

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

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**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.**

<b>256</b>	<b>Shortlisting and Arrangements for Interview of Applicants – Post of Head of Culture, Communities &amp; Educational Resources</b>	<b>256</b>
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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

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### 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.**

**257      Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest      257**

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

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| <b>261</b> | <b>Public Space CCTV Provision</b>   | <b>261</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration &amp; Resources providing an update on progress on the replacement of the public space CCTV system.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b> that the information contained in the report be noted.</p>  |            |
| <b>262</b> | <b>Local Police &amp; Fire Scrutiny Committee Update Report (April 2019)</b>   | <b>262</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities &amp; Organisational Development providing an update on current and emerging national issues relating to both Police and Fire &amp; Rescue Services.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b> that the information contained in the report be noted.</p>  |            |
| <b>263</b> | <b>Scottish Police Authority Visit to Inverclyde</b>   | <b>263</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities &amp; 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><b>Decided:</b> that the information contained in the report be noted.</p>  |            |
| <b>264</b> | <b>Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018</b>  | <b>264</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities &amp; 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><b>Decided:</b> that consideration of this item be continued to the next meeting of the Committee.</p>  |            |
| <b>265</b> | <b>Police Scotland – Shaping our Direction and Delivery 2019 - 2022</b>  | <b>265</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities &amp; 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><b>Decided:</b> that approval be given to the consultation response attached at Appendix 1, subject to the inclusion of any further comments submitted by Members.</p> |            |

**THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 18 APRIL 2019**

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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).

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

**Appendices to Minutes**

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

## AUDIT COMMITTEE – 23 APRIL 2019

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### 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.

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

**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

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### 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.**

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

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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**

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**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**

**320**

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)**

**329**

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**

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**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**

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**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**

**346**

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**

**353**

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

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

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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.**

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

**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.

**POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 21 MAY 2019**

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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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| <b>384</b> | <b>Audit Scotland Report on South Lanarkshire Council</b>   | <b>384</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy &amp; Communications summarising the main points of Audit Scotland's 2019 Best Value Assurance Report (BVAR) on South Lanarkshire Council.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b> 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>  |            |
| <b>385</b> | <b>Freedom of Information Requests 2018</b>   | <b>385</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration &amp; 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><b>Decided:</b> that the information provided in relation to FOI requests received by the Council during 2018 be noted.</p>  |            |
| <b>386</b> | <b>General Data Protection Regulation Update</b>  | <b>386</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal &amp; 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><b>Decided:</b> that the contents of the report be noted.</p>   |            |
| <b>387</b> | <b>Employee Opinion Survey - 2018</b>   | <b>387</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy &amp; Communications on the results of the latest three-yearly Council-wide Employee Opinion Survey carried out in October 2018.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) that the positive outcome of the Employee Opinion Survey results be noted;</li> <li>(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</li> <li>(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.</li> </ol> |            |
| <b>388</b> | <b>Education, Communities &amp; Organisational Development and Environment, Regeneration &amp; Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plans 2019/22</b>  | <b>388</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities &amp; Organisational Development and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration &amp; Resources seeking approval of the new Education, Communities &amp; Organisational Development and Environment, Regeneration &amp; 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.

**PLANNING BOARD – 5 JUNE 2019**

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**Planning Board**

**Wednesday 5 June 2019 at 3pm**

**Present:** Provost Brennan (for Councillor Moran), Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, Dorrian, J McEleny, McKenzie, McVey, Jackson (for Murphy), Nelson, Rebecchi and Wilson.

**Chair:** Councillor Wilson presided for agenda items 1, 2(b) and 2(c) and Councillor Nelson presided for agenda item 2(a).

**In attendance:** Head of Regeneration & Planning, Development & Building Standards Manager, Mr D Ashman (Regeneration & Planning Services), Shared Head of Service Roads, Mr G Leitch (Roads & Transportation), Mr J Kerr (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services).

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

**399 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 399**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Moran, with Provost Brennan substituting, and Councillor Murphy, with Councillor Jackson substituting.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:-

Agenda Item 2(a) (Construction of 198 residential homes with road, all associated infrastructure, levels changes, amenity open space and landscaping provision including retention of key existing landscaping features at Ravenscraig Hospital Grounds, Ravenscraig Hospital, Inverkip Road, Greenock (18/0205/IC)) – Councillor Wilson; and Agenda Item 2(b) (Erection of a new build flatted development consisting of 39 units over 4.5 storeys and erection of a new build flatted development consisting of 48 units over 4 storeys at vacant site, James Watt Dock, Greenock (18/0279/IC and 18/0280/IC)) – Councillor Crowther.

