

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 26 SEPTEMBER 2019

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 26 September 2019 at 4pm

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

Chair: Provost Brennan presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director Education, Communities and 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 and Communications, Chief Internal Auditor and Service Manager – Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety.

In attendance also: Mr D Jamieson and Mr M Laird, Audit Scotland.

581 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 581

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors MacLeod and Murphy.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

582 2018/19 Annual Audit Report to Elected Members and the Controller of Audit 582

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive appending the Annual Audit Report to Elected Members and the Controller of Audit for the financial year to 31 March 2019.

Mr David Jamieson and Mr Mark Laird of Audit Scotland were present and Mr Jamieson spoke to the report and answered a number of questions from Members.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the Annual Report to Members and the Controller of Audit for the financial year ended 31 March 2019 be endorsed and that the Action Plan in Appendix 1 of the Annual Report be approved;
- (2) that the Annual Accounts for Inverclyde Council for the financial year 2018/19 be endorsed and that approval be granted for the signing of the Accounts by the Council Leader, Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer; and
- (3) that the Letter of Representation in Appendix 3 be endorsed and that the signing of the letter by the Chief Financial Officer be approved.

The Council adjourned at 4.15pm to allow the signing of the various documents in connection with the previous item and reconvened at 4.20pm.

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

583	Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee – 6 June 2019	583
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McVey.	
584	The Inverclyde Council – 6 June 2019	584
	Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.	
585	General Purposes Board – 12 June 2019	585
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Quinn.	
586	Planning Board – 13 June 2019	586
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
587	Grants Sub-Committee – 19 June 2019	587
	Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.	
588	Grants Sub-Committee – 26 June 2019	588
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Brooks.	
589	Audit Committee (Special) – 27 June 2019	589
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi.	
590	The Inverclyde Council (Special) – 27 June 2019	590
	Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.	
591	Policy & Resources Committee – 6 August 2019	591
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
592	Local Review Body – 7 August 2019	592
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
593	Grants Sub-Committee – 14 August 2019	593
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Brooks.	

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594	General Purposes Board – 14 August 2019	594
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
595	Audit Committee – 20 August 2019	595
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi.	
596	Health & Social Care Committee – 22 August 2019	596
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.	
597	Environment & Regeneration Committee – 29 August 2019	597
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
598	Education & Communities Committee – 3 September 2019	598
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
599	Planning Board – 4 September 2019	599
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
600	Local Review Body – 4 September 2019	600
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
601	General Purposes Board – 11 September 2019	601
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
602	Policy & Resources Committee – 17 September 2019	602
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
603	Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee – 19 September 2019	603
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McVey.	
604	Review of the Roles of and Support Given to Council Champions	604

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services reviewing the roles of and support given to Council Champions.

Decided:

- (1) that the report be noted; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services in consultation with relevant Officers to implement the changes summarised in paragraph 6.2 of the report.

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605	Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project 2019 – Revised Minute of Agreement	605
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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services (1) advising the Council that South Lanarkshire Council, as lead council, had updated the Minute of Agreement covering the Clyde Valley Project, of which Inverclyde Council was currently a full member, and (2) requesting the Council to enter into a revised Minute of Agreement to continue its participation in the Project as a full member.

Decided:

(1) that it be agreed to enter into the revised Minute of Agreement appended to the report to continue Inverclyde Council's participation in the Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project as a full member, with South Lanarkshire Council acting as lead authority for the project;

(2) that it be noted that in the event that there were no proposed amendments to the Minute of Agreement, South Lanarkshire Council would circulate the Minute of Agreement to full member councils for signing; and

(3) that it be noted that the Minute of Agreement, once approved, would require a Minute of Variation to be signed by all full members to reflect any changes.

606	Treasury Management – Annual Report 2018/19 – Remit from Policy & Resources Committee	606
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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Policy & Resources Committee of 6 August 2019 requesting the Council to approve the Treasury Management Annual Report 2018/19.

Decided: that the Treasury Management Annual Report 2018/19 be approved.

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607	General Purposes Board – 12 June 2019	607
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Approved on the motion of Councillor Quinn.

608	Policy & Resources Committee – 6 August 2019	608
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Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.

609	General Purposes Board – 14 August 2019	609
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Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.

610	Health & Social Care Committee – 22 August 2019	610
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Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.

611	Environment and Regeneration Committee – 29 August 2019	611
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Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.

PLANNING BOARD – 2 OCTOBER 2019

Planning Board

Wednesday 2 October 2019 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Head of Regeneration & Planning, Development & Building Standards Manager, 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.

612 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 612

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

613 PLANNING APPLICATIONS 613

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

**(a) Erection of 6m high flagpole:
Kempock Place, Gourock (19/0192/IC)**

The report recommended that planning permission be granted.

After discussion, Councillor Wilson moved that planning permission be granted. As an amendment, Councillor McKenzie moved that planning permission be refused as (1) the proposed flagpole would add to clutter in the area and (2) there are better locations for siting a flagpole within Gourock town centre.

On a vote, 3 Members, Councillors Crowther, McKenzie and Nelson, voted in favour of the amendment and 7 Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Dorrian, J McEleny, Moran, Murphy, Rebecchi and Wilson, voted in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that planning permission be granted.

**(b) Proposed change of use from existing office to beauty salon (in retrospect):
120 West Blackhall Street, Greenock (19/0214/IC)**

Decided: that planning permission be granted.

LOCAL REVIEW BODY – 2 OCTOBER 2019

Local Review Body

Wednesday 2 October 2019 at 4pm

Present: Councillors Moran (for Clocherty), Crowther, Dorrian, McKenzie, Nelson, Rebecchi and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Mr A Hamilton and Ms M Pickett (Planning Advisers), 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.

614 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 614

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Clocherty, with Councillor Moran substituting.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

615 PLANNING APPLICATION FOR REVIEW 615

Residential development with associated access, open space and landscaping (in principle):

Site Off Lithgow Way, Kingston Dock, Port Glasgow (18/0260/IC)

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review of the refusal of planning permission for residential development with associated access, open space and landscaping (in principle) at a site off Lithgow Way, Kingston Dock, Port Glasgow (18/0260/IC) to enable the Local Review Body to consider the matter afresh.

Mr Hamilton acted as Planning Adviser relative to this case.

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 dismissed and that planning permission be refused (upholding the Appointed Officer's determination) for the following reasons:

1. the proposed development is contrary to Policy 35 of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan in that it involves the development of an area of open space designed within the Plan which is of value to the visual setting and pattern of development of the Port Glasgow Waterfront Area; and

2. the proposed development site forms part of the wider public vista of the River Clyde which contributes to the creation of a successful place and, accordingly, the development of the site would erode this and would fail to have regard to the six qualities of successful places as required by Policy 1 of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan.

Councillors Moran and Nelson left the meeting at this juncture.

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616 CONTINUED PLANNING APPLICATION FOR REVIEW

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**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, consideration of which had been continued from the meeting held on 7 August 2019 to seek information by means of a written submission in terms of Regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Schemes of Delegation and Local Review Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 from the applicant, the Appointed Officer and any other interested parties 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.

Ms Pickett acted as Planning Adviser in relation to this case.

Ms Pickett 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 and, accordingly, Members should not have regard to policies RES1, RES5 and HER1 when considering and determining the application for review.

The meeting adjourned at 4.21pm and re-convened at 4.26pm.

