbon Vehicles, 2016/17 funded from a combination of Government grant and reductions in Service Revenue budgets.
In 2018/19 & 2019/20 a further 28 vehicles will be replaced with Low Carbon Vehicles, funded from Government grant and existing replacement budget.
- c Kerbside Glass discontinued as budget saving from 2018/19, vehicle costs and funding removed.
- d £100k of Reserve written back in 18/19 as part of budget process.
Further £35k funding removed from 2018/19 to reflect lower than anticipated interest rates.

Finance Strategy
Roads Asset Management Plan

	2012/18 Actual £000's	2018/19 Approved £000's	2019/20 Approved £000's	2020/21 Approved £000's	2021/22 Approved £000's	2022/23 Approved £000's	2013/18 5 Year £000's	2018/23 5 Year £000's	2013/23 10 Year £000's
Funding Available									
Core/Supported Borrowing	6,700	2,683	2,819	2,959	3,000	3,000	6,700	14,461	21,161
Prudential Borrowing	13,400						13,400		13,400
CFCR:									
Early Allocation (Feb 2012)	3,000						3,000		3,000
Further Allocation (Feb 2013)	5,900						5,900		5,900
Further Allocation (March 2018)			620					620	620
Total Funding Available	29,000	2,683	3,439	2,959	3,000	3,000	29,000	15,081	44,081
Allocation of Expenditure									
Carraigeways	17,095	1,712	1,348	1,859	1,554	1,558	17,095	8,031	25,126
Footways	3,189	408	250	326	330	329	3,189	1,643	4,832
Lighting	3,483	1,225	648	411	416	415	3,483	3,115	6,598
Drainage	325	152	139	260	203	202	325	956	1,281
Structures	1,020	92	420	675	176	175	1,020	1,538	2,558
Fees & Staffing Costs	1,977	425	321	321	321	321	1,977	1,709	3,686
Total Allocation of Expenditure	27,089	4,014	3,126	3,852	3,000	3,000	27,089	16,992	44,081
Over/(Under) Allocation	(1,911)	1,331	(313)	893	0	0	(1,911)	1,911	0

Notes

- a 2019/23 funding approved March 2019.
- b Funds were set aside during February 2012 budget process prior to the formal approval of the RAMP model.
- c CFCR part funded from underspends due to reduced requirement for Loan Charges in early years.
- d Additional CFCR allocation to fund final phase of lighting programme.
- e Staffing requirements from 2019/20 onwards confirmed and built into core roads establishment as part of the budget process. Capital/RAMP Fees have been increased accordingly.

Appendix 11

City Deal - First 10 Years

Capital	£m	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	£m	£m
	15/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	Total	Total
Overall Grant	90	30	30	30	30	70	60	60	400	400
Regional Projects	1,944	0.46	3.8	15	30	34	45	33	163,204	163,204
Grant Available	88,056	29.54	26.2	15	0	36	15	27	236,796	236,796
Inverclyde's Grant Share	2,554	0,857	0,760	0,435	0,000	1,044	0,435	0,783	6,867	6,867
Project Spend										
Ocean Terminal	0.254	0.239	7.792	1.444	0	0	0	0	0	9,729
Inverkip	0.008	0.000	1.900	1.342	0	0	0	0	0	3,250
Inchgreen	0	0.001	0	0	4,713	4,713	0	0	0	9,427
Borrowing	0	0	0	0	0	(1,320)	0	0	0	(1,320)
Total Grant Due	0,262	0,240	9,692	2,786	4,713	3,393	0	0	0	21,086
Annual Grant (Shortfall)/Surplus	2,292	0,617	-8,932	-2,351	-4,713	-2,349	0,435	0,783	-14,219	-14,219
Cumulative (Shortfall)/Surplus	2,292	2,908	-6,024	-8,375	-13,088	-15,437	-15,002	-14,219		
Revenue										
Revenue Budget	331	326	340	330	320	310	300	290		
Interest Charge	0	0	(26)	(108)	(161)	(299)	(335)	(311)		
Loans Charges (Inchgreen)	0	0	0	0	0	(26)	(81)	(81)		
Balance at Year End	331	657	971	1,193	1,352	1,337	1,221	1,119		

Notes

- 1/ The project spend profiles reflect the OBC figures for Inverkip and Greenock Ocean Terminal and initial high level estimates for Inchgreen. These will be firm up as part of the detailed Business Case preparation. Figures exclude partner contributions. Phasings per May E&R Citee update.
- 2/ The Council will require to finance the interest costs associated with the grant shortfall and has set aside up to £400,000 per year for this purpose of which £60,000 is currently set aside for the Programme Management Office.
- 3/ Assumes that the City Deal will pass the first 2 milestones (2019 & 2024) and as such the UK and Scottish Government will honour their grant commitments.
- 4/ Regional projects have first call on the grant and total £174.3million. Phasing of these for 2019/20 and beyond is indicative at this stage.
- 5/ The Interest Charge is based on the investment return foregone by the Council on the assumption the capital investment will be funded from cash balances and fully repaid by 2035.

Interest rates used , 19/20(0.85%), 20/22(1.5%) and 22/23 onwards (2.0%)

May-19

Finance Strategy
Loan Charges

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Balance B/fwd	6,496	6,002	4,972	2,710	2,217	1,771	1,634	1,575	1,566	1,647	1,753	1,751
Projected Loan Charges	13,929	14,105	15,007	11,288	11,011	10,652	10,524	10,424	10,284	10,209	10,267	9,936
Available Budget	12,435	12,075	11,745	10,795	10,565	10,515	10,465	10,415	10,365	10,315	10,265	10,215
Loan Charge Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,494)	(2,030)	(3,262)	(493)	(446)	(137)	(59)	(9)	81	106	(2)	279
Additional Funding: Contribution from Capital Fund	1,000	1,000	1,000									
Balance at Year End	6,002	4,972	2,710	2,217	1,771	1,634	1,575	1,566	1,647	1,753	1,751	2,030
Interest Rate (Assumed):	3.55%	3.65%	3.80%	3.90%	3.95%	3.95%	4.10%	4.10%	4.10%	4.10%	4.10%	4.10%

a Revised projections as at May 2019 and excludes Loan Charges relating to funded models (SEMP, AMP, VRP, City Deal, Birkmyre Trust). Includes the effect of decisions on SEMF acceleration taken in March 2016 including the £650k annual budget transferred to SEMF from 2021/22. From 2018/19 onwards, general capital grant is applied to core allocations only and not to individually funded models (e.g. VRP).

Loan Charges for 2018/19 includes £294k write-off of existing premiums.

Loan Charges from 2019/20 to 2021/22 reduced by £70k due to use of reserves for premiums write-off in 2018/19.

£100k annual cost increase from 2023/24 to reflect increased prudential borrowing of £1,250k.

b Adjustments to Available Budget:

For 2018/19

£30k removed for ICT saving agreed February 2015 (additional sum removed each year until last year 2020/21).

£12k removed for ICT saving agreed February 2013 (additional sum removed each year until last year 2018/19).

