

LOCAL POLICE & FIRE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 6 JUNE 2019

Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 6 June 2019 at 2pm

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

Chair: Councillor McVey presided.

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

In attendance also: Detective Superintendent P Livingstone (for Chief Superintendent G Crossan) and Sergeant J Logsdon, Police Scotland, Area Manager G Binning 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.

Prior to the commencement business, the Convener referred to the forthcoming retirement of Chief Superintendent Gordon Crossan and, on behalf of the Committee, he asked that his appreciation be extended to Mr Crossan for his 30 years' Police service and, in particular, for his two years' service as Divisional Commander for K Division.

401 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 401

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors MacLeod, Moran and Wilson.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

402 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Spotlight on Deliberate Fires in Inverclyde: 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019 402

There was submitted a report by the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service providing details of deliberate fire incidents which the service attended within Inverclyde during the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.

During the course of discussion on this item, reference was made to the retirement from the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service of Andy Adams, the local watch manager paralysed as a result of an injury sustained in responding to a fire in 2016. Members asked that the Council's appreciation be extended to Mr Adams for his many years of service as a firefighter, as well as their best wishes for the future.

Decided:

- (1) that the spotlight report on deliberate fires in Inverclyde be noted; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on fire incidents in the Clune Park area, Port Glasgow.

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- 403 Police Scotland Performance Report: 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019 403**
- There was submitted a report on the performance and activities of Police Scotland during the reporting period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.
Decided: that the information contained in the report be noted.
- 404 Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 404**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 which came into force on 1 April 2019 and the resultant changes to criminal law for perpetrators of domestic abuse in Scotland.
 During the course of discussion on this item, Detective Superintendent Livingstone undertook to arrange for clarification to be provided to Members on the differences between Scots and English law in relation to domestic abuse offences.
Decided: that the introduction of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 be noted and welcomed.
- 405 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Draft Strategic Plan 2019 – 2022 405**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval to submit a response to the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Draft Strategic Plan 2019 – 2022.
Decided:
 (1) that approval be given to the responses contained within the consultation at Appendix 2;
 (2) that Elected Members be given the opportunity to make further comment regarding the consultation by 28 June 2019; and
 (3) that the Council's proposed response be submitted to all Members prior to its submission by the deadline of 18 July.
- 406 Scottish Police Authority Annual Review of Policing 2018/19 – Consultation Response 406**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval of the consultation response to the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) in respect of the Annual Review of Policing 2018/19.
Decided: that approval be given to the response to the consultation as set out in the Appendix to the report.
- 407 Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee Update Report (June 2019) 407**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on current and emerging national issues relating to both Police and Fire & Rescue Services.
Decided: that the information contained in the report be noted.
- At the conclusion of the meeting, the Convener, on behalf of the Committee, extended his best wishes to Chief Inspector Debbie Reilly for her continued recovery following an injury sustained tackling a shoplifter while off-duty.

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 6 JUNE 2019

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 6 June 2019 at 4pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Dorrian, Jackson, 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 Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Property Services, Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services), Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications and Corporate Communications Manager.

Reverend Alan Sorensen opened proceedings with a prayer. The Council thereafter observed a minute's silence in memory of those who lost their lives during the Normandy Landings on 6 June 1944.

408 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 408

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

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

409 Appointment Panel – Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources – 409
11 March 2019

Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.

410 Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee – 18 April 2019 410

Approved on the motion of Councillor McVey.

411 The Inverclyde Council – 18 April 2019 411

Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.

412 Audit Committee – 23 April 2019 412

Approved on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi.

413 Health & Social Care Committee – 25 April 2019 413

Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.

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- 414 **Environment & Regeneration Committee – 2 May 2019** 414
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor McCormick.
- 415 **Appointment Panel – Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources – 3 May 2019** 415
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.
- 416 **Education & Communities Committee – 7 May 2019** 416
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.
- 417 **Policy & Resources Committee – 21 May 2019** 417
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor McCabe.
- 418 **Planning Board – 5 June 2019** 418
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor Nelson.
- 419 **Health & Social Care Integration – Appointment of Members and Chair** 419
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Council to confirm the nomination of Members to the Inverclyde Integration Board (IJB) and the appointment of the Chair.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the re-appointment of the following Members for a further term of office of two years be confirmed:
- Councillor Clocherty with Councillor Moran as proxy;
 - Councillor Rebecchi with Councillor Dorrian as proxy;
 - Councillor Quinn with Councillor Ahlfeld as proxy;
 - Councillor Robertson with Councillor Crowther as proxy; and
- (2) that Councillor Clocherty be appointed as Chair of the IJB.
- 420 **Councillor McCormick – Resignation from Shared Services Joint Committee** 420
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) advising of Councillor McCormick's resignation from the Shared Services Joint Committee and (2) requesting the Council to appoint a replacement Member.
- Decided:** that Councillor Jackson be appointed to the Shared Services Joint Committee in place of Councillor McCormick.
- The Provost being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Council to consider, at the earliest opportunity, appointing a replacement Member to the Shared Services Joint Committee following the resignation of Councillor Ahlfeld. This was agreed unanimously.**

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- 421 Councillor Ahlfeld – Resignation from Shared Services Joint Committee 421**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) advising of Councillor Ahlfeld's resignation from the Shared Services Joint Committee and (2) requesting the Council to appoint a replacement Member.
Decided: that Councillor McVey be appointed to the Shared Services Joint Committee in place of Councillor Ahlfeld.
- 422 Councillor Ahlfeld – Resignation from Inverclyde Leisure Board 422**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) advising of Councillor Ahlfeld's resignation from the Board of Inverclyde Leisure and (2) requesting the Council to appoint a replacement Member.
Decided: that Councillor Quinn be appointed to the Board of Inverclyde Leisure in place of Councillor Ahlfeld.
- 423 Administrative Arrangements: Cycle of Council, Committee and Board Meetings to June 2020 423**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of a schedule of Committee cycles for the period to June 2020.
Decided: that approval be given to the proposed cycle of Council, Committee and Board meetings for the year to June 2020 as set out in the report and appendix.
- 424 Financial Strategy 2019/2029 - Update 424**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer appending the updated Financial Strategy for the period 2019/2029.
Decided: that approval be given to the latest revision of the Financial Strategy 2019/2029 as detailed in the appendix to the report.
- 425 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 2 2019 425**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 2 May 2019 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 2 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. 2 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.
- 426 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council Bruce Street, Greenock (7.5 Tonnes Weight Restriction) Order 2019 426**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 2 May 2019 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council Bruce Street, Greenock (7.5 Tonnes Weight Restriction) Order 2019.

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Decided: that approval be given to the making of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council Bruce Street, Greenock (7.5 Tonnes Weight Restriction) Order 2019 and that the Shared Head of Service Roads and the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

427 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 10) Order 2019 427

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 2 May 2019 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 10) Order 2019.

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

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

428 Appointment Panel – Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources – 11 March 2019 428

Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.

429 Audit Committee – 23 April 2019 429

Approved on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi.

430 Health & Social Care Committee – 25 April 2019 430

Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.

431 Environment & Regeneration Committee – 2 May 2019 431

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.

432 Appointment Panel – Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources – 3 May 2019 432

Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.

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| 433 | Education & Communities Committee – 7 May 2019 | 433 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty. | |
| 434 | Policy & Resources Committee – 21 May 2019 | 434 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe. | |

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 12 JUNE 2019

General Purposes BoardWednesday 12 June 2019 at 3pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Crowther, Curley, McCormick (for Dorrian), Jackson, Robertson (for J McEleny) and Quinn.

Chair: Councillor Quinn presided.

In attendance: Mr D Keenan (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Ms L Carrick (Legal & Property Services).

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

435 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 435

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Dorrian, J McEleny, MacLeod and Moran, with Councillor McCormick substituting for Councillor Dorrian and Councillor Robertson substituting for Councillor J McEleny.

Councillor Ahlfeld declared an interest in agenda item 3 (Application for Renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence).

436 Licensing for Mobile Homes Sites with Permanent Residents 436

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on the changes in the licensing requirements for mobile homes sites with permanent residents and for the Board to note the charge for new applications and site licence renewal.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to submit a report to advise Members of any potential cost implications to the Council following the introduction of the new scheme.

437 Fixed Penalty Notice Appeal Panel 437

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services recommending the Board amend the existing Fixed Penalty Notice Appeal Panel's membership to comprise the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, the Head of Legal & Property Services and the Head of Regeneration & Planning or their delegated representatives.

Decided: that agreement be given to amend the membership of the Fixed Penalty Notice Appeal Panel to comprise the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, the Head of Legal & Property Services and the Head of Regeneration & Planning or their delegated representatives.

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

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likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

438 Application for Renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence**438**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on an application for the renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence which was granted, all as detailed in the appendix.

PLANNING BOARD – 13 JUNE 2019

the views of the village community; the similarity between the current application and the previous application for land at Knapps and North Denniston; current and proposed Local Development Plan Policies on the principle of development in the Green Belt; Clydeplan and current and proposed Local Development Plan policies on sustainable development; lack of public transport; increase in car ownership and use; car parking in Kilmacolm; housing need and supply; the Council's Spatial Development Plan; Policy RES3 of the current Local Development Plan and Policy 18 of the proposed Local Development Plan on New Housing Development; Clydeplan guidelines for development in the Green Belt; the impact on the unique character and setting of Kilmacolm; the impact on migrating geese; visual impact and Policy RES1 of the current Local Development Plan and Policy 1 of the proposed Local Development Plan.

(c) Sir Donald Miller (objector) – issues raised: flooding, in particular the frequency and extent of flooding at the site, flood water crossing the road, the construction and condition of the culvert, the length of time for flooding to clear and the impact on amenity of any bunding required to prevent flooding.

(d) Ms Louise Tait (objector) – issues raised: car dependency; current Local Development Plan Policy TRA2 on sustainable access; visual impact; Clydeplan policies and proposed Local Development Plan policies.

(e) Mr Antony Vitrano on behalf of Kilmacolm Residents' Association (objector) – issues raised: current Local Development Plan Policy SDS8 on Green Belt and the Countryside; current Local Development Plan Policy ENV2 on Accessing Development Proposals in the Green Belt and the Countryside; Clydeplan Policy 8 on Housing Land requirement; Clydeplan Policy 14 on Green Belt; current Scottish Planning Policy; the Council's decision relative to the Green Belt in April 2018; the impact on the environment; the impact on wildlife and the lack of public transport.

The Head of Regeneration & Planning then presented his report and recommendations to the Board.

Thereafter, Members asked a number of questions which were answered by the Head of Regeneration & Planning.

Decided: that the Planning Board recommend to the Inverclyde Council that planning permission be refused for the following reasons:-

(1) the proposed development is contrary to the Spatial Development Strategy of the 2017 Clydeplan Strategic Development Plan as it is an unjustified urban development which is outwith the development corridor identified in the Plan in that it fails to accord with the Green Belt objectives;

(2) the proposal is contrary to Policies ENV2 and SDS8 of the 2014 Inverclyde Local Development Plan together with Policy 14 of the 2018 Proposed Inverclyde Local Development Plan in that it fails to accord with the objectives of the Green Belt;

(3) the proposal fails in respect of Policy RES1(a) of the 2014 Inverclyde Local Development Plan as development within one of the 'fingers' of countryside that extend towards the centre of Kilmacolm will erode both the character and the setting of the village;

(4) the proposal fails to have regard to the six qualities of successful places as required by Policy 1 of the 2017 Clydeplan Strategic Development Plan and Policy 1 of the 2018 Proposed Inverclyde Local Development Plan. The proposal is also contrary to the placemaking aims of policy SDS3 of the 2014 Inverclyde Local Development Plan; and

(5) the proposal is not a form of residential development in the Green Belt supported by Policy RES7 of the 2014 Inverclyde Local Development Plan.

GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE – 19 JUNE 2019

Grants Sub-CommitteeWednesday 19 June 2019 at 3pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Crowther (for MacLeod), J McEleny and Murphy.

Chair: Councillor Brooks presided except for application number 84 (Inverclyde Youth for Christ) for which Provost Brennan presided.

In attendance: Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources, Service Manager, Community Learning & Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport, Ms J Fallon (Community Learning & Development), Mr I Cameron (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr P MacDonald (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Property Services).

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

441 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest**441**

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor MacLeod with Councillor Crowther substituting.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 2 – application number 3 (Greenock Burns Club (The Mother Club))

Councillor Murphy declared a non-financial interest in this application as she had been approached by the club and did not participate in the decision-making process.

Agenda Item 2 – application number 32 (Inverclyde Voluntary Council of Social Service)

Councillor Crowther declared a non-financial interest in this application as a member of the Executive Committee of the organisation and left the meeting for the consideration of this application.

Agenda Item 2 – application number 33 (Moving on Inverclyde Limited)

Councillors J McEleny and Brooks declared a non-financial interest in this application as Members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure. 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.

Agenda Item 2 – application number 36 (Cowdenknowes Residents' Association)

Councillor Crowther declared a non-financial interest in this application as he had received hospitality from the group and left the meeting for consideration of this application.

Agenda Item 2 – application number 38 (Friends of Coves Community Nature Reserve (CCNR))

Councillor Murphy declared a non-financial interest in this application as a member of the Committee of the organisation and left the meeting for consideration of this application.

Agenda Item 2 – application number 72 (Inverclyde & District Battalion, The Boys' Brigade)

Councillor Murphy declared a non-financial interest in this application as she is an

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independent youth worker and did not participate in the decision-making process.

Agenda Item 2 – application number 73 (The Girls' Brigade in Scotland (Inverclyde))

Councillor Murphy declared a non-financial interest in this application as she is an independent youth worker and did not participate in the decision-making process.

Agenda Item 2 – application number 75 (Gourock Garden Party)

Councillor Murphy declared a non-financial interest in this application as she had been approached by the group and did not participate in the decision-making process.

Agenda Item 2 – application number 84 (Inverclyde Youth for Christ)

Councillor Murphy declared a non-financial interest in this application as Chair of the group and Councillor Brooks declared a non-financial interest in this application as he was previously employed by the organisation. Both Councillors left the meeting for the consideration of this application and Provost Brennan presided.

Agenda Item 2 – Deferred from Round 2 – application number 9 (Home Start Renfrewshire and Inverclyde)

Councillor J McEleny declared a non-financial interest in this application as a Trustee of the organisation and left the meeting for the consideration of this application.

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 paragraph 4 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

442 Grants to Voluntary Organisations 2019/20

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing details of the applications received for consideration for funding from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Budget in 2019/20.

Councillor Ahlfeld moved in relation to application number 3 for Greenock Burns Club (The Mother Club) that £5,000 be awarded. As an amendment, Councillor J McEleny moved that the Officers' recommendation of rejection be upheld.

On a vote, two Members, Provost Brennan and Councillor J McEleny, voted in favour of the amendment and three Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks and Crowther, voted in favour of the motion which was declared carried. Councillor Murphy abstained from voting.