After discussion, Councillor Rebecchi 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) for the following reasons:

1. the proposal by virtue of scale, form and design would adversely impact upon the historical pattern of development and high quality traditional design which gave rise to the designation of the Greenock West End Conservation Area and, as such, the proposal is contrary to Policies 1, 20 and 28;
2. the proposal does not reflect the plot size, proportion of built ground to garden ground, distances to boundaries, established street frontage, roof design and use of materials and colours of properties within the immediate locality. The proposal therefore presents conflicts with the guidance within PAAN2 and PAAN3; and
3. the proposal is contrary to Historic Environment Scotland's Historic Environment Policy for Scotland as it does not seek to preserve or enhance the characteristics of the Conservation Area nor manage change to the historic environment with intelligence and understanding. Furthermore, it is not supported by the "Managing Change in the Historic Environment" guidance note on "Setting" which advises that development which does not respect the scale, design and detailing of existing buildings will not generally be supported.

As an amendment, 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 advisory notes:

1. 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

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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, to protect the amenity of the immediate area, prevent the creation of nuisance due to odours, insects, rodents or birds;

2. all external lighting on the application site should comply with the Scottish Government Guidance Note “Controlling Light Pollution and Reducing Lighting Energy Consumption”, to protect the amenity of the immediate area, the creation of nuisance due to light pollution and to support the reduction of energy consumption;

3. the sound insulation should have regard to advice and standards contained in the current Scottish Building Regulations, to ensure that acceptable noise and vibration levels are not exceeded;

4. (i) 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;

(ii) rats, drains and sewers: prior to the construction phase it is strongly recommended that any existing, but redundant, sewer/drainage connections should be sealed to prevent rat infestation and inhibit the movement of rats within the area via the sewers/drains;

(iii) the applicant should be fully aware of the Construction (Design & Management) Regulations 2015 (CDM 2015) and their implications on client duties etc; and

(iv) design and construction of buildings – gulls: it is very strongly recommended that appropriate measures be taken in the design of all buildings and their construction, to inhibit the roosting and nesting of gulls. Such measures are intended to reduce nuisance to, and intimidation of, persons living, working and visiting the development.

On a vote, 2 Members, Councillors Crowther and McKenzie, voted for the amendment and 3 Members, Councillors Dorrian, Rebecchi 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 dismissed and that planning permission be refused (upholding the Appointed Officer’s determination) for the following reasons:

1. the proposal by virtue of scale, form and design would adversely impact upon the historical pattern of development and high quality traditional design which gave rise to the designation of the Greenock West End Conservation Area and, as such, the proposal is contrary to Policies 1, 20 and 28;

2. the proposal does not reflect the plot size, proportion of built ground to garden ground, distances to boundaries, established street frontage, roof design and use of materials and colours of properties within the immediate locality. The proposal therefore presents conflicts with the guidance within PAAN2 and PAAN3; and

3. the proposal is contrary to Historic Environment Scotland’s Historic Environment Policy for Scotland as it does not seek to preserve or enhance the characteristics of the Conservation Area nor manage change to the historic environment with intelligence and understanding. Furthermore, it is not supported by the “Managing Change in the Historic Environment” guidance note on “Setting” which advises that development which does not respect the scale, design and detailing of existing buildings will not generally be supported.

Policy and Resources Executive Sub-Committee**Thursday 3 October 2019 at 1.30pm**

Present: Provost Brennan (for Councillor Clocherty), Councillors Ahlfeld, McCabe, J McEleny (for C McEleny), Robertson and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Head of Legal & Property Services, Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services), Chief Financial Officer, Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications and Service Manager – Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety.

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

617 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 617

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Clocherty, with Provost Brennan substituting, and Councillor C McEleny, with Councillor J McEleny substituting.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

618 Period Covered by the Budget 618

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer seeking approval to amend the current Budget Strategy in relation to the period covered by the Revenue Budget and the implications for the planned communication with employees together with publication of savings proposals.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted and that approval be given to the proposal to amend the current Budget Strategy and the revised timescales in Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (2) that the new timescales for considering the savings proposals as set out in Appendix 2 be noted.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 9 OCTOBER 2019

General Purposes Board**Wednesday 9 October 2019 at 3pm**

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

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr D Keenan (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Property Services) and Sergeant R Brooks (Police Scotland).

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

619 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 619

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

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.

620 Application for Renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence 620

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.

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 17 OCTOBER 2019

Environment & Regeneration Committee**Thursday 17 October 2019 at 3pm**

Present: Councillors Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, McCabe, McCormick, J McEleny, McKenzie and Nelson.

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Ms H Watson (for Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership), Head of Legal & Property Services, Legal Services Manager (Procurement, Conveyancing & Information Governance), Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services), Chief Financial Officer and Head of Environmental & Public Protection.

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

621 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 621

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Ahlfeld and Jackson.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

622 Withdrawal from the European Union - Update 622

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.

Following consideration, Councillor Brooks moved that the actions taken to mitigate the negative impact of a “No Deal” European Union exit in Inverclyde be approved. As an amendment, Councillor McCabe moved that the actions taken to mitigate the impact of a “No Deal” European Union exit in Inverclyde be approved.

On a vote, 1 Member, Councillor Brooks, voted for the motion and 7 Members, Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, McCabe, McCormick, J McEleny and Nelson, voted for the amendment which was declared carried. Councillor McKenzie abstained from voting.

Decided: that the actions taken to mitigate the impact of a “No Deal” European Union exit in Inverclyde be approved.

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 22 OCTOBER 2019

Audit Committee**Tuesday 22 October 2019 at 3pm**

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

Chair: Councillor Rebecchi presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Service Manager, Community Learning & Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport, 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).

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

623 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 623

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

624 Internal Audit Progress Report – 29 July to 27 September 2019 624

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 29 July to 27 September 2019.

Decided: that the monitoring report in respect of Internal Audit activity for the period 29 July to 27 September 2019 be noted.

625 External Audit Action Plans – Current Actions 625

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the status of current actions from External Audit Action Plans as at 30 September 2019.

Decided: that progress to date in relation to the implementation of External Audit actions 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 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.

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626 Appendix Relative to Item 2 Providing Information on a Special Investigation 626

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

Decided: that the contents of the appendix be noted.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE – 24 OCTOBER 2019

Health & Social Care Committee

Thursday 24 October 2019 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Brooks, Clocherty (for Dorrian), Jackson, 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 Strategy & Support Services, Head of Children's Services & Criminal Justice, Ms A Hunter (for Head of Mental Health, Addictions & Homelessness), Ms S White (for Chief Financial Officer), Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Property Services Manager 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.

627 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 627

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

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 3 (Inverclyde Community Justice Partnership Annual Report 2018-19) – Councillor Robertson;
Agenda Item 6 (Dementia Update) – Councillor Crowther.

628 Revenue and Capital Budget – Projected 2019/20 Revenue Outturn as at 31 August 2019 628

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership and the Chief Financial Officer on the projected outturn on Revenue and Capital for 2019/20 as at Period 5, 31 August 2019.

Decided:

- (1) that the current year Revenue outturn projected overspend of £15,000 at 31 August 2019 be noted;
- (2) that the current projected Capital position be noted; and
- (3) that the current Earmarked Reserves position be noted.

629 Inverclyde Community Justice Partnership Annual Report 2018-19 629

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on the Inverclyde Community Justice Partnership Annual Report 2018-19.