**400 PLANNING APPLICATIONS 400**

There were submitted reports by the Head of Regeneration & Planning on applications for planning permission as follows:-

**(a) Erection of a new build flatted development consisting of 39 units over 4.5 storeys and erection of a new build flatted development consisting of 48 units over 4 storeys:**

**Vacant Site, James Watt Dock, Greenock (18/0279/IC & 18/0280/IC)**

The report recommended that planning permission in relation to planning applications 18/0279/IC and 18/0280/IC be granted subject to a number of conditions.

Councillor Crowther declared a non-financial interest in this matter by virtue of having made a submission to the Proposed Local Development Plan and left the meeting.

After discussion, Councillor J McEleny moved that planning permission in relation to planning applications 18/0279/IC and 18/0280/IC be refused as the proposals (1) may

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have a negative impact on the adjacent Inchgreen City Deal site and (2) would result in over-development of the application site. As an amendment, Councillor Wilson moved that planning permission in relation to planning applications 18/0279/IC and 18/0280/IC be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report.

On a vote, one Member, Councillor J McEleny, voted for the motion and nine Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Clocherty, Dorrian, Jackson, McKenzie, McVey, Nelson, Rebecchi and Wilson, voted for the amendment which was declared carried.

**Decided:** that planning permission in relation to planning applications 18/0279/IC and 18/0280/IC be granted subject to the following conditions:-

Planning Application 18/0279/IC

(1) that prior to their use, samples of all the facing materials to be used in the construction of the flats hereby permitted shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The approved materials shall thereafter be used unless any alternative is agreed in writing with the Planning Authority, to ensure that the facing materials complement the neighbouring Sugar Sheds;

(2) that prior to their use, samples of all hard landscaping materials shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The approved materials shall thereafter be used unless any alternative is agreed in writing with the Planning Authority, to ensure the suitability of these materials;

(3) that prior to the commencement of development, full details of all soft landscaping within the site shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. This shall include management and maintenance arrangements, to ensure the provision of an adequate landscaping scheme in the interests of visual amenity;

(4) that the landscaping scheme approved in terms of condition 3 above shall be implemented in full within the first planting season after the first of the flatted dwellings hereby permitted is occupied. Any of the planting which is damaged, is removed, becomes diseased or dies within the first 5 years of planting shall be replaced within the following planting season with plants of a similar size and species, to ensure retention of the approved landscaping scheme;

(5) that the play area approved under planning permission 17/0339/IC shall be implemented in full prior to occupation of the 20th flat hereby permitted by this permission or that of planning permissions 18/0049/IC, 18/0050/IC or 18/0280/IC, to ensure the provision of adequate play facilities in the interests of future residents;

(6) that details of all boundary treatments shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. For the avoidance of doubt, this shall include a scheme for a bund on the boundary separating the application site from the depot to the east, the planting of this mound, and the installation of a 3 metres high acoustic screen. The bund and acoustic screen shall be completed prior to occupation of the first of the flats hereby permitted, to ensure the provision of adequate boundary treatments in the interests of visual amenity and, in the case of the eastern boundary, to accord with the recommendations of the Noise Assessment;

(7) that parking provision shall be on the basis of 1 space per dwelling. The required parking bays for each flat and the vehicular manoeuvring area serving it shall be provided to sealed base course level prior to the associated flat being occupied, to ensure the provision of adequate parking facilities;

(8) that no flat shall be occupied until the footway and road serving the flat is completed to sealed base course level, to ensure the provision of adequate traffic and pedestrian facilities;

(9) that prior to occupation of the last of the flats hereby permitted, the roads, footways, car parking spaces and their associated manoeuvring areas shall be completed to final wearing course, to ensure the provision of adequate traffic and pedestrian facilities;

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(10) that all surface water drainage from the site shall be treated in accordance with the principles of the Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems Manual (C697) (CIRIA 2007). Before development commences, details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority of the maintenance regime for the water detention areas. For the avoidance of doubt, this includes the maintenance regime for the surface water swales and confirmation of maintenance and ownership responsibilities of the drainage system, to control runoff from the site to reduce the risk of flooding;