Councillor J McEleny moved in relation to application number 24 for Victoria Bowling Club that the application be rejected. As an amendment, Provost Brennan moved that the Officers' recommendation of £4,680 be awarded.

On a vote, two Members, Councillors Crowther and J McEleny, voted for the motion and four Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Murphy, Ahlfeld and Brooks, voted for the amendment which was declared carried.

Councillor Murphy moved in relation to application number 35 for Colourful Kilmacolm that £470 be awarded, with a condition that this amount be match-funded. As an amendment, Councillor J McEleny moved that the application be rejected. As a further amendment, Councillor Brooks moved that the Officers' recommendation of £935 be awarded.

On a vote between the two amendments, two Members, Provost Brennan and Councillor Brooks, voted for Councillor Brooks' amendment and four Members, Councillors Murphy, Ahlfeld, Crowther and J McEleny, voted for Councillor J McEleny's amendment. Councillor Brooks' amendment, having received fewer votes, then fell.

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On a vote between the motion and Councillor J McEleny's amendment, three Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Crowther and J McEleny, voted for the amendment and three Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Murphy and Brooks, voted for the motion. There being equality in voting, the Chair exercised his casting vote in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

Councillor Ahlfeld moved in relation to application number 54 for Ardgowan Tennis Club that the application be rejected. As an amendment, Provost Brennan moved that the Officers' recommendation of £4,000 be awarded.

On a vote, two Members, Provost Brennan and Councillor Brooks, voted for the amendment and four Members, Councillors Murphy, Ahlfeld, Crowther and J McEleny, voted for the motion which was declared carried.

Councillor J McEleny moved in relation to application number 55 for Fort Matilda Tennis Club that the application be rejected. As an amendment, Provost Brennan moved that the Officers' recommendation of £4,000 be awarded.

On a vote, two Members, Provost Brennan and Councillor Brooks, voted for the amendment and four Members, Councillors Murphy, Ahlfeld, Crowther and J McEleny, voted for the motion which was declared carried.

Councillor Ahlfeld moved in relation to application number 59 for Inverclyde Amateur Swimming Club that £5,000 be awarded. As an amendment, Councillor J McEleny, moved that the Officers' recommendation of £2,000 be awarded.

On a vote, three Members, Councillors Murphy, Crowther and J McEleny, voted for the amendment and three Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld and Brooks, voted for the motion. There being equality in voting, the Chair exercised his casting vote in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

Councillor Murphy moved in relation to application number 63 for Ocean Youth Trust Scotland that £1,674 be awarded. As an amendment, Councillor Ahlfeld moved that the Officers' recommendation of rejection be upheld.

On a vote, two Members, Councillors Murphy and Crowther, voted for the motion and four Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks and J McEleny, voted for the amendment which was declared carried.

Councillor Murphy moved in relation to application number 64 for Paisley District Schools Football Association that the Officer's recommendation of £500 be awarded. As an amendment, Councillor J McEleny moved that £800 be awarded.

On a vote, two Members, Councillors Murphy and Brooks, voted for the motion and four Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Crowther and J McEleny, voted for the amendment which was declared carried.

Councillor Ahlfeld moved in relation to application number 66 for Sports Inverclyde that £1,000 be awarded. As an amendment, Councillor J McEleny moved that the Officers' recommendation of £2,000 be awarded.

On a vote, one Member, Councillor Ahlfeld, voted for the motion and five Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Murphy, Brooks, Crowther and J McEleny, voted for the amendment which was declared carried.

Councillor J McEleny moved in relation to Deferred from Round 2 application number 5 for Kilmacolm and Port Glasgow Agricultural Society Ltd that the application be rejected. As an amendment, Councillor Brooks moved that the Officers' recommendation of £1,000 be awarded.

On a vote, three Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Crowther and J McEleny, voted for the motion and three Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Murphy and Brooks, voted for the amendment. There being equality in voting, the Chair exercised his casting vote in favour of the amendment which was declared carried.

Councillor Ahlfeld moved in relation to Deferred from Round 2 application number 6 for

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Greenock Cricket Club that the application be rejected. As an amendment, Provost Brennan moved that the Officers' recommendation of £500 be awarded.

On a vote, two Members, Provost Brennan and Councillor Brooks, voted for the amendment and four Members, Councillors Murphy, Ahlfeld, Crowther and J McEleny, voted for the motion which was declared carried.

Councillor J McEleny moved in relation to Deferred from Round 2 application number 8 for Campaign to Save Inchgreen Dry Dock that the Officer's recommendation of £2,000 be awarded. As an amendment, Councillor Murphy moved that the application be rejected.

On a vote, two Members, Councillors Crowther and J McEleny, voted for the motion and four Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Murphy, Ahlfeld and Brooks, voted for the amendment which was declared carried.

Councillor Ahlfeld moved in relation to application number 1 for Gourock Heritage & Arts that £12,000 be awarded. As an amendment, Councillor Murphy moved that £6,500 be awarded. As a further amendment, Provost Brennan moved that the Officers' recommendation of rejection be upheld.

On a vote between the two amendments, two Members, Provost Brennan and Councillor J McEleny, voted for Provost Brennan's amendment and three Members, Councillors Murphy, Brooks and Crowther, voted for Councillor Murphy's amendment. Provost Brennan's amendment, having received fewer votes, then fell. Councillor Ahlfeld abstained from voting.

At this stage in proceedings, Councillor Ahlfeld withdrew his motion and accordingly Councillor Murphy's amendment was adopted as the decision of the Sub-Committee.

Decided:

(1) that grants be made to voluntary organisations as follows:

	Group	Award
1	Gourock Heritage and Arts	£6,500
2	Greenock Art Club	£750 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report
3	Greenock Burns Club (The Mother Club)	£5,000
4	Greenock Light Opera Club	£1,000 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report
5	Hillend Art Club	£500 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report
6	Inverclyde Juvenile Pipe Band	£2,500 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report
7	Inverclyde Music Festival Association	£4,750 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report
8	Inverclyde Pipes and Drums	£2,500
9	Inverclyde Youth Theatre	£1,750
10	Kilmacolm Dramatic Society	Reject
11	Renfrewshire Speakers' Club	£600
12	Rig Arts	£3,000

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13	Steadfast Silver Band	£500 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report
14	Thistle Theatre Company	£1,000 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report
15	Gourock Bowling Club	£2,000 subject to the condition detailed at decision 3 below
16	Gourock Park Bowling Club	£2,000 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report and to the condition detailed at decision 3 below
17	Grosvenor Bowling Club	£2,000 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report and to the condition detailed at decision 3 below
18	Hillend Bowling Club	£1,500 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report and to the condition detailed at decision 3 below
19	Inverkip Bowling Club	£1,500 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report and to the condition detailed at decision 3 below
20	Lady Alice Bowling Club	£2,000 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report and to the condition detailed at decision 3 below
21	Rankin Park Bowling Club	£3,000 subject to the condition detailed at decision 3 below
22	Rankin Park Bowling Club	£1,500 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report and to the condition detailed at decision 3 below
23	Victoria Bowling Club	£1,500 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report and to the condition detailed at decision 3 below
24	Victoria Bowling Club	£4,680 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report and to the condition detailed at decision 3 below
25	Wellington Bowling Club	£1,200
26	Wellington Bowling Club	£1,500 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report and to the condition detailed at decision 3 below
27	Ardgowan Hospice	£6,000
28	Inverclyde Autistic Support Group (IASG)	£1,540
29	Inverclyde Enable	£2,000 subject to the condition

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		detailed in the appendix to the report
30	Inverclyde Family Contact Centre	£6,000 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report
31	Inverclyde Recovery Café	£2,000
32	Inverclyde Voluntary Council of Social Service	£25,000 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report (Councillor Crowther left the meeting for consideration of this application)
33	Moving on Inverclyde Ltd	£3,000
34	Auchmountain Glen Project	£1,000 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report
35	Colourful Kilmacolm	£470 subject to the condition that the award be match-funded
36	Cowdenknowes Residents' Association	£330 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report (Councillor Crowther left the meeting for consideration of this application)
37	Fort Matilda Bridge Club	Reject
38	Friends of Coves Community Nature Reserve (CCNR)	£500 (Councillor Murphy left the meeting for consideration of this application)
39	Greenock Central Residents' Action Group	£1,500
40	I-Fit	£5,000
The meeting was adjourned at 4.55pm and reconvened at 5.05pm		
41	Inverclyde Across to Lourdes Group	£1,000
42	Inverclyde Men Shed	£750
43	Inverclyde Naval Club	£1,500 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report
44	Inverclyde Ramblers	£750
45	Kilmacolm Horticultural Society	£375 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report and that the award be match-funded
46	Wellington Allotment Gardens	£1,000
47	Wemyss Bay Community Association	£1,750 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report
48	Glasgow & Clyde Rape Crisis	£5,000 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report
49	Greenock v Arthritis (formerly Arthritis	£1,000 subject to the condition

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	Care Greenock Branch)	detailed in the appendix to the report
50	Macular Disease Society Inverclyde Group	£668
51	Parkinson's Inverclyde Support Group	£860
52	Victim Support Scotland	£3,500 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report
53	Woopi Singers	£700
54	Ardgowan Tennis Club	Reject
55	Fort Matilda Tennis Club	Reject
The meeting was adjourned at 5.30pm and reconvened at 5.40pm.		
56	Gourock Golf Club	Reject
57	Greenock Juniors' Football Club	£3,500
58	Greenock Morton Hockey Club	Reject
59	Inverclyde Amateur Swimming Club	£5,000 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report
60	Inverclyde American Football Club	£4,000 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report
61	Inverclyde Cricket Club	£1,000 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report
62	Newark Angling Club	£500
63	Ocean Youth Trust Scotland	Reject
64	Paisley District Schools Football Association	£800 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report
65	Port Glasgow Juniors	£3,500 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report
66	Sports Inverclyde	£2,000 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report
67	Royal West of Scotland Amateur Boat Club	Reject
68	Gibshill Community Centre (SCIO)	£3,000 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report
69	49F Greenock Squadron Air Training Corps	£4,070 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report
70	Greenock & District Sea Cadet Corps	£3,000 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report
71	Greenock & District Scout Council	£4,750 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report

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72	Inverclyde & District Battalion, The Boys' Brigade	£4,250 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report
73	Girls' Brigade in Scotland (Inverclyde)	£1,000 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report
74	Gourock Business Club	Reject
75	Gourock Garden Party	£4,750
76	Inverclyde Christian Initiative	£2,000
77	Kilmacolm Old Kirk (Woodland Project)	Reject
78	Lyle Gateway (SCIO)	£868 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report (Councillor Ahlfeld left the meeting during consideration of this item)
79	Police Scotland Youth Volunteers – Inverclyde	£1,000 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report (Councillor Ahlfeld returned to the meeting during consideration of this item)
80	Port Glasgow Voluntary Trans-Port Group	£4,500 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report
81	Wemyss Bay Primary Parent Partnership & PTA	Reject
82	World Walking (previously Inverclyde Globetrotters)	£750
83	Inverclyde DofE (Duke of Edinburgh Award) Support Group	£2,504.60 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report
84	Inverclyde Youth for Christ	£800 (Councillors Brooks and Murphy left the meeting for consideration of this item)
Deferred from Round 2		
1	Rig Arts Ltd	Reject
2	Mind Mosaic Counselling & Therapy	Reject
3	The Holy Family Lunch Club	£6,000
4	Inverkip Community Initiative	Reject
5	Kilmacolm & Port Glasgow Agricultural Society Ltd	£1,000
6	Greenock Cricket Club	Reject
7	Kilmacolm Local Association Guides	£1,000
8	Campaign to Save Inchgreen Dry Dock	Reject
9	Home Start Renfrewshire and Inverclyde	£3,000 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report

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		(Councillor J McEleny left the meeting for consideration of this item)
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- (2) that it be noted that it is the intention of Officers to submit a report to a future meeting of the Education & Communities Committee to provide an overview of the Grants to Voluntary Organisations process and the criteria applied to applications; and
- (3) that grants awarded to all Bowling Clubs be conditional on clubs providing a pay-per-play facility for non-members to the satisfaction of the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development.

GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE – 26 JUNE 2019

Grants Sub-CommitteeWednesday 26 June 2019 at 3pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Crowther (for MacLeod), J McEleny and Murphy.

Chair: Councillor Brooks presided.

In attendance: Service Manager, Community Learning & Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport, Ms J Fallon (Community Learning & Development), Mr I Cameron (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr P MacDonald (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Property Services).

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

443 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 443

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor MacLeod with Councillor Crowther substituting.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

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 paragraph 4 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

444 Under 19s Sports Grants 2019/20 444

There was submitted a report by the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Communities providing details of the applications received for consideration for funding from the Under 19s Sports Grants in 2019/20.

Councillor Murphy moved in relation to the Ardgowan Football Development application that the Officers' recommendation of £6,000 be awarded. As an amendment, Councillor Ahlfeld moved that £7,500 be awarded.

On a vote, two Members, Councillors Murphy and Brooks, voted for the motion and four Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Crowther and J McEleny, voted for the amendment which was declared carried.

Councillor J McEleny moved in relation to the East End United Boys' Club application that £12,000 be awarded. As an amendment, Councillor Murphy moved that the Officer's recommendation of £9,500 be awarded.

On a vote, three members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Crowther and J McEleny, voted for the motion and three Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Murphy and Brooks, voted for the amendment. There being equality in voting, the Chair exercised his casting vote in favour of the amendment which was declared carried.

Councillor J McEleny moved in relation to the Greenock United Football Club application that £6,000 be awarded. As an amendment, Councillor Murphy moved that £5,300 be

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awarded.

On a vote, three Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Crowther and J McEleny, voted for the motion and three Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Murphy and Brooks, 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:

(1) that Under 19s Sports Grants be made as follows:

Group	Award
Ardgowan Football Development	£7,500
Ardgowan Tennis Club	£1,500
Broomhill Boys' Club	£7,000 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report
Clydeside Athletic	£1,900
East End United Boys' Club	£9,500
Greenock Cricket Club	£1,200
Greenock Glenpark Harriers	£4,700
Greenock Morton Community Trust	£12,660
Greenock United Football Club	£5,300
Greenock Wanderers RFC	£6,750
Inverclyde Amateur Swimming Club	£15,000
Inverclyde Archers	£1,500
Inverclyde Athletic Club	£12,000
Inverclyde Cricket Club	£1,320
Lady Alice Bowling Club Junior Section	£1,000
Port Glasgow Boys' Club	£12,500
Port Glasgow Juniors' Community Sports Club	£12,500
St Andrew's Boys' Club	£12,500
St Stephen's Boys' Club	£8,000

and

(2) that it be noted that it is the intention of Officers to (a) submit a report to the next scheduled meeting of the Education & Communities Committee seeking approval for a review of the administrative processes applied to grant applications and (b) submit a further report to the January 2020 meeting of that Committee on the outcome of the review process, it being noted that it is the intention of Officers to implement any new procedures agreed by the Committee from April 2020.