Councillor Robertson declared a financial interest in this item as the result of a remuneration contract with Stepwell Consultancy Ltd which had been engaged to undertake work in connection with Community Justice and she left the meeting prior to

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its consideration.

Decided:

- (1) that the Inverclyde Community Justice Partnership Annual Report 2018-19 be noted; and
- (2) that approval be given to submission of the Annual Report to Community Justice Scotland, pending the addressing of any necessary amendments.

Councillor Robertson returned to the meeting at this juncture.

630 Update on Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan**630**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on the progress of the Inverclyde Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan (RRTP) and the proposed use of the funding allocation from the Scottish Government.

Decided:

- (1) that the content of the report and the submission of the third version of the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan to the Scottish Government be noted;
- (2) that agreement be given to progress the implementation of a Housing First approach and that discussion be entered into with the Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) on the requirement for a RRTP Partnership Officer employed by a RSL; and
- (3) that agreement be given to future Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan updates following implementation of the Housing First model.

631 Whole System Approach**631**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising of new Scottish Government funding to support local authorities with a reinvigoration and extension of the Whole System Approach to youth offending.

Decided:

- (1) that the report be noted;
- (2) that the development of services to provide interventions to vulnerable and high-risk young people up to the age of 21, or 26 if care-experienced, be endorsed; and
- (3) that the development and implementation of a consistent model of risk assessment and management for vulnerable high-risk young people be endorsed.

632 Dementia Update**632**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update in relation to Dementia work in Inverclyde.

Councillor Crowther declared a non-financial interest in this item as the relative of a service user. 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 it be noted that Inverclyde HSCP had been identified as a national testing site for developing Dementia care co-ordination;
- (2) that the addition of an Improvement Adviser for 24 months, resourced by IHub Scotland, to progress the work in Inverclyde be noted;

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(3) that it be noted that further update reports would be submitted on a six monthly basis; and

(4) that it be agreed that the future use of the Earmarked Reserve be linked to the test of change activity associated with the new care co-ordination work.

633 Mental Health Strategy and Improvement Programmes

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on developments to take forward the Mental Health Strategy within Inverclyde and appending the Mental Health Strategic Needs Assessment.

Decided:

(1) that the progress made in the delivery of Mental Health improvement in Inverclyde be noted;

(2) that the content of, and key evidence within, the Mental Health Strategic Needs Assessment be noted;

(3) that it be agreed that further regular update reports be submitted to the Committee; and

(4) that proposals for an outcomes framework in relation to the Mental Health Strategy be submitted to the Committee.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

634 Reporting by Exception – 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.

Decided:

(1) that the governance report for the period 20 July to 20 September 2019 be noted;

(2) that Members acknowledge that Officers regard the control mechanisms in place through both governance meetings and the managing poorly performing services guidance within the Contract Management Framework as sufficiently robust to ensure ongoing quality and safety and the fostering of a commissioning culture of continuous improvement; and

(3) that a report be submitted to the Committee providing information on the operation of self-directed support.

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 31 OCTOBER 2019

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 31 October 2019 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Jackson, McCabe, McCormick, C McEleny (for J McEleny), McKenzie and Nelson.

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Ms A Hunter (for Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership), 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, Ms J Stitt (Environmental & Public Protection), Head of Regeneration & Planning 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.

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

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

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:-

Agenda Item 3 (Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2019/20 to 2022/23 – Progress) – Councillor Curley;
 Agenda Item 4 (Workforce Development Update) – Councillor Ahlfeld;
 Agenda Item 7 (Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy 2017-2022: 2019 Update) – Councillors Brooks and Curley;
 Agenda Item 12 (Play Area Strategy – Investment Funding Update) – Councillors Brooks and Curley;
 Agenda Item 15 (Road Naming within New Development at James Watt Dock, Greenock) – Councillor Curley;
 Agenda Item 18 (King George VI Building – 9-11 King Street, Port Glasgow) – Councillor McKenzie;
 Agenda Item 23 (Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report: Update on Current Actions) – Councillor Curley;
 Agenda Item 24 (Property Assets Management Report) – Councillor Curley; and
 Agenda Item 25 (Riverside Inverclyde – Company Restructure) – Councillors Clocherty, McKenzie and Nelson.

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The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership was relevant, competent and urgent, moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the 2019/20 Annual Assurance Statement, if agreed, to be submitted to the Scottish Housing Regulator on 31 October 2019. This was agreed unanimously.

636 Scottish Housing Regulator 636

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership (1) advising of the Scottish Housing Regulator's new requirement for the Council to produce an Annual Assurance Statement and (2) seeking approval to submit the 2019/20 Annual Assurance Statement to the Regulator on 31 October 2019.

Decided:

- (1) that it be noted that the Scottish Housing Regulator has published a new Regulatory Framework and guidance; and
- (2) that the 2019/20 Annual Assurance Statement covering the relevant information be noted and that approval be given to its submission to the Scottish Housing Regulator on 31 October 2019.

637 Environment & Regeneration 2019/20 Revenue Budget – Period 5 (31 August 2019) 637

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising the Committee of the 2019/20 Revenue Budget position as at Period 5 to 31 August 2019.

Decided:

- (1) that the current projected underspend of £82,000 for 2019/20 as at 31 August 2019 be noted; and
- (2) that approval be given to the virement detailed in section 7 and Appendix 5 of the report.

638 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2019/20 to 2022/23 – Progress 638

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.

The Head of Environmental & Public Protection requested that the Committee delegate authority to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the lowest acceptable tender for the cremator replacement, rather than himself.

Councillor Curley declared a non-financial in this item as a Board Member of Boglestone Community Association. 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 current position of the 2019/23 Capital Programme and the progress on the specific projects detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 be noted;

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(2) that the Committee note the current over expenditure of £0.077m for the District Court Room Restoration and 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;

(3) that approval be given to the issue of tenders for the cremator replacement and that authority be delegated to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the lowest acceptable tender providing the cost is within the budget allocation for the project; and

(4) that a report on the operation of the crematorium whilst the cremator replacement project is being undertaken be submitted to the Committee.

639 Workforce Development Update**639**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning providing an update on the Council's services and contracts relating to Workforce Development. Councillor Ahlfeld declared a non-financial in this item as a Board Member of Inverclyde Community Development Trust. 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 services that are offered and the current contracted and in-house service performance be noted and that it be noted that a tender exercise will be undertaken for future provision, the outcome of which will duly be reported to the Committee.

**640 Upper Kirn Drive, Gourock
Proposed Residential Development and Road Widening****640**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing further information requested by the Committee at the meeting on 29 August 2019 in relation to roads and traffic options associated with residential development at Kirn Drive, Gourock.

Decided:

(1) that the roads and traffic options associated with residential development at Kirn Drive, Gourock as set out in the report be noted; and

(2) that, having regard to the representations received in response to the public open space consultation, the Head of Legal & Property Services be instructed to withdraw from negotiations for this proposed disposal.

641 Development Plan Update**641**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) providing an update on Development Plan coverage within Inverclyde and (2) seeking approval/adoption of associated documents.

Decided:

(1) that it be noted that Inverclyde has up-to-date Development Plan coverage;

(2) that agreement be given to adoption of the Supplementary Guidance on Enabling Development attached to the report at Appendix 1;

(3) that the 2019 Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement attached to the report at Appendix 2 be approved; and

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(4) that the West Renfrew Hills Local Landscape Area: Statement of Importance attached to the report at Appendix 3 be approved.

