

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 5 DECEMBER 2019

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 5 December 2019 at 4pm

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

Chair: Provost Brennan presided.

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

Prior to the commencement of business, the Council observed a minute's silence in memory of the victims of the London Bridge terror attack on 29 November 2019.

715 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 715

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Clocherty, MacLeod and J McEleny.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

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

716 The Inverclyde Council – 26 September 2019 716

Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.

717 Planning Board – 2 October 2019 717

Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.

718 Local Review Body – 2 October 2019 718

Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.

719 Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee – 3 October 2019 719

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.

720 General Purposes Board – 9 October 2019 720

Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.

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721	Environment & Regeneration Committee (Special) – 17 October 2019	721
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
722	Audit Committee – 22 October 2019	722
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi.	
723	Health & Social Care Committee – 24 October 2019	723
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.	
724	Environment & Regeneration Committee – 31 October 2019	724
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
725	Education & Communities Committee – 5 November 2019	725
	Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.	
726	Planning Board – 6 November 2019	726
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
727	General Purposes Board – 13 November 2019	727
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
728	Policy & Resources Committee – 19 November 2019	728
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
729	Local Policy & Fire Scrutiny Committee – 21 November 2019	729
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Quinn.	
730	Planning Board – 4 December 2019	730
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
731	Local Review Body – 4 December 2019	731
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
732	Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report 2018/19	732

There was submitted a report by the Chief Social Work Officer for Inverclyde Council (1) on the content of her annual report 2018/19 and (2) seeking approval for its submission to the Office of the Chief Social Work Adviser to the Scottish Government.

Decided: that the content of the Inverclyde Chief Social Work Officer report for 2018/19 be noted and that approval be given for its submission to the Office of the Chief Social

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Work Adviser to the Scottish Government.

733 Financial Strategy 2019/2029 - Update

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer appending the updated Financial Strategy for review and approval by the Council.

Decided: that approval be given to the latest revision of the Financial Strategy and specifically:-

- (a) that the previously approved £2.0 million allocation from the Capital Fund to the Loans Charges Model over 2019/21 no longer takes place;
- (b) that the £240,000 annual contribution from the Capital Fund to the School Estate Model for Loans Charges ceases from 2020/21;
- (c) that the remaining balance in the AMP at 31 March 2020 be added to the 2020/21 Property Maintenance Capital Allocation;
- (d) that the budget allocated to loans charges for the AMP be reduced by £200,000 from 2020/21;
- (e) that the Loans Charges budget in the Vehicle Replacement Model be increased by £91,000 from 2020/21 to reflect increases in vehicle replacement costs; and
- (f) that all the above proposals be factored into the 2020/23 Budget Strategy and the 2020/21 Budget to be considered by the Council in March 2020.

734 Administrative Arrangements: Committee Remits and Delegations

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Council to make necessary changes to the Scheme of Administration and Scheme of Delegation (Officers) relating to the Homelessness Service and More Choices, More Chances.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the changes to the Scheme of Administration as set out in Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (2) that approval be given to the changes to the Scheme of Delegation (Officers) as set out in Appendix 2 to the report.

735 Proposed Compulsory Purchase Order – Babylon, West Stewart Street, Greenock

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting that the Council seek to promote the Compulsory Purchase Order at Babylon, West Stewart Street, Greenock in order to improve the conditions of the West Blackhall Street area and to assist making Greenock Town Centre a successful and attractive place.

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 Council to discuss matters relating to third party business and financial affairs, details of the officer contact and discussions with the owners of the property and legal issues on the grounds that this involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6, 9 and 12 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

Following consideration of and discussion on these matters, the meeting returned to public session.

Decided: that approval be given to the promotion of a Compulsory Purchase Order for

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the building at Babylon, West Stewart Street, Greenock and that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources in consultation with relevant Officers to progress and report thereon, in due course.

736 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 3 2019 736

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 31 October 2019 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 3 2019.

Decided: that approval be given to the making of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 3 2019 and that the Shared Head of Service Roads and the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

737 Riverside Inverclyde – Company Restructure 737

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 31 October 2019 relative to proposals 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 nominee to the Riverside Inverclyde Board and requesting the Council to determine the two Council nominees to the Board.

Following discussion, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Ahlfeld moved that Councillors Clocherty and McKenzie be appointed to the Riverside Inverclyde Board.

As an amendment, Councillor C McEleny seconded by Councillor Robertson moved that Councillors Clocherty and Curley be so appointed.

On a vote, 5 Members, Councillors Crowther, Curley, C McEleny, Nelson and Robertson, voted for the amendment and 14 Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Dorrian, Jackson, McCabe, McCormick, Moran, Murphy, Ahlfeld, McKenzie, McVey, Quinn, Rebecchi, Brooks and Wilson, voted for the motion, which was declared carried.

Decided: that Councillors Clocherty and McKenzie be appointed to the Riverside Inverclyde Board.

738 Treasury Management – Mid-Year Report 2019/20 738

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Policy & Resources Committee of 19 November 2019 requesting approval of the Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2019/20.

Decided: that approval be given to the Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2019/20.

739 Trust Funds Annual Accounts 2018-19 739

There was submitted a report by the Honorary Treasurer requesting the Council, as Trustees, to (1) adopt the examined Annual Accounts of the Birkmyre Trust and the Watt Institution Trust Fund and (2) note the draft annual accounts of the McLeod Trust.

Decided: that the Council, as Trustees:

- (1) approve the Annual Accounts of the Birkmyre Trust and the Watt Institution Trust Fund for the year ended 31 March 2019; and
- (2) note the accounts of the McLeod Trust for the year ended 31 March 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 for the following item on the grounds that it contained exempt information as defined in the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as detailed in the relevant minute.

Appendices to Minutes

740	General Purposes Board – 9 October 2019	740
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
741	Environment & Regeneration Committee – 31 October 2019	741
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
742	Education & Communities Committee – 5 November 2019	742
	Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.	
743	General Purposes Board – 13 November 2019	743
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
744	Policy & Resources Committee – 19 November 2019	744
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 7 JANUARY 2020

Audit Committee

Tuesday 7 January 2020 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor Rebecchi presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Chief Internal Auditor, Ms G Murphy (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms R McGhee (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.

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| 1 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 1 |
| | An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Quinn. | |
| | No declarations of interest were intimated. | |
| 2 | Internal Audit Progress Report – 30 September to 29 November 2019 | 2 |
| | 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 30 September to 29 November 2019. | |
| | Decided: that the monitoring report in respect of Internal Audit activity for the period 30 September to 29 November 2019 be noted. | |
| 3 | External Audit Action Plans – Current Actions | 3 |
| | 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 November 2019. | |
| | Decided: that the 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. | |
| 4 | Appendix relative to Item 2 Providing Information on a Special Investigation | 4 |
| | 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. | |

PLANNING BOARD – 8 JANUARY 2020

Planning Board**Wednesday 8 January 2020 at 3pm**

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

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Head of Regeneration & Planning, Mr D Ashman (Planning Services), Mr G Leitch (Roads & Transportation), Mr J Kerr (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services) and Mr D McLavin (Corporate Communications).

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5 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 5

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

6 DISCHARGE OF PLANNING OBLIGATION 6

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning on an application by Ms S McNeill for discharge of the planning obligation in respect of planning permission IC/06/201 at Carraig View, Parkhill, Old Greenock Road, Port Glasgow (19/0002/MP).