Budget from 2018/19 onwards reduced by £300k annually to 2022/23 and by £150k from 2023/24 to 2029/30 to reflect reduction in Scottish Government grant support resulting from repayment of historic debt.

£54k removed from ongoing budget due to Cremator Replacement being funded from reserves (agreed March 2018).

£35k transferred from Vehicle Replacement Programme budget from 2018/19 due to lower funding requirement.

£100k removed in 2018/19 due to increased CFGR and then replaced by increased Prudential Borrowing 2019/20 onwards funded from income.

For 2019/20

£30k removed from ongoing budget for saving due to debt restructuring undertaken in February 2019.

Budget from 2019/20 to 2021/22 reduced by £70k due to use of reserves for premiums write-off in 2018/19.

£30k removed from ongoing budget for loan charges saving by using reserves to balance 2019/23 Capital Programme (agreed March 2019).

For 2021/22

£650k removed from ongoing budget and transferred to SEMF relating to SEMF acceleration, as agreed in March 2016.

For 2023/24

Budget from 2023/24 onwards increased by £100k annually for annual Prudential Borrowing.

c Allocation from Capital Fund. It should be noted that this contribution is dependent on receipts from property disposals and as such cannot be guaranteed.

Report To:	Inverclyde Council	Date: 6 June 2019
Report By:	Corporate Director, Environment, Regeneration and Resources	Report No: LP/080/19
Contact Officer:	Lindsay Carrick	Contact No: 712114
Subject:	Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On Street) Order No. 2 2019	

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to request the Council to consider a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Environment & Regeneration Committee held on 2 May 2019 after consideration of a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On Street) Order No. 2 2019 recommended that the Inverclyde Council be asked to make the Traffic Regulation Order and to remit it to the Shared Head of Service Roads and the Head of Legal and Property Services to arrange for its implementation.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the Inverclyde Council approves the making of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On Street) Order No. 2 2019 and that the Shared Head of Service Roads and the Head of Legal and Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith. Appendix 1

Gerard Malone
Head of Legal and Property Services

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Local Authorities are empowered to make Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation and Roads (Scotland) Acts 1984.
- 4.2 The provision of on-street parking places for use by disabled drivers, who are the holders of a Disabled Person's Badge, is regulated by the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009. Inverclyde Council is required to promote a Traffic Regulation Order to regulate the use of such parking places.
- 4.3 The Council is asked to note that, if approved, the Order may not be implemented until the making of the Order has been advertised to allow any persons who so wish a period of six weeks to question the validity of the Order in terms of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Legal

- 5.2 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

Human Resources

- 5.3 There are no HR implications arising from this report.

Equalities

- 5.4 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

Repopulation

- 5.5 There are no repopulation implications arising from this report.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 The proposals have been advertised in the Greenock Telegraph and full details of the proposals have been made available for public inspection during normal office hours at the offices of the Shared Head of Service Roads, the Customer Service Centre, and at Central, Gourock, Port Glasgow and Southwest Libraries.
- 6.2 No objection has been received to the proposed Order.

7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL
DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACES
(ON-STREET) ORDER NO. 2 2019
TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

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THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL
DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACES (ON-STREET)
ORDER NO. 2 2019

The Inverclyde Council in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 32(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Constable of Police Scotland in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act hereby make the following Order.

1. This Order may be cited as "The Inverclyde Council Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 2 2019" and shall come into operation on ?????????

2. In this Order the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them:-

"Council" means The Inverclyde Council or its successors as Roads Authority;

"disabled person's badge" means:

- (a) a badge issued under Section 21 of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 (as amended);
- (b) a badge issued under a provision of the law of Northern Ireland corresponding to that section; or
- (c) a badge issued by any member State other than the United Kingdom for purposes corresponding to the purposes for which badges under that section are issued;

and which has not ceased to be in force;

"disabled person's vehicle" means a vehicle lawfully displaying a disabled person's badge;

"parking attendant" means a person employed in accordance with Section 63A of the Act to carry out the functions therein;

"parking place" means an area of land specified by number and name in Columns 1 and 2 in the Schedule to this Order;

"traffic sign" means a sign prescribed or authorised under Section 64 of the Act; and

"vehicle" unless the context otherwise requires, means a vehicle of any description and includes a machine or implement of any kind drawn or propelled along roads whether or not by mechanical power.

3. The Schedule titled "Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On Street) Order No. 2 2019" forms the Schedule to this Order.

4. Each area of road which is described in the Schedule Part 1 to this Order and the plans relative to this Order is hereby designated as a parking place.

5. The parking places shall only be used for the leaving of disabled persons' vehicles displaying a valid disabled person's badge.

6. The limits of each parking place shall be indicated on the carriageway as prescribed by The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016, as amended.

7. Every vehicle left in any parking place shall stand such that no parking place is occupied by more than one vehicle and that every part of the vehicle is within the limits of the parking place provided that, where the length of a vehicle precludes compliance with this paragraph, such vehicle shall be deemed to be within the limits of a parking place if:-

the extreme front portion or, as the case may be, the extreme rear portion of the vehicle is within 300mm of an indication on the carriageway provided under this Order in relation to the parking place; and

the vehicle, or any part thereof, is not within the limits of any adjoining parking place.

8. Any person duly authorised by the Council or a police officer in uniform or a traffic warden or parking attendant may move or cause to be moved in case of any emergency, to any place they think fit, vehicles left in a parking place.

9. Any person duly authorised by the Council may suspend the use of a parking place or any part thereof whenever such suspension is considered reasonably necessary:-

for the purpose of facilitating the movement of traffic or promoting its safety;

for the purpose of any building operation, demolition, or excavation in or adjacent to the parking place or the laying, erection, alteration, removal or repair in or adjacent to the parking place of any sewer or of any main, pipe, apparatus for the supply of gas, water electricity or of any telecommunications apparatus, traffic sign or parking meter;

for the convenience of occupiers of premises adjacent to the parking place on any occasion of the removal of furniture from one office or dwellinghouse to another or the removal of furniture from such premises to a depository or to such premises from a depository;

on any occasion on which it is likely by reason of some special attraction that any street will be thronged or obstructed; or

for the convenience of occupiers of premises adjacent to the parking place at times of weddings or funerals or on other special occasions.

10. A police officer in uniform may suspend for not longer than twenty four hours the use of a parking place or part thereof whenever such suspension is considered reasonably necessary for the purpose of facilitating the movement of traffic or promoting its safety.

11. This Order insofar as it relates to the parking places to be revoked (R) and amended, as specified in the Schedule Part 2 to this Order, partially revokes and amends The Inverclyde Council Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order Nos.01/2001, 01/2004, 01/2010, 02/2008, 02/2010 and 02/2013 respectively.

Sealed with the Common Seal of The Inverclyde Council and subscribed for them and on their behalf by ??????????, Proper Officer, on the ????????? day of ???????, Two Thousand and ?????????.