642 Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy 2017-2022: 2019 Update 642

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on the progress to date on the implementation of the Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy 2017-2022 outcomes and action plan.

Councillors Brooks and Curley declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Board Members of River Clyde Homes. They also formed the view that the nature of their interest and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision-making process.

Decided: that approval be given to the 2019 update on the Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy 2017-2022, a copy of which was appended to the report, and the progress made to date.

643 Consultation on Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 Part 1: Draft Revised Guidance for Local Authorities and National Park Authorities 2019 643

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) advising of the Scottish Government's consultation on the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 Part 1: Draft Revised Guidance for Local Authorities and National Park Authorities 2019 and (2) seeking approval of the Council's response to the consultation.

Decided: that approval be given to the Council's consultation response to the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 Part 1: Draft Revised Guidance for Local Authorities and National Park Authorities 2019 as set out in section 5 of the report.

644 Scottish Government Consultation on the Role of Public Sector Bodies in Tackling Climate Change 644

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the Scottish Government's consultation on the role of public sector bodies in tackling climate change and (2) seeking approval of the response submitted on behalf of the Council.

Decided: that approval be given to the Council's response to the consultation on the role of public sector bodies in tackling climate change as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

645 Withdrawal from the European Union - Update 645

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 approval be given to the actions taken to mitigate the impact of a "No Deal" European Union exit in Inverclyde.

- 646 Play Area Strategy – Investment Funding Update 646**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on the Play Area Strategy.
- Councillors Brooks and Curley declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Board Members of River Clyde Homes. They also formed the view that the nature of their interest and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision-making process.
- Decided:**
- (1) that approval be given to the distribution of the allocated budget of £250,000 to the Rainbow Centre MUGA (£90,000) and expansion of accessible play equipment (£120,000) split over two financial years; and
 - (2) that it be remitted to Officers to discuss with River Clyde Homes the siting of a new play area in the Broomhill area on a joint funded basis and that £40,000 be set aside for this purpose.
- 647 Craigmuschat Quarry Recycling Centre 647**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental & Public Protection providing an update on developments at Kirn Drive and Craigmuschat Quarry.
- Decided:**
- (1) that Officers submit a planning application to continue to use Craigmuschat Quarry as a recycling centre;
 - (2) that Officers provide a costed project plan to retain Craigmuschat Quarry as a Civic Amenity Site on a permanent basis; and
 - (3) that a report be submitted to the Committee on the proposals set out at (2) above.
- 648 Scottish Government Funding for Bus Priority Routes – Request by Councillor Curley 648**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a request received from Councillor Curley relative to Scottish Government funding for bus priority routes.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the terms of Councillor Curley's request be noted; and
 - (2) that an All Members' Briefing on the Transport (Scotland) Bill be arranged and, once the Bill is enacted, that a report on the Act, including the issues raised in Councillor Curley's request, be submitted to the Committee.
- 649 Road Naming within New Development at James Watt Dock, Greenock 649**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to name new roads being created within the River Clyde Homes development at James Watt Dock, Greenock.
- Councillor Curley declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a Board Member of River Clyde Homes. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision-making process.

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The Head of Regeneration & Planning advised the Committee that Councillor MacLeod, one of the Ward Councillors, had suggested the name James Watt Dock Road for the road it was proposed to name Great Harbour Place. This suggestion had not been taken forward by Officers and it was noted that Councillor MacLeod accepted the position.

Decided: that the new road within the development at James Watt Dock leading from Douglas Rae Road be named Jackson Place and that the new road leading from Jackson Place be named Great Harbour Way.

Councillor C McEleny left the meeting at this juncture.

650 Greenock Waterfront – Consultations on Stopping-Up Order and Core Path Realignment 650

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the outcome of two separate consultations on a proposed Stopping-Up Order and a Core Path Amendment as required by the erection of a new cruise ship terminal at the Waterfront Car Park, Greenock.

Decided:

(1) that the outcome of the consultation on the Stopping-Up Order and the subsequent confirmation of the Order on 5 September 2019 be noted and that it be noted that, following the confirmation of the Stopping-Up Order, the Council is required to amend the Core Paths Plan in line with the Order under Section 20(4) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, as amended; and

(2) that approval be given to the amendment of the Core Paths Plan, in line with Stopping-Up Order, under Section 20(4) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, as amended.

651 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 3 2019 651

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order to accompany the provision of parking places for the disabled.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 3 2019 and that it be remitted to the Shared Head of Service (Roads) and the Head of Legal & Property Services to arrange for implementation of the Order.

652 King George VI Building – 9-11 King Street, Port Glasgow 652

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) providing an update on the works required to make the King George VI Building structurally sound, wind and watertight, (2) seeking approval to increase the cost of the works to £1m and (3) advising of the use of the emergency powers procedure to approve recommencement of the works.

Councillor McKenzie declared a non-financial interest in this item as a member of the King George VI Strategy Committee. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision-making process.

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Decided:

- (1) that the current position regarding the structural condition and funding position in respect of the King George VI building be noted;
- (2) that expenditure of all of the available budget be approved; and
- (3) that the use of the emergency powers procedure to approve the recommencement of the works be noted.

653 Craigend Resource Centre – Transfer of Land and Open Space Consultation 653

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking authority to transfer ownership of two areas of land at McLeod Street, Greenock to Craigend Resource Centre Ltd (CRC) to facilitate their plans to build a new facility to accommodate a wider range of activities on the basis of the Heads of Terms detailed within the report, together with addendum report on the outcome of the open space consultation recently carried out in order to obtain and consider the views of the community in relation to the proposed transfer.

The Head of Legal & Property Services advised the Committee that CRC had indicated that it would require ownership of the two sites which would require clawback and buyback arrangements.

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

Decided:

- (1) that the outcome of the open space consultation relative to the proposed building of a new facility at Craigend Resource Centre, Greenock and the terms of the representations received be noted; and
- (2) that, having regard to those representations, it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services in consultation with further appropriate Officers to proceed to conclude a bargain for the sale of the two sites at McLeod Street, Greenock shown outlined on the plan attached to the report at Appendix 1 and amounting to 1,530 sq m, or thereby, to Craigend Resource Centre Ltd to support the proposed new facility at Craigend Resource Centre, Greenock for no consideration but that subject to their obtaining appropriate planning permission for the project and otherwise on terms and conditions acceptable to the Head of Legal & Property Services and the Chief Financial Officer.

654 Items for Noting 654

There were submitted for reports for noting by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on (1) Stopping Up Order – The Stopping Up of Road and Footpaths, Inverclyde (Slaemuir Avenue, Port Glasgow) Order 2019 and (2) Glasgow City Region Annual Performance Report (April 2018 – March 2019).

Decided: that the content of the reports be noted.

Councillor Ahlfeld returned to the meeting at this juncture.

655 Riverside Inverclyde – Company Re-structure 655

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising of the proposal to revise Riverside Inverclyde's Articles of Association to include a change in the structure and composition of the Riverside Inverclyde Board and the effect on the number of Council nominees to the Riverside Inverclyde Board.

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Decided:

- (1) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, in consultation with the Head of Legal & Property Services and the Chief Financial Officer, and in partnership with Scottish Enterprise, to take all appropriate legal steps to (a) change the Articles of Association of Riverside Inverclyde and (b) change the structure and composition of the Riverside Inverclyde Board as set out in paragraph 5.4 of the report; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the December 2019 meeting of the Council to determine the two Council nominees to the Riverside Inverclyde Board.