(11) that all surface water during and after development is to be maintained within the site boundary to prevent any surface water flowing onto the road. The surface water from the car parking spaces cannot flow over the public footpath, to control runoff from the site to reduce the risk of flooding;

(12) that prior to the commencement of development, confirmation of connection to the Scottish Water Network and Scottish Water's approval for the drainage layout shall be submitted for approval, to ensure adequate service connections can be achieved;

(13) that prior to the start of development, details of a survey for the presence of Japanese Knotweed shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority and that, for the avoidance of doubt, this shall contain a methodology and treatment statement where any is found. Development shall not proceed until appropriate control measures are implemented. Any significant variation to the treatment methodology shall be submitted for approval, in writing by the Planning Authority prior to implementation, to help arrest the spread of Japanese Knotweed in the interests of environmental protection;

(14) that the development shall not commence until an Environmental Investigation and Risk Assessment, including any necessary Remediation Scheme with timescale for implementation, of all pollutant linkages has been submitted to and approved, in writing by the Planning Authority. The investigations and assessment shall be site-specific and completed in accordance with current codes of practice. The submission shall also include a Verification Plan. Any subsequent modifications to the Remediation Scheme and Verification Plan must be approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to implementation, to satisfactorily address potential contamination issues in the interests of human health and environmental safety;

(15) that before the development hereby permitted is occupied, the applicant shall submit a report for approval, in writing by the Planning Authority, confirming that the works have been completed in accordance with the agreed Remediation Scheme and supply information as agreed in the Verification Plan. This report shall demonstrate that no pollutant linkages remain or are likely to occur and include (but not be limited to) a collation of verification/validation certificates, analysis information, remediation lifespan, maintenance/aftercare information and details of all materials imported onto the site as fill or landscaping material. The details of such materials shall include information of the material source, volume, intended use and chemical quality with plans delineating placement and thickness, to ensure contamination is not imported to the site and confirm successful completion of remediation measures in the interest of human health and environmental safety;

(16) that the presence of any previously unrecorded contamination or variation to anticipated ground conditions that becomes evident during site works shall be brought to the attention of the Planning Authority and the Remediation Scheme shall not be implemented unless it has been submitted to and approved, in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that all contamination issues are recorded and dealt with appropriately;

(17) that triple glazing with trickle ventilation shall be installed within the flats hereby permitted prior to their occupation, to protect the amenities of occupiers of premises from unreasonable noise and vibration levels;

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(18) that a visibility splay of 2.4 metres by 43 metres by 1.05 metres shall be provided at the entry to the site and shall be maintained thereafter, in the interests of pedestrian and vehicular safety;

(19) that prior to the commencement of development, a detailed specification of the bin stores shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, in the interests of visual amenity; and

(20) that for the avoidance of doubt, the mitigation measures in the “Development at James Watt Dock, Greenock” Flood Risk Assessment, dated May 2019 by Kaya Consulting Limited and detailed in application drawings 301879-032 Rev E and 301879-033 Rev E shall be implemented in full prior to occupation of the first flatted dwelling hereby permitted, to prevent flooding of properties within and outwith the application site.

Planning Application 18/0280/IC

(1) that prior to their use, samples of all the facing materials to be used in the construction of the flats hereby permitted shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The approved materials shall thereafter be used unless any alternative is agreed in writing with the Planning Authority, to ensure that the facing materials complement the neighbouring Sugar Sheds;

(2) that prior to their use, samples of all hard landscaping materials shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The approved materials shall thereafter be used unless any alternative is agreed in writing with the Planning Authority, to ensure the suitability of these materials;

(3) that prior to the commencement of development, full details of all soft landscaping within the site shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. This shall include management and maintenance arrangements, to ensure the provision of an adequate landscaping scheme in the interests of visual amenity;

(4) that the landscaping scheme approved in terms of condition 3 above shall be implemented in full within the first planting season after the first of the flatted dwellings hereby permitted is occupied. Any of the planting which is damaged, is removed, becomes diseased or dies within the first 5 years of planting shall be replaced within the following planting season with plants of a similar size and species, to ensure retention of the approved landscaping scheme;

(5) that the play area approved under planning permission 17/0339/IC shall be implemented in full prior to occupation of the 20th flat hereby permitted by this permission or that of planning permissions 18/0049/IC, 18/0050/IC or 18/0279/IC, to ensure the provision of adequate play facilities in the interests of future residents;