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 27 JUNE 2019

Audit Committee**Thursday 27 June 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, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Manager (Environment & Technical), Ms C Alderson, Principal Accountant, Chief Internal Auditor, Mr P MacDonald (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services).

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.

445 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 445

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

446 Unaudited Annual Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2019 446

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer requesting the Committee to review the unaudited Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 and approve their submission to Audit Scotland by the statutory deadline of 30 June 2019. The Committee heard a short presentation on the position in respect of the unaudited Annual Accounts by Matt Thomson, Finance Manager.

(1) that the Committee, having reviewed the unaudited Annual Accounts, approve their onward transmission to Audit Scotland; and

(2) that it be noted that the External Auditor's Annual Report to Members for the financial year ended 31 March 2019 will be submitted to the Council before 30 September 2019.

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 27 JUNE 2019

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 27 June 2019 at 4pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Dorrian, Jackson, 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, Head of Legal & Property Services, Mr J Kerr and Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services), Head of Regeneration & Planning, Mr J McColl (Regeneration & Planning) and Mr D McLavin (Corporate Communications).

447 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

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

Councillors Clocherty and Wilson declared an interest in Agenda Item 2 (Proposed Residential Development with Access, Open Space, Landscaping and Associated Works at North Denniston, Bridge of Weir Road, Kilmacolm).

448 Proposed Residential Development with Access, Open Space, Landscaping and Associated Works at North Denniston, Bridge of Weir Road, Kilmacolm

448

There were submitted (1) an introductory report by the Head of Legal & Property Services and (2) a report by the Planning Board on the pre-determination hearing held on 13 June 2019 in relation to a planning application by Gladman Developments Limited for a proposed residential development with access, open space, landscaping and associated works (in principle) at land at North Denniston, Bridge of Weir Road, Kilmacolm (19/0041/IC).

Councillors Clocherty and Wilson declared a non-financial interest in this item as Members of Clydeplan. 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: that planning permission be refused for the following reasons, as recommended by the Planning Board:

- (1) the proposed development is contrary to the Spatial Development Strategy of the 2017 Clydeplan Strategic Development Plan as it is an unjustified urban development which is outwith the development corridor identified in the Plan in that it fails to accord with the Green Belt objectives;
- (2) the proposal is contrary to Policies ENV2 and SDS8 of the 2014 Inverclyde Local Development Plan together with Policy 14 of the 2018 Proposed Inverclyde Local Development Plan in that it fails to accord with the objectives of the Green Belt;
- (3) the proposal fails in respect of Policy RES1(a) of the 2014 Inverclyde Local Development Plan as development within one of the 'fingers' of countryside that extend towards the centre of Kilmacolm will erode both the character and the setting of the village;
- (4) the proposal fails to have regard to the six qualities of successful places as required by Policy 1 of the 2017 Clydeplan Strategic Development Plan and Policy 1 of

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the 2018 Proposed Inverclyde Local Development Plan. The proposal is also contrary to the placemaking aims of Policy SDS3 of the 2014 Inverclyde Local Development Plan; and

(5) the proposal is not a form of residential development in the Green Belt supported by Policy RES7 of the 2014 Inverclyde Local Development Plan.

449 Mesh Implants – Notice of Motion by Councillor Murphy**449**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a Notice of Motion by Councillor Murphy, countersigned by Councillor Clocherty, submitted in accordance with Standing Order 22 in the following terms, as amended at the meeting:

“Inverclyde Council endorses the support that has been offered by St. Louis-based obstetrician-gynaecologist, Dr Dionysios Veronikis to travel to Scotland to train fellow obstetricians in the safe removal of transvaginal and other mesh implants from persons affected by the mesh implant situation in Scotland. Through our endorsement, we recognise the pain that some of our constituents feel due to mesh implants and we are committed to ensuring our local constituents and other persons in Scotland receive humane and fair treatment in regard to their painful and debilitating symptoms.

We now call upon the UK government to respond as a matter of urgency to allow our constituents and others to receive expeditious treatment. We also agree that mesh should not be re-introduced until a full, thorough review of the devices has been completed to ensure public safety.

We call upon all other Scottish local authorities to support us to show solidarity with Scottish people affected by this issue and remit it to the Council’s Chief Legal Officer to write to all local authorities to this effect”.

Decided: that the Notice of Motion by Councillor Murphy, as amended, be agreed.

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0.69% movement from Period 11 to final outturn be noted;

(2) that it be noted that Officers will identify any opportunities to adjust budgets from 2019/20 and include proposals in future budget reports; and

(3) that it be confirmed that decisions regarding available Free Reserves will form part of the 2020/23 budget development.

453 2018/19 Capital Programme Performance 453

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the performance in the delivery of the 2018/19 Capital Programme.

Decided: that the positive 2018/19 Capital outturn position of 0.52% advancement be noted.

454 Treasury Management – Annual Report 2018/19 454

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the operation of the treasury function and its activities for 2018/19 as required under the terms of Treasury Management Practice 6 (“TMP6”) on “Reporting Requirements and Management Information Arrangements”.

Decided:

(1) that the contents of the annual report on Treasury Management for 2018/19, the ongoing work to seek to ensure the delivery of financial benefits for the Council during the current uncertainty and beyond and that Officers are pursuing a review of loans fund repayment periods as part of the 2020-2023 budget be noted; and

(2) that the annual report be remitted to the Inverclyde Council for approval.

455 2018/19 Efficiency Statement 455

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) advising the Committee of the level of efficiencies achieved by the Council in 2018/19 and (2) seeking approval of the annual return to be submitted to CoSLA.

Decided:

(1) that the achievement of £1.821 million recurring efficiency savings in 2018/19 be noted; and

(2) that approval be given to the submission of the annual return to CoSLA.

456 Cyber Resilience – Annual Report 2019 456

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing the annual update on the cyber resilience activities within the Council.

Decided: that the contents of the report and activities in place to prevent cyber security incidents be noted.

457 Inverclyde Council Corporate Plan Annual Report 2018/19 457

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications on the Corporate Plan Annual Report 2018/19, a copy of which was appended to the report.

Decided:

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(1) that the Corporate Plan Annual Report 2018/19 and the amendment to the Corporate Plan organisational priorities as set out in paragraph 2.5 of the report be approved; and

(2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Education, Communities and Organisational Development to submit an update report on the regular meetings and discussions with West College Scotland, with particular regard to encouraging students to study at the Greenock campus, to the Education & Communities Committee.

458 Local Outcome Improvement Plan Annual Report 2018/19 458

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisation Development on the finalised version of the Inverclyde Local Outcome Improvement Plan Annual Report 2018, a copy of which was appended to the report.

Decided: that the development and progress made in the Inverclyde Local Outcome Improvement Annual Report 2018 be noted.

459 2020/23 Budget Update 459

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) providing an update in respect of progress regarding the 2020/23 budget and (2) seeking approval of the report's recommendations.

Decided:

(1) that the actions currently being taken by the Corporate Management Team in respect of identifying savings for future consideration by Elected Members be noted;

(2) that approval be given to the deferral of any significant capital expenditure on the assets identified in Appendix 1;

(3) that approval be given to the allocation of £0.5 million from available free reserves to create a spend to save earmarked reserve and that it be agreed that the use of this reserve be delegated to the Corporate Management Team; and

(4) that it be noted that progress on the 2020/23 budget will be reported to each cycle of the Committee.

460 Results from the Citizens' Panel Winter 2018/19 Survey 460

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications informing the Committee of the headline results from the Citizens' Panel Winter 2018/19 Survey.

Councillor McCabe declared a non-financial interest in this item as a respondent to the Survey. 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:

(1) that the main findings from the Citizens' Panel Winter 2018/19 Survey be noted; and

(2) that account be taken of the results when reviewing service delivery, as appropriate.

461 Local Governance Review: an Analysis of Responses to Democracy Matters 461

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an overview of the Scottish Government and

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COSLA publication “Democracy Matters – Community-level decision-making; an analysis of responses to Democracy Matters”, published in May 2019, a copy of which was appended to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the key themes to emerge from the responses to the Democracy Matters consultation be noted; and
- (2) that it be noted that the Council is considering a number of improvement actions to strengthen the role of citizens and communities in local decision-making.

462 2019 Inverclyde Community Council Elections and Review of Administrative Grant Funding 462

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services seeking approval (1) of a timetable for community council elections in the Inverclyde area (the 2019 Inverclyde Community Council Elections), (2) to appoint the Chief Executive as Returning Officer for those elections and (3) for discussions on a review of the administrative grant funding and potential future review of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in Inverclyde.

Decided:

- (1) that the Chief Executive be appointed to act as Returning Officer for the 2019 Inverclyde Community Council Elections and that authority be delegated to him to administer these on the Council’s behalf;
- (2) that the Provisional Election Timetable as shown in Appendix 1 to the report be noted and approved and that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive (as Returning Officer) to make such changes to this timetable as are considered appropriate for the effective administration of the election; and
- (3) that the terms of Parts 5 and 6 of the report in relation to a possible future review of the current Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in Inverclyde and the financing of Community Councils be noted and that approval be given to the proposals for discussions with the community councils and the communities on these matters.

463 VE Day 75 Commemorations 463

There was submitted a report together with addendum report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications (1) informing the Committee of the UK Government’s decision to change the date of the May bank holiday to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day and (2) seeking a view on the option to incorporate this as an additional bank holiday and whether “May Day” should continue to be recognised locally.

Decided:

- (1) that it be agreed that Monday 4 May 2020 remain the May Day public holiday and that, to recognise the VE Day 75 commemorations, Friday 8 May 2020 be an additional annual leave day for Council employees;
- (2) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Education & Communities Committee on the Committee’s decision on the arrangements for the VE Day and May Day holidays; and
- (3) that the wider community be encouraged to support the VE Day 75 anniversary and that a focus of commemoration activity be included at the Gourock Highland Games event on Sunday 10 May 2020.

464 Voluntary Severance and Pensions Discretions Policy

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications (1) on the proposed approach to a targeted Voluntary Severance Trawl to support the development of budget savings for 2020/23 and (2) seeking approval to changes to the Council's Pensions Discretions Policy to further support the delivery of budget savings and give greater flexibility to release employees where value for money set out in the Council policy can be demonstrated.

Decided:

- (1) that it be noted that targeted Voluntary Severance Trawls will be undertaken to support the development of savings for 2020/23 and that agreement be given to the use of an earmarked reserve to provide additional HR resources to support this work;
- (2) that agreement be given to the changes to the current process for achieving savings where an employee or job numbers may be affected as outlined in section 5 of the report;
- (3) that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer and the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications to approve early payment of an employee's pension and lump sum without it being actuarially reduced where value for money can be demonstrated in accordance with the Council's Voluntary Early Release Policy and as part of an approved saving; and
- (4) that it be noted that future reports will be submitted on an annual basis to update Members on the release of employees by the Chief Executive under delegated authority.

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 6, 8 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

465 Site at Jamaica Street, Greenock

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to take action in relation to a site at Jamaica Street, Greenock and the Committee agreed to the action proposed, all as detailed in the Appendix.

LOCAL REVIEW BODY– 7 AUGUST 2019

Local Review Body

Wednesday 7 August 2019 at 4pm

Present: Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, Dorrian, McKenzie, Rebecchi and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Ms M Pickett (Planning Adviser), Mr J Kerr (Legal Adviser) 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 Local Review Body.

466 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 466

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

467 PLANNING APPLICATION FOR REVIEW 467

**Alterations, Extension and Conversion of Former Stables to Form New Dwelling:
6 Roseneath Street, Greenock (19/0010/IC)**

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review of the refusal of planning permission for alterations, extension and conversion of former stables to form a new dwelling at 6 Roseneath Street, Greenock (19/0010/IC) to enable the Local Review Body to consider the matter afresh.

Mr Kerr advised the Local Review Body that the Appointed Officer, in determining the planning application, had assessed the application on the basis of the 2016 Historic Environment Scotland – Policy Statement (HESP), which had been superseded by Historic Environment Scotland’s Historic Environment Policy for Scotland (HEPS) published in May 2019. He referred to the Local Review Body’s duty to consider the application for review of the refusal of planning permission afresh and, accordingly, suggested that the Local Review Body continue the matter to seek the views of the applicant, the Appointed Officer and other interested parties on the HEPS, as it impacts upon the application to the Local Review Body.

Ms Pickett referred to errors contained within the report of handling and circulated a note of corrections.

Decided:

- (1) that the Local Review Body note the corrections to the report of handling;
- (2) that sufficient information had not been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and
- (3) that, in terms of Regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Schemes of Delegation and Local Review Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to issue a written notice to the applicant, the Appointed Officer and any other interested parties seeking information by means of a written submission in relation to their views on Historic Environment Scotland’s Historic Environment Policy for Scotland (HEPS) published in May 2019 as it impacts upon the application to the Local Review Body, the information to be sent to the Local Review Body within fourteen days of the date of the written notice.

GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE – 14 AUGUST 2019

Grants Sub-Committee**Wednesday 14 August 2019 at 2pm****Present:** Provost Brennan, Councillors Brooks, J McEleny and Murphy.**Chair:** Councillor Brooks presided.**In attendance:** Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources, Service Manager, Community Learning & Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport, Mr P MacDonald (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Property Services).**The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Sub-Committee.****468 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 468**

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

469 Grant Conditions for Bowling Clubs 469

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development requesting the withdrawal of the pay-per-play condition for this year's Grants to Voluntary Organisations (GTVO) which was agreed by the Grants Sub-Committee at its meeting on 19 June 2019.

Decided:

(1) that Standing Orders be suspended and that the decision to award grants to bowling clubs for 2019/20 be not conditional on providing a pay-per-play facility for non-members; and

(2) that guidance and procedures for Grants to Voluntary Organisations be fully reviewed for 2020 and a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Education & Communities Committee.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 14 AUGUST 2019

General Purposes Board**Wednesday 14 August 2019 at 3pm**

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfield, Brooks, Crowther, Dorrian, Moran, J McEleny, Robertson (for Curley) and Quinn.

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr D Keenan (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms L Carrick (Legal & Property Services) and Sergeant D Godfrey (Police Scotland).

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

470 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 470

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Curley and MacLeod, with Councillor Robertson substituting for Councillor Curley.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

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 Paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

471 Application for Renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence 471

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on an application for the renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence which was granted, all as detailed in the appendix.

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 20 AUGUST 2019

Audit Committee

Tuesday 20 August 2019 at 3pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Brooks, Curley, McCabe, McCormick, Crowther (for J McEleny), McVey, Quinn and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor Rebecchi presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources, Head of Strategy & Support Services, Chief Internal Auditor, Ms G Murphy (for Head of Legal & Property Services), 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.

472 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 472

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

473 Internal Audit Progress Report – 1 April to 26 July 2019 473

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 1 April to 26 July 2019.

Decided: that the monitoring report in respect of Internal Audit activity for the period 1 April to 26 July 2019 be noted.

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 (Appendix relative to Item 2) on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 3 and 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

474 Appendix relative to Item 2 providing information on Special Investigations 474

There was submitted an appendix to the Internal Audit progress report providing information on special investigations.