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 enable the projects, if approved, to proceed at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.

656 Active Travel Funded Projects**656**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on proposals to deliver Active Travel funded projects.

Decided: that the project list set out at paragraph 5.1 of the report be noted and approved.

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)
Greenock Ocean Terminal – Final Business Case (Terminal Building)	6
West of Scotland Loan Fund	6
Upper Kirn Dive, Gourock Proposed Residential Development and Road Widening	1
Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report: Update on Current Actions	6, 9, 12 & 13
Property Assets Management Report	2, 6 & 9

657 Greenock Ocean Terminal – Final Business Case (Terminal Building)**657**

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

Decided:

- (1) that agreement be given to the submission of the Final Business Case for Greenock Ocean Terminal (Terminal Building);
- (2) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, in consultation with the Head of Legal & Property Services and the Chief Financial Officer, to take all steps to conclude a Funding Agreement with the Dunard Fund and the lease of part of the Ocean Terminal Building and any other agreements that are necessary with the George Wyllie Foundation 2019; and
- (3) that authority be delegated to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender for the construction of the Ocean Terminal Building (Option 3), subject to Final Business Case approval from the City Deal Cabinet and provided the cost is within the budget allocation for the project.

658 West of Scotland Loan Fund**658**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) providing an update on the current status of the West of Scotland Loan Fund Ltd and (2) seeking approval to withdraw surplus funds from the Company, to transfer the funds to Business Loans Scotland to cover ERDF liabilities, to transfer the existing WSLF loan book and to amend the Articles of Association of Business Loans Scotland.

Decided:

- (1) that the content of the report and the current status of the West of Scotland Loan Fund Ltd (WSLF) be noted; and
- (2) that approval be given to amend the Business Loans Scotland Articles of Association to enable individual member authorities to make decisions on the remaining funding within the WSLF.

**659 Upper Kirn Dive, Gourock
Proposed Residential Development and Road Widening****659**

There was submitted appendix relative to agenda item 5 (Upper Kirn Drive, Gourock Proposed Residential Development and Road Widening) comprising individual letters from petitioners and individual representations.

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

660 Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report: Update on Current Actions**660**

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 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.

661 Property Assets Management Report**661**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources making recommendations in respect of a number of property assets. 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. Following consideration, the Committee agreed to take action, all as detailed in the appendix.

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Education and Communities Committee

Tuesday 5 November 2019 at 2pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Clocherty, Curley, Crowther (for MacLeod), McCabe, C McEleny, McVey, Jackson (for Murphy), Quinn, Robertson and Wilson, Rev. F Donaldson, Rev. D Burt and Mrs F Gilpin, Church Representatives, Ms A McMillan, Parent Representative and Ms P McEwan, Teacher Representative.

Chair: Councillor Clocherty presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources, Head of Education, Service Manager, Community Learning & Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport, Libraries, Education Development & Arts Manager, Mr I Cameron (for Chief Financial Officer), Ms G Murphy (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services), Service Manager, Communications Tourism and Health & Safety, Property Services Manager and Early Years Manager.

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

662 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 662

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor MacLeod, with Councillor Crowther substituting, and Councillor Murphy, with Councillor Jackson substituting.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 4 (Inverclyde Leisure: Annual Report 2018/19) – Councillors Clocherty and Quinn.

Agenda Item 5 (Consultation on Inverclyde’s Draft Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2020-2025) – Councillor Curley.

Agenda Item 16 (Beacon Arts Centre Update) – Councillors Clocherty and Robertson.

Agenda Item 17 (Whinhill Golf Course) – Councillors Clocherty and Quinn.

663 Communities 2019/20 Revenue Budget - Period 5 to 31 August 2019 663

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the position of the 2019/20 Communities Revenue Budget as at Period 5 to 31 August 2019.

Decided: that the current projected overspend of £28,000 in the 2019/20 Communities Revenue Budget as at Period 5 to 31 August 2019 be noted.

664 Communities Capital Programme 2019-2023 Progress 664

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 Communities Capital Programme and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.

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(Councillor C McEleny entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

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

665 Inverclyde Leisure: Annual Report 2018/19 665

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development appending Inverclyde Leisure's Annual Report 2018/19. 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: that the Inverclyde Leisure Annual Report 2018/19 be noted.

666 Consultation on Inverclyde's Draft Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2020-2025 666

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval to consult on Inverclyde's Draft Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2020-2025 to replace the current strategy.

Councillor Curley declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Member of the Board 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:

- (1) that the draft Inverclyde Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2020-2025, to be issued for consultation, be noted;
- (2) that approval be given to the community consultation and timescales set out in the report with the aim of seeking the views and experiences of individuals and community groups in relation to anti-social behaviour; and
- (3) that the finalised Inverclyde Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2020-2025 be submitted to the Committee in March 2020.

667 No Knives, Better Lives 667

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) providing (a) an update in respect of the national programme, No Knives, Better Lives (NKBL), a primary prevention initiative which specifically addressed the issue of knife carrying in Scotland, (b) a summary of work by the NKBL Delivery Team at YouthLink Scotland and (c) an update regarding previous NKBL activity in Inverclyde and (2) seeking approval for future activity in Inverclyde.

Decided:

- (1) that the ongoing work undertaken by the NKBL Delivery Team at YouthLink Scotland, particularly the work in its tenth year be noted;
- (2) that the summary of NKBL work carried out in Inverclyde be noted;
- (3) that it be agreed that a further update regarding the national ten year evaluation of NKBL be submitted to the Committee;
- (4) that the use of the Crime Stoppers 'Fearless' Programme and its links to NKBL delivery in Inverclyde be endorsed;
- (5) that approval be given to the NKBL Delivery Plan for Inverclyde; and
- (6) that the contribution of local resident Mr John Muir as a campaigner against the carrying of knives be recognised by the Committee.

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668 Items for Noting (Communities)

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There were submitted reports for noting by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on (1) the Watt Institution; (2) the Inverclyde Violence Against Women Multi-Agency Partnership 2018/19 Update; and (3) 16 Days of Activism to Eliminate Violence Against Women 2019.

Decided: that the content of the reports 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 two items on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as are set opposite the heading to each item.

Item	Paragraph(s)
Beacon Arts Centre Update	6
Whinhill Golf Course	1, 6 & 9

669 Beacon Arts Centre Update

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on progress with the Beacon Arts Centre.

Councillors Clocherty and Robertson declared a non-financial interest in this item as Members of the Board of Greenock Arts Guild Ltd. They also formed the view that the nature of their interest and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision-making process.

Decided: that the progress made by the Greenock Arts Guild Board in relation to the Beacon Arts Centre be noted.

670 Whinhill Golf Course

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval for the running of Whinhill Golf Course and facilities to be transferred from Inverclyde Council to Inverclyde Leisure from April 2020.

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.

The Committee agreed, following a vote, (1) to approve Inverclyde Leisure taking over the management of Whinhill Golf Course and facilities from April 2020 and (2) to note the staffing implications, all as detailed in the appendix.

The Communities business concluded at 3.45pm. The Committee commenced consideration of the Education items of business at 4pm with Councillor Wilson, Rev. Donaldson, Rev. Burt, Mrs Gilpin, Ms McMillan and Ms McEwan joining the

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meeting.