Decided: that the Section 75 Agreement in respect of planning permission IC/06/201 be discharged.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE – 9 JANUARY 2020

Health & Social Care Committee

Thursday 9 January 2020 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Brooks, Dorrian, Jackson, MacLeod, McCabe, 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, Service Manager Children & Families, Service Manager Quality & Development, Service Manager Addictions & Homelessness, Project Manager Specialist Children's Services, Chief Nurse, Ms S White (for Chief Financial Officer), Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services).

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7 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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No apologies for absence were intimated.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:-

Agenda Item 18 (Reporting by Exception – Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations) – Councillors MacLeod and Robertson.

8 Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report 2018/19

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Social Work Officer for Inverclyde Council advising the Committee of the content of the Inverclyde Chief Social Work Officer (CSWO) report for 2018/19.

During the course of discussion on this item, Mr Stevenson, Acting Chief Social Work Officer, advised the Committee of the joint commissioning through Inverclyde's Adult Protection and Child Protection Committees of a Significant Case Review to examine fully the circumstances surrounding the death of Margaret Fleming which had been implemented following the conclusion of the recent court and subsequent appeals processes. The full independent inquiry under the chairmanship of Professor Jean MacLellan OBE would commence work in February 2020 and would involve all of the agencies which had been in contact with Margaret during her life. The report, which it was anticipated would take some six months to complete, would be published once finalised. It was noted that the results of the inquiry would be reported to the Adult Protection and Child Protection Committees, the Chief Officers' Group, the Integration Joint Board and appropriate Council Committees as well as the Care Inspectorate which was responsible for the evaluation of all Significant Case Reviews.

Decided:

- (1) that the content of the Inverclyde Chief Social Work Officer (CSWO) report for 2018/19 be noted;
- (2) that the Committee's congratulations be extended to the Home 1st Team which had been awarded the Greater Glasgow & Clyde Chairman's Award for outstanding

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excellence; and

(3) that the commissioning of the Significant Case Review into the circumstances surrounding the death of Margaret Fleming be noted.

9 Revenue and Capital Budget Report – Projected 2019/20 Revenue Outturn as at 31 October 2019 9

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 31 October 2019 (Period 7).

Decided:

(1) that the current year Revenue outturn projected overspend of £228,000 as at 31 October 2019 be noted;

(2) that the current projected Capital position be noted, that approval be given to the additional expenditure on the Cardross (The View) project as outlined in paragraph 6.4 and reflected in the projected spend within the report and that the Capital Programme contingency be utilised to address the over-expenditure;

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

(4) that approval be given to the Capital works to convert the study room to a seventh bedroom in the three Children's Houses, the cost to be contained within the Capital Programme for Children's Houses.

10 Update on the Ethical Care Charter and Fair Working Practice within Care at Home Framework 10

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on the progress of the implementation of the Ethical Care Charter promoted by UNISON.

Decided:

(1) that the progress made in relation to implementing the Ethical Care Charter be noted;

(2) that it be noted that further engagement was taking place with providers to clarify the status of travel time;

(3) that it be noted that whilst the Care at Home Framework Agreement was due to be extended to 2020, it was recognised that market conditions were such that Officers would reassess how the existing contracts were able to inform the future tender process; and

(4) that a review of the Ethical Care Charter be incorporated within the Care at Home Framework Review to be submitted to the Committee in late 2020.

11 Annual Report: Clinical and Care Governance 2018 - 2019 11

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing a summary of the yearly activity of Inverclyde HSCP Clinical and Care Governance Group for 2018-2019.

Decided: that the report be noted.

12 Review of Inverclyde HSCP Alcohol and Drug Services – Progress Report 12

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

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HSCP review of alcohol and drug services.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress and actions being taken by the Alcohol and Drug Partnership to support the new approach to alcohol and drugs in Inverclyde be noted;
- (2) that it be agreed that a report be submitted by Inverclyde HSCP Alcohol and Drugs Service to the next meeting of the Committee which would include an analysis of data within the implementation plan; and
- (3) that it be agreed that an alcohol and drug themed report be submitted to each meeting of the Committee during 2020.

13 Integration Scheme Review Timeline 13

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on the timeline for the review of Inverclyde's Health and Social Care Integration Scheme.

Decided: that the proposed timeline for the review be agreed.

14 Tier 2 Children and Young People's Mental Health Tender 14

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership seeking approval to change the tender weightings in relation to the forthcoming tender process for the Tier 2 Children and Young People's Mental Health Service.

Decided: that Contract Standing Order 13.2 be suspended to allow the use of a 60% quality and 40% cost of service weighting in the forthcoming tender for the Tier 2 Children and Young People's Mental Health Service.

15 Inverclyde Rights of the Child Award and Children's Rights Duty to Report 2020 15

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising the Committee of the launch and roll-out of the co-designed Inverclyde Rights of the Child Award and the plans for the 2020 duty to report on the embedding and progression of Children's Rights under the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.

Decided:

- (1) that the report be noted; and
- (2) that agreement be given to the plan to implement an Inverclyde Rights of the Child Award, as set out in the report.

16 Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019 16

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership (1) informing the Committee of the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019, the implementation of which had commenced at the end of November 2019 and would be undertaken on a phased basis, and (2) setting out the implications of the Act.

Decided:

- (1) that the report be noted; and
- (2) that agreement be given to the changes required to the Service to ensure the appropriate support to young people as set out in the report.

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17 Items for Noting 17

There was submitted a report for noting by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on the Physically Disabled Rehabilitation Unit, Inverclyde Royal Hospital.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

18 Criminal Justice Social Work Inspection 18

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership informing the Committee of the very positive outcome of the recent inspection of Criminal Justice Social Work which indicated a high-performing Service.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the report, including the requirement to develop an improvement action plan, be noted;
- (2) that a further update on the improvement action plan be submitted to the Committee; and
- (3) that the Committee's congratulations be extended to all those involved in the service provision.

19 Looked After Children Attainment Fund 19

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership (1) outlining the need to increase the capacity of the Corporate Parenting Team/Looked After Children Reviewing Officers on a temporary basis from January 2020 until June 2020 and (2) seeking approval for this to be funded from the Looked After Children (LAC) Attainment Fund.

Decided:

- (1) that agreement be given to the proposal to allocate a portion of the underspend in the LAC Attainment Fund to facilitate the temporary funding of an additional LAC Teacher and a Child's Planning Reviewing Officer for a six month period to June 2020;
- (2) that it be noted that a report on the use of future years' funding would be submitted to the Committee in 2020/21; and
- (3) that a report be submitted to the Committee on planning for children within Inverclyde including Named Persons and Looked After Children and that this report include information on any financial resources required.

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)
Update on the Ethical Care Charter and Fair Working Practice within Care at Home Framework – Appendix 1	6
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20 Update on the Ethical Care Charter and Fair Working Practice within Care at Home Framework – Appendix 1 20

There was submitted Appendix 1 relative to Agenda Item 3 (Update on the Ethical Care Charter and Fair Working Practice within Care at Home Framework) providing information on external providers' compliance with fair working practices.

Decided: that the appendix be noted.

21 Reporting by Exception – Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations 21

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on matters relating to the HSCP governance process for externally commissioned Social Care Services.

Councillor MacLeod declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Non-Executive Director of Parklea Branching Out and Councillor Robertson declared a non-financial interest as a member of the Management Committee of Financial Fitness. Both Members formed the view that the nature of their interest and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision-making process.