(6) that details of all boundary treatments shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. For the avoidance of doubt, this shall include a scheme for a bund on the boundary separating the application site from the depot to the east, the planting of this mound, and the installation of a 3 metres high acoustic screen. The bund and acoustic screen shall be completed prior to occupation of the first of the flats hereby permitted, to ensure the provision of adequate boundary treatments in the interests of visual amenity and, in the case of the eastern boundary, to accord with the recommendations of the Noise Assessment;

(7) that parking provision shall be on the basis of 1 space per dwelling. The required parking bays for each flat and the vehicular manoeuvring area serving it shall be provided to sealed base course level prior to the associated flat being occupied, to ensure the provision of adequate parking facilities;

(8) that no flat shall be occupied until the footway and road serving the flat is completed to sealed base course level, to ensure the provision of adequate traffic and pedestrian facilities;

(9) that prior to occupation of the last of the flats hereby permitted, the roads,

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footways, car parking spaces and their associated manoeuvring areas shall be completed to final wearing course, to ensure the provision of adequate traffic and pedestrian facilities;

(10) that all surface water drainage from the site shall be treated in accordance with the principles of the Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems Manual (C697) (CIRIA 2007). Before development commences, details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority of the maintenance regime for the water detention areas. For the avoidance of doubt, this includes the maintenance regime for the surface water swales and confirmation of maintenance and ownership responsibilities of the drainage system, to control runoff from the site to reduce the risk of flooding;

(11) that all surface water during and after development is to be maintained within the site boundary to prevent any surface water flowing onto the road. The surface water from the car parking spaces cannot flow over the public footpath, to control runoff from the site to reduce the risk of flooding;

(12) that prior to the commencement of development, confirmation of connection to the Scottish Water Network and Scottish Water's approval for the drainage layout shall be submitted for approval, to ensure adequate service connections can be achieved;

(13) that prior to the start of development, details of a survey for the presence of Japanese Knotweed shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority and that, for the avoidance of doubt, this shall contain a methodology and treatment statement where any is found. Development shall not proceed until appropriate control measures are implemented. Any significant variation to the treatment methodology shall be submitted for approval, in writing by the Planning Authority prior to implementation, to help arrest the spread of Japanese Knotweed in the interests of environmental protection;

(14) that the development shall not commence until an Environmental Investigation and Risk Assessment, including any necessary Remediation Scheme with timescale for implementation, of all pollutant linkages has been submitted to and approved, in writing by the Planning Authority. The investigations and assessment shall be site-specific and completed in accordance with current codes of practice. The submission shall also include a Verification Plan. Any subsequent modifications to the Remediation Scheme and Verification Plan must be approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to implementation, to satisfactorily address potential contamination issues in the interests of human health and environmental safety;

(15) that before the development hereby permitted is occupied, the applicant shall submit a report for approval, in writing by the Planning Authority, confirming that the works have been completed in accordance with the agreed Remediation Scheme and supply information as agreed in the Verification Plan. This report shall demonstrate that no pollutant linkages remain or are likely to occur and include (but not be limited to) a collation of verification/validation certificates, analysis information, remediation lifespan, maintenance/aftercare information and details of all materials imported onto the site as fill or landscaping material. The details of such materials shall include information of the material source, volume, intended use and chemical quality with plans delineating placement and thickness, to ensure contamination is not imported to the site and confirm successful completion of remediation measures in the interest of human health and environmental safety;

(16) that the presence of any previously unrecorded contamination or variation to anticipated ground conditions that becomes evident during site works shall be brought to the attention of the Planning Authority and the Remediation Scheme shall not be implemented unless it has been submitted to and approved, in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that all contamination issues are recorded and dealt with appropriately;



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(17) that triple glazing with trickle ventilation shall be installed within the flats hereby permitted prior to their occupation, to protect the amenities of occupiers of premises from unreasonable noise and vibration levels;

(18) that a visibility splay of 2.4 metres by 43 metres by 1.05 metres shall be provided at the entry to the site and shall be maintained thereafter, in the interests of pedestrian and vehicular safety;

(19) that prior to the commencement of development, a detailed specification of the bin stores shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, in the interests of visual amenity; and

(20) that for the avoidance of doubt, the mitigation measures in the “Development at James Watt Dock, Greenock” Flood Risk Assessment, dated May 2019 by Kaya Consulting Limited and detailed in application drawings 301879-032 Rev E and 301879-033 Rev E shall be implemented in full prior to occupation of the first flatted dwelling hereby permitted, to prevent flooding of properties within and outwith the application site.

