

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.

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It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting 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.	