Decided: that the contents of the appendix be noted.

475 Internal Audit Annual Report and Assurance Statement 2018/2019 475

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources presenting the Internal Audit Annual Report and Assurance Statement for

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2018/2019 which forms part of the Council's Annual Governance Statement.

Decided: that the contents of the Internal Audit Annual Report and Assurance Statement 2018/2019 be noted.

476 Annual Review of Risk Management Activity 2018/2019**476**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising of progress made in 2018/2019 in developing and monitoring a strategic approach to managing risks faced by the Council, which forms part of the Council's overall Corporate Governance Framework.

Decided: that the progress made in 2018/2019 in developing, implementing and monitoring a coherent corporate approach to managing risks faced by the Council be noted.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE – 22 AUGUST 2019

Health & Social Care Committee

Thursday 22 August 2019 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Brooks, Dorrian, Jackson, Curley (for MacLeod), McCabe, Crowther (for C McEleny), 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 Mental Health, Addictions & Homelessness, Head of Children's Services & Criminal Justice, Ms A Mailey (for Head of Strategy & Support Services), Ms S White (for Chief Financial Officer), Social Care Finance Manager, Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services).

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

477 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor C McEleny, with Councillor Crowther substituting and Councillor MacLeod, with Councillor Curley substituting.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 8 (Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations) – Councillors Brooks, Curley and Rebecchi.

Agenda Item 9 (Progress of Learning Disability (LD) Redesign) – Councillor Brooks.

Agenda Item 10 (Larkfield Physically Disabled Rehabilitation Unit – Request by Councillor Rebecchi) - Councillor Quinn.

478 Prevalence of Drug Misuse in Inverclyde and Alcohol and Drugs Service Response

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing (1) summary information from the recent report of the Scottish Government's estimated prevalence of problem drug misuse in Scotland study published in March 2019 and (2) details of the progress of the Inverclyde HSCP review of Alcohol and Drug Services.

The Committee heard a presentation by Deborah Gillespie, Head of Mental Health, Addictions & Homelessness, on the prevalence of alcohol and drug related harm within Inverclyde and the response of the Alcohol and Drug Service to this. Thereafter, Ms Gillespie answered a number of questions from Members.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the briefing note set out in Appendix 1 to the report outlining the key finding from the national report on problematic drug misuse prevalence be noted;
- (2) that the data specific to the Inverclyde local authority area be noted;
- (3) that it be agreed that the Alcohol and Drug Partnership review the areas of

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prevention, education and recovery;

(4) that it be agreed that the action plan to be developed for the Inverclyde Alliance Board in October 2019 be shared with the Health & Social Care Committee;

(5) that the progress and recommendations being made in terms of the review of the HSCP Alcohol and Drug Services be noted and it be agreed that a further report be submitted to the Committee in January 2020 as implementation of the integrated service progresses; and

(6) that a report on the actions to address substance misuse in Inverclyde be submitted to the Committee on a six monthly basis.

479 Revenue and Capital Budget Report – Outturn 2018/19 and 2019/20 Revenue Outturn Position as at 30 June 2019 479

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership and the Chief Financial Officer on (1) the outturn of the 2018/19 Revenue Budget, which was provisional subject to the audit of the year-end accounts, and (2) the projected outturn on Revenue and Capital for 2019/20 as at 30 June 2019.

Decided:

(1) that the 2018/19 Revenue Budget outturn underspend of £988,000 be noted;

(2) that it be noted that the underspend at the 2018/19 year-end would be retained by the Integration Joint Board;

(3) that the projected current Revenue outturn of £513,000 at 30 June 2019 be noted;

(4) that the virements set out in Appendix 6 to the report be approved;

(5) that the current projected Capital position be noted;

(6) that the current Earmarked Reserves position be noted; and

(7) that the recommendation to the Integration Joint Board to earmark the underspend of £526,000 in Learning Disability Services to meet one-off costs associated with the Learning Disability Hub be noted.

480 Criminal Justice Social Work Inspection 480

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising the Committee of an inspection of Criminal Justice Social Work, with a particular focus on community payback orders, covering the period 1 May to 20 October 2019.

Decided:

(1) that the contents of the report be noted; and

(2) that a further report be submitted to the Committee following the publication of the inspection report.

481 HSCP SVQ Centre External Verification 481

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising the Committee of the findings of the external verification visit by the Scottish Qualifications Agency (SQA) to the Inverclyde HSCP SVQ Centre on 27 May 2019. The report advised that the Centre had received green ratings, the highest compliance level, in all categories and that the external verifier had commented on areas of good practice.

Decided:

- (1) that the excellent verification report arising from the visit by the Scottish Qualifications Agency, resulting in no compulsory actions being identified, be noted; and
- (2) that the Committee's congratulations be extended to all those involved in the service provision.

482 Scottish Government Report on Out of Area Placements and Delayed Discharge for People with Learning Disabilities and Complex Needs 482

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on Inverclyde HSCP's position in relation to the Scottish Government report 'Coming Home – Out of Area Placements and Delayed Discharge for People with Learning Difficulties and Complex Needs'.

Decided:

- (1) that it be noted that Inverclyde HSCP was continuing to reduce the historical placement of people with a learning disability outwith Inverclyde and the wider NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde boundary with the number standing at twelve in July 2019;
- (2) that it be noted that Inverclyde HSCP had no delayed patients in long-stay/assessment learning disability beds; and
- (3) that it be noted that Inverclyde HSCP had no out of Scotland placements, in line with Scottish Government recommendations.

483 Updating of the Contract Management Framework – Poorly Performing Services 483

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership requesting the Committee to approve the inclusion of a new section in the contract management framework to include a process for managing poorly performing services.

Decided: that approval be given to the inclusion of a new section in the contract management framework to include a process for managing poorly performing services.

484 Larkfield Physically Disabled Rehabilitation Unit – Request by Councillor Rebecchi 484

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a request received from Councillor Rebecchi that the Committee ask for a report on the timescales and consultation processes for changes to the provision at the Larkfield Physically Disabled Rehabilitation Unit and the implications for consultant-led services, staff and all service users including both island and mainland residents.

Councillor Rebecchi asked that a letter from a user of the services provided at the unit be circulated to the Committee.

Councillor Quinn declared a non-financial interest as a relative of the writer of the letter. She also formed the view that the nature of her interest and of the item of business did not preclude her continued presence in the Chamber or her participation in the decision-making process.

Decided: that it be remitted to the Corporate Director (Chief Officer) to contact NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde with a view to a report being submitted to the Committee on the future plans for the Larkfield Physically Disabled Rehabilitation Unit.

485 Change of Weightings - Tender for Children's Advocacy Service

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership seeking approval to change the tender weighting in relation to the forthcoming tender process for a Children's Advocacy Service in Inverclyde.

Decided: that Contract Standing Orders be suspended to allow for the use of a 60% Quality and 40% Cost of Service weighting in the forthcoming tender for the Inverclyde HSCP Children's Advocacy Service.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as are set out opposite each item.

Item	Paragraph(s)
Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations	6 & 9
Progress of Learning Disability (LD) Redesign	6

486 Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations

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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.

Councillors Brooks and Curley declared a non-financial interest in this item as members of the Board of River Clyde Homes and Councillor Rebecchi declared a non-financial interest as a volunteer driver for Inverclyde Voluntary Council of Social Services (IVCSS). All three 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 30 March to 19 July 2019 be noted; and
- (2) that Members acknowledge that Officers regard the control mechanisms in place through the governance meetings as sufficiently robust to ensure ongoing quality and safety and the fostering of a commissioning culture of continuous improvement.

487 Progress of Learning Disability (LD) Redesign

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising the Committee of the progress of the Learning Disability (LD) redesign and recommending that the project move to the site investigation phase in order to progress with a new-build LD Community Hub.

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 Committee agreed to note the preferred option following site appraisal and that the Integration Joint Board would be asked to approve the creation of an earmarked reserve to be used for site investigation works on the preferred sites, all as detailed in the Appendix.

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 29 AUGUST 2019

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 29 August 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, Service Manager (Roads), Head of Environmental & Public Protection, Environmental Services Manager, Head of Regeneration & Planning, Service Manager (Educational Resources & Facilities Management) and Mr D McLavin (Corporate Communications).

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

488 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 488

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:-

Agenda Item 15 (Car Parking Charging Proposals) – Councillor Curley;

Agenda Item 23 (Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report: Update on Current Actions) – Councillor Curley; and

Agenda Item 28 (Property Assets Management Report) – Councillors Brooks and Curley.

489 Environment & Regeneration 2019/20 Revenue Budget – Period 3 (30 June 2019) 489

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising the Committee of the 2018/19 outturn and the 2019/20 Revenue Budget position as at Period 3 to 30 June 2019.

Decided:

(1) that the outturn for 2018/19 and the current projected underspend of £66,000 for 2019/20 as at 30 June 2019 be noted; and

(2) that approval be given to the virement detailed in Section 8 and Appendix 5 of the report.

490 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2019/20 to 2022/23 – Progress 490

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.

Decided:

(1) that the current position of the 2019/23 Capital Programme and the progress on

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the specific projects detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 be noted;

(2) that the Committee note the current over-expenditure of £0.028m for the District Court Room Restoration, that a more detailed report on the final position will be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee upon agreement of the final account for the project and that any over-expenditure will be contained within the Core Property Services General Provision; and

(3) that approval be given to the allocation of a further £0.060m of Town Centre Funding to the Lyle Fountain restoration.

491 **Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2019/22 Progress Report** 491

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on the delivery of the improvement actions in the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan (CDIP) 2019/22.

Decided: that the progress made in delivering the year one improvement actions contained within the Environment, Regeneration & Resources CDIP 2019/22 be noted.

492 **Quarrier's Homes Conservation Area Appraisal** 492

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the preparation of a Conservation Area Appraisal for Quarrier's Homes Conservation Area, identifying the key features that contribute to the special character of the conservation area, what is worthy of preservation and outlining actions for the management of the conservation area, and (2) seeking approval for it to be published for public consultation prior to it becoming non-statutory Planning Guidance.

Decided: that approval be given to the Quarrier's Homes Conservation Area Appraisal attached to the report at Appendix 1 for public consultation.

493 **West Blackhall Street Public Realm Proposals** 493

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) providing an update on the West Blackhall Street Public Realm Improvement project and (2) recommending a design to be taken forward.

Following consideration, Councillor Brooks moved that the "2018 proposal" be approved as the preferred Public Realm Improvement design for West Blackhall Street.

As an amendment, Councillor McCormick moved that the "2019 proposal" be approved as the preferred Public Realm Improvement design for West Blackhall Street and that the project proceed to detailed/technical design making use of Sustrans' funding.

On a vote, 1 Member, Councillor Brooks, voted for the motion and 10 Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Jackson, McCabe, McCormick, J McEleny, McKenzie and Nelson, voted in favour of the amendment which was declared carried.

Decided: that the "2019 proposal" be approved as the preferred Public Realm Improvement Design for West Blackhall Street and that the project proceed to detailed/technical design making use of Sustrans' funding.

494 Road Naming within New Developments at Auchmead Road/Burns Road, Greenock and Langhouse Road/Millhouse Road, Inverkip 494

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for the naming of new roads being created within developments at Auchmead Road/Burns Road, Greenock and Langhouse Road/Millhouse Road, Inverkip.

Decided:

- (1) that the road within the new development at Auchmead Road/Burns Road, Greenock be named Ravenscraig Gardens; and
- (2) that the road within the new development at Langhouse Road/Millhouse Road, Inverkip be named The Glebe.

495 Stopping Up Order for a Section of Footpath and Amendment of Core Path 1E “Gourock to Greenock” 495

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising (1) of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to (a) promote a Stopping Up Order and a Diversion Order for a section of footpath and (b) amend Core Path 1E, as required by the erection of a new cruise ship terminal at the Waterfront Car Park, Greenock and (2) in the light of new information and further consultation, changes to the actions approved under emergency powers to (a) combine the Stopping Up and Diversion Orders into a single Order and (b) shorten the section of footpath to be stopped up.

Decided:

- (1) that the use of the emergency powers procedure for (a) the promotion of a Stopping Up Order and a Diversion Order and the granting of delegated authority to the Head of Legal & Property Services, subject to no objections being made or maintained after the statutory 28 day period for objections, to take all necessary action in connection therewith, including confirmation of the Orders and (b) consultation on the proposed amendment to Core Path 1E, as required by the erection of a new cruise ship terminal at the Waterfront Car Park, Greenock, be noted; and
- (2) that it be noted that, in the light of new information and further consultation, it was deemed appropriate to combine the Stopping Up and Diversion Orders into a single Order and to shorten the section of footpath to be stopped up, as shown in Appendix 1 to the report.

496 Port Glasgow Industrial Estate – Support for Demolition Programme 496

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking agreement for an amended policy to support selective demolitions at Port Glasgow Industrial Estate to try to address barriers to participation in the programme.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted and approval given to the amended policy set out in paragraph 2.5 of the report.

497 Hunters Place and Kilblain Street Public Conveniences 497

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval to pilot early closure of the Hunters Place and Kilblain Street public conveniences due to ongoing antisocial behaviour.

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Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to pilot the early closure of Hunters Place and Kilblain Street public conveniences as outlined in the report; and
- (2) that a further report, evaluating the pilot, be submitted after 12 months.

498 Garden Waste Charges 498

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the introduction of charges for the collection of garden waste from the new season collection service commencing March 2020.

Decided: that the contents of the report and the work that will be undertaken to implement the garden waste charges be noted.

499 Keep Scotland Beautiful 499

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending that the Committee endorse and adopt the objectives and values of Keep Scotland Beautiful.

Decided: that the values of Keep Scotland Beautiful as reflected in the organisation's vision and the Council working in partnership with local communities to promote that vision in Inverclyde be endorsed.

500 Withdrawal from the European Union - Update 500

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on actions taken to mitigate the potential risks arising from European Union withdrawal including a "no deal" Brexit.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

501 Traffic Calming Policy Review 501

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on the review of the Traffic Calming Policy adopted in August 2017.

Decided: that no changes be made to the Traffic Calming Policy.

502 Car Parking Charging Proposals 502

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on proposals to increase parking income by introducing charging within town centre car parks that are currently free, providing details of the proposed charging regime and key dates for implementation.

Councillor Curley declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Board Member of Kilmacolm Community Centre Co Ltd. 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:

- (1) that approval be given to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce parking charging within the town centre car parks identified within the report; and

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(2) that, with regard to Council car parks which presently have a charging scheme, a report on the implications of (a) introducing three hours free parking, increasing to £2 per day for vehicles parked for longer than three hours, (b) charging five days per week rather than six days per week and (c) introducing parking charging within the car parks at Bruce Street, Cathcart West, Roxburgh Street (West Station), and the Waterfront car parks, all Greenock, be submitted to the Committee.

503 RAMP Lighting Column Replacement 2019/20 – Delegated Authority for Contract Award 503

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to delegate authority to the Head of Legal & Property Services to award a tender for RAMP lighting column replacement 2019/20 to permit the earliest possible site start during 2019/20.