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INVERCLYDE COUNCIL

**DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACES (ON-STREET)
ORDER No.2 2019**

Rev A

SCHEDULE (Part 1)

All and whole that area of ground as described in Column 2 in the table below:

Column 1	Column 2
<u>Ref No.</u>	<u>Address of Disabled Person's Parking Place to be created "ex-adverso"</u>
1874	19 West Road, Port Glasgow
1875	4 Binnie Street, Gourock
1877	35 Robertson Street, Greenock
1878	2b Ashburn Gate, Gourock
1879	24 Bute Avenue, Port Glasgow
1883	17 Prospecthill Street, Greenock
1884	5 Lewis Road, Port Glasgow
1885	108 Pennyfern Road, Greenock



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DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACE
19 WEST ROAD, PORT GLASGOW
PLACE No. 1874

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4 BINNIE STREET, GOUROCK
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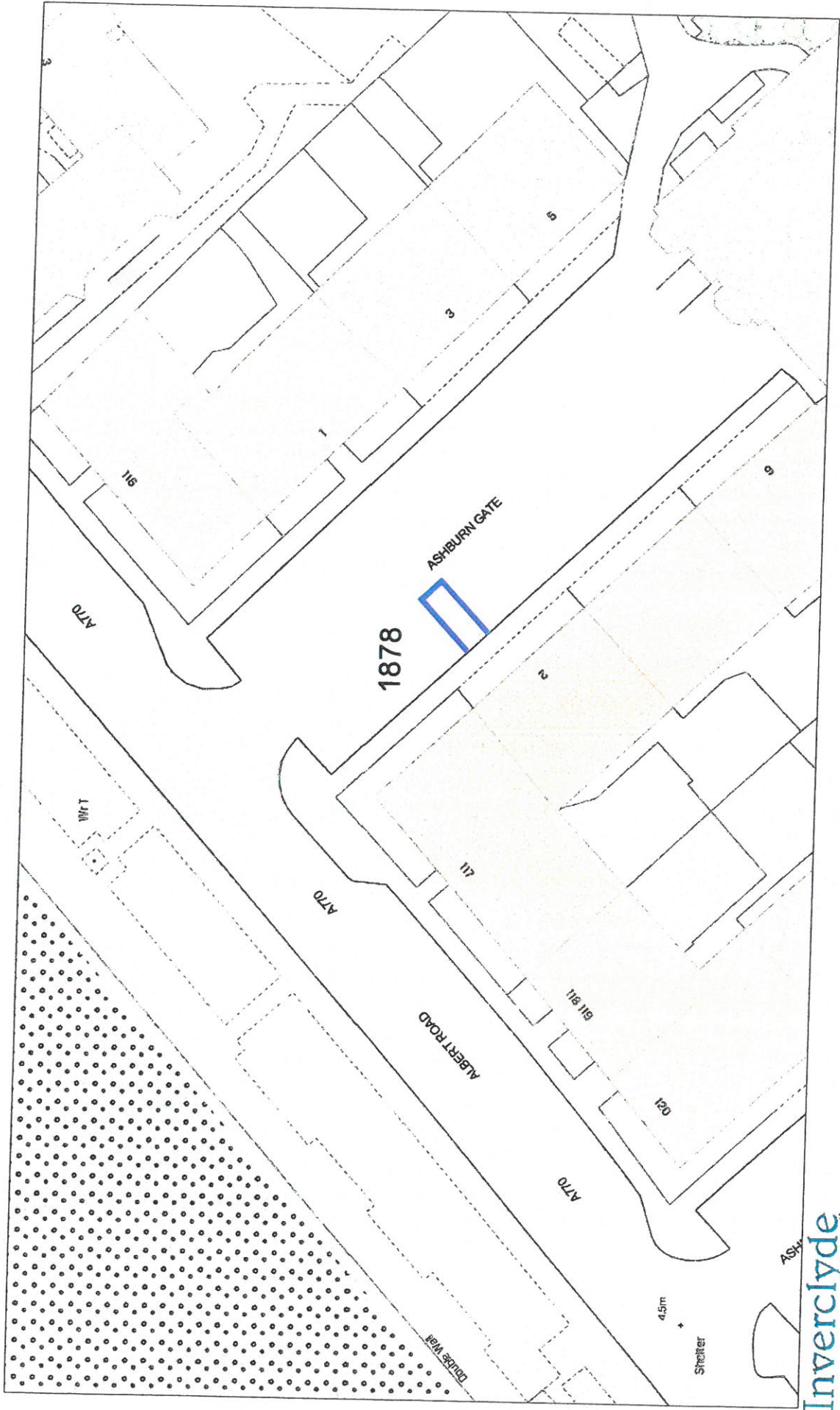