671 Education 2019/20 Revenue Budget – Period 5 to 31 August 2019 671

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the position of the 2019/20 Education Revenue Budget as at Period 5 to 31 August 2019.

Decided:

- (1) that the current projected overspend of £166,000 in the 2019/20 Education Revenue Budget as at Period 5 to 31 August 2019 be noted; and
- (2) that the work underway to assist in the reduction of the projected overspend be noted.

672 Education Capital Programme 2019-23 Progress 672

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.

673 Active Schools Performance 2018/19 673

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the Active Schools Team performance in the school year 2018/19.

Decided:

- (1) that the content of the report be noted;
- (2) that the performance report summary and report in appendices 2 and 3 be noted; and
- (3) that the role of volunteers in the Active Schools Programme be acknowledged.

674 Update on Progress of the Scottish Attainment Challenge 674

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update in respect of the progress and impact of the Attainment Challenge in Inverclyde.

Decided: that the ongoing progress of the Scottish Attainment Challenge project in Inverclyde be noted.

675 Care Inspectorate Grades for Early Learning and Childcare 675

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development informing the Committee of the grades awarded by the Care Inspectorate to both local authority Early Learning and Childcare establishments and funded providers.

Decided: that the content of the report be noted.

676 Glasgow City Region Improvement Collaborative 2019/22 Plan 676

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities &

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Organisational Development (1) providing an update on the Glasgow City Region Improvement Collaborative 2019/22 Plan and (2) advising of the recent evaluation of the 2018/19 Plan.

Decided: that the contents of the evaluation of the 2018/19 Regional Improvement Plan and the 2019/22 Regional Improvement Plan for the West Partnership be noted.

677 Report on Intake for St Columba's High School for Academic Year 2020/21 677

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval to accept up to 140 pupils into St. Columba's High School for the academic year 2020/21 and to undertake a pre-consultation exercise to ascertain the future requirements for Roman Catholic education for village schools, particularly in the west of Inverclyde.

Decided:

(1) that it be agreed that the maximum intake for St. Columba's High School be 140 for academic year 2020/21;

(2) that it be agreed that a pre-consultation process be undertaken (a) to explore whether there required to be a change to the admission policy which allowed pupils from the village primary schools of Wemyss Bay, Inverkip and Kilmacolm to choose denomination at the point of transfer to secondary school and (b) to ascertain the possible future demand for Roman Catholic education in the west of Inverclyde; and

(3) that it be agreed that a further report be submitted to the Committee in January 2020 outlining the outcome of the pre-consultation process and making recommendations for any statutory consultation, if required.

Councillor C McEleny left the meeting at this juncture.

678 Items for Noting (Education) 678

There was submitted a report for noting by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on an overview of college provision at the West College Scotland Greenock campuses.

Decided: that the content of the report be noted.

PLANNING BOARD – 6 NOVEMBER 2019

Planning BoardWednesday 6 November 2019 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Head of Regeneration & Planning, Development & Building Standards Manager, 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.

679 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 679

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor McVey, with Councillor Ahlfeld substituting, and Councillor Murphy.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

680 PLANNING APPLICATION 680

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning on an application for planning permission by Mr C Canata for the erection of a dwellinghouse and garage (amendment to planning permission 16/0319/IC) at vacant site, 13 Dunvegan Avenue, Gourrock (19/0158/IC).

The report recommended that planning permission be granted subject to a number of conditions.

Following discussion, 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 to allow the Board to receive legal advice from Mr Kerr on the grounds that this involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 12 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

Following consideration of and discussion on the legal advice provided to the Board, the public and press were re-admitted to the meeting.

After further discussion, Councillor Clocherty moved that planning permission be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report. As an amendment, Councillor Rebecchi moved that consideration of the matter be continued for a site visit to be arranged by the Head of Legal & Property Services in consultation with the Chair. As a further amendment, Councillor Crowther moved that planning permission be refused as the materials used in the construction of the dwellinghouse do not comply with planning permission 16/0319/IC and, as such, the design of the dwellinghouse is not acceptable.

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On a vote between the two amendments, 2 Members, Councillors J McEleny and Rebecchi, voted for the amendment by Councillor Rebecchi and 4 Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Crowther, McKenzie and Wilson, voted for the amendment by Councillor Crowther. 4 Members, Councillors Clocherty, Dorrian, Moran and Nelson abstained from voting. Councillor Rebecchi's amendment, having received fewer votes, then fell.

On a vote between the motion and the amendment by Councillor Crowther, 4 Members, Councillors Clocherty, Dorrian, Moran and Nelson, voted for the motion and 5 Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Crowther, J McEleny, McKenzie and Wilson, voted for the amendment which was declared carried. 1 Member, Councillor Rebecchi, abstained from voting.

Decided: that planning permission be refused as the materials used in the construction of the dwellinghouse do not comply with planning permission 16/0319/IC and, as such, the design of the dwellinghouse is not acceptable.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 13 NOVEMBER 2019

General Purposes BoardWednesday 13 November 2019 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr D Keenan (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Ms F Denver (Legal & Property Services) and Sergeant M Singh (Police Scotland).

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

681 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 681

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Ahlfeld and MacLeod. There were no substitutions.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

682 Taxi Fares Review 2019 682

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to determine the taxi fare scale and charges following its annual review.

Mr Keenan advised the Board that no objections or representations were received within the statutory time period of one month following the date of advertisement.

Decided: that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to make the necessary arrangements to implement the new taxi fares and scale charges with effect of 1 December 2019.

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

683 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence 683

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to uphold the immediate suspension of a Taxi Driver's Licence and consider whether or not to further suspend the licence as the Board may determine, to which, the Board agreed, all as detailed in the appendix.

684 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence**684**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to uphold the immediate suspension of a Taxi Driver's Licence and consider whether or not to further suspend the licence as the Board may determine, to which, the Board agreed, all as detailed in the appendix.

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 19 NOVEMBER 2019

Policy & Resources Committee

Tuesday 19 November 2019 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Head of Legal & Property Services, Ms C Craig-McDonald and Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services), Chief Financial Officer, Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications, Ms A Rainey (Organisational Development, Policy & Communications), Corporate Policy, Performance & Partnership Manager, Procurement, Regeneration & Building Services Manager and Service Manager – Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety.

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

685 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 685

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, MacLeod and Robertson declared interests in Agenda Item 11 (Governance of External Organisations – Annual Update).

At this juncture, Councillor Ahlfeld requested that Agenda Item 18 (Equal Pay Claims) be taken in public. The Head of Legal & Property Services explained that the report contained exempt information in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended by way of internal and external legal advice, together with implications and consequences, and he therefore advised that it should be considered following the exclusion of the public and press from the meeting and this was agreed.

686 2019/20 General Fund Revenue Budget as at 30 September 2019 686

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the position of the General Fund Revenue Budget as at 30 September 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.

687 2019/23 Capital Programme 687

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the latest position of the 2019/23 Capital Programme.

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Decided: that the current position of the 2019/23 Capital Programme be noted.

688 Policy & Resources Committee 2019/20 Revenue & Capital Budget – Period 6 to 30 September 2019 688

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 position of the 2019/20 Revenue and Capital Budget as at Period 6 to 30 September 2019.

Decided:

- (1) that the 2019/20 Revenue Budget projected underspend of £1,488,000 as at Period 6 to 30 September 2019, be noted;
- (2) that the projected 2019/20 surplus of £48,600 for the Common Good Fund be noted; and
- (3) that the current projected Capital position be noted.