Decided: that authority be delegated to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender, provided the cost is within the budget allocation, for the RAMP lighting column replacement 2019/20.

504 Real Time Passenger Information 504

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for the introduction of an electronic Real Time Passenger Information scheme for bus passengers at 12 trial sites in Inverclyde.

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

Decided:

(1) that it be agreed to enter into a Legal Agreement with Strathclyde Partnership for Transport on terms and conditions to reflect the respective objectives set out in Appendix 2 to the report, all as may be negotiated by the Shared Head of Service Roads, in consultation with the Head of Legal & Property Services and the Chief Financial Officer, for the introduction of a Real Time Passenger Information scheme; and

(2) that approval be given to a trial of the Real Time Passenger Information scheme at the 12 sites outlined in Appendix 1 to the report.

505 King George VI Building – 9-11 King Street, Port Glasgow 505

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) providing an update on the structural condition of the King George VI Building and (2) advising of the reasons for the temporary suspension of the works.

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

Decided: that the structural condition and funding position in respect of the King George VI Building be noted and that it be noted a detailed report will be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

506 **Upper Kirn Dive, Gourock – (a) Open Space Consultation; and (b) Proposed Residential Development and Road Widening – PART A** 506

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the outcome of an open space consultation recently carried out in order to obtain and consider the views of the community in relation to a proposed residential and road widening development, anticipated to be located on ground adjacent to Kirn Drive, Gourock to which the public currently have access, as shown on the plan at Appendix 1 to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the outcome of the open space consultation in relation to the proposed residential development at Upper Kirn Drive, Gourock and the terms of the representations received as detailed in the body of the report be noted; and
- (2) that consideration of the matter be continued for a further report on the implications of the proposed road widening and residential development at Upper Kirn Drive, Gourock and other road options for the Midton area.

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)
Upper Kirn Dive, Gourock – (a) Open Space Consultation; and (b) Proposed Residential Development and Road Widening – PART A	1
Upper Kirn Dive, Gourock – (a) Open Space Consultation; and (b) Proposed Residential Development and Road Widening – PART B	2, 6 & 9
Residual Waste Procurement Outcome	6 & 8
Cemetery Development Strategy	6, 8 & 9
Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report: Update on Current Actions	6, 9, 12 & 13
Lease of Premises: Larkfield Road, Gourock	2, 6 & 9
Lease of Premises: Tower Drive, Gourock	2, 6 & 9
Lease of Premises: Port Glasgow Town Buildings	2, 6 & 9
Underutilised Sites: Greenock Town Centre	6, 9, 12 & 13
Property Assets Management Report	2, 6 & 9

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Grant of Servitude for Sewer Connection at Site of Former King's Glen Primary School, Greenock 6 & 9

507 Upper Kirn Dive, Gourock – (a) Open Space Consultation; and (b) Proposed Residential Development and Road Widening – PART A 507

There was submitted Appendix 3 relative to Agenda Item 19 (Upper Kirn Dive, Gourock – (a) Open Space Consultation; and (b) Proposed Residential Development and Road Widening – PART A), comprising individual letters from petitioners and individual representations.

Decided: that the terms of the individual letters from petitioners and individual representations be noted.

508 Upper Kirn Dive, Gourock – (a) Open Space Consultation; and (b) Proposed Residential Development and Road Widening – PART B 508

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the options for the former St Ninian's school site if the Committee decided to proceed with the Upper Kirn Drive residential development and road widening proposals referred to in the previous report (PART A).

Following consideration, the Committee decided to retain the former St Ninian's school site in its ownership and that any future use of this site in connection with the Upper Kirn Drive proposals be reviewed in the light of the outcome of the continued public consultation report, above, all as detailed in the appendix.

509 Residual Waste Procurement Outcome 509

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the outcome of the collaborative procurement for residual waste disposal services between Inverclyde Council, West Dunbartonshire Council and the Lomond and Helensburgh area of Argyll & Bute Council.

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

Decided:

- (1) that the extension of the current residual waste contract to August 2020 be noted;
- (2) that the current position regarding the collaborative procurement exercise be noted; and
- (3) that it be agreed that the options highlighted in sections 7-9 of the report be explored more fully and that a report with a fuller appraisal of these and a recommended course of action be submitted to the Committee by January 2020.

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- 510 Cemetery Development Strategy 510**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental & Public Protection providing an update on progress with regard to cemetery development at Knocknairshill and Kilmacolm cemeteries.
- Following consideration, the Committee agreed to take action, all as detailed in the appendix.
- (Councillor Ahlfeld returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
- 511 Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report: Update on Current Actions 511**
- 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.
- 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.
- Decided:** that the current progress in respect of the Clune Park Area Regeneration Plan be noted.
- 512 Lease of Premises: Larkfield Road, Gourock 512**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to (1) grant a new lease of premises at Larkfield Road, Gourock and (2) accept the renunciation of the lease by the tenant to facilitate the proposal.
- Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.
- 513 Lease of Premises: Tower Drive, Gourock 513**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to changes to the lease arrangements of premises at Tower Drive, Gourock.
- Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.
- 514 Lease of Premises: Port Glasgow Town Buildings 514**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to enter into lease negotiations in relation to Port Glasgow Town Buildings resulting in reconfiguration of the space.
- Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

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- 515 Underutilised Sites: Greenock Town Centre 515**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services recommending action in relation to an underutilised site within Greenock Town Centre. Following a vote, the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.
- 516 Property Assets Management Report 516**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources making recommendations in respect of a number of property assets. Councillors Brooks and Curley declared a non-financial interest in this item as Board Members of River Clyde Homes. Councillor Brooks also declared a non-financial interest as a Board Member of Inverclyde Leisure and as a result of a personal acquaintance with parties referred to in the report. Councillor Curley 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. Councillors Brooks left the meeting. Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended in respect of (1) property at Leven Road, Greenock, (2) premises at Southfield Avenue, Port Glasgow, (3) premises at Lynedoch Industrial Estate, Greenock and (4) land at McLeod Street and Inverkip Road, Greenock, all as detailed in the appendix.
- (Councillor Brooks returned to the meeting at this juncture).
- 517 Joint Working with West Dunbartonshire Council – Strategic Leadership 517**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on proposals for further joint working with West Dunbartonshire Council in relation to fleet, waste and grounds services. Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.
- 518 Grant of Servitude for Sewer Connection at Site of Former King’s Glen Primary School, Greenock 518**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising the Committee of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to grant a servitude right of access at the site of the former King’s Glen Primary School, Greenock.
- Decided:** that the use of the emergency powers procedure to enter into a servitude or such other comparable licence or agreement that may be required at the site of the former King’s Glen Primary School, Greenock be noted.

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Education and Communities Committee

Tuesday 3 September 2019 at 2pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Clocherty, Curley, Crowther (for MacLeod), McCabe, C McEleny, McVey, Murphy, Quinn, Robertson and Wilson, Mrs F Gilpin, Church Representative, 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 Culture, Communities & Educational Resources, Head of Education, Service Manager, Community Learning & Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport, Libraries, Education Development & Arts Manager, Service Manager, Educational Resources & Facilities Management, 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), Corporate Communications Manager, Corporate Policy, Performance & Partnership Manager, Early Years Manager and Property Services Manager.

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

519 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor MacLeod, with Councillor Crowther substituting, and Rev. F Donaldson.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 3 (Communities Capital Programme 2019-2022 Progress Report) – Councillors Clocherty, Curley and Quinn.

Agenda Item 4 (Community Safety and Resilience Update Report) – Councillor Curley.

Agenda Item 7 (Sportscotland – Sport for Life) – Councillors Clocherty and Quinn.

Agenda Item 8 (Grants to Voluntary Organisations 2019/20) – Councillors Murphy, Quinn and Robertson.

Agenda Item 9 (Under 19s Sports Grants 2019/20) – Councillor Robertson.

Agenda Item 14 (Education Capital Programme 2019-2023 Progress Report) – Councillor Wilson.

Agenda Item 17 (Update on Review of School Transport in Inverclyde) – Councillors Quinn and Wilson.

Agenda Item 18 (Local Child Poverty Action Report) – Councillor Robertson.

520 Communities 2019/20 Revenue Budget - Period 3 to 30 June 2019

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the 2018/19 Communities Revenue Budget final outturn and the 2019/20 Revenue Budget position as at Period 3 to 30 June 2019.

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Decided:

- (1) that the final outturn for the 2018/19 Communities Revenue Budget be noted; and
- (2) that the current projected overspend of £36,000 in the 2019/20 Communities Revenue Budget as at Period 3 to 30 June 2019 be noted.

521 Communities Capital Programme 2019-2022 Progress 521

There was submitted a report by the Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources and the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the status of the projects forming the Communities Capital Programme and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.

Councillors Clocherty and Quinn declared a non-financial interest in this item as members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure and Councillor Curley declared a non-financial interest as a member of Boglestone Community Association. All three 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: that the progress of the specific projects detailed in Appendix 1 be noted.

522 Community Safety and Resilience Update Report 522

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the work and outcomes of the Community Safety and Resilience Team.

Councillor Curley declared a non-financial interest in this item as the Chair of Road Safety West of Scotland. 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:

- (1) that the content of the update report be noted;
- (2) that the work of the Community Safety and Resilience Team and its early intervention and focus on prevention be noted; and
- (3) that an annual report on the work of the Community Safety and Resilience Team be submitted to the Committee.

523 Cultural Services Annual Report 2018-19 523

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on progress within Cultural Services in 2018-19.

Decided: that the Cultural Services Annual Report 2018-19 be noted.

524 Progress on Year of Young People Legacy Plan 524

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the progress made in delivering the legacy plan for the Year of Young People.

Decided:

- (1) that the content of the report be noted; and
- (2) that the progress made in delivering the Year of Young People legacy plan for 2019 be noted.

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525 SportsScotland – Sport for Life 525

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising the Committee of the launch of **sportscotland's** new corporate strategy, Sport for Life.

Councillors Clocherty and Quinn declared a non-financial interest in this item as members of the Board 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 content of the report be noted; and
- (2) that the summary of **sportscotland's** strategy, 'Sport for Life', be noted.

526 Grants to Voluntary Organisations 2019/20 526

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing details of the grants awarded to voluntary organisations at the Grants Sub-Committee on 19 June 2019.

Councillor Murphy declared non-financial interests in this item (a) having been approached by Greenock Burns Club, (b) as a Committee member of Friends of Coves Community Nature Reserve, (c) as an Independent Youth Worker, (Boys Brigade and Girls Brigade applications), (d) having been approached by the Gourrock Garden Party organisers and (e) as Chair of Inverclyde Youth for Christ. Councillor Quinn declared a non-financial interest as Chair of Gourrock Heritage and Arts and Councillor Robertson declared non-financial interests as a Committee member of Inverclyde Youth Theatre, Thistle Theatre Company and I FiT. All three Members formed the view that the nature of their interests and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision-making process.

Decided:

- (1) that the grants awarded to voluntary organisations at the meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee on 19 June 2019 be noted; and
- (2) that it be agreed that guidance and procedures for grants to voluntary organisations be fully reviewed for 2020 and that a report thereon be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

527 Under 19s Sports Grants 2019/20 527

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing details of grants awarded to under 19s sports at the Grants Sub-Committee on 26 June 2019.

Councillor Robertson declared a non-financial interest in this item due to an association with Greenock Glenpark Harriers. She also formed the view that the nature of her interest and of the item of business did not preclude her continued presence in the Chamber or her participation in the decision-making process.

Decided:

- (1) that the grants awarded to under 19s sports be noted; and
- (2) that it be agreed that guidance and procedures for grants to under 19s sports be fully reviewed for 2020 and that a report thereon be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

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528 Young Scot 528

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) providing an update on the Young Scot offer to local authorities and (2) appending the most recent report on usage and card uptake in Inverclyde.

Decided:

- (1) that the offer from National Young Scot be noted;
- (2) that the current usage of the Young Scot National Entitlement Card (NEC) and its benefits be noted; and
- (3) that the remaining content of the report be noted.

529 The Scottish Community Safety Network 529

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) providing an update on the Council's continued membership of the Scottish Community Safety Network and (2) advising of a proposal for an appropriate Officer of the Council to seek nomination to stand as Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

Decided:

- (1) that Inverclyde Council's continuing role in the Scottish Community Safety Network be noted; and
- (2) that it be noted that an appropriate Officer from Inverclyde Council would seek nomination for the position of Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Scottish Community Safety Network to be confirmed at its Annual General Meeting in September 2019.

The Communities business ended at 3.15pm. The Committee commenced consideration of the Education items of business at 4pm with Mrs Gilpin, Ms McMillan and Ms McEwan joining the meeting.

Prior to commencement of business, the Convener welcomed to the meeting Michael Roach, the newly appointed Head of Education.

530 West College Scotland – Request by Councillor Rebecchi 530

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a request received from Councillor Rebecchi (1) that the Committee requests the Board of West College Scotland to reconsider its decision to remove the James Watt name from the college; and (2) that a report be submitted to the Committee on courses currently available and courses that were previously available at the James Watt College with a view to determining the impact this has had on jobs and economic benefit to the local community.

Councillor Rebecchi was present and spoke in relation to his request.

Decided:

- (1) that a request be made to the Board of West College Scotland to incorporate the James Watt name in one or both of its Greenock campuses; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to the Committee on courses currently available and courses previously available at the James Watt College with a view to determining the impact on jobs and economic benefit to the local community, the report also to include

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(a) information on the numbers of Inverclyde-based students and lecturers required to travel to Paisley to undertake or provide courses previously available at the James Watt College and (b) information in relation to courses currently and previously provided to facilitate women returning to the workplace.

531 Education 2019/20 Revenue Budget – Period 3 to 30 June 2019 531

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the position of the 2019/20 Education Revenue Budget as at Period 3 to 30 June 2019.

Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest in this item as the Chair of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Operations 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.

Decided:

- (1) that the final outturn for the 2018/19 Education Revenue Budget be noted;
- (2) that the current projected overspend of £163,000 in the 2019/20 Education Revenue Budget as at Period 3 to 30 June 2019 be noted; and
- (3) that approval be given to the virement of £26,000 as set out in paragraph 8.1 and Appendix 5 to the report.

532 Education Capital Programme 2019-2023 Progress 532

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

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

533 Education, Communities and Organisational Development Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2019/22 Progress Report 533

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the delivery of improvement actions in the Education, Communities & Organisational Development (ECOD) Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan (CDIP) focusing on the improvement actions within the remit of the Education Service and the Culture, Communities & Educational Resource Service.

Decided: that the progress made in delivering the Year 1 improvement actions contained within the Education, Communities & Organisational CDIP 2019/22 be noted.

534 Progress with Actions from the Children's Services Inspection and the Year 2 Delivery Plan for the Strategic Children's Service Plan 2018 534

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on progress with the Children's Services Plan 2018.