Councillor Crowther returned to the meeting at this juncture.

**(b) Proposed storage building and erection of fence within rear courtyard of coffee shop:**

**1 Drumpellier Place, Lochwinnoch Road, Kilmacolm (18/0176/IC)**

The report recommended that planning permission be granted.

After discussion, Councillor McVey moved that planning permission be refused as the proposal would be detrimental to the amenity of residents as it would result in a reduction in the availability of off-street parking. As an amendment, Councillor J McEleny moved that planning permission be granted.

On a vote, two Members, Councillors McVey and Rebecchi, voted for the motion and nine Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, Dorrian, Jackson, J McEleny, McKenzie, Nelson and Wilson, vote for the amendment which was declared carried.

**Decided:** that planning permission be granted.

Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest in the following item as a Director of Link Housing Association and as a Director of Larkfield Housing Association and left the meeting. Councillor Nelson assumed the Chair.

**(c) Construction of 198 residential homes with road, all associated infrastructure, levels changes, amenity open space and landscaping provision including retention of key existing landscaping features:**

**Ravenscraig Hospital Grounds, Ravenscraig Hospital, Inverkip Road, Greenock (18/0205/IC)**

The report recommended (A) that prior to the issuing of planning permission, a Section 75 Agreement be entered into requiring that the scope of the works to the Network Rail bridge at the north-eastern corner of the site and their financing by the applicant to bring it up to adoptable standard and capable of carrying a 44t vehicle shall be agreed between the applicant and the Council prior to the commencement of construction within the application site and that the agreed works be completed and the ownership of the bridge transferred to the Council for adoption and maintenance, prior to the occupation of the first residential unit and (B) that on registration of the Section 75

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Agreement required by point (A), the application be granted subject to a number of conditions.

After discussion, Councillor Rebecchi moved (A) that prior to the issuing of planning permission, a Section 75 Agreement be entered into requiring that the scope of the works to the Network Rail bridge at the north-eastern corner of the site and their financing by the applicant, including the provision of a Bond, to bring it up to adoptable standard and capable of carrying a 44t vehicle shall be agreed between the applicant and the Council prior to the commencement of construction within the application site and that the agreed works be completed and the ownership of the bridge transferred to the Council for adoption and maintenance, prior to the occupation of the first residential unit and (B) that on registration of the Section 75 Agreement required by point (A), the application be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report.

As an amendment, Councillor Nelson moved (A) that prior to the issuing of planning permission, a Section 75 Agreement be entered into requiring that the scope of the works to the Network Rail bridge at the north-eastern corner of the site and their financing by the applicant to bring it up to adoptable standard and capable of carrying a 44t vehicle shall be agreed between the applicant and the Council prior to the commencement of construction within the application site and that the agreed works be completed and the ownership of the bridge transferred to the Council for adoption and maintenance, prior to the occupation of the first residential unit and (B) that on registration of the Section 75 Agreement required by point (A), the application be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report.

On a vote, five Members, Councillors Crowther, Dorrian, J McEleny, McVey and Rebecchi, voted for the motion and five Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Clocherty, Jackson, McKenzie and Nelson, voted for the amendment. There being equality in voting, the Chair exercised his casting vote in favour of the amendment which was declared carried.

**Decided:**

(A) that prior to the issuing of planning permission, a Section 75 Agreement be entered into requiring that the scope of the works to the Network Rail Bridge at the north-eastern corner of the site and their financing by the applicant to bring it up to adoptable standard and capable of carrying a 44t vehicle shall be agreed between the applicant and the Council prior to the commencement of construction within the application site and that the agreed works be completed and the ownership of the bridge transferred to the Council for adoption and maintenance, prior to the occupation of the first residential unit; and

(B) that on registration of the Section 75 Agreement required by point (A), the application be granted subject to the following conditions:-

(1) that prior to their use, samples of all facing materials to be used in the construction of the dwellings hereby permitted shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Development shall proceed thereafter using the approved materials unless a variation is agreed in writing with the Planning Authority, in the interests of visual amenity;

(2) that prior to their use, samples of all hard landscaping materials shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The approved materials shall thereafter be used unless any alternative is agreed in writing with the Planning Authority, to ensure the suitability of these materials;