Decided:

(1) that the governance report for the period 21 September to 22 November 2019 be noted; and

(2) that Members acknowledge that Officers regard the control mechanisms in place through the governance meetings and 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.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 15 JANUARY 2020

General Purposes Board

Wednesday 15 January 2020 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr D Keenan (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms A Sinclair, Ms E Peacock, Ms F Denver and Ms A Bagstad (Legal & Property Services) and Sergeant B Brooks (Police Scotland).

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

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| 22 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 22 |
| | Apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Curley. | |
| | There were no substitutions. | |
| | Councillor Quinn declared an interest in Agenda Item 3 (Application for Taxi Driver's Licence). | |
| | 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. | |
| 23 | Application for Renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence | 23 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on an application for renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence which was continued to a further meeting of the Board, all as detailed in the appendix. | |
| 24 | Application for Taxi Driver's Licence | 24 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence which was granted, all as detailed in the appendix. | |
| 25 | Application for Taxi Driver's Licence | 25 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence which was granted, all as detailed in the appendix. | |

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 16 JANUARY 2020

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 16 January 2020 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Head of Legal & Property Services, Technical Services Manager, Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services), Ms M McCabe (for Chief Financial Officer), Shared Head of Service (Roads), Service Manager (Roads), Head of Environmental & Public Protection, Environmental Services Manager, Service Manager – Public Protection, Mr G Ross (Environmental & Public Protection) and Head of Regeneration & Planning.

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26 **Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest** 26

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:-

Agenda Item 3 (Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2019/20 to 2022/23 – Progress) – Councillors Brooks, Clocherty, Curley and J McEleny;

Agenda Item 7 (Conservation Grant) – Councillor Brooks;

Agenda Item 12 (Inverclyde Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2020/21 – 2024/25) – Councillors Brooks and Curley;

Agenda Item 13 (Strategic Housing Priority Areas) – Councillors Brooks and Curley;

Agenda Item 17 (Kilmacolm Parking Consultation) – Councillor Curley;

Agenda Item 18 (Port Glasgow Parking Study) – Councillor Curley;

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

Agenda Item 24 (Property Assets Management Report) – Councillor Brooks.

27 **Environment & Regeneration 2019/20 Revenue Budget – Period 7 (31 October 2019)** 27

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising the Committee of the position of the 2019/20 Revenue Budget as at Period 7 to 31 October 2019.

Decided:

(1) that the current projected underspend of £106,000 for 2019/20 as at 31 October 2019 be noted;

(2) that the current position with regard to European Social Fund funding be noted and that it be noted that updates will be submitted to future meetings of the Committee; and

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(3) that approval be given to the virement detailed in Section 7 and Appendix 5 of the report.

28 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2019/20 to 2022/23 – Progress 28

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.

Councillors Brooks, Clocherty and J McEleny declared a non-financial interest interest in this item as Board Members of Inverclyde Leisure and Councillor Curley declared a non-financial interest as a Board Member of Boglestone Community Association. All four Members formed the view that the nature of their interest and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision-making process.

It was noted that £0.075m was currently allocated to the Lyle Fountain, rather than £0.75m as set out in paragraph 7.1 of the report.

Decided:

(1) that the current position of the 2019/23 Capital Programme and the progress on the specific projects detailed in Appendices 1 – 3 be noted;

(2) that it be noted that further projects have been identified in Section 7 of the report utilising the 2020/21 general property allocation as part of the ongoing review and prioritisation of works; and

(3) that a report on toilet provision within Greenock Municipal Buildings including, following consultation with the Women's Forum, the Grand Corridor toilet alterations project be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

29 Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2019/22 Progress Report 29

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

Decided: that the progress made in delivering the year 1 improvement actions contained within the Environment, Regeneration & Resources CDIP 2019/22 be noted.

30 Inverclyde Local Development Plan Supplementary Guidance: Planning Application Advice Notes 30

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for publication of draft Supplementary Guidance on Planning Application Advice Notes for consultation.

Decided: that approval be given to the publication of the draft Supplementary Guidance on Planning Application Advice Notes, a copy of which was appended to the report, for consultation.

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- 31 Quarrier’s Homes Conservation Area Appraisal 31**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the outcome of the public consultation exercise carried out for the Quarrier’s Homes Conservation Area Appraisal.
- Decided:** that approval be given to the Quarrier’s Homes Conservation Area Appraisal attached to the report at Appendix 2 and that this be used as non-statutory Planning Guidance.
- 32 Conservation Grant 32**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of the terms associated with the Conservation Grant. Councillor Brooks declared a financial interest in this item as joint owner of a property within the Greenock West End and left the meeting.
- Decided:** that the terms of the Conservation Grant as set out in the report be approved.
- Councillor Brooks returned to the meeting at this juncture.
- 33 Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park - Governance 33**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of the Minute of Agreement between Renfrewshire Council, Inverclyde Council and North Ayrshire Council in respect of Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park, following a governance review.
- The Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources requested that, in the light of information provided by North Ayrshire Council since the report was published in respect of its 2020/21 budget process, the matter be continued to the 5 March meeting of the Committee when Officers will provide a detailed update.
- Decided:** that, in the light of information provided by North Ayrshire Council since the report was published in respect of its 2020/21 budget process, the matter be continued to the 5 March meeting of the Committee.
- 34 Kilmacolm Self Build – Leperstone Avenue 34**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) seeking approval to vary the conditions associated with the self build project at Leperstone Avenue, Kilmacolm in order to stimulate interest in development with the site; and (2) to settle any funds due to Riverside Inverclyde for their involvement in the project.
- The Head of Regeneration & Planning advised the Committee that the project sought to create seven self build plots and, accordingly, at paragraph 2.1 the word “six” should read “seven” and, consequently, at paragraph 2.2 the work “five” should read “six”.
- Decided:**
- (1) that it be agreed to remove the requirement for purchasers of the self build plots at Leperstone Avenue, Kilmacolm to be from outwith Inverclyde and to reduce the period of residence to three years; and
 - (2) that it be agreed to settle any funds due to Riverside Inverclyde for their involvement in the project and to remit the decision to the Policy & Resources Committee for the use of the Capital Fund.

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35 Road Naming within New Development at Kilmacolm Road, Greenock 35

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to name new roads being created within Cloch Housing Association's development at Kilmacolm Road, Greenock.

Decided: that approval be given to King's Glen Place, Godman Place and Woodhead Road as the names of the new roads within the development at Kilmacolm Road, Greenock, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

36 Transient Visitor Taxes in Scotland - Consultation 36

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of the provisional response as submitted to the Scottish Government's "Consultation on the Principles of a Local Discretionary Transient Visitor Levy or Tourist Tax" by the 2 December 2019 deadline.

Following consideration, Councillor Brooks moved that no action be taken. As an amendment, Councillor McCormick moved that the provisional response as submitted to the Scottish Government on the "Consultation on the Principles of a Local Discretionary Transient Visitor Levy or Tourist Tax" set out in the appendix to the report be approved. On a vote, one Member, Councillor Brooks, voted for the motion and ten Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Jackson, McCabe, McCormick, J McEleny, McKenzie and Nelson, voted for the amendment which was declared carried. Councillor Brooks asked that his dissent to this decision be recorded.