Decided:

- (1) that the second delivery plan for the Children's Services three year plan be noted; and
- (2) that it be noted that the plan had been linked to the relevant UN Convention on

the Rights of the Child articles.

535 Update on Review of School Transport in Inverclyde

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) providing an update on the review of school transport in Inverclyde following the decision of the Committee at its meeting on 7 May 2019, together with a summary of consultation events held with parents in June 2019 and (2) seeking approval for further work to be undertaken to move towards equity in the school transport policy in Inverclyde.

Councillor Quinn declared a non-financial interest in this item as the parent of two St Columba's High School pupils not affected by the proposals set out in the report and Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest as Chair of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Operations Committee. Both Members formed the view that the nature of their interests and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision-making process.

Following discussion, Councillor Clocherty moved:

- (1) that approval be given to the phased introduction of bus passes from January 2020 for secondary school pupils who qualify for free school transport where routes are currently provided by service buses and where it is more cost effective than providing a dedicated school bus;
- (2) that approval be given to the revised arrangements for school transport from session 2020/21 as set out in paragraph 6.1 of the report;
- (3) that agreement be given to the use of global information measuring systems (GIS) to measure accurately qualifying distances and acceptable walking routes from home to school;
- (4) that approval be given to the annual review of the school transport policy, taking into account any revisions to acceptable walking routes and the uptake of subsidised transport;
- (5) that it be agreed to refer the increased revenue costs for providing subsidised transport for St Columba's High School where no alternative public service route is available from August 2020 to the Policy & Resources Committee for inclusion in the 2020/23 Revenue Budget process;
- (6) that approval be given to the option for secondary schools to fund any additional provision above policy through alternative funding sources for their pupils in receipt of free school meals who live between 1 and 2 miles of their school; and
- (7) that it be noted that proposals for the devolution of financial decision-making concerning equitable school transport as part of Phase 2 of the Participatory Budgeting process were not being taken forward at this time.

As an amendment, Councillor McVey moved that decisions (1) to (5) and (7) above be agreed but that decision (6) be not implemented and that:

- (6) approval be given to the provision of a transport grant of £7.25 per week based on the current weekly bus pass costs to all high school pupils who live 1-2 miles from their school and are in receipt of free school meals or upon identification of individual circumstances by Education Services staff, and that it be recommended to the Policy & Resources Committee that funding for the policy be provided from one or a combination of (a) the Anti-Poverty Fund Earmarked Reserve, (b) the Budget Smoothing Earmarked Reserve or (c) Free Reserves.

As a further amendment, Councillor Robertson moved that decisions (1), (3), (4), (6) and (7) above be approved but that the proposals set out in decisions (2) and (5) be not implemented and the existing arrangements retained and that the funding implications be remitted to the Policy & Resources Committee for consideration.

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On a vote between the two amendments, 6 Members, Councillors Crowther, Curley, C McEleny, Robertson, Mrs Gilpin and Ms McEwan voted in favour of the amendment by Councillor Robertson and 8 Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Clocherty, McCabe, Murphy, McVey, Quinn, Wilson and Ms McMillan voted in favour of the amendment by Councillor McVey. Councillor Robertson's amendment, having received fewer votes, then fell. On a vote between the amendment by Councillor McVey and the motion by Councillor Clocherty, 5 Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Clocherty, McCabe, Murphy and Wilson voted in favour of the motion and 9 Members, Councillors McVey, Quinn, Crowther, Curley, C McEleny, Robertson, Mrs Gilpin, Ms McEwan and Ms McMillan voted in favour of the amendment which was declared carried.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the phased introduction of bus passes from January 2020 for secondary school pupils who qualify for free school transport where routes are currently provided by service buses and where it is more cost effective than providing a dedicated school bus;
- (2) that approval be given to the revised arrangements for school transport from session 2020/21 as set out in paragraph 6.1 of the report;
- (3) that agreement be given to the use of global information measuring systems (GIS) to measure accurately qualifying distances and acceptable walking routes from home to school;
- (4) that approval be given to the annual review of the school transport policy, taking into account any revisions to acceptable walking routes and the uptake of subsidised transport;
- (5) that it be agreed to refer the increased revenue costs for providing subsidised transport for St Columba's High School where no alternative public service route is available from August 2020 to the Policy & Resources Committee for inclusion in the 2020/23 Revenue Budget process;
- (6) that approval be given to the provision of a transport grant of £7.25 per week based on the current weekly bus pass costs to all high school pupils who live 1-2 miles from their school and are in receipt of free school meals or upon identification of individual circumstances by Education Services staff and that it be recommended to the Policy & Resources Committee that funding for the policy be provided from one or a combination of (a) the Anti-Poverty Fund Earmarked Reserve, (b) the Budget Smoothing Earmarked Reserve or (c) Free Reserves; and
- (7) that it be noted that proposals for the devolution of financial decision-making concerning equitable school transport as part of Phase 2 of the Participatory Budgeting process were not being taken forward at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 6.25pm and re-convened at 6.30pm. Councillors McCabe, C McEleny and Wilson did not return to the meeting following the adjournment.

536 Local Child Poverty Action Report

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development appending the Inverclyde Local Child Poverty Action Report (LAR) 2018.

Councillor Robertson declared a financial interest in this item as a result of a remuneration contract with Stepwell Consultancy Ltd which had been engaged to undertake work in connection with the Child Poverty Action Report. She also formed the view that the nature of her interest and of the item of business did not preclude her

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continued presence in the Chamber or her participation in the decision-making process. During the course of discussion on this item, reference was made to the benefits of including representation from the Economic Development Service on the Child Poverty Action Group. It was noted that Officers were aware of the position and were attempting to address the gap in representation.

Decided: that the themes and detail contained within the Inverclyde Child Poverty Action Report 2018/19 be noted

537 **Early Learning and Childcare - 1140 Hours Expansion Programme** 537

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the implementation of the 1140 hours expansion programme.

Decided: that approval be given to the additional early phase projects for 2019/20 as detailed in the report.

538 **Access to Free Sanitary Products Update** 538

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising the Committee of the implementation of the Scottish Government commitment to provide free access to sanitary products in schools and places where they can be accessed by those who need them.

Decided:

- (1) that it be noted that Inverclyde Council would continue to support the commitment to roll out access to free sanitary products across schools;
- (2) that it be noted that the provision would increase in 2019/20 to include a range of places in the wider community where sanitary products were available for those who need them; and
- (3) that it be noted that community access locations would have a range of products available during term time, weekends and school holidays.

539 **School Term Dates – Session 2020/21** 539

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval for the setting of school terms dates for session 2020/21.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the term dates for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to the Committee on the implications of moving the September holiday, which currently aligned with the local holiday, to a date later in the month.

540 **Additional In-Service Days for Schools** 540

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development requesting the Committee to note two additional in-service days during session 2019/20 which were approved by the Policy & Resources Committee on 21 May 2019.

Decided: that the two additional in-service days of Tuesday 22 October 2019 and Friday 7 February 2020 for all schools be noted.

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- 541 Additional Closure Day for Educational Establishments 541**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development requesting the Committee to note an additional closure day on Friday 8 May 2020 for all educational establishments to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day which was approved by the Policy & Resources Committee on 6 August 2019 and by the Scottish Government on 14 August 2019.
- Decided:** that the additional closure date on 8 May 2020 for all educational establishments to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day be noted.
- 542 National Updates and Guidance 542**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development appending national updates on the Attainment Challenge and Scottish National Standardised Assessments.
- Decided:** that the national updates as set out in the appendix to the report be noted.
- The Convener, being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Committee to be advised, at the earliest opportunity, of the outcome of the recent appeals to the Sheriff Court against Inverclyde Council's refusal of placing requests to St Columba's High School. This was agreed unanimously.**
- 543 Further Update on Admissions and Placing Requests for Academic Year 2019/20 543**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the admissions and placing requests for the academic year 2019/20, in particular the recent appeals to the Sheriff Court by three families against Inverclyde Council's refusal of placing requests to St Columba's High School.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the outcome of the recent appeal process, which was to uphold the position of the Council to refuse the placing requests, be noted;
 - (2) that it be agreed that a further report be submitted to the Committee on any future pressures on the Inverclyde Learning Estate;
 - (3) that a letter be issued to all parents of pupils at the beginning of their Primary 7 year to remind them of the Council's policy and arrangements for transition into secondary school; and
 - (4) that a further report be submitted to the Committee once the Sheriff's written decision was received.

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Planning Board

Wednesday 4 September 2019 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Head of Regeneration & Planning, Mr D Ashman (Regeneration & Planning Services), 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.

544 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Murphy, with Provost Brennan substituting.

Councillor Moran declared an interest in Agenda Item 2 (Erection of 57 dwellings with all associated roads and landscaping, realignment of existing road leading from Cardross Crescent to link new roads proposed and to provide access for new build housing and a foul/sewer connection along Clynder Road from residential development at the Former King's Glen Primary School, Kilmacolm Road, Greenock (19/0031/IC, 19/0034/IC and 19/0110/IC)).

545 PLANNING APPLICATION

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Erection of 57 dwellings with all associated roads and landscaping, realignment of existing road leading from Cardross Crescent to link new roads proposed and to provide access for new build housing and a foul/sewer connection along Clynder Road from residential development:

Former King's Glen Primary School, Kilmacolm Road, Greenock (19/0031/IC, 19/0034/IC and 19/0110/IC)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning regarding an application by Cloch Housing Association for the erection of 57 dwellings with all associated roads and landscaping (19/0031/IC), realignment of existing road leading from Cardross Crescent to link new roads proposed and to provide access for new build housing (19/0034/IC) and a foul/sewer connection along Clynder Road from residential development (19/0110/IC) at the former King's Glen Primary School, Kilmacolm Road, Greenock.

Councillor Moran declared a non-financial interest in this item having attended a public meeting at which the application had been discussed. He also formed the view that, having not expressed a view on the application, 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 planning permission in relation to planning applications 19/0031/IC,

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19/0034/IC and 19/0110/IC be granted subject to the following conditions:-

Planning application 19/0031/IC (57 dwellings)

- (1) that prior to their use, samples of all facing materials to the dwellinghouses and garden walls and hard surfaces shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to enable the Planning Authority to retain effective control of facing and finishing materials in the interests of visual amenity;
- (2) that the Landscaping Plan, as per drawing C1821.001 Rev F, shall proceed as approved unless any alternative is agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the retention of the approved landscaping scheme in the interests of visual amenity;
- (3) that all soft landscaping hereby approved within the Landscaping Plan drawing C1821.001 Rev F shall be completed within 4 weeks of the last dwellinghouse hereby permitted being occupied, to ensure the provision of a visually acceptable environment;
- (4) that any trees, shrubs, hedges or areas of grass which die, are removed, damaged or become diseased within five years of completion of the approved Landscaping Plan shall be replaced within the following year with others of similar size and shape, to ensure the maintenance of the approved landscaping scheme in the interests of visual amenity;
- (5) that details of maintenance and management for the landscaping shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to the start of construction of the development hereby permitted. Management and maintenance shall commence upon completion of the landscaping, to ensure the maintenance and management of the approved landscaping scheme in the interests of visual amenity;
- (6) that prior to the commencement of work on site, a contribution of the sum of £23,296.00 towards the provision, maintenance and improvement of, existing play provision in the vicinity of the development in lieu of providing a play area on site shall be lodged with the Planning Authority, to ensure adequate play provision within the vicinity following the development, in accordance with the requirements of both adopted and proposed Planning Application Advice Note (PAAN) 3 on "Private and Public Open Space Provision in New Residential Development";
- (7) that the houses shall be designed to ensure that at least 15% of the carbon dioxide emissions reduction standard set by Scottish Building Standards is met through the installation and operation of low and zero carbon generating technologies, details of which shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to the erection of the first house on site, to comply with the requirements of Section 72 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009;
- (8) that the driveways should have a gradient of no greater than 10% and a minimum of 2m surfaced adjacent to the footway, to ensure suitable parking provision for residents, in the interests of road safety;
- (9) that the visibility splay of 2.4m x 43.0m x 1.05m shall be provided at the access onto Kilmacolm Road and maintained at all times thereafter, to ensure suitable vehicular access and road safety;
- (10) that all footways and footpaths should be a minimum of 2.0m wide, to ensure safe footpath access in the interests of road safety;
- (11) that no part of the development shall be occupied until the contents of the Travel Information Pack which encourages reduced dependency on the private car by highlighting the location of local amenities, public transport services and active travel routes is submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Thereafter, on the occupation of each dwelling, the approved Travel Information Pack shall be provided to new residents, to encourage sustainable travel behaviour in accordance with the requirements of Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) and PAN 75 Planning for Transport;
- (12) that all surface water drainage from and entering the site be maintained within

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the site boundary in perpetuity and 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 detailed structural design and maintenance regime for the water detention areas. For the avoidance of doubt, a field drain shall be installed at the bottom of the slopes around the site to prevent any surface water flowing onto the road, to control runoff from the site and prevent flooding of neighbouring properties;

(13) 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;

(14) that prior to the commencement of development, details of SUDs ownership should be submitted for approval by the Planning Authority, to ensure the long term maintenance of the SUDs scheme;

(15) that the interception ditch within the development shall be incorporated as detailed and approved within Section 4 of the Flood Risk Assessment (submitted 18 February 2019), in the interests of flood prevention;

(16) 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;

(17) 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;

(18) 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;

(19) 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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(20) that the recommendations stated in paragraphs 4.3.1, 4.4.1, 4.5.1 and general mitigation in paragraph 4.7 as set out within the Ecological Survey Report (submitted 18 July 2019) hereby approved, shall be implemented in full, unless an alternative is agreed in writing with the Planning Authority, to minimise disturbance to nature conservation interests within the application site and vicinity and ensure the protection of protected species and habitat;

(21) that all vegetation clearing, including tree felling and all ground clearance, should take place outside the bird nesting season, March to August inclusive, to ensure the protection of breeding birds within the application site;

(22) that notwithstanding condition 21 above, should any protected species be found within the application site at any time during the construction stage, then all work shall cease immediately and written notification shall be sent by the developer to both the Planning Authority and Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH). Development shall only recommence once written approval for recommencement has been issued in writing by the Planning Authority and any mitigation measures required as conditions of such approval shall be implemented in full and in accordance with the approved timescales, to ensure that the site and its environs are surveyed and the development does not have an adverse impact on protected species or habitat;

(23) that prior to any construction work starting on site, details of tree protection measures for protecting all trees to be retained together with the adjacent woodland area, in accordance with British Standards Recommendations for trees in Relation to Construction, currently BS 5837:2012, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The approved protection measures shall then be erected to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority prior to any construction work starting on site and shall not be removed during the course of construction work, to ensure the retention of and avoidance of damage to trees;

(24) that prior to the commencement of works on site, details of retention and enhancement of the orchids and other wild flowers along the southern boundary of the site, as identified within the Overview Habitat Survey, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Alternatively, if retention and enhancement is not possible, an action plan for translocation of these species within the Inverclyde Council area shall be devised in consultation with the Inverclyde Pollinator Group and undertaken prior to any herbiciding of the horsetails. These details shall then be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. All works shall progress in accordance with the approved details and the timescale contained therein, to protect and enhance nature conservation interests of the site;

(25) that prior to the commencement of development full details of the SUDs design and maintenance shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. For the avoidance of doubt, the SUDs pond shall have sloping sides for wildlife and the wildlife and amenity value of the pond shall be enhanced by planting of native pond and marginal plants such as Yellow Flag Iris, Purple Loosestrife, and Marsh Marigold. Thereafter only the approved design details shall be implemented and completed prior to the first occupation of any of the development, to protect and enhance nature conservation interests and wildlife within the application site; and

(26) that, for the avoidance of doubt, all construction traffic, including operative parking, shall be contained within the development site and shall access the development site via a haul route to be constructed from Kilmacolm Road.