689 Welfare Reform Update 689

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing an update on current developments in relation to Welfare Reform.

The Chief Financial Officer advised the Committee that HMRC had now advised the Council that it did not consent to the reuse of DWP data to optimise access to education benefits. He indicated that the Scottish Government and CoSLA were continuing to pursue the matter.

Decided:

- (1) that the various updates contained in the report be noted;
- (2) that the increase in take up in Education benefits approved as part of the 2019/20 budget be noted and that it be noted that funding is in place to make this increase;
- (3) that it be agreed that, due to the transfer of certain duties relating to Universal Credit claims to Citizens' Advice Scotland, funding previously provided to Future Skills from the Anti-Poverty Fund discontinue from 31 March 2020;
- (4) that the Council continue to pursue the reuse of DWP data to optimise access to education benefits and work with the Scottish Government and CoSLA in this regard and that the implications of pursuing judicial review be included in the next update report to the Committee; and
- (5) that the Committee's thanks be extended to all HSCP Advice Service Welfare Rights Officers who had provided representation at Personal Independence Payment Tribunal Hearings.

690 Insurance Fund Position as at 30 September 2019 690

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the position of the Council's Insurance Fund as at 30 September 2019 and (2) highlighting relevant issues.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the report and the Insurance Fund position as at 30 September 2019 be noted; and
- (2) that it be noted that any adjustment to the annual contribution to the Fund following the recent Actuarial Review will be included in the February 2020 budget committee report.

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691 Treasury Management – Mid-Year Report 2019/20**691**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the operation of the treasury function and its activities for the first six months of 2019/20 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 Mid-Year Report on Treasury Management for 2019/20 and the ongoing work to ensure the delivery of financial benefits for the Council be noted;
- (2) that approval be given to the Prudential Repayment policy for Loan Charges principal repayments as shown in Appendix 3 and that the £1,400,000 one-off and £400,000 recurring saving generated by the Loan Charges review be noted; and
- (3) that the Mid-Year Report be remitted to the Inverclyde Council for approval.

692 Contract Awards – 1 April 2019 to 30 September 2019**692**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising the Committee of contracts awarded for the supply of goods or materials, provision of services and execution of works during the period 1 April 2019 to 30 September 2019.

Decided: that the contracts awarded by the Council during the period 1 April 2019 to 30 September 2019 be noted.

693 Statutory and Key Performance Indicators Annual Report 2018/19**693**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications appending the Statutory and Key Performance Indicators Annual Report 2018/19 which details the progress made in the last year towards the achievement of the Council’s Statutory Performance Indicator performance targets.

Decided:

- (1) that the Statutory and Key Performance information for financial year 2018/19 be noted; and
- (2) that it be noted that a separate report on the Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) indicators will be submitted to the Committee once the performance information has been published, setting out details of the Council’s performance relative to other Scottish local authorities.

694 Inverclyde Council Annual Complaint Handling Report 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019**694**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services advising the Committee of the annual performance in relation to all complaints received and handled by Inverclyde Council, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership and both Arm’s Length Organisations (ALEOs), Inverclyde Leisure and Riverside Inverclyde, between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019.

Decided: that the annual performance of Inverclyde Council’s complaint procedure be noted.

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695 Governance of External Organisations – Annual Update

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the annual update in respect of the governance of external organisations.

The following Members declared non-financial interests in this item:

Councillor Ahlfeld as a Board Member of Inverclyde Community Development Trust;

Councillor Clocherty as a Board Member of Greenock Arts Guild;

Councillor MacLeod as a non-executive Director of Parklea Branching Out; and

Councillor Robertson as a Board Member of Financial Fitness, Greenock Arts Guild and Inverclyde Community Development Trust.

Councillor Robertson also declared a financial interest as a result of a remuneration contract with Stepwell Consultancy Ltd.

All four 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 last 12 months' performance in respect of the governance of external organisations as shown in Appendix 1 to the report be noted and it also be noted that any outstanding issues will be addressed at the next cycle of Committees;

(2) that approval be given to the list of external organisations which will form part of the framework for the period October 2019 to September 2020 as shown in Appendix 3; and

(3) that reports providing an overview of and performance information on key organisations which do not currently have a Service Level Agreement in place be submitted to the Education and Communities Committee and any other relevant service committee.

696 Delivering Differently in Inverclyde - Update

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive providing an update on the Delivering Differently programme.

Decided:

(1) that the progress made to date on the Delivering Differently programme be noted;

(2) that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive to conduct voluntary early release trawls where required for those projects in Appendix 2 but on the proviso that a report be submitted to the relevant Committee before any decisions are taken; and

(3) that the projects listed in Appendix 2 be added to the Delivering Differently programme.

697 Audit Scotland Reports on Midlothian, Perth and Kinross, Stirling and North Lanarkshire Councils

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications summarising the main points of Audit Scotland's 2019 Best Value Assurance Reports (BVARs) on Midlothian, Perth and Kinross, Stirling and North Lanarkshire Councils.

Decided:

(1) that it be agreed to note the content of Audit Scotland's BVARs on Midlothian, Perth and Kinross, Stirling and North Lanarkshire Councils and to take cognisance of the recommendations made in respect of those local authorities; and

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(2) that it be noted that Officers are considering implementing a number of proposed improvement actions, as outlined in section 9 of the report.

698 Procurement – Environmental Assessments and Local SMEs 698

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on (1) measures the Council can take that better include environmental impacts as a result of the Council's Procurement Policy, e.g. 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 the work undertaken to include environmental impacts in terms of procurement, what can be done in future and the measures that are being taken to assist locally based SMEs and Inverclyde workers in being successful in being awarded Council contracts be noted.

699 Data Protection Policy 699

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services (1) providing an overview of the amended Data Protection Policy, a copy of which was appended to the report, and (2) seeking the Committee's approval of the amended Policy.

Decided: that approval be given to the amended Data Protection Policy.

700 Menopause Policy and Guidance 700

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications (1) on the development of a Menopause Policy and (2) seeking approval to implement the Policy.

Decided: that the Menopause Policy attached to the report at Appendix 1 be approved.

701 2020/23 Revenue Budget Update 701

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) providing an update in respect of the 2020/23 Revenue Budget and (2) seeking the Committee's approval for a number of matters.

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

Decided:

(1) that it be noted that the Scottish Government will announce a new date for the 2020/21 budget;

(2) that the savings options prepared by the Corporate Management Team included in Appendix 1 to the report be noted;

(3) that approval be given to the proposals contained in Appendix 2 of the report to further reduce the 2020/23 funding gap;

(4) that the overall estimated 2020/23 budget position as outlined in Appendix 3 be noted; and

(5) that approval be given to the separation of the Council Tax setting decision and the budget setting day, as has been the case in previous years, and that, subject to the approval of the Provost, the 2020/21 Revenue Budget be approved at a special meeting of the Inverclyde Council on 12 March 2020.

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

Item	Paragraph(s)
Appendices 1 and 2 relative to Agenda Item 17 (2020/23 Revenue Budget Update)	1
Equal Pay Claims	1 and 12

Councillor Wilson returned to the meeting at this juncture.