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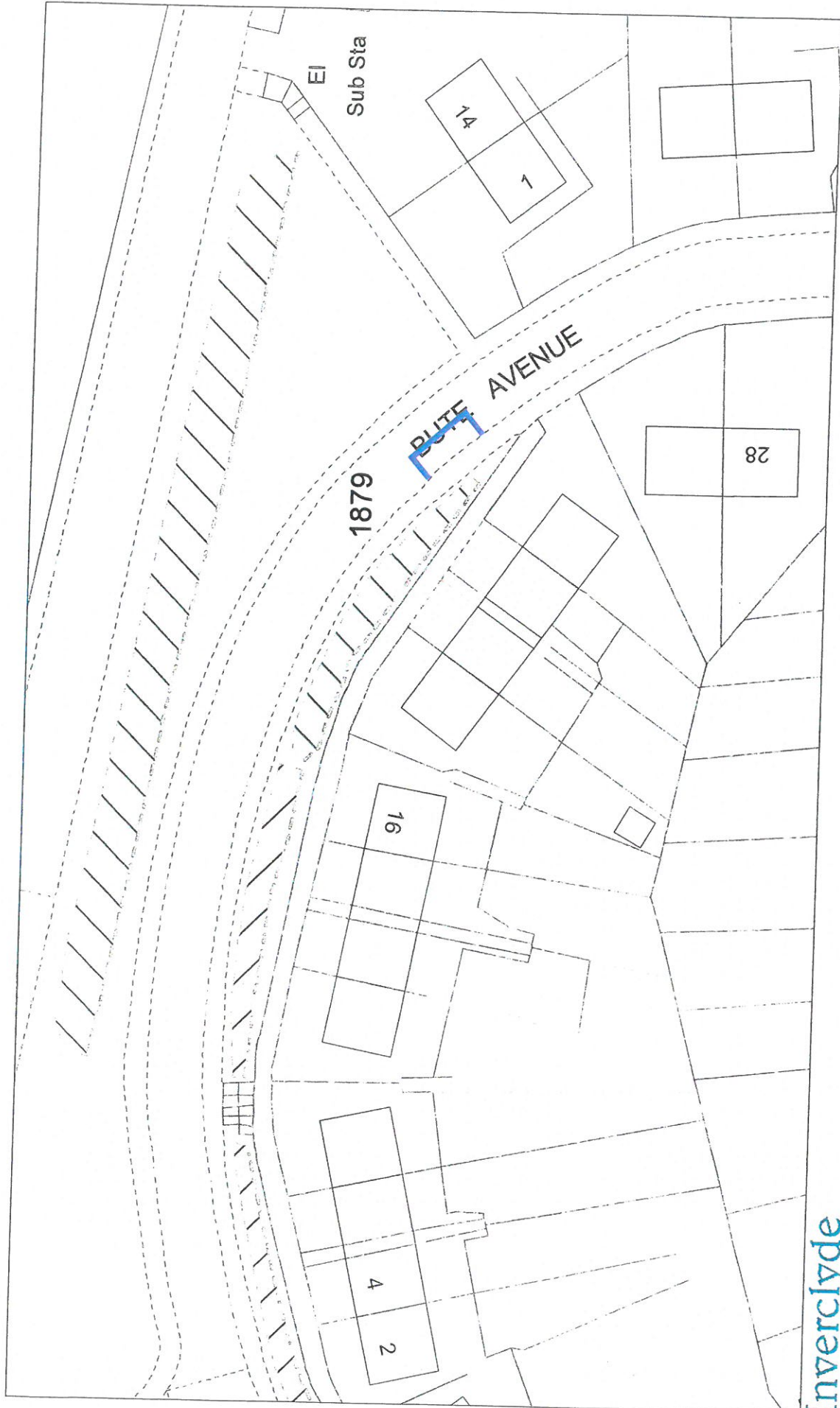
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2b ASHBURN GATE, GOUROCK
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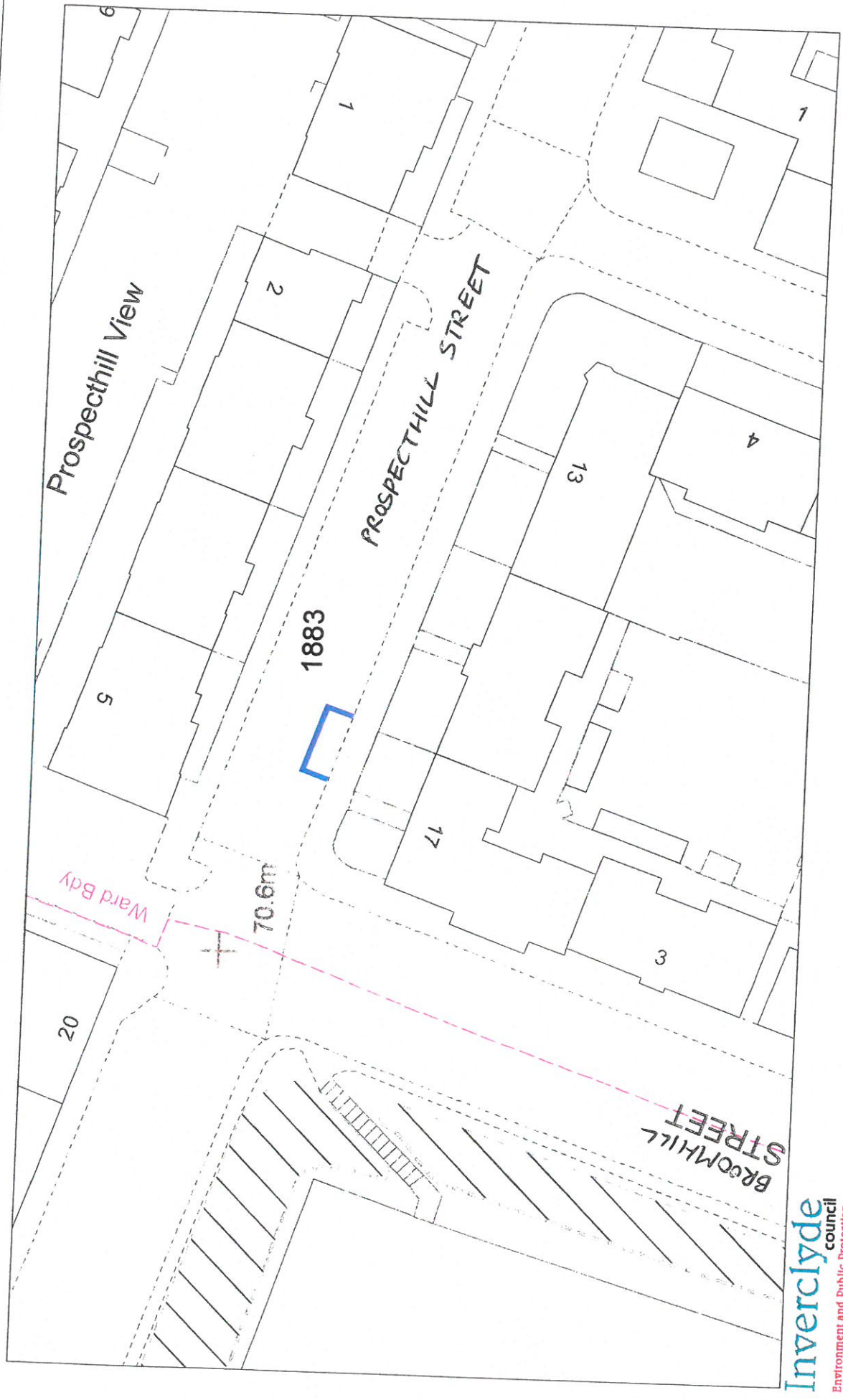
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24 BUTE AVENUE, PORT GLASGOW
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DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACE
17 PROSPECTHILL STREET, GREENOCK
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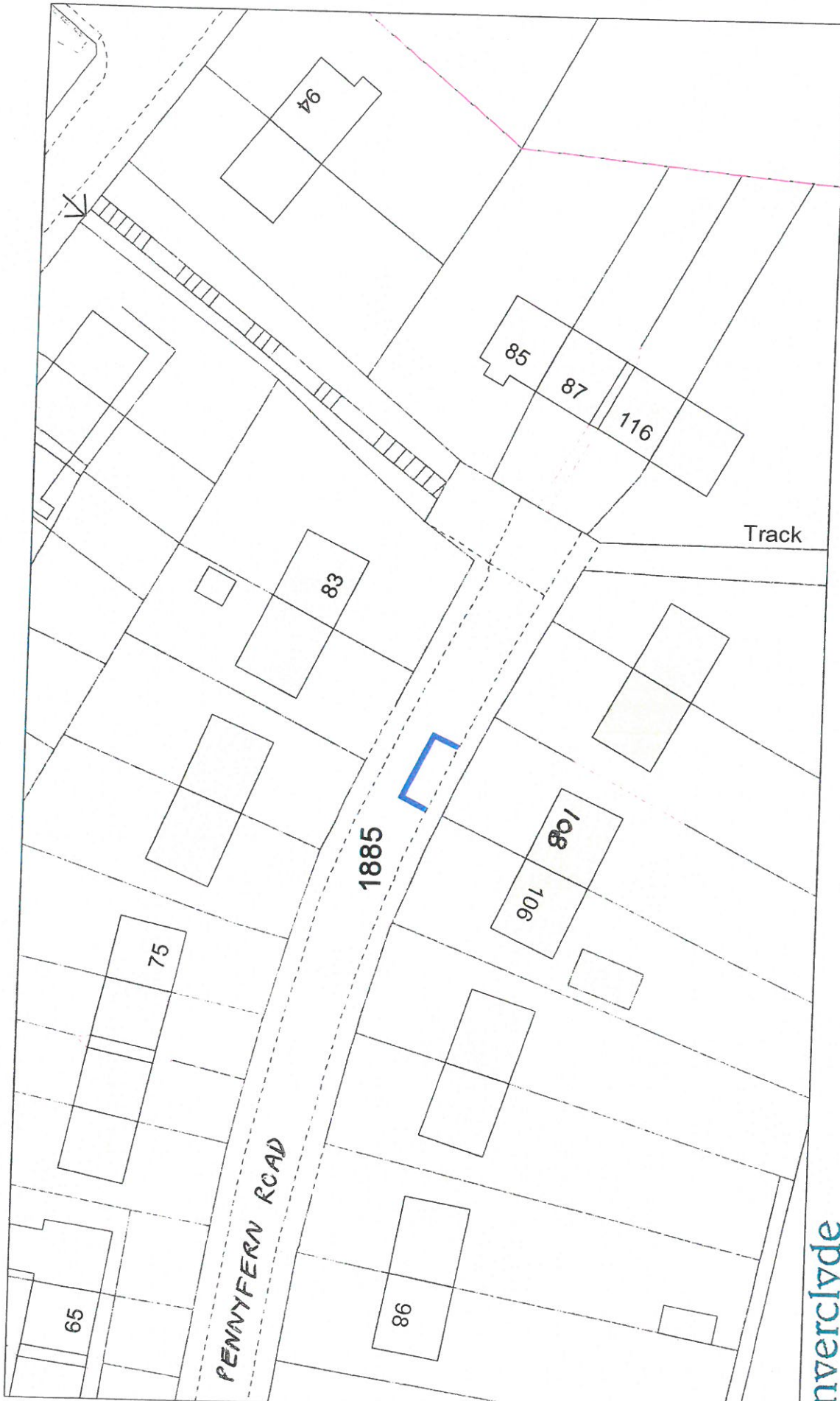
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DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACE
5 LEWIS ROAD, PORT GLASGOW
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DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACE
 108 PENNYFERN ROAD, GREENOCK
 PLACE No. 1885