Planning application 19/0034/IC (road realignment)

(1) that all footways and footpaths should be a minimum of 2.0m wide, to ensure safe footpath access in the interests of road safety;

(2) that the concrete bollards, hereby approved, shall be set back at least 0.5

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metres from the edge of the projected road line, in the interests of road safety;

(3) that all surface water drainage from and entering the site be maintained within the site boundary in perpetuity and 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 detailed structural design and maintenance regime for the water detention areas. For the avoidance of doubt, a field drain shall be installed at the bottom of the slopes around the site to prevent any surface water flowing onto the road, to control runoff from the site and prevent flooding of neighbouring properties;

(4) that the presence of any suspected 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;

(5) that the recommendations stated in paragraphs 4.3.1, 4.4.1, 4.5.1 and general mitigation in paragraph 4.7 as set out within the Ecological Survey Report (submitted 18 July 2019) hereby approved, shall be implemented in full, unless an alternative is agreed in writing with the Planning Authority, to minimise disturbance to nature conservation interests within the application site and vicinity and ensure the protection of protected species and habitats;

(6) that all vegetation clearing, including tree felling and all ground clearance, should take place outside the bird nesting season, March to August inclusive, to ensure the protection of breeding birds within the application site; and

(7) that notwithstanding condition 6 above, should any protected species be found within the application site at any time during the construction stage, then all work shall cease immediately and written notification shall be sent by the developer to both the Planning Authority and Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH). Development shall only recommence once written approval for recommencement has been issued in writing by the Planning Authority and any mitigation measures required as conditions of such approval shall be implemented in full and in accordance with the approved timescales, to ensure that the site and its environs are surveyed and the development does not have an adverse impact on protected species or habitat.

Planning application 19/0110/IC (sewer)

(1) 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;

(2) 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;

(3) that before the development hereby permitted is operational 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

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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;

(4) 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;

(5) that the recommendations stated in paragraphs 4.3.1, 4.4.1, 4.5.1 and general mitigation in paragraph 4.7 as set out within the Ecological Survey Report (submitted 18 July 2019) hereby approved, shall be implemented in full, unless an alternative is agreed in writing with the Planning Authority, to minimise disturbance to nature conservation interests within the application site and vicinity and ensure the protection of protected species and habitats;

(6) that all vegetation clearing, including all ground clearance, should take place outside the bird nesting season, March to August inclusive, to ensure the protection of breeding birds within the application site;

(7) that notwithstanding condition 6 above, should any protected species be found within the application site at any time during the construction stage, then all work shall cease immediately and written notification shall be sent by the developer to both the Planning Authority and Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH). Development shall only recommence once written approval for recommencement has been issued in writing by the Planning Authority and any mitigation measures required as conditions of such approval shall be implemented in full and in accordance with the approved timescales, to ensure that the site and its environs are surveyed and the development does not have an adverse impact on protected species or habitat; and

(8) that prior to any construction work starting on site, details of tree protection measures for protecting all trees to be retained together with the adjacent woodland area, in accordance with British Standards Recommendations for trees in Relation to Construction, currently BS 5837:2012, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The approved protection measures shall then be erected to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority prior to any construction work starting on site and shall not be removed during the course of construction work, to ensure the retention of and avoidance of damage to trees.

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Local Review Body

Wednesday 4 September 2019 at 4pm

Present: Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, Dorrian, McKenzie, Nelson, Rebecchi and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Mr A Williamson (Planning Adviser), Mr J Kerr (Legal Adviser) 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 Local Review Body.

546 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 546

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

547 PLANNING APPLICATION FOR REVIEW 547

**Erection of dwellinghouse for farm worker:
Cairncurran Farm, Auchenfoil Road, Kilmacolm (19/0046/IC)**

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review of the refusal of planning permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse for a farm worker at Cairncurran Farm, Auchenfoil Road, Kilmacolm (19/0046/IC) to enable the Local Review Body to consider the matter afresh.

Mr Kerr referred to the Local Review Body's duty to consider the application for review of the refusal of planning permission afresh and, in this regard, advised the Local Review Body that although the 2014 Local Development Plan had been in place when the Appointed Officer had determined the planning application, this had been superseded by the 2019 Local Development Plan. Accordingly, he explained that Members should not have regard to the policies set out under the heading "Development Plan Policies" in the Appointed Officer's Report of Handling and should only have regard to current policies, referred to under the heading "Proposed Development Plan Policies"; when considering and determining the application for review.

After discussion, Councillor McKenzie moved (1) that sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and (2) that the application for review be upheld and that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions and advisory notes:

Conditions

(1) that the development to which this permission relates must be begun within three years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 as amended;

(2) that prior to the commencement of works on site, samples of all external materials and paving to be used in construction shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Works shall then proceed as approved unless an alternative is otherwise first agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to enable the Planning

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Authority to retain effective control of facing and finishing materials in the interests of visual amenity;

(3) that prior to the commencement of development on site, a plan shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Planning Authority demonstrating a minimum visibility splay of 2.4 metres by 75 metres by 1.05 metres is provided at the vehicular access to the public road for the dwellinghouse hereby permitted. The visibility splay shall be prior to the occupation and use of the dwellinghouse hereby permitted and shall be retained at all times thereafter to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority, in the interests of road safety;

(4) that the vehicular access for the dwellinghouse hereby permitted shall be paved or otherwise sealed with a hard surface for a minimum distance of 2 metres from the carriageway, to prevent deleterious material being carried onto the carriageway;

(5) that the vehicular access for the dwellinghouse hereby permitted shall be a minimum width of 5 metres for a distance of 6 metres from the edge of the road, in the interests of road safety;

(6) that the three off-street parking spaces indicated on approved drawing 01 PL shall be formed and made available for use prior to the occupation of the replacement house hereby permitted. They shall then remain unobstructed and available for use at all times thereafter to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority, to ensure suitable parking provision for the dwellinghouse hereby permitted, in the interests of road safety;

(7) that all surface water shall be contained within the site both during construction and at all times thereafter. Drainage arrangements showing how this will be achieved shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of development, to prevent surface water run-off from the site;

(8) that the presence of any suspected contamination 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 any contamination issues are recorded and dealt with appropriately; and

(9) that an archaeological watching brief, to be carried out by a suitably qualified organisation, shall be implemented during all ground disturbances. The organisation shall be afforded access at all reasonable times to allow them to observe works in progress and record items of interest and finds. A method statement for the watching brief will be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of works on site, to allow for recording and recovery of antiquity.

Advisory Notes

(1) all external lighting on the application site should comply with the Scottish Government Guidance Note "Controlling Light Pollution and Reducing Lighting Energy Consumption";

(2) the applicant shall submit to the Planning Authority a detailed specification of the containers to be used to store waste materials and recyclable materials produced on the premises as well as specific details of the areas where such containers are to be located. The use of the residential accommodation shall not commence until the above details are approved in writing by the Planning Authority and the equipment and any structural changes are in place;

(3) site drainage: suitable and sufficient measures for the effective collection and disposal of surface water should be implemented during the construction phase of the project as well as within the completed development to prevent flooding within this and nearby property;

(4) surface water: any SUDs appraisal must give appropriate weight to not only any potential risk of pollution to watercourses but to suitable and sufficient measures for the

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effective collection and disposal of surface water to prevent flooding. Measures should be implemented during the construction phase of the project as well as the within the completed development to prevent flooding within the application site and in property/land nearby. It is also recommended that a long term maintenance plan should be developed prior to the commencement of the proposed development; and

(5) on-site sewage treatment: should the premises be served by an on-site sewage treatment plant, it will be necessary to ensure that the capacity of the plant is sufficient to deal with any additional demand and that the maintenance and emptying regime is modified accordingly.

As an amendment, Councillor Dorrian moved (1) that sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and (2) that the application for review be dismissed and that planning permission be refused (upholding the Appointed Officer's determination) as the proposed dwellinghouse is not justified by the operational needs of Cairncurran Farm. Accordingly, the proposal does not comply with the requirement of Inverclyde Local Development Plan Policy 19(a) and as there are no mitigating circumstances which justify the development in respect of Policy 14(a) of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan.

On a vote, two Members, Councillors Dorrian and Rebecchi, voted for the amendment and five Members, Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, McKenzie, Nelson and Wilson, voted for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided:

- (1) that sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and
- (2) that the application for review be upheld and that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions and advisory notes:

Conditions

(1) that the development to which this permission relates must be begun within three years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 as amended;

(2) that prior to the commencement of works on site, samples of all external materials and paving to be used in construction shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Works shall then proceed as approved unless an alternative is otherwise first agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to enable the Planning Authority to retain effective control of facing and finishing materials in the interests of visual amenity;

(3) that prior to the commencement of development on site, a plan shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Planning Authority demonstrating a minimum visibility splay of 2.4 metres by 75 metres by 1.05 metres is provided at the vehicular access to the public road for the dwellinghouse hereby permitted. The visibility splay shall be prior to the occupation and use of the dwellinghouse hereby permitted and shall be retained at all times thereafter to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority, in the interests of road safety;

(4) that the vehicular access for the dwellinghouse hereby permitted shall be paved or otherwise sealed with a hard surface for a minimum distance of 2 metres from the carriageway, to prevent deleterious material being carried onto the carriageway;

(5) that the vehicular access for the dwellinghouse hereby permitted shall be a minimum width of 5 metres for a distance of 6 metres from the edge of the road, in the interests of road safety;

(6) that the three off-street parking spaces indicated on approved drawing 01 PL shall be formed and made available for use prior to the occupation of the replacement

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house hereby permitted. They shall then remain unobstructed and available for use at all times thereafter to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority, to ensure suitable parking provision for the dwellinghouse hereby permitted, in the interests of road safety;

(7) that all surface water shall be contained within the site both during construction and at all times thereafter. Drainage arrangements showing how this will be achieved shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of development, to prevent surface water run-off from the site;

(8) that the presence of any suspected contamination 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 any contamination issues are recorded and dealt with appropriately; and

(9) that an archaeological watching brief, to be carried out by a suitably qualified organisation, shall be implemented during all ground disturbances. The organisation shall be afforded access at all reasonable times to allow them to observe works in progress and record items of interest and finds. A method statement for the watching brief will be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of works on site, to allow for recording and recovery of antiquity.

Advisory Notes

(1) all external lighting on the application site should comply with the Scottish Government Guidance Note "Controlling Light Pollution and Reducing Lighting Energy Consumption";

(2) the applicant shall submit to the Planning Authority a detailed specification of the containers to be used to store waste materials and recyclable materials produced on the premises as well as specific details of the areas where such containers are to be located. The use of the residential accommodation shall not commence until the above details are approved in writing by the Planning Authority and the equipment and any structural changes are in place;

(3) site drainage: suitable and sufficient measures for the effective collection and disposal of surface water should be implemented during the construction phase of the project as well as within the completed development to prevent flooding within this and nearby property;

(4) surface water: any SUDs appraisal must give appropriate weight to not only any potential risk of pollution to watercourses but to suitable and sufficient measures for the effective collection and disposal of surface water to prevent flooding. Measures should be implemented during the construction phase of the project as well as the within the completed development to prevent flooding within the application site and in property/land nearby. It is also recommended that a long term maintenance plan should be developed prior to the commencement of the proposed development; and

(5) on-site sewage treatment: should the premises be served by an on-site sewage treatment plant, it will be necessary to ensure that the capacity of the plant is sufficient to deal with any additional demand and that the maintenance and emptying regime is modified accordingly.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 11 SEPTEMBER 2019

General Purposes BoardWednesday 11 September 2019 at 3pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Crowther, Curley, Dorrian, J McEleny, Moran and Quinn.

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr D Keenan and Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms F Denver and Ms E Peacock (Legal & Property Services).

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

548 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 548

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor MacLeod.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

549 Taxi Fares Review 2019 549

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on the annual review of taxi fare scales for the purposes of public advertisement as the first formal stage of the statutory process.

Mr J Bradley was in attendance representing the Head of Environmental & Public Protection.

Mr Bradley provided the Board with detailed information on the calculations required on any increase across Tariffs 1, 2, 3 and 4. He explained the request to triple the fare increments as well as tripling the yardage in order to standardise all Tariffs. It was noted that at a meeting with trade representatives they had no concerns in standardising the Tariff as requested. There was a discussion on the various percentage increases and the Board considered the terms of the trade proposals. There were a number of variables being discussed and Members requested an adjournment in order to clarify appropriate figures and percentages.

There followed a short adjournment, on return Mr Douglas addressed the Board and clarified the recommendations outlined in the report. After discussion, Councillor Curley moved agreement of recommendation 4.2 to triple the fare increments as well as tripling the yardage which should result in the said increment which was unanimously agreed.

A further discussion on the percentage of increase was debated, following which Councillor Curley moved a 5p increase in the flag fall across all Tariffs with a 31p increase thereafter given the agreement to triple the distances involved together with tripling the fare increments. As an amendment, Councillor Brooks moved a 10p increase in flag fall across all Tariffs with a 31p increase thereafter. On a vote, three Members voted for the amendment (Councillors Brooks, Ahlfeld and Dorrian) and six Members for the motion which was declared carried (Councillors Brennan, Crowther, Curley, J McEleny, Moran and Quinn,).

Decided:

- (1) standardise initial flag fall to 880 yards on Tariff 1, 2 and 3;

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- (2) increase on initial flag fall by 5p on all Tariffs;
- (3) increase each additional yardage after initial flag fall to 31p by virtue of (4) below;
and
- (4) To triple the fare increments as well as tripling the yardage which results in said increment.

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 17 SEPTEMBER 2019

Policy & Resources Committee

Tuesday 17 September 2019 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

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 R McGhee (Legal & Property Services), Chief Financial Officer, Revenues & Customer Services Manager, ICT Service Manager, Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications, Corporate Policy, Performance & Partnership Manager, Service Manager – Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety and Procurement, Regeneration & Building Services Manager.