(3) that prior to the commencement of development, full details of a phasing plan for all soft and hard landscaping and details of all management and maintenance arrangements, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the timely provision of an adequate landscaping scheme in the interests of visual amenity;

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- (4) that the landscaping scheme approved in terms of condition 3 above shall be implemented in full in accordance with the approved phasing plan. Any of the planting which is damaged, is removed, becomes diseased or dies within the first 5 years of planting shall be replaced within the following planting season with plants of a similar size and species, to ensure retention of the approved landscaping scheme;
- (5) that prior to the commencement of development, full details of the equipped play area, including details of management and maintenance arrangements, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority including a phasing plan for provision of the play area. The play area shall subsequently be provided in accordance with the approved phasing plan, to ensure the provision of adequate play facilities;
- (6) that prior to the commencement of development, details of traffic calming measures shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority, in the interests of traffic and pedestrian safety;
- (7) that no dwelling hereby permitted shall be occupied until the footway and road serving it is completed to sealed base course level, to ensure the provision of adequate traffic and pedestrian facilities;
- (8) that prior to the last of the dwellings in each of the “neighbourhoods” hereby permitted being occupied, all footways and roads serving the dwellings in that neighbourhood shall be completed to final wearing course level, to ensure the provision of adequate traffic and pedestrian facilities;
- (9) that all surface water drainage from the site shall be treated in accordance with the principles of the Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems Manual (C697) (CIRIA 2007). Before development commences, details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority of the maintenance regime for the water detention areas and all other surface water areas, to control runoff from the site to reduce the risk of flooding;
- (10) that all surface water originating within the site shall be intercepted within the site, to control runoff from the site to reduce the risk of flooding;
- (11) that prior to the commencement of development, confirmation of connection to the Scottish Water Network shall be submitted for approval, to ensure adequate service connections can be achieved;
- (12) that removal/retractable bollards shall be fitted at the north-easternmost access from Inverkip Road prior to the commencement of development. Details of the bollards shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to their use, to ensure that this access is for emergency vehicular use only in order that the site is developed in accordance with the approved transport strategy;
- (13) that development shall not proceed until the agreed Japanese Knotweed control measures are implemented. Any significant variation to the treatment methodology shall be submitted for approval, in writing by the Planning Authority prior to implementation, to help arrest the spread of Japanese Knotweed in the interests of environmental protection;
- (14) that the development shall not commence until an Environmental Investigation and Risk Assessment, including any necessary Remediation Scheme with timescale for implementation, of all pollutant linkages has been submitted to and approved, in writing by the Planning Authority. The investigations and assessment shall be site-specific and completed in accordance with current codes of practice. The submission shall also include a Verification Plan. Any subsequent modifications to the Remediation Scheme and Verification Plan must be approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to implementation, to satisfactorily address potential contamination issues in the interests of human health and environmental safety;
- (15) that before the development hereby permitted is occupied the applicant shall

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submit a report for approval, in writing by the Planning Authority, confirming that the works have been completed in accordance with the agreed Remediation Scheme and supply information as agreed in the Verification Plan. This report shall demonstrate that no pollutant linkages remain or are likely to occur and include (but not be limited to) a collation of verification/validation certificates, analysis information, remediation lifespan, maintenance/aftercare information and details of all materials imported onto the site as fill or landscaping material. The details of such materials shall include information of the material source, volume, intended use and chemical quality with plans delineating placement and thickness, to ensure contamination is not imported to the site and confirm successful completion of remediation measures in the interest of human health and environmental safety;

(16) that the presence of any previously unrecorded contamination or variation to anticipated ground conditions that becomes evident during site works shall be brought to the attention of the Planning Authority and the Remediation Scheme shall not be implemented unless it has been submitted to and approved, in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that all contamination issues are recorded and dealt with appropriately;

(17) that existing trees both within the development site and in the vicinity of the boundary of the site which are not to be felled or lopped as part of the proposals are to be protected in accordance with British Standards Recommendations for trees in Relation to Construction, currently BS 5837:2012, to ensure preservation of the trees not to be removed;

(18) that no tree felling, lopping or scrub clearance shall take place within the main bird breeding season, March to June inclusive, and all such works will be preceded by a check for nesting birds in accordance with the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2014 and the protection of wildlife. No development shall take place until details of protection measures have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, in the interests of wildlife protection;