INVERCLYDE COUNCIL

**DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACES (ON-STREET)
ORDER No.2 2019**

Rev A

SCHEDULE (Part 2)

All and whole that area of ground as described in Column 2 in the table below:

Column 1	Column 2
<u>Ref No.</u>	<u>Address of Disabled Person's Parking Place to be revoked ® "ex-adverso"</u>
0033	6 Dykeneuk Road, Port Glasgow ®
0410	11 Glen Avenue, Port Glasgow ®
0805	15 Cardwell Road, Gourock ®
0941	11 Glen Avenue, Port Glasgow ®
0977	73 Bawhirley Road, Greenock ®
1263	91 Albert Road, Gourock ®
1268	85 Albert Road, Gourock ®



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DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACE
6 DYKENEUK ROAD, PORT GLASGOW
PLACE No. 0033 REVOCATION

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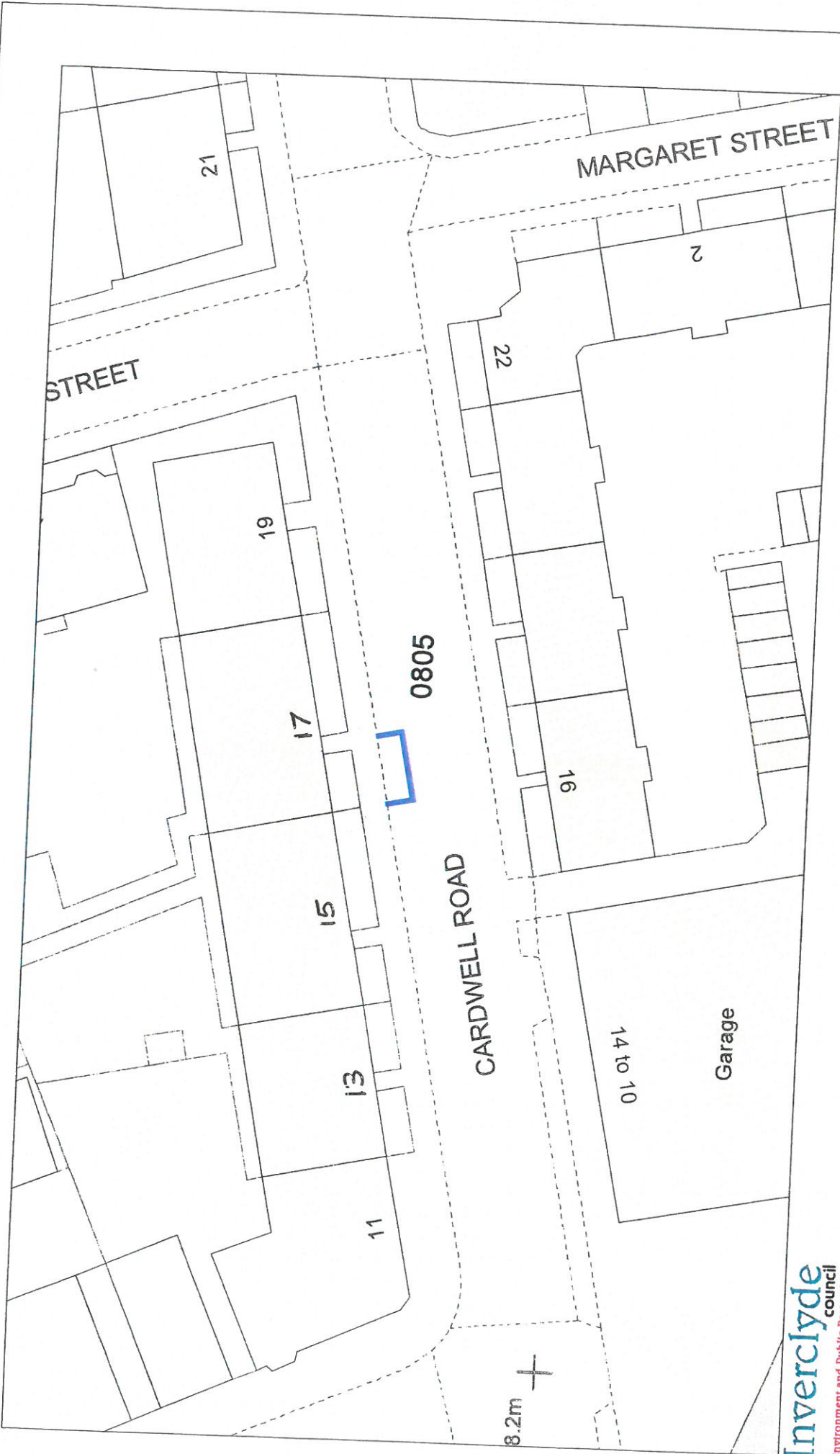
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11 GLEN AVENUE, PORT GLASGOW
PLACES Nos. 0410 & 0941 REVOCATION

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DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACE
15 CARDWELL ROAD, GOUROCK
PLACE No. 0805 REVOCATION