Decided: that the provisional response as submitted to the Scottish Government on the "Consultation on the Principles of a Local Discretionary Transient Visitor Levy or Tourist Tax" set out in the appendix to the report be approved.

37 Inverclyde Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2020/21-2024/25 37

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of the new annual Inverclyde Strategic Housing Investment Plan, covering the period 2020/21 – 2024/25, which had been submitted in draft form to the Scottish Government pending approval by the Committee.

Councillors Brooks and Curley declared a non-financial interest in this item 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 Strategic Housing Investment Plan for the five year period 2020/21 – 2024/25 for submission to the Scottish Government;
- (2) that the projects included in the Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2020/21-2024/25 as detailed in the appendices to the report be noted; and
- (3) that a report on the review of specialist housing provision currently being undertaken be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

38 Strategic Housing Priority Areas 38

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on work to develop a strategic approach to the "Eastern Gateway" in Port Glasgow and (2) seeking approval for a programme of studies assessing housing need and demand, informed by an Inverclyde wide survey of house condition.

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Councillors Brooks and Curley declared a non-financial interest in this item 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 the work being carried out on the Eastern Gateway under the aegis of the repopulation strategy be noted and that a report on the outcomes of the study and the next steps be submitted to the Committee in due course; and

(2) that it be agreed to carry out separate studies into housing and the development of strategies in central Port Glasgow and Greenock town centres and that Officers report thereon to the Committee at a future date.

39 Housing to 2040 Consultation 39

It was noted that this item had been withdrawn to enable further consultation with the Health & Social Partnership and that a report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

40 Withdrawal from the European Union - Update 40

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.

The Head of Environmental & Public Protection advised the Committee that the Government had stood down Operation Yellowhammer and that the Scottish Government had suspended its “no deal” preparations on the basis that the UK will leave the European Union on 31 January 2020 with a withdrawal deal.

Decided: that approval be given to the actions taken to mitigate the impact of a “no deal” European Union exit in Inverclyde.

41 Scottish Government Deposit and Return Scheme (DRS) 41

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising of the Scottish Government’s proposed design for Scotland’s new Deposit Return Scheme (DRS), which will include aluminium and steel cans, as well as drinks containers made of glass and Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) plastic.

Decided:

(1) that the current position in respect of the Scottish Government’s Deposit Return Scheme be noted; and

(2) that Officers keep the Committee apprised of relevant developments in the implementation of the Deposit Return Scheme and potential impact on Inverclyde Council.

42 Kilmacolm Parking Consultation 42

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the outcome of the public consultation on proposed parking locations in Kilmacolm village centre.

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Councillor Curley declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a Board Member of Kilmacolm Community Centre Co Ltd. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision-making process.

Decided:

- (1) that it be remitted to the Shared Head of Service (Roads) to carry out a design and cost for the two top preferred options for parking locations in Kilmacolm village centre, the corner of Moss Road and Gilburn Road and behind the old Police Station on Lochwinnoch Road;
- (2) that it be noted that a report will be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee detailing the outcome of the detailed design; and
- (3) that Officers explore any opportunities for utilising the site of the old railway to the east of Lochwinnoch Road for potential parking/traffic interchange use.

43 Port Glasgow Parking Study

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the findings of the Port Glasgow Parking Study, as agreed by the Petitions Committee at the meeting held on 1 February 2018 following consideration of a petition seeking the introduction of a residents' parking scheme in Port Glasgow Town Centre in areas currently subject to a 30 minute restriction.

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.

Decided:

- (1) that the findings of the Port Glasgow Parking Study report be noted;
- (2) that approval be given to the increase in the parking time limit on existing restricted streets from 30 minutes to one hour with an exemption for permit holders;
- (3) that approval be given to the introduction of a one hour time limit with an exemption for permit holders on Station Road, Willison's Lane, Falconer Street and Crawford Street, Monday to Friday 8.00am – 6.00pm, and that a report on the operation of the restrictions be submitted to the Committee one year after the relative Traffic Regulation Orders have been brought into effect;
- (4) that approval be given to the introduction of a Residents' Parking Permit Scheme, Monday to Friday 8.15am to 9.15am and 5.00pm to 6.00pm, on Court Road, Huntly Place and Huntly Terrace; and
- (5) that it be remitted to the Shared Head of Service (Roads) to liaise with River Clyde Homes regarding the future use of the car park on Station Road.

44 Larkfield Road/George Road Junction Assessment

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the outcome of the Larkfield Road/George Road junction assessment, providing details of the options to improve the operation of the junction, following receipt of a petition seeking the installation of traffic lights at the junction.

The Shared Head of Service (Roads) advised the Committee that the third bullet point under paragraph 5.1 should read "Relief Road Larkfield Road to Drumshantie Road and One Way System on George Road (Eastbound or Westbound)".

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Decided: that consideration of the matter be continued for a working meeting, involving all Elected Members and the Shared Head of Service (Roads), to review all the options for the Larkfield Road/George Road junction and that a report be submitted to the Committee thereafter.

45 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 4 2019 45

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, subject to correction of entry reference number 1947 in Schedule (Part 1) to read 28c Ardgowan Street, Greenock (rather than Ardgowan Road) and correction of the map as required relative to entry reference number 1314 in Schedule (Part 2) relative to 46A Newton Street, Greenock, the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 4 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.

46 Items for Noting 46

There were submitted reports for noting by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on (1) SEEP Transition Programme Update Report and (2) Lamont’s Pier Update.

Decided: that the contents 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 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)
Residual Waste Disposal Procurement Update	6 & 8
Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report: Update on Current Actions	6, 9, 12 & 13
Property Assets Management Report	2, 6 & 9

47 Residual Waste Disposal Procurement Update 47

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the position regarding the Biodegradable Municipal Waste (BMW) landfill ban and (2) providing details of the possible options for Inverclyde.

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

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48 Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report: Update on Current Actions 48

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.

Councillors Brooks and Curley declared non-financial interest in this item 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 the current progress in respect of the Clune Park Area Regeneration Plan be noted; and

(2) that approval be given to the direct award of contracts to the relevant contractors for rot surveys, tolerable standards and economic viability surveys and structural stability surveys as set out in paragraph 5.3 of the report.

49 Property Assets Management Report 49

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

Councillor Brooks declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Board Member of Inverclyde Leisure. 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 authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to alter the terms of the Licence to Occupy the Community Facilities between Inverclyde Council and Inverclyde Leisure by removing both Park Farm Community Hall and the Paton Street Family Centre from the agreement, as they have been declared surplus to requirements; and

(2) that consideration in relation to the McPherson Centre, Gourock be continued to allow the Committee to consider all offers made and any options for community use.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 21 JANUARY 2020

Education and Communities Committee

Tuesday 21 January 2020 at 2pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Clocherty, Curley, McCabe, J McEleny (for C McEleny), McVey, Murphy, Quinn and Robertson, 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, Mr I Cameron (for Chief Financial Officer), Ms G Murphy (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services), Corporate Policy, Performance & Partnership Manager, Property 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.

50 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 50

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors C McEleny, with Councillor J McEleny substituting, MacLeod and Wilson.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 3 (Communities Capital Programme 2019-2023 Progress) – Councillors Clocherty, Curley, J McEleny and Quinn.

Agenda Item 6 (Indoor Tennis Facility) – Councillors Clocherty, J McEleny and Quinn.