702 Appendices 1 and 2 relative to Agenda Item 17 (2020/23 Revenue Budget Update) 702

There were submitted Appendices 1 and 2 relative to Agenda Item 17 (2020/23 Revenue Budget Update) providing (1) a summary of options together with potential employee impacts and (2) savings and adjustments proposals.

Decided: that the information contained in Appendices 1 and 2 be noted.

703 Equal Pay Claims 703

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services (1) addressing the request of the Committee at its meetings on 7 August 2018 and 5 February 2019 that consideration of a number of equal pay claims be continued to a future meeting of the Committee to allow further information in relation to a number of the claims to be provided and detailing the further information now provided and (2) advising of a request received from Councillor Ahlfeld.

Following a roll call vote, the Committee agreed to thank Councillor Ahlfeld for the information brought forward and that otherwise the recommendations in the report be noted, all as detailed in the appendix.

LOCAL POLICE & FIRE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 21 NOVEMBER 2019

Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 21 November 2019 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor Quinn 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), 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 Superintendent S Carle, Chief Inspector D Reilly, Chief Inspector D Faulds and Inspector W Graham (Police Scotland), Area Manager D McCarrey and Station Commander S MacMillan (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service).

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

704 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 704

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

705 Road Policing Spotlight Report 705

There was submitted a spotlight report, setting out the position in relation to roads policing following the October 2018 implementation of the decision to remove the local base and, instead, to deploy officers from the road policing patrol base in Glasgow Road, Govan.

The report set out the arrangements for deployment of resources, the engagement with K Division, campaigns undertaken and performance figures, it being noted particularly that during 2017/18, Inverclyde had been one of only two local authorities in Scotland which had not had a fatal road collision. In 2018/19, there had been one reported death to date and in this case other contributing factors had been involved.

Chief Superintendent Carle confirmed that support to K Division local policing remained a priority for road policing and that the current deployment model would continue to be monitored to ensure resources were maximised to provide the best service possible.

During discussion on the item, continued concerns were expressed by a number of Members regarding the implications for service provision of the removal of the local road policing unit and it was acknowledged by the police representatives that the requirement to deploy from Glasgow did on occasion result in the diversion of officers to respond to other incidents before reaching Inverclyde.

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Reference was also made by Chief Superintendent Carle during the discussion to the use of local officers in certain circumstances to assist road policing officers and to take part in “doubling up” arrangements.

While certain roles were restricted to specialist road policing officers, to ensure routine enforcement could still be carried out, a number of local police officers were now trained in the use of speed detection devices, allowing them to enforce speed complaints in their own areas and to address other road safety community concerns with support from road policing.

Chief Superintendent Murray confirmed in response to concerns expressed regarding the allocation of funding, that while he would obviously welcome additional provision, he was satisfied that K Division was receiving a fair allocation of the resources available.

Decided: that the Road Policing Spotlight Report be noted.

706 Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Performance Report: 1 July 2019 – 30 September 2019 706

There was submitted a report on the performance and activities of the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service during the reporting period 1 July 2019 to 30 September 2019. It was noted in particular that during the reporting period, there had been no accidental dwelling fire casualties in any ward within Inverclyde.

During the course of discussion on this item, reference was made to incidents of deliberate and malicious fire raising in the last few months within Inverclyde and the arrangements in place for investigating such fires were outlined. It was noted that every fire incident would be investigated by the Fire & Rescue Service and recorded by origin of fire. Where criminality was suspected, the police would take the primary role in any joint investigation. In terms of engagement with affected residents, as raised during the discussion, Group Manager McCarrey advised that while the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service would arrange fire safety visits in appropriate cases, resources were not available to report back individually to all affected residents in respect of every fire.

It was noted that a Fire & Rescue Service spotlight report would be submitted to the February 2020 meeting of the Committee and Members were requested to provide the Fire & Rescue Service with any particular issues or concerns in relation to service provision in advance of submission of that report.

Decided: that the information contained in the report be noted.

707 Police Scotland Performance Report: 1 April 2019 – 30 September 2019 707

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

Reference was made by Chief Superintendent Murray to the work of the Public Protection Unit, particularly in respect of human trafficking, following a recent article on this subject in the Greenock Telegraph. Chief Superintendent Murray advised that following investigation, working closely with the national Human Trafficking Unit, Inverclyde had not been identified as a particular area of risk.

It was noted that there were established joint working arrangements through the Community Safety Partnership and close liaison between the Public Protection Unit and the Inverclyde Health and Safety Partnership which had responsibility for exploitation within its remit. It was reported also that Chief Inspector Louise Harvie of the Public Protection Unit had indicated that she would welcome a meeting with Councillor Jackson in relation to the information contained in the recent Greenock Telegraph article and referred to by him at this Committee meeting.

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Decided: that the information contained in the report be noted.

708 Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee Update Report (November 2019) 708

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:

- (1) that the current and emerging national issues relating to Police and Fire & Rescue matters be noted; and
- (2) that the opportunity for providing feedback to the Scottish Police Authority on the key strategic challenges and opportunities for the improvement of policing in Scotland as set out in paragraph 8 of the report be noted.

709 Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Strategic Plan 2019-2022 709

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the recent publication of the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Strategic Plan 2019-22.

Decided:

- (1) that the publication of the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Strategic Plan 2019-22 be noted; and
- (2) that should there be any changes to provision within Inverclyde as a result of the consultation exercise, it be recommended that a review of the current Local Fire & Rescue Plan for Inverclyde be undertaken to ensure its continuing relevance.

710 Water Safety 710

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing information on issues in respect of water safety in Inverclyde.

Decided: that the information contained in the report be noted.

PLANNING BOARD – 4 DECEMBER 2019

Planning Board

Wednesday 4 December 2019 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

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

711 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 711

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Clocherty, with Provost Brennan substituting, and Councillor J McEleny, with Councillor Curley substituting.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

712 PLANNING APPLICATION 712

**Side Extension to Dwelling:
3 Divert Road, Gourock (19/0253/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning on an application for planning permission by Mr C Quinn for side extension to the dwelling at 3 Divert Road, Gourock (19/0253/IC).

The Head of Regeneration & Planning advised that the word “not” should be inserted between the words “does” and “incorporate” on the third line of the third paragraph on page 5 of the agenda.

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

(1) that all surface water shall be contained within the site, to ensure adequate drainage is in place to prevent surface water running from the development hereby permitted onto neighbouring properties; and

(2) that prior to the commencement of development, full details shall be provided of the proposed soft landscaping to be used in conjunction with the proposed sedum roof hereby permitted. The soft landscaping on the roof shall be installed within the first planting season following completion of the extension hereby permitted, to ensure that a quality finish is provided that maintains the character of the existing dwellinghouse.

LOCAL REVIEW BODY – 4 DECEMBER 2019

Local Review BodyWednesday 4 December 2019 at 4pm

Present: Councillors Crowther, Dorrian, McKenzie, Nelson, 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.

713 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 713

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

714 PLANNING APPLICATION FOR REVIEW 714

**Extension to dwelling with associated demolition and alterations:
Shielhill Farm, Dunrod Road, Inverkip (18/0343/IC)**

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review of the refusal of planning permission for extension to the dwelling with associated demolition and alterations at Shielhill Farm, Dunrod Road, Inverkip (18/0343/IC) to enable the Local Review Body to consider the matter afresh.

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 condition that, prior to their use, samples of all external materials to be used in construction be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Works shall then proceed as approved unless an alternative is agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, in the interests of visual amenity.