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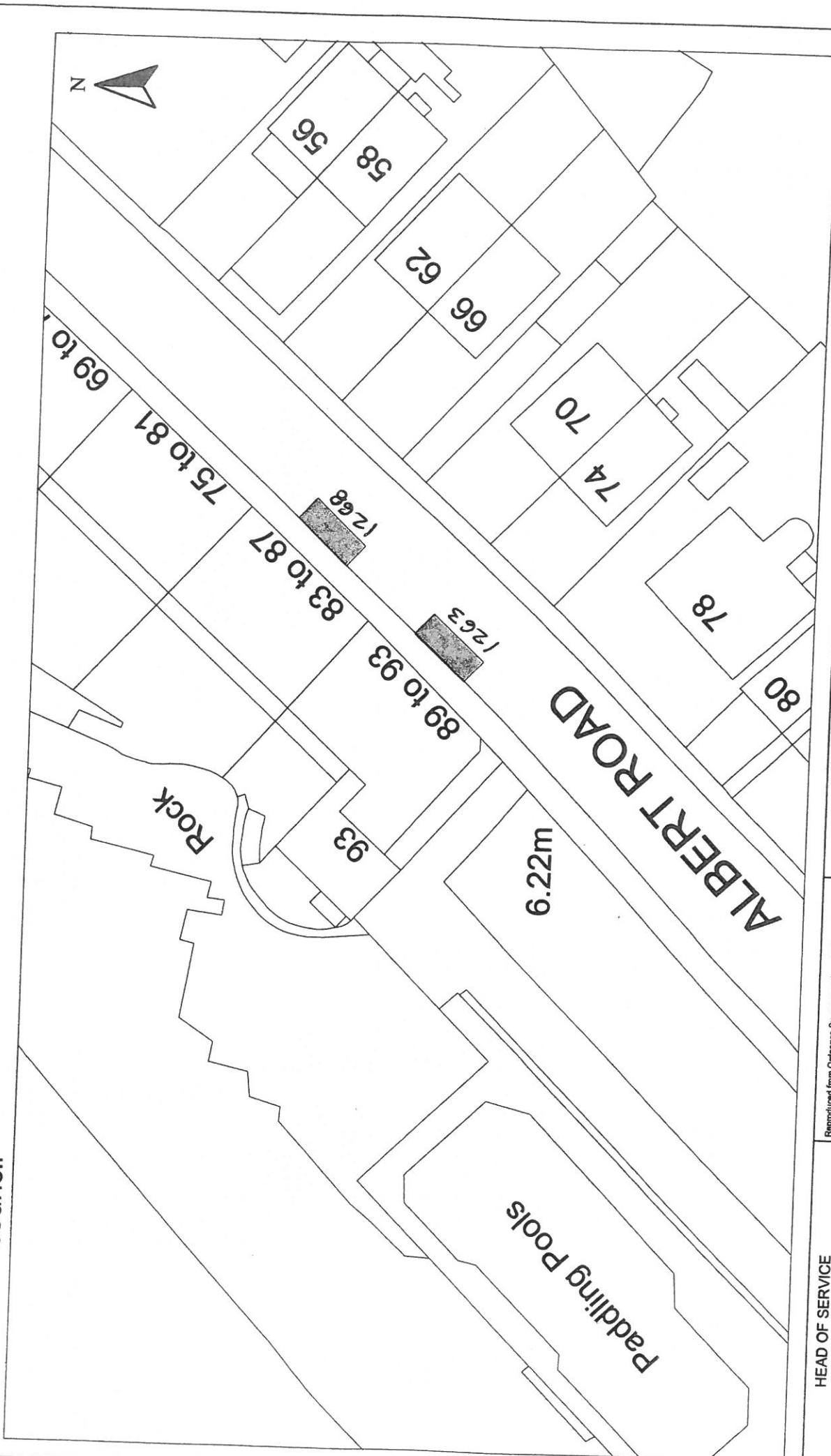
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DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACE
73 BAWHIRLEY ROAD, GREENOCK
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DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACE
85 & 91 ALBERT ROAD, GOUROCK
PLACES Nos. 1263 & 1268 REVOCATION

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THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL

**DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACES
(ON-STREET) ORDER NO. 2 2019**

**Statement of Reasons for Proposing to Make
the above Order**

It is considered necessary, in order to comply with Section 5 of The Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009, to make the above Order to provide assistance for disabled persons who hold a badge under the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 as amended and to revoke those parking places no longer required to maximise street parking capacity.

Gail MacFarlane
Shared Head of Service Roads
GREENOCK
PA15 4UE

Report To: THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL **Date:** 6 JUNE 2019

Report By: CORPORATE DIRECTOR,
ENVIRONMENT, REGENERATION &
RESOURCES **Report No:** LP/078/19

Contact Officer: JOANNA DALGLEISH **Contact No:** 01475 712123

Subject: PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – THE
INVERCLYDE COUNCIL, BRUCE STREET, GREENOCK (7.5
TONNES WEIGHT RESTRICTION) ORDER 2019

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to request the Council to consider a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Environment & Regeneration Committee held on 2 May 2019 after consideration of a Report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Bruce Street, Greenock, (7.5 Tonnes Weight Restriction) Order 2019 recommended that the Inverclyde Council be asked to make the Traffic Regulation Order and remit it to the Shared Head of Service Roads and the Head of Legal and Property Services to arrange for its implementation.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Bruce Street, Greenock (7.5 Tonnes Weight Restriction) Order 2019 and that the Shared Head of Service Roads and the Head of Legal and Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith. Appendix 1

Gerard Malone
Head of Legal and Property Services

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Local Authorities are empowered to make Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation and Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 and under the Council's Scheme of Administration, the Environment and Regeneration Committee is responsible for considering and determining Traffic Management Orders and Traffic Regulation Orders promoted by the Council.
- 4.2 Structure 37/1 carries Bruce Street over a live rail line and is in the ownership of Network Rail. As a result of a structural inspection, the load carrying capacity of the structure has been assessed as 7.5 Tonnes.
- 4.3 The proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) will impose a 7.5 Tonnes gross vehicle weight restriction on a section of Bruce Street from its junction with Roxburgh Street northeastwards for a distance of 26 metres or thereby.
- 4.4 No objection has been received to the proposed TRO.
- 4.5 The Council is asked to note that, if approved, the Order may not be implemented until the making of the Order has been advertised to allow any persons who so wish a period of six weeks to question the validity of the Order in terms of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

- 5.1 There will be a cost for introducing the signs and road markings for the new restrictions.

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A	N/A	18/19	£0	N/A	Costs recharged to Network Rail therefore no cost to Service

Legal

- 5.2 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

Human Resources

- 5.3 There are no HR implications arising from this report.

Equalities

- 5.4 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

Repopulation

- 5.5 There are no repopulation implications arising from this report.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 The proposals have been advertised in the Greenock Telegraph and full details of the proposals have been made available for public inspection during normal office hours at the offices of the Shared Head of Service Roads, the Customer Service Centre and at Central Library.