Agenda Item 7(a) (Inverclyde Leisure Complaints Procedure) – Councillors Clocherty, J McEleny and Quinn.

51 Communities 2019/20 Revenue Budget - Period 7 to 31 October 2019 51

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the position of the 2019/20 Communities Revenue Budget as at Period 7 to 31 October 2019.

Decided: that the current projected underspend of £22,000 in the 2019/20 Communities Revenue Budget as at Period 7 to 31 October 2019 be noted.

52 Communities Capital Programme 2019-2023 Progress 52

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

Councillor Curley declared a non-financial interest in this item as a member of

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Boglestone Community Association and Councillors Clocherty, J McEleny and Quinn declared a non-financial interest as members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure. All 4 Members formed the view that the nature of their interest and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision-making process.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress of the specific projects detailed in Appendix 1 be noted; and
- (2) that Inverclyde Leisure be asked to include within its annual report, trends over time data in relation to the usage of the refurbished facilities at Lady Octavia Sports Centre, Boglestone Activity and Community Centre and Ravenscraig Activity Centre.

53 A 3 Year Plan for Co-ordinating Community Learning and Development (CLD) in Inverclyde 2018-2021: Progress Report, Year 1 53

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development appending a report in respect of the Year 1 progress of Community Learning and Development delivery by all partners across Inverclyde as part of the 3 Year Plan “Co-ordinating Community Learning and Development in Inverclyde 2018-2021”.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress made in the implementation of Year 1 of the 3 Year Plan for Community Learning and Development be noted; and
- (2) that the actions to be implemented in Year 2 of the 3 Year Plan be noted.

54 Community Learning and Development Service: Annual Report 2018-19 54

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development appending an annual update on progress of the Community Learning & Development Service’s 3 Year Strategic Plan.

Decided: that the contents of the Community Learning & Development Annual Report for the period 2018-19 be noted.

55 Indoor Tennis Facility 55

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the current position regarding the potential development of a three court tennis facility at Rankin Park, Greenock.

Councillors Clocherty, J McEleny and Quinn declared a non-financial interest in this item as members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure. They also formed the view that the nature of their interest and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision-making process.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress of the application to the Transforming Scottish Indoor Tennis Fund be noted;
- (2) that it be agreed that the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development receive the Transforming Scottish Indoor Tennis funding on behalf of Inverclyde Council, in consultation with the Head of Legal & Property Services and the Chief Financial Officer;
- (3) that delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development to agree the terms of Funding and Agency Agreements with Inverclyde Leisure, in consultation with the Head of Legal & Property

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Services and the Chief Financial Officer; and

(4) that a further report on the progress of the local tennis initiative be submitted to the Committee in due course.

56 Items for Noting (Communities) 56

There was submitted a report for noting by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on Inverclyde Leisure's approach to complaints handling.

Decided:

(1) that the report be noted; and

(2) that Inverclyde Leisure be asked to include data on complaints within its annual report.

The Communities business concluded at 2.45pm. The Committee commenced consideration of the Education items of business at 4pm with Rev. Burt, Mrs Gilpin, Ms McMillan and Ms McEwan joining the meeting.

57 Education 2019/20 Revenue Budget – Period 7 to 31 October 2019 57

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the position of the 2019/20 Education Revenue Budget as at Period 7 to 31 October 2019.

Decided:

(1) that the current projected overspend of £27,000 in the 2019/20 Education Revenue Budget as at Period 7 to 31 October 2019 be noted;

(2) that approval be given to the virements totalling £100,750 as detailed in paragraph 7.1 and Appendix 5 of the report; and

(3) that the ongoing actions to bring the budget back to a break-even position be noted.

58 Education Capital Programme 2019-2023 Progress 58

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

Decided:

(1) that the progress of the specific projects detailed in Appendix 1 be noted;

(2) that allocation from the lifecycle budget to address the revised cost estimate for the former Kelly Street Children's Centre demolition and landscaping project outlined in paragraph 7.2 be noted; and

(3) that an update report in relation to the pre-5 expansion programme be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

59 Education & Communities Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2019/22 Progress Report 59

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the delivery of improvement actions in the Education, Communities & Organisational Development (ECOD)

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Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan (CDIP), focusing on the improvement actions within the remit of the Education Service and the Culture, Communities & Educational Resources Service.

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

60 Outcome of Pre-Consultation in relation to the Admission Policy for Village Schools and the Future Need for Denominational Education in the West of Inverclyde 60

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) informing the Committee of the outcome of the pre-consultation exercise which took place in December 2019 in relation to the admission policy for village schools and the future need for denominational education in the west of Inverclyde and (2) outlining the proposed next steps to manage the current pressure on St Columba's High School.

Decided:

(1) that the outcome of the pre-consultation exercise in relation to the admission policy for village schools and the future need for denominational education in the west of Inverclyde be noted;

(2) that approval be given for a statutory consultation to take place to change the wording of the current policy for admission and pupil placement in mainstream schools, in relation to village schools, as outlined in paragraphs 5.1.2 and 5.1.3 and summarised in Appendix 5 of the report but subject to the following amended wording being inserted at paragraph 5.1.2 and Appendix 5 as follows:

“Only those children

(a) who before entry to primary school, have a Certificate of Baptism into the Roman Catholic faith and

(b) whose parents have chosen, because of travelling distance, to send them to the non-denominational primary school which serves the defined catchment area assigned to their address (rather than to the assigned denominational primary school)

will have the entitlement of admission, without the necessity of a placing request, to the catchment denominational secondary school. As with all schools, this entitlement is subject to there being space at the specified school. The Council's policy in respect of school transport will always apply.”; and

(3) that approval be given to the proposed transition arrangements to be set out in the statutory consultation, as outlined in paragraphs 5.1.4 and 5.1.5 and summarised in Appendix 5 of the report.

Councillor Curley left the meeting at this juncture.

61 Bereavement, Loss and Change Policy 61

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) providing an overview of the Bereavement, Loss and Change Policy set out in the appendix to the report and (2) seeking the Committee's approval of the policy.

Decided: that approval be given to the Bereavement, Loss and Change Policy set out in the appendix to the report.

62 Items for Noting (Education)

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There were submitted reports for noting by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on (1) National Updates and (2) Updates on the Looked After Children Attainment Fund and the Tier 2 Mental Health Strategy.

Decided: that the contents 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 item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

63 Local Authority Provision of Cleaning and Janitorial Services to Police Scotland

63

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications providing an update on the changes to the provision of cleaning and janitorial services by Police Scotland and the employee and financial implications for the Council.

Decided:

(1) that the changes to the provision of cleaning and janitorial services by Police Scotland be noted; and

(2) that the employee and financial implications for the Council as outlined in the report be noted.

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 4 FEBRUARY 2020

Policy & Resources Committee

Tuesday 4 February 2020 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Service Manager Community Learning & Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Head of Legal & Property Services, Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services), Chief Financial Officer, ICT Service Manager, Head of 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.