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

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| 550 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 550 |
| | <p>Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor MacLeod, with Councillor J McEleny substituting, Councillor McCormick, with Councillor Jackson substituting, and Councillor Robertson, with Councillor Crowther substituting.</p> <p>No declarations of interest were intimated.</p> | |
| 551 | Policy & Resources Capital Programme 2019/2023 – Progress Report | 551 |
| | <p>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.</p> <p>Decided: that the current position of the 2019/23 Capital Programme, the reported net advancement and the progress on the specific projects detailed in the report and Appendix 1 be noted.</p> | |
| 552 | 2019/23 Capital Programme | 552 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the latest position of the 2019/23 Capital Programme.</p> <p>Decided: that the current position of the 2019/23 Capital Programme be noted.</p> | |

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- 553 Policy & Resources Committee 2019/20 Revenue Budget – Period 4 to 31 July 2019 553**
- 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 Revenue Budget outturn and the 2019/20 projected outturn for the Policy & Resources Committee as at period 4, 31 July 2019.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the 2018/19 Revenue Budget outturn and the 2019/20 projected underspend of £1,067,000 for the Policy & Resources Committee as at period 4, 31 July 2019 be noted;
 - (2) that the projected 2019/20 surplus of £48,600 for the Common Good Fund be noted; and
 - (3) that approval be given to the virement detailed in Appendix 6 to the report.
- 554 2019/20 General Fund Revenue Budget as at 31 July 2019 554**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the position of the General Fund Revenue Budget as at 31 July 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 2019/20 Revenue Budget and General Fund Reserves be noted; and
 - (2) that it be noted that the use of any Free Reserves will be considered as part of the 2020/23 budget process.
- 555 Welfare Reform Update 555**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing an update on recent developments in respect of Welfare Reform.
- Decided:** that the latest update regarding the impact of Welfare Reform within Inverclyde be noted.
- 556 ICT Services Performance Update 556**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing an update on the Digital and ICT Strategies, performance and Channel Shift statistics, details of the Council's PC refresh programme and information on a number of upgrade projects being implemented by ICT and Finance Services.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the performance statistics report and action plan updates for the Digital and ICT Strategies be noted; and
 - (2) that the completion of the project to upgrade wireless provision within the corporate campus be noted.

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| 557 | Corporate Services Progress Report | 557 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications updating the Committee on the delivery of the improvement actions by the Council's Corporate Services, as detailed in the Education, Communities & Organisational Development and the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plans (CDIPs) 2019/22.</p> <p>Decided: that the progress made by the Council's Corporate Services during 2019/20 in delivering the year one improvement actions, as detailed in their respective CDIPs, be noted.</p> | |
| 558 | Inverclyde Best Value Assurance Report – Improvement Plan Progress Report | 558 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive providing an update on the Inverclyde Best Value Assurance Report (BVAR) Improvement Plan.</p> <p>Decided: that the progress made in regard to the BVAR improvement actions, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.</p> | |
| 559 | Debt Recovery Performance 2018/19 | 559 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the Council's Debt Recovery performance during 2018/19.</p> <p>Decided: that the Council's continued good Debt Recovery performance in 2018/19 be noted.</p> | |
| 560 | Customer Services Annual Performance Update | 560 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing an update on Customer Service Centre (CSC) performance for 2018/19 and the Action Plan.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the performance in terms of the improvement in abandoned calls for Revenues and Benefits, quality outcomes and the high level of compliments received be noted;</p> <p>(2) that the smooth transition of Registration Services merging with Customer Services be noted; and</p> <p>(3) that the ongoing impact of Welfare Reform changes, particularly Universal Credit, including the new Scottish Social Security Agency, on the workload and service delivery within the Customer Service Centre be noted.</p> | |
| 561 | Inverclyde Council – Reserves Policy | 561 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer seeking approval of the Reserves Policy as part of the agreed triennial review.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the latest position in respect of the Council's Reserves as set out in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 to the report be noted; and</p> <p>(2) that approval be given to the Reserves Policy attached to the report at Appendix 3.</p> | |

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562 Annual Procurement Report**562**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) seeking approval to publish the Annual Procurement Report set out in Appendix 1 to the report and (2) providing an update on the latest spend with SMEs and local suppliers.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the Annual Procurement Report for publication on the Council's website;
- (2) that the latest spend with SMEs and local suppliers be noted; and
- (3) that a report on action to support smaller companies and to enable them to participate in bidding for Council contracts be submitted to the Committee in due course.

563 Procurement Policy – Request by Councillor C McEleny**563**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a request received from Councillor C McEleny that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on (1) measures the Council can take that better include environmental impacts as a result of the Council's Procurement Policy eg, environmental weighting and (2) measures that can result in more locally based SMEs and Inverclyde workers being successful in being awarded Council contracts.

Decided: that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on (1) measures the Council can take that better include environmental impacts as a result of the Council's Procurement Policy, eg environmental weighting, and (2) measures that can result in more locally based SMEs and Inverclyde workers being successful in being awarded Council contracts.

564 2020/23 Revenue Budget Update**564**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) updating the Committee on the 2020/23 Revenue Budget and (2) seeking approval for some initial adjustments in order to reduce the three year funding gap.

Decided:

- (1) that the ongoing activity and current position of the 2020/23 Revenue Budget be noted; and
- (2) that approval be given to the proposed budget adjustments contained in Appendix 2 to the report on the basis that none of these adjustments will impact on the current level of service with only vacant posts being deleted.

565 Budget Consultation and Engagement**565**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisation Development, Policy & Communications on proposals to consult and engage with the Inverclyde community as part of the Council's budget decision-making for 2020/23.

Decided: that approval be given to the proposals for budget consultation and engagement set out in the report and that detailed Officer options to be consulted on be progressed following engagement with the Members' Budget Working Group, recognising that the uncertainty over Brexit and/or a General Election could involve Council Officers promoting controversial information during a pre-election period.

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566 Remembrance Sunday – Canadian Armed Forces’ Involvement 566

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications highlighting the pivotal role played by Greenock in welcoming Canadian Forces to the United Kingdom at the start of World War 2 and proposing that a formal invitation be extended to the High Commissioner of Canada, or her representative, to attend the Greenock Remembrance commemorations each year.

Decided:

- (1) that the Council formally extend an invitation to the High Commissioner of Canada, or her representative, to attend the annual Greenock Remembrance commemorations each year; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to the Committee on the Dutch and Norwegian Armed Forces’ connection to Inverclyde and the appropriateness of including Dutch and Norwegian government representatives in future remembrance commemorations.

567 Travel and Subsistence Policy 567

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications seeking approval of an amended Travel and Subsistence Policy.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the amended Travel and Subsistence Policy attached to the report at Appendix 1; and
- (2) that the current rates be approved as interim rates, subject to the finalisation of the budget process in January/February 2020.

568 High-Level Governance Review 568

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services identifying key items of the Council’s governance processes for review by the Committee relating to Thematic Committees, the Committee agenda process, noting reports, consultation documentation and processes, background papers and impact assessments and duration of Committees.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted and the proposals set out in section 5 endorsed.

569 School Transport Funding – Requests from the Education & Communities Committee 569

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on a remit from the Education & Communities Committee of 3 September 2019 requesting (1) that the increased revenue budget funding for providing subsidised buses for St Columba’s High School where no alternative public service route is available be included in the 2020/23 Revenue Budget process and (2) that the cost of providing free transport to secondary school pupils in receipt of free school meals and who live between one and two miles of their school be met from Reserves.

Decided:

- (1) that the increased revenue budget funding for providing subsidised buses for St Columba’s High School where no alternative public service route is available be funded from the unallocated budget pressures allowance in 2020/21; and

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(2) that it be agreed to fund the cost of providing free transport to secondary school pupils in receipt of free school meals and who live between one and two miles of their school with the funding being identified through the budget process.

The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Committee to consider the matter at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.

570 Operation Yellowhammer – Request by Councillor C McEleny

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a request from Councillor C McEleny that the Committee has sight of the Operation Yellowhammer report and gives consideration to any implications there may be to the Inverclyde local authority area as a result of a “No Deal” exit from the European Union on 31 October 2019.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the Operation Yellowhammer report, a copy of which was appended to the report, be noted; and
- (2) that it be noted that the Environment & Regeneration Committee receives updates on EU withdrawal and that Officers participate in working group arrangements with the Civil Contingency Service, and that a further, detailed report, including any mitigating actions, be submitted to the meeting of the Environment & Regeneration Committee scheduled to be held on 31 October 2019 or, if necessary, to a special meeting of that Committee.

Councillor Ahlfeld left the meeting following this item of business.

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.

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571 Review of Members' Support

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on a review of Members' Support as requested by the Committee at its meeting in May 2019, outlining the resources and tasks of the Members' support team and including comparative information obtained from other Councils in relation to their structures and staffing resources.

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

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted and that the situation with the Members' Support team be reviewed in consultation with all Members prior to September 2020 with a report on conclusions being submitted to the Committee.

**572 Joint Collaboration – Audit and Fraud Services
Inverclyde and West Dunbartonshire Councils**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on discussions between senior officers in West Dunbartonshire Council and Inverclyde Council regarding collaboration opportunities around Internal Audit and Fraud Services and (2) seeking approval for shared management arrangements with West Dunbartonshire Council involving the appointment of a Shared Chief Internal Auditor leading two separate Audit and Fraud Teams employed within their respective Councils.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the implementation of the internal audit shared management model between Inverclyde and West Dunbartonshire Councils, including the appointment of the Shared Chief Internal Auditor within West Dunbartonshire Council's management structure; and
- (2) that it be noted that a report providing an update on the matter would be submitted to the Shared Services Joint Committee in October 2019.

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Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 19 September 2019 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Jackson, J McEleny, McVey, Moran and Quinn.

Chair: Councillor McVey presided.

In attendance: Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources, Mr I Hanley (Community Safety & Resilience), Head of Environmental & Public Protection, Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services).

In attendance also: Chief Superintendent A Murray, Chief Inspector D Reilly and Inspector A Martin, Police Scotland, Area Manager G Binning, Group Manager D McCarrey and Station Manager M Meehan, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Convener welcomed to the meeting, Tony McEwan, newly appointed Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources and Chief Superintendent Alan Murray who had recently taken up post as Divisional Commander of K Division, following the retirement of Chief Superintendent Gordon Crossan.

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

573 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 573

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

574 Presentation by Police Scotland on the Digitally Enabled Policing Programme 574

The Board heard a presentation by Inspector Martin on the roll-out across Scotland of 10,000 smart phones to operational officers at constable, sergeant and inspector level, replacing the paper notebook.

Inspector Martin explained that with the new mobile devices, officers would be able, while remaining in the community, to access email addresses, check bail conditions, carry out safety checks, access the voters' roll, access the STORM Command and Control System, take witness statements and submit crime reports, minimising back office demand. It was noted that the local roll-out date was 14 October 2019.

In response to questions from Members, Inspector Martin clarified the following points:-

- (1) When accessing the STORM System, filters were applied, defaulting to K Division after input of the incident number;
- (2) The system was much more secure than the existing paper notebook with all information backed up. While the information was obviously searchable, data could not be interrogated without notification of the reason for this;
- (3) The system had been penetration tested and the devices were waterproof;
- (4) The battery life of the devices was estimated to be approximately three years,

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after which there would be a refresh which had been built into the financial planning. In terms of charging, options were available for re-charging through the normal charger, in-car charger, charging hubs within police stations and small power banks;

(5) Digital Evidence Sharing Capacity (DESC) was not in place at present but would be looked at for the future. At present, advice had been received from the Crown Office that devices should not be used to take photographs except in certain specific circumstances including images of domestic violence and that no videos should be taken except in the case of dying declarations; and

(6) There was no capability to alter the text of electronic witness statements at the point of signature.

575 Police Scotland Performance Report: 1 April 2019 – 30 June 2019

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There was submitted an updated report on the performance and activities of Police Scotland during the reporting period 1 April 2019 to 30 June 2019.

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

During the course of discussion on this item, Chief Superintendent Murray referred to the position in relation to Roads policing. He indicated that despite the assurance given at the Committee in September 2018 that there would be no diminution in service, changes in circumstances had undoubtedly resulted in altered service provision. He assured the Committee that he would continue to make representations for increased provision within K Division although it was not anticipated that levels would return to what they had been before the relocation of the Roads Policing Unit to Govan.

Decided:

- (1) that the information contained in the updated report be noted;
- (2) that a Members' Briefing be made by Police Scotland on the Contact Assessment Model for the risk assessment and prioritisation of calls;
- (3) that the position regarding deliberate car fires in Inverclyde be reported to the next meeting of the Committee; and
- (4) that the Convener write to Police Scotland, on behalf of the Committee, expressing concern regarding the position in relation to Roads policing and seeking a response to the changes in service provision.

576 Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Performance Report: 1 April 2019 – 30 June 2019

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There was submitted a report on performance and activities of the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service during the reporting period 1 April 2019 to 30 June 2019.

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

During the course of discussion on this item, reference was made by Councillor McVey to a recent press article which referred to a claim that Scottish fire crews were taking almost 40 seconds longer to respond to incidents than a decade ago and he asked if any statistics were available in respect of the Inverclyde area.

In this regard, Area Commander Binning indicated that the statistics referred to in the press article were for the period 2011–16 and were therefore at least three years old. He did not anticipate any significant change in the response figures for Inverclyde, (which were not a published performance indicator) primarily because of the particular geography of the area but he undertook to request further information from the Service.

Decided:

- (1) that the information contained in the report be noted; and
- (2) that information be provided to the Committee on incident response times for the

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Inverclyde area.

Councillor Curley left the meeting at this juncture.

577 Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee Update Report (September 2019) 577

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on current and emerging issues relating to both Police and Fire & Rescue Services.

Decided: that the information contained in the report in respect of current and emerging national issues relating to Police and Fire & Rescue matters be noted.

578 Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Update Report (September 2019) 578

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on current work within the Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Strategy Group.

In particular, the Committee noted the update on the roll-out of fire safety training to Inverclyde HSCP homecare staff across the authority area. The Scottish Fire & Rescue Service had advised that this covered 400 staff with a resulting increase in home fire safety visits from homecare staff.

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

Decided:

- (1) that the information contained within the report be noted; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on issues in respect of water safety including (a) the number of working groups currently in operation and the position in respect of representation by HM Coastguard, (b) the position in respect of the work undertaken to identify bodies of water across Inverclyde and the status of the risk assessment to be undertaken and (c) the position in respect of water safety promotion by the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service within secondary schools in Inverclyde.

579 Scottish Government Consultation – Strategic Police Priorities for Scotland 579

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval to submit a response to the Scottish Government consultation in respect of strategic police priorities for Scotland.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the responses contained within the consultation; and
- (2) that it be noted that Elected Members had the opportunity to make further comment regarding the consultation by 26 September 2019, prior to the submission deadline of 3 October 2019.

580 Clune Park Regeneration Plan – Deliberate Fire Raising and Vandalism 580

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental & Public Protection providing an update on an ongoing issue regarding deliberate fire raising and vandalism in the Clune Park Area, Port Glasgow.

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Decided:

- (1) that the prevalence of deliberate fire raising and vandalism within the Clune Park Regeneration Area be noted; and
- (2) that the actions being taken in response be noted.