7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL
BRUCE STREET, GREENOCK
(7.5 TONNES WEIGHT RESTRICTION) ORDER 2019
TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

**THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL
BRUCE STREET, GREENOCK
(7.5 TONNES WEIGHT RESTRICTION) ORDER 2019**

We, The Inverclyde Council in exercise of the powers conferred on us by Sections 1(1) and 2(1) to (3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) and of Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Act and of all other enabling powers and after consulting the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Scotland (Seirbheis Phoilis na h-Alba) in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act hereby make the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as "The Inverclyde Council, Bruce Street, Greenock (7.5 Tonnes Weight Restriction) Order 2019" and shall come into operation on the ## day of ## Two Thousand and ##.
2. In this Order the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them:-

"Vehicle" unless the context otherwise requires, means a vehicle of any description and includes a machine or implement of any kind drawn or propelled along roads whether or not by mechanical power.
3. No person shall drive or cause or permit to be driven any Vehicle exceeding 7.5 Tonnes Maximum Gross Weight (m.g.w) on the length of road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order and as indicated on the map annexed hereto.

SCHEDULE 1

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL

BRUCE STREET, GREENOCK

7.5 TONNES WEIGHT RESTRICTION

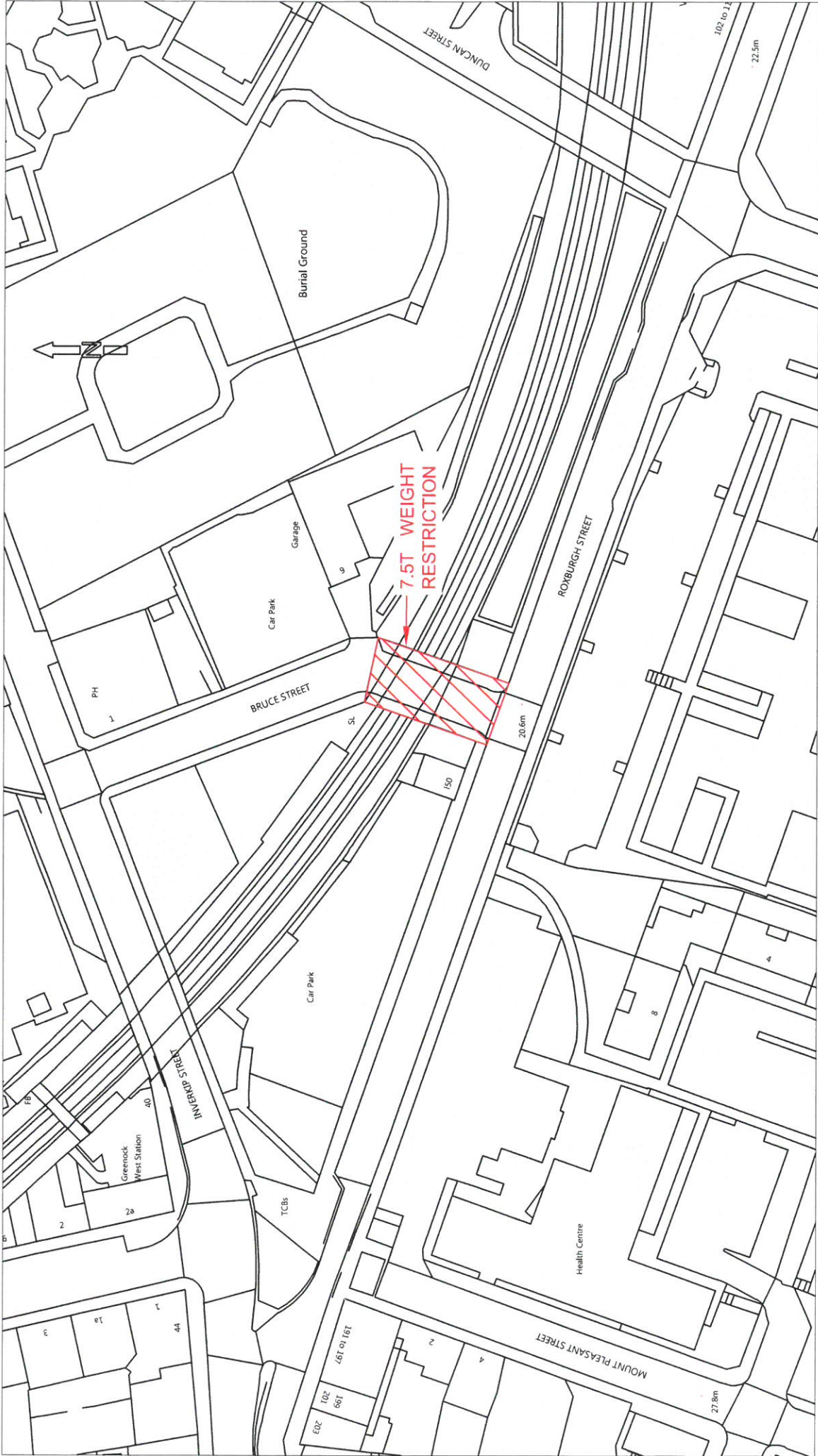
Road in Inverclyde within
the town of Greenock

Bruce Street
Structure No. 37/1

Length of road to which
restriction applies

From its junction with
Roxburgh Street northeastwards
for a distance of 26 metres or
thereby.

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Contact Officer: JOANNA DALGLEISH **Contact No:** 01475 712123

Subject: PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – THE
INVERCLYDE COUNCIL (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES)
(VARIATION NO. 10) ORDER 2019

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to request the Council to consider a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Environment & Regeneration Committee held on 2 May 2019 after consideration of a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No.10) Order 2019 recommended that the Inverclyde Council be asked to make the Traffic Regulation Order and remit it to the Shared Head of Service Roads and the Head of Legal and Property Services to arrange for its implementation.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No.10) Order 2019 and that the Shared Head of Service Roads and the Head of Legal and Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith. Appendix 1

Gerard Malone
Head of Legal and Property Services

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Local Authorities are empowered to make Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation and Roads (Scotland) Acts 1984 and under the Council's Scheme of Administration, the Environment and Regeneration Committee is responsible for considering and determining Traffic Management Orders and Traffic Regulation Orders promoted by the Council.
- 4.2 In May 2014 Transport Scotland launched an initiative to establish a country-wide charging infrastructure network to enable electric vehicles to be driven throughout Scotland and offered Inverclyde Council a grant for the supply and installation of electric vehicle charging units. To make these units easily available to the general public, the Council will site a number of them in public car parks in Greenock, Gourock, Port Glasgow and Kilmacolm and will allocate dedicated spaces solely for the purpose of charging Electric Vehicles.
- 4.3 The proposed Traffic Regulation Order will vary The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2013 to introduce Electric Vehicle Parking Spaces for the purpose of charging Electric Vehicles in the following off-street Parking Places:- Dalrymple Street, Greenock; Barr's Brae, Kilmacolm; Highholm Avenue, Port Glasgow; and Station Road South, Gourock.
- 4.4 No objection has been received to the proposed TRO.
- 4.5 The Council is asked to note that, if approved, the Order may not be implemented until the making of the Order has been advertised to allow any persons who so wish a period of six weeks to question the validity of the Order in terms of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

- 5.1 There will be a cost for introducing the signs and road markings for the new restrictions.

