

**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

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

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

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

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

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

**Decided:**

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

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- 322 Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2019/22 322**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan (CDIP) for 2019/22.
- Decided:** that approval be given to the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2019/22.
- 323 Street Naming of Unnamed Road at The Harbours, Greenock 323**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for the naming of an unnamed road at The Harbours, Greenock, consideration of which had been continued from the meeting of the Committee held on 7 March 2019.
- Following discussion, Councillor McCormick moved that the unnamed road at The Harbours, Greenock be named Virginia Street. As an amendment, Councillor Curley moved that the unnamed road be named Frederick Douglass Street. As a further amendment, Councillor McCabe moved that the unnamed road be named Barack Obama Street.
- On a vote between the two amendments, three Members, Councillors Crowther, Curley and J McEleny, voted for the amendment by Councillor Curley and three Members, Councillors Clocherty, Jackson and McCabe, voted for the amendment by Councillor McCabe. Five Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, McCormick, McKenzie and Nelson, abstained from voting. There being equality in voting, the Convener exercised his vote in favour of the amendment by Councillor McCabe. Councillor Curley's amendment, having received fewer votes, then fell.
- On a vote between the motion and the amendment by Councillor McCabe, two Members, Councillors Jackson and McCabe, voted for the amendment and nine Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, McCormick, J McEleny, McKenzie and Nelson, voted for the motion which was declared carried.
- Decided:** that the unnamed road at The Harbours, Greenock be named Virginia Street.
- 324 Inverclyde Alliance – Repopulation Group – Proposed Expenditure 324**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for expenditure against the £500,000 allocation to repopulation within earmarked reserves.
- The Corporate Director advised the Committee of the following amendments to the Inverclyde Repopulation Strategic Investment Framework and Action Plan appended to the report:-
- Overarching Goal** – amend to read “To grow the population of Inverclyde by 2025 by improving the employment, housing and infrastructure offer”.
- Strategic Objectives** – amend Bullet Point 4 to read “Increase the number and quality of jobs and the number of locally based employers”.
- Outturn 3 and Outturn 4** - include CVS Inverclyde as potential partners.
- In addition, it was suggested that Transport Scotland be added as a potential partner under Outturn 3.

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

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

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

**Decided:**

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

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

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

**Decided:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Decided:**

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

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

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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:**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Paragraph(s)</b>
<b>Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report: Update on Current Actions</b>	<b>6, 9, 12 &amp; 13</b>
<b>King George VI Building – 9-11 King Street, Port Glasgow</b>	<b>6 &amp; 8</b>
<b>Upper Kirn Drive Development Proposal</b>	<b>2, 6 &amp; 9</b>
<b>Property Assets Management Report</b>	<b>2, 6 &amp; 9</b>

**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.