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| 64 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 64 |
| | <p>Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor MacLeod, with Councillor Curley substituting, and Councillor Rebecchi, with Provost Brennan substituting.</p> <p>No declarations of interest were intimated.</p> | |
| 65 | 2019/20 General Fund Revenue Budget as at 30 November 2019 | 65 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the position of the General Fund Revenue Budget as at 30 November 2019 and (2) providing an update in respect of the position of the General Fund Reserves and Earmarked Reserves.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the latest position of the 2019/20 Revenue Budget and General Fund Reserves be noted; and</p> <p>(2) that it be noted that the use of any Free Reserves will be considered as part of the 2020/23 budget process.</p> | |
| 66 | 2019/23 Capital Programme | 66 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the latest position of the 2019/23 Capital Programme.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the current position of the 2019/23 Capital Programme be noted; and</p> <p>(2) that it be noted that a refreshed 2020/23 Capital Programme will be considered as part of the March 2020 budget.</p> | |

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67 Policy & Resources Committee 2019/20 Revenue and Capital Budget – Period 8 to 30 November 2019 67

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 8 to 30 November 2019.

Decided:

- (1) that the 2019/20 Revenue Budget projected underspend of £1,957,000 as at Period 8 to 30 November 2019 be noted;
- (2) that the projected 2019/20 surplus of £45,000 for the Common Good Fund be noted; and
- (3) that the current projected Capital position be noted.

68 Welfare Reform Update 68

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing an update on recent developments in respect of Welfare Reforms and associated matters.

Decided:

- (1) that the updates provided in the report be noted;
- (2) that approval be given to the amendments to the Discretionary Housing Payments Policy set out in Appendix 4 to the report;
- (3) that approval be given to the War Pensions Disregard Policy set out in section 8 of the report;
- (4) that approval be given to the further allocation of funding from the Anti-Poverty earmarked reserves set out in section 10 of the report; and
- (5) that information on the outcomes achieved by the Homestart, Cook School project be included in the next update report to the Committee.

69 ICT Services Performance Update 69

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing an update on the Digital and ICT Strategies, performance and Channel Shift statistics, details of the Council's PC refresh programme and information on a number of upgrade projects being implemented by ICT and Finance Services.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance statistics report and action plan updates for the Digital and ICT Strategies be noted; and
- (2) that it be noted that the current Digital Strategy funding is almost fully committed.

70 Corporate Services Progress Report 70

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications updating the Committee on the delivery of the improvement actions by the Council's Corporate Services, as detailed in the Education, Communities & Organisational Development and the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plans (CDIPs) 2019/22.

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Decided:

- (1) that the progress made by the Council's Corporate Services during 2019/20 in delivering the year one improvement actions, as detailed in their respective CDIPs, be noted; and
- (2) that the programme of Public Service Improvement Framework assessments that will be carried out in 2020 be noted.

71 SiMBA Inverclyde Tree of Tranquility – Request by Councillor McCabe 71

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a request received from Councillor McCabe that consideration be given to a request from SiMBA, a charity that supports anyone affected by the loss of a baby during pregnancy or birth, for funding of £6,880.26 towards the installation of a Tree of Tranquility in Gourrock Park.

Decided: that support be given to SiMBA's proposal for the installation of a Tree of Tranquility within Gourrock Park, that Council officers work with the Group, the preferred course of action being that the Council procure and install the tree directly, and that a contribution of up to £10,000 from the Revenue Contingency be made to the overall project and suitable landscaping.

72 Accounts Commission Report – Local Government Financial Overview 2018/19 72

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the main issues raised in the recent Local Government Financial Overview report by the Accounts Commission and (2) highlighting relevant matters.

Decided: that it be agreed to note the contents of the Accounts Commission report and to approve the Officer assessment of where the Council is placed against the matters raised in Appendix 1.

73 2020/23 Revenue Budget Update 73

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 approval of a number of matters.

Decided:

- (1) that it be agreed to note the latest position regarding the UK and Scottish Budget announcements and that there is not expected to be any impact on the timescales previously agreed by the Council;
- (2) that approval be given to the proposals set out in Appendix 1 to the report which will further reduce the 2020/21 Revenue Funding gap by £418,000;
- (3) that the latest estimated funding gap position of the 2020/23 Budget outlined in Appendix 2 be noted;
- (4) that it be agreed to add the two savings in respect of terms and conditions and classroom assistants to the Council's Delivering Differently programme and that these be progressed through that process with reports being submitted to the relevant Committees as appropriate;
- (5) that the contents and requests within the CoSLA Invest in Essential Services document be noted; and

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(6) that it be noted that a further update on the 2020/23 Revenue Budget will be submitted to the Council on 20 February 2020 as part of the consideration of the Council Tax level for 2020/21.

74 Analysis of the Results from the Budget Consultation 2019 74

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications on the analysis of the results from the budget consultation 2019, which included a total of 30 budget saving proposals (excluding charges).

Decided: that cognisance be taken of the feedback provided during the budget consultation 2019 when considering decisions about the Council's budget 2020/23.

75 Participatory Budgeting in Inverclyde: Evaluation and Next Steps 75

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) providing an evaluation of phase 1 of the Participatory Budgeting (PB) approach in Inverclyde and (2) making proposals for a revised approach towards mainstreaming PB in Inverclyde.

Decided:

- (1) that the evaluation of the pilot phase 1 of the PB process in Inverclyde be noted;
- (2) that it be agreed to implement the revised approach to PB in Inverclyde set out in the report by March 2021;
- (3) that it be agreed to use the current PB Earmarked Reserve for the establishment of a temporary Community Learning & Development worker for 18 months to support the process;
- (4) that it be agreed that areas of budget which can be taken through the PB process be identified by Committees on an ongoing basis; and
- (5) that a report on locality planning, including the role of Elected Members, be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

76 People and Organisational Development Strategy 2020-2023 76

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications (1) providing an update on the delivery of the existing Organisational Development Strategy 2017-2020 and (2) seeking approval of the fourth edition of the People and Organisational Development Strategy for 2020-2023.

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

Decided:

- (1) that the progress made in the delivery of the Council's Organisational Development Strategy 2017-2020 be noted;
- (2) that approval be given to the People and Organisational Development Strategy 2020-2023 attached to the report at Appendix 1; and
- (3) that it be noted that the key messages of the Strategy will be communicated to Council employees and managers to raise awareness.

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77 Kilmacolm Self Build – Leperstone Avenue: Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 77

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 16 January 2020 relative to the self-build project at Leperstone Avenue, Kilmacolm requesting the Committee to approve the use of the Capital Fund to settle any funds due to Riverside Inverclyde for their involvement in the project.

Decided: that approval be given to the use of the Capital Fund to settle any funds due to Riverside Inverclyde for their involvement in the self-build project at Leperstone Avenue, Kilmacolm.

The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications was relevant, competent and urgent, moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Committee to be apprised of the key points contained within the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) 2020 at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.

78 Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) 2020 78

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications providing an overview of the key points and initial commentary on the data contained within the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) 2020, published by the Scottish Government on 28 January 2020, with particular focus on the data relating to Inverclyde.

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

Decided: that the Committee note:-

- (a) the key points arising from the SIMD 2020;
- (b) that a more detailed analysis of the data will be carried out and a report with associated recommendations submitted to the meeting of the Committee on 24 March 2020;
- (c) that further engagement will take place with the Scottish Government to provide assistance for the local economy and communities within Inverclyde; and
- (d) that the report will be submitted to the Inverclyde Alliance Board for consideration and action to reduce inequalities within Inverclyde.

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)
Advice Services – Case Management System	6 and 8
Interim Head of Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness	1

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79 Advice Services – Case Management System**79**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership seeking approval of a direct award for the purchase of a Case Management System when the current contract comes to an end on 20 February 2020.