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
02506	Parking Strategy Revenue	19/20	£2,000		New signs

Legal

- 5.2 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

Human Resources

- 5.3 There are no HR implications arising from this report.

Equalities

- 5.4 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

Repopulation

5.5 There are no repopulation implications arising from this report.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 The proposals have been advertised in the Greenock Telegraph and full details of the proposals have been made available for public inspection during normal office hours at the offices of the Shared Head of Service Roads, the Customer Service Centre and at Central, Port Glasgow, Kilmacolm and Gourock Libraries.

7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL
(OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES)
(VARIATION NO. 10) ORDER 2019
TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

**THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL
(OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) (VARIATION NO. 10) ORDER 2019**

We, The Inverclyde Council in exercise of the powers conferred on us by Sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 32(1), 35(1), 35(3), 35(3A), 35(3B), 46, 49, 101 and 102 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) ("the Act") and of Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Act and of all other enabling powers and after consulting the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Scotland (Seirbheis Phoilis na h-Alba) in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act hereby make the following Order:

1.0 Commencement and citation

1.1 This Order shall come into operation on the ** day of ** Two Thousand and ** and may be cited as "The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 10) Order 2019".

2.0 Interpretation

2.1 Except where otherwise stated, any reference in this Order to a numbered Article or Schedule is a reference to the Article or Schedule bearing that number in this Order.

2.2 Any reference in this Order to any enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended, modified, re-enacted, replaced or supplemented by any subsequent enactment.

2.3 The prohibitions and restrictions imposed by this Order shall be in addition to and not in derogation from any restriction or requirement imposed by any regulation made or having effect as if made under the Act or by or under any other enactment provided that where a prohibition or restriction which is imposed, varied or revoked by this Order is in conflict with a prohibition or restriction imposed by a previous Order, then the provision of this Order shall prevail.

2.4 The Schedule titled "Parking Places, Number and Name, Charging Hours, Days and Hours of Parking Place Operation, Maximum period for which vehicles may wait, Tariff and Disabled Persons' Parking Places" forming Schedule 1 to this Order is hereby incorporated into "The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2013."

2.5 The Interpretation Act 1978 (as amended) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

SCHEDULE 1

SCHEDULE 3

PARKING PLACES, NUMBER AND NAME, CHARGING HOURS, DAYS AND HOURS OF PARKING PLACE OPERATION, MAXIMUM PERIOD FOR WHICH VEHICLES MAY WAIT, TARIFF AND DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACES

Parking Places Operational at all times

PARKING PLACE REFERENCE NUMBER Column 1	NAME OF PARKING PLACE Column 2	CHARGING HOURS OF PARKING PLACE Column 3	OPENING HOURS OF PARKING PLACE Column 4	TARIFF Column 5	DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACES (No.) Column 6	ELECTRIC VEHICLE PARKING SPACES (No.) Column 7	PARKING PLACE IDENTIFICATION CODE Column 8
25	Barr's Brae	08:00-18:00 Mon-Sat	24 hours	A	1	4	
9	Bruce Street	08:00-18:00 Mon-Sat	24 hours	A	3		
12	Buccleugh Street	08:00-18:00 Mon-Sat	24 hours	H	1		GR2
11	Bullring	08:00-18:00 Mon-Fri	24 hours	E	4		GR1
29	Cathcart Buildings	08:00-18:00 Mon- Fri	24 hours	G	0		GR1
14	Cathcart Street East	08:00-18:00 Mon- Fri	24 hours	E	1		GR1
13	Cathcart Street West	08:00-18:00 Mon- Fri	24 hours	F	4	2	GR1
2	Cloch Road	08:00-18:00 Mon-Sat	24 hours	A	0		
4	Cove Road	08:00-18:00 Mon-Sat	24 hours	A	0		
28	Dalrymple Street	08:00-18:00 Mon- Fri	24 hours	E	3	2	GR1

PARKING PLACE REFERENCE NUMBER Column 1	NAME OF PARKING PLACE Column 2	CHARGING HOURS OF PARKING PLACE Column 3	OPENING HOURS OF PARKING PLACE Column 4	TARIFF Column 5	DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACES (No.) Column 6	ELECTRIC VEHICLE PARKING SPACES (No.) Column 7	PARKING PLACE IDENTIFICATION CODE Column 8
22	East Road	08:00-18:00 Mon-Sat	24 hours	A	0		
33	East Shaw Street	08:00-18:00 Mon-Fri	24 hours	H	0		GR2
19	Fore Street	08:00-18:00 Mon-Sat	24 hours	A	8	2	
1	Fran Terrace	08:00-18:00 Mon-Sat	24 hours	A	0		
7	Hastie Street	08:00-18:00 Mon-Fri	24 hours	E	2		GR1
21	Highholm Avenue	08:00-18:00 Mon-Sat	24 hours	A	8	2	
3	Kempock Street East	08:00-18:00 Mon-Sat	24 hours	A	2		
32	Kempock Street West	08:00-18:00 Mon-Sat	24 hours	C	2	2	
24	Lochwinnoch Road	08:00-18:00 Mon-Sat	24 hours	A	6	2	
5	Manor Crescent	08:00-18:00 Mon-Sat	24 hours	A	0		
20	Princes Street	08:00-18:00 Mon-Sat	24 hours	B	6		
8	Roslin Street	08:00-18:00 Mon-Fri	24 hours	E	0		GR1
10	Roxburgh Street	08:00-18:00 Mon-Sat	24 hours	A	2		
34	Royal Court	08:00-18:00 Mon-Fri	24 hours	H	0		GR2

PARKING PLACE REFERENCE NUMBER Column 1	NAME OF PARKING PLACE Column 2	CHARGING HOURS OF PARKING PLACE Column 3	OPENING HOURS OF PARKING PLACE Column 4	TARIFF Column 5	DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACES (No.) Column 6	ELECTRIC VEHICLE PARKING SPACES (No.) Column 7	PARKING PLACE IDENTIFICATION CODE Column 8
35	Shaw Place	08:00-18:00 Mon-Fri	24 hours	H	0		GR4
18	Shore Street	08:00-18:00 Mon-Sat	24 hours	A	11		
16	Station Avenue East	08:00-18:00 Mon- Fri	24 hours	E	2		GR1
15	Station Avenue West	08:00-18:00 Mon- Fri	24 hours	E	2		GR1
23	Station Road	08:00-18:00 Mon-Sat	24 hours	A	1		
30	Station Road North	08:00-18:00 Mon- Sat	24 hours	D	0		
31	Station Road South	08:00-18:00 Mon- Sat	24 hours	D	0	4	
26	Waterfront	08:00-18:00 Mon- Fri	24 hours	A	4	2	
6	West Stewart Street	08:00-18:00 Mon- Fri	24 hours	E	2		GR1
17	William Street	08:00-18:00 Mon-Sat	24 hours	A	1		