(19) that no development shall take place within the development site as outlined in red on the approved plans until the developer has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological works in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted by the applicant and approved by the Planning Authority. The developer shall ensure that the programme of archaeological works is fully implemented and that all recording and recovery of the archaeological resources within the development site is undertaken to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority and its archaeological advisor, in the interests of antiquity;

(20) that the remote footpaths shown on the approved drawings shall be provided in accordance with a phasing plan to be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Full details of the means of connection and surfacing of the paths shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to their provision, to ensure the provision of adequate footpath connections;

(21) that the recommendations contained within the Ecus Environmental Consultant's "Ecological Appraisal" dated February 2017 shall be implemented in full, in the interests of wildlife protection;

(22) that the recommendations contained within the Echoes Ecology Ltd "Bat Survey" report, dated 25 July 2018 shall be implemented in full, in the interests of wildlife protection;

(23) that no development shall take place on site until such time as details of a boundary fence adjacent to Network Rail's boundary has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. A suitable trespass proof fence of at least 1.8 metres in height adjacent to Network Rail's boundary must be installed prior to occupation of the first dwelling hereby permitted and provision for the fence's future

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maintenance and renewal shall be made. Network Rail's existing boundary measure must not be removed without prior permission. The fencing shall be carried out only in full accordance with such approved details, in the interests of public safety and the protection of Network Rail infrastructure;

(24) that drainage must be collected and diverted away from the railway unless through existing channels. Details of all changes in ground levels, laying of foundations, and operation of mechanical plant in proximity to the rail line must be submitted to Network Rail's Asset Protection Engineer for approval prior to works commencing on site. Where any works cannot be carried out in a "fail-safe" manner, it will be necessary to restrict those works to periods when the railway is closed to rail traffic i.e. by a "possession" which must be booked via Network Rail's Asset Protection Engineer and is subject to a minimum prior notice period for booking of 20 weeks, in the interests of public safety and the protection of Network Rail infrastructure;

(25) that the proposed development shall be limited to 200 dwellings, to restrict the scale of the development to that suited to the layout of the existing access and minimise interference with the safety and free flow of traffic on the trunk road;

(26) that the proposed A78(T)/Branchton Road/Gleninver Road junction shall be constructed to a layout generally consistent with Drawing 120756/1016, dated 17 October 2018, forming part of the Transport Assessment and provided in support of application 18/0205/IC. The finalised junction layout, type and method of construction shall be submitted for approval by the Planning Authority, in consultation with Transport Scotland, as Trunk Road Authority, before any part of the development is commenced, to minimise interference with the safety and free flow of the traffic on the trunk road;

(27) that the proposed A78(T)/proposed development emergency access junction shall be constructed to a layout generally consistent with Drawing 120756/1002 A, dated 22 November 2017, forming part of the Transport Assessment and provided in support of application 18/0205/IC. The finalised junction layout, type and method of construction shall be submitted for approval by the Planning Authority, in consultation with Transport Scotland, as Trunk Road Authority, before any part of the development is commenced, to minimise interference with the safety and free flow of the traffic on the trunk road;

(28) that no part of the development shall be occupied until a comprehensive Travel Plan that sets out proposals for reducing dependency on the private car has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, after consultation with Transport Scotland, as the Trunk Road Authority. In particular this Travel Plan shall identify measures to be implemented, the system of management, monitoring, review, reporting and the duration of the plan, to be consistent with the requirements of Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) and PAN 75 Planning for Transport;

(29) that prior to the commencement of the development, details of the lighting within the site shall be submitted for the approval of the Planning Authority, after consultation with Transport Scotland, as the Trunk Road Authority, to ensure that there will be no distraction or dazzle to drivers on the trunk road and that the safety of the traffic on the trunk road will not be diminished;

(30) that there shall be no drainage connections to the trunk road drainage system, to ensure that the efficiency of the existing drainage network is not affected;

(31) that prior to the commencement of the construction period, a Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) shall be prepared and agreed in consultation with the Local Authority and Transport Scotland, to minimise interference with the safety and free flow of the traffic on the trunk road, to ensure the safety of pedestrians and cyclists using the trunk road and adjacent facilities, and to be consistent with current guidance and best practice;

(32) that notwithstanding the terms of condition 1 above, the variation in bricks across the development shall be as per background paper annexe 1, dated 17 January 2019, in

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the interests of creating a sense of place; and

(33) that prior to the commencement of development, full details, including a timetable for provision of the remote footpaths, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the safe provision of these footpaths.