Decided: that approval be given to a direct award for the purchase of the Advice Pro Case Management System.

80 Interim Head of Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness**80**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership seeking approval of (1) the appointment through external advertisement of the post of Interim Head of Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness and (2) the arrangements for the recruitment panel composition for any future interim appointments.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the appointment through external advertisement of an Interim Head of Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness; and
- (2) that approval be given to the arrangements set out in the report for the recruitment panel composition for any future interim appointments.

PLANNING BOARD – 5 FEBRUARY 2020

Planning Board

Wednesday 5 February 2020 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, Dorrian, J McEleny, McKenzie, McVey, Moran, Murphy, Nelson and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

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

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

81 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 81

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

82 PLANNING APPLICATION 82

New Build Community Centre including Associated External Landscaping Works, Demolition of Existing Building and Extension of Existing Car Park: Craigend Resource Centre, McLeod Street, Greenock (19/0201/IC)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning on an application by Craigend Resource Centre for new build community centre including associated external landscaping works, demolition of existing building and extension of existing car park at Craigend Resource Centre, McLeod Street, Greenock (19/0201/IC).

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

(1) that prior to their use on site, samples of all external materials (inclusive of all walls, paving and hard surfacing) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Development thereafter shall proceed utilising the approved materials unless an alternative is agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the external materials are appropriate for the development in the interests of visual amenity;

(2) that prior to the commencement of works on site, full details of a hard and soft landscaping scheme together with a detailed programme for implementation shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The hard and soft landscaping scheme shall then be implemented as approved and be retained on site at all times thereafter unless otherwise first agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the provision of an appropriate landscaping scheme in the interests of visual amenity;

(3) that prior to the commencement of works on site, full details of the landscape maintenance regime shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Maintenance shall then commence on the completion of the landscaping and be undertaken as approved at all times thereafter to the satisfaction of the Planning

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Authority, to ensure the maintenance of the landscaping scheme in the interests of visual amenity;

(4) that, in respect of the approved landscaping arrangement, any specimens that in the subsequent 5 years die, become diseased, are removed or are damaged shall be replaced in the next planting season with a similar specimen, unless the Planning Authority gives its prior written approval to an alternative, to ensure the retention of the landscaping scheme in the interests of visual amenity;

(5) that prior to the commencement of works on site full details of the design of the bin store and the windcatchers shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Development thereafter shall proceed as approved unless otherwise first agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure a suitable appearance of the bin store and windcatchers in the interests of visual amenity;

(6) that prior to the commencement of works on site, full details of the design of the plant enclosure together with the detailed specification of the plant shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Development thereafter shall proceed as approved unless otherwise first agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure a suitable appearance of the plant area and appropriate plant specification in the interests of visual and residential amenity;

(7) that prior to the commencement of works on site, full details of the phasing of the development shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. For the avoidance of doubt, the car park shall remain available for use at all times. Development thereafter shall proceed as approved unless otherwise first agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the appropriate phasing of the development;

(8) that prior to the commencement of works on site, full details of the proposed play park, inclusive of equipment schedule, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The play park shall be formed in accordance with the approved drawings and be available for use in accordance with the approved phasing of the development under Condition 7 above and be retained on site at all times thereafter unless otherwise first agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure suitable replacement play provision on site;

(9) that prior to the commencement of works on site, full details of the management of car parking on site for both the existing building during construction works and for the new building, should it open prior to the demolition of the existing building and completion of the car park hereby permitted, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Car parking shall then be managed as approved unless otherwise first agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure suitable parking provision during the works in the interests of road safety;

(10) that the proposed car park shall be formed in accordance with the approved drawings and be available for use in accordance with the approved phasing of the development under Condition 7 above and be retained on site at all times thereafter unless otherwise first agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure suitable parking provision for the new development in the interests of road safety;

(11) that car parking spaces shall be a minimum of 5 metres by 2.5 metres with an aisle spacing of a minimum of 6 metres, to ensure the usability of the car parking spaces in the interests of road safety;

(12) that prior to the commencement of works on site, full details of cycle parking provision shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Works shall then proceed as approved and the cycle parking provision shall be retained on site at all times thereafter unless otherwise first agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure suitable cycle parking provision in the interests of encouraging active travel;

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(13) that prior to the commencement of works on site, full details of any proposed ramps shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Works thereafter shall proceed as approved unless otherwise first agreed in writing by the Planning Authority. For the avoidance of doubt, any ramps shall have a maximum gradient of 10%, shall be not more than 6 metres long, shall have a minimum width of 1.4 metres and shall have platforms of a minimum of 1.35 metres by 1.35 metres. A 50mm handrail shall be set 1 metre above a ramp, to ensure the suitability of ramped access where provided;

(14) that prior to the commencement of works on site, full drainage detail drawings in accordance with CIRIA C753, the SUDS Manual, and Sewers for Scotland shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Works shall then proceed as approved unless otherwise first agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the adequacy of the drainage details in the interests of avoiding flooding;

(15) that prior to the commencement of works on site, the maintenance regime for the site shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Maintenance shall then be undertaken as approved at all times thereafter to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority, to ensure the adequacy of the drainage maintenance regime in the interests of avoiding flooding;

(16) that prior to the commencement of works on site, confirmation of the Scottish Water acceptance of the proposals shall be submitted to the Planning Authority, to ensure Scottish Water acceptance of the drainage proposals in the interests of avoiding flooding;

(17) that no site clearance or demolition works shall be undertaken during the bird nesting season March to September inclusive unless first agreed in writing by the Planning Authority. For the avoidance of doubt, any such agreement will require a full nesting bird survey prior to the commencement of works on site, the methodology and findings of which shall be submitted to the Planning Authority, to avoid disturbance to nesting birds;

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

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

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

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

LOCAL POLICE & FIRE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 6 FEBRUARY 2020

Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 6 February 2020 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor McVey presided.

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

In attendance also: Superintendent D Leitch, Chief Inspector D Reilly and Inspector A Durk (Policy Scotland), Area Manager G Binning, Group 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.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Convener referred to the death in December 2019 of a local serving Police Officer and he asked that the Committee's condolences be passed on to the Officer's family, friends and colleagues.

83 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 83

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Jackson and Wilson and Chief Superintendent Murray.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

84 Police Scotland Performance Report 84

There was submitted a report on the performance and activities of Police Scotland during the reporting period 1 April to 31 December 2019.

During the course of discussion on this item, reference was made to the fact that almost 30% of the 98 missing people in Inverclyde in the reporting period were looked after and accommodated children from young persons' units within the area and Councillor Moran, as Convener of the Health and Social Care Committee, stated that he would raise this Committee's concerns with the Chief Officer of the Inverclyde HSCP.

The Police Scotland representatives were asked if statistics were collected on the number of victims of crime suffering from mental illness.

In this regard, Chief Inspector Reilly advised that statistics on this were not routinely recorded. She indicated that this was a very complex issue, particularly due to problems of categorisation which were based on individual perceptions of mental illness. Police Scotland did, however, have a bespoke database of vulnerable people, including those with a mental illness, which was based on identification of vulnerability by the Police but this did not involve input from any other agencies.

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With regard to information sharing, protocols had been established and data was shared through the Concern Hub to the multi-agency Adult Protection Committee.

At the conclusion of the discussion on this subject, the Convener indicated that it would be his intention to raise the issues identified with the Chief Officer of the Inverclyde HSCP.

Police Scotland representatives were also asked if it would be possible to include within the statistics presented to the Committee, information on the number of crimes committed by repeat offenders and Chief Inspector Reilly confirmed that she would speak to the data analyst within the Police to ascertain if this would be feasible.

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

85 Scottish Fire & Rescue Service – Spotlight on Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals 85

There was submitted a report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service providing details of unwanted fire alarm systems (UFAS) incidents which were attended by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service covering 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 up to December 2019.

It was noted that work was being carried out in conjunction with East Renfrewshire Council to plan and implement a version of the NHS TAKE5 initiative, aimed at reducing the number of false fire alarms, which would be bespoke to all Council premises including office and education facilities. The proposal was to run a pilot across East Renfrewshire Council early in 2020 with a view to launching it within Renfrewshire and Inverclyde thereafter.

Decided: that the spotlight report on unwanted fire alarm signals be noted.

86 Fire and Rescue Local Inverclyde Update 86

There was submitted a Fire and Rescue Local Inverclyde update covering recruitment, the Retained Duty System (RDS) Recruitment Strategy and the Local Fire and Rescue Plan. There was circulated to the Committee, a letter from the Local Senior Officer requesting the participation of Inverclyde stakeholders in a short survey which would inform the revisions required in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan.

Decided: that the local update report be noted.

87 Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee Update Report (February 2020) 87

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

Area Manager Binning confirmed during discussion on this item that the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service was able to manage the risk when a second appliance at Greenock Fire Station was dispatched to a major incident outwith Inverclyde or should the appliance be stood down due to exceptional circumstances.

Decided: that the current and emerging national issues relating to Police and Fire and Rescue matters be noted.

88 Consultation on Her Majesty's Inspectorate for Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) Scrutiny Plan 2020-21 88

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities and Organisational Development appending a consultation response to HMICS in respect of its scrutiny planning arrangements for the period 2020-21 which had been submitted by

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the consultation deadline of 17 January 2020.

Decided: that approval be given to the consultation response to HMICS appended to the report.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 12 FEBRUARY 2020

General Purposes Board

Wednesday 12 February 2020 at 3pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, 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), Ms L Carrick (Legal & Property Services) and Sergeant I Robertson (Police Scotland).

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

89 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 89

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

Councillor Crowther and Councillor Moran declared an interest in Agenda Item 2 (Application for a House in Multiple Occupation Licence).

90 Application for a House in Multiple Occupation Licence – Turning Point Scotland 90

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services for the grant of a House in Multiple Occupation Licence by Turning Point Scotland following receipt of two public objections.

There was no representative from Turning Point Scotland in attendance for this item.

The Board heard Mrs Munro on behalf of the two objectors present.

Councillor Crowther declared a non-financial interest in this item as a former employee of Turning Point Scotland. Councillor Moran declared a non-financial interest in this item as Ward Councillor. Both Members 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 Turning Point Scotland's application be granted.

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.

91 Request for the Suspension or Revocation of a Skin Piercing and/or Tattooing Licence 91

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to consider the suspension or revocation of a Skin Piercing and/or Tattooing Licence.

Following consideration, the Board agreed to consider the matter at a future meeting of the Board, all as detailed in the Appendix.

GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE – 18 FEBRUARY 2020

Grants Sub-Committee

Tuesday 18 February 2020 at 2pm

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

Chair: Councillor Brooks presided.

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

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

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

92

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

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 2 – application number 16 (Campaign to Save Inchgreen Dry Dock)

Councillor Crowther declared a non-financial interest in this item as he is known to the organiser of the Campaign to Save Inchgreen Dry Dock. 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.

Agenda Item 2 – application number 20 (Morton Club Together)

Councillor J McEleny declared a non-financial interest in this item as he is a Morton Football Club season ticket holder. 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.

Agenda Item 3 – application number 3 (Greenock Morton Hockey Club)

Councillor J McEleny declared a non-financial interest in this item as he is a Morton Football Club season ticket holder. 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.

Prior to consideration of the reports below the Sub-Committee discussed the Grants to Voluntary Organisations application process and remit of the Grants Sub-Committee, and the Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources undertook to arrange an All Members' Briefing to provide clarification on these matters.

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

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consideration of the following items on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 4 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

93 Under 19's Sports Grants 2019/20 – Round 2

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing details of the applications received for consideration for funding from the Under 19's Sports Grants in 2019/20.

Decided: that Under 19's Sports Grants be made as follows:

	Group	Award
1	Birkmyre Rugby Club	£2,000
2	Clyde Netball Club	£2,400
3	Greenock Morton Hockey Club	£2,000

94 Grants to Voluntary Organisations 2019/20 – Round 2

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing details of the applications received for consideration for funding from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations budget in 2019/20. Councillor J McEleny moved in relation to application number 1 for Brass Sounds Inverclyde that the application be rejected. As an amendment, Provost Brennan moved that the officer's recommendation of £627 be awarded. On a vote, 2 Members, Councillors Crowther and J McEleny, voted in favour of the motion and 4 Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Murphy, Ahlfeld and Brooks, voted for the amendment which was declared carried.

Councillor J McEleny moved in relation to application number 17 for Gourock Business Club that the application be rejected. As an amendment, Councillor Ahlfeld moved that the officer's recommendation of £800 be awarded. On a vote, 2 Members, Councillors Crowther and J McEleny, voted for the motion and 3 Members, Councillors Murphy, Ahlfeld and Brooks, voted for the amendment which was declared carried. Provost Brennan abstained from voting.

Councillor J McEleny moved in relation to application number 16 for Campaign to Save Inchgreen Dry Dock that £1,440 be awarded. As an amendment, Councillor Murphy moved that the application be rejected. On a vote, 2 Members, Councillors Murphy and Brooks, voted for the amendment and 3 Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Crowther and J McEleny, voted for the motion which was declared carried. Provost Brennan abstained from voting.

Decided: that grants to voluntary organisations be made as follows:

	Group	Award
1	Brass Sounds Inverclyde	£627
2	Ardgowan Club	Reject
3	Port Glasgow Bowling Club	Reject

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4	Port Glasgow Bowling Club	Reject
5	GRASP (Greenock Recovery Alcohol Support Project)	£1,500
6	Inverkip Community Initiative	Reject
7	Larkfield Braeside & Branchton Community Council	Reject (Councillor Murphy left the meeting during consideration of this item)
8	Larkfield Braeside & Branchton Community Council	Reject
9	Parklea Branching Out	Reject
10	The Church of St Mary (L Club)	Reject
11	The Church of St Mary (Heartland Circle)	£1,500
12	Gourock Golf Club	Reject
13	Greenock Boxing Club	£1,400 (+ additional £100 (dependent upon the return of grant from Inverclyde Autistic Support Group) (Councillor Murphy returned to the meeting during consideration of this item)
14	Ocean Youth Trust Scotland	Reject
17	Gourock Business Club	£800
18	Inverkip Primary School & Nursery Class Parent Council	Reject
19	Lady Alice Family Tree	Reject (Provost Brennan left the meeting during consideration of this item)
20	Morton Club Together	Reject (Provost Brennan returned to the meeting during consideration of this item)
15	Girl Guiding Greenock Division	£1,000
16	Campaign to Save Inchgreen Dry Dock	£1,440 (dependent upon the return of grant from Inverclyde Autistic Support Group)