

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 5 MARCH 2020

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 5 March 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, Head of Regeneration & Planning and Mr D McLavin (Corporate Communications).

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

145 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 3 (Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2019/20 to 2022/23 – Progress) – Councillors Brooks, Clocherty, Curley and J McEleny;

Agenda Item 4 (Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park) – Councillor Curley;

Agenda Item 6 (Article 4 Directions in Inverclyde Conservation Areas) – Councillor Brooks;

Agenda Item 11 (Proposed Traffic Calming Measures and Road Humps, Lyle Road and Newton Street, Greenock) – Councillor Brooks;

Agenda Item 14 (Award of Contracts for Employability Services) - Councillors Ahlfeld and Jackson;

Agenda Item 15a (Addendum to the Inverclyde Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2020/21 – 2024/25) – Councillors Brooks and Curley;

Agenda Item 17 (Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report: Update on Current Actions) – Councillors Brooks and Curley; and

Agenda Item 20 (Property Assets Management Report) – Councillors Brooks and Curley.

146 Environment & Regeneration 2019/20 Revenue Budget – Period 9 (31 December 2019)

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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 9 to 31 December 2019.

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

Decided:

(1) that the current projected underspend of £191,000 for 2019/20 as at 31 December 2019 be noted;

(2) that the current position with regard to European Social Funding be noted and

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that it be noted that updates will be submitted to future meetings of the Committee; and
 (3) that approval be given to the virement detailed in Section 7 and Appendix 5 of the report.

147 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2019/20 to 2022/23 – Progress 147

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 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 4 Members formed the view that the nature of their interests and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision-making process.

Decided:

- (1) that the 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 a further allocation from the core property allocation will be required to progress the Greenock Cemetery – Ivy House project which will be advised in due course; and
- (3) that the Committee note and approve the continued investment required and allocation of a further £0.300M from the 2020/21 core property allocation to address the renewal of the fire and panic alarm installations and upgrading of the emergency lighting throughout the Waterfront Leisure Complex.

148 Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park 148

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update in respect of Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park and advising that, as part of its budget setting process, North Ayrshire Council had now confirmed its intention to completely withdraw its requisition to the Park Authority and, in turn, its positions on the Joint Committee.

Councillor Curley declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Substitute Member of Clyde Muirshiel Park Authority Joint Committee. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision-making process.

Decided: that the withdrawal of North Ayrshire Council from the Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park Authority be noted and that it be noted a report on the future operating arrangements of the Park will be submitted before the summer recess.

149 The Campaign to Save Inchgreen Dry Dock: Creation of Sub-Group – Request by Councillor McCabe 149

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a request from Councillor McCabe that consideration be given to a motion received from the Campaign to Save Inchgreen Dry Dock to create a sub-group “The Regeneration of Coastal Industrial Land and Facilities Group”.

Decided: that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to arrange an All Members’ Briefing and discussion on an overview of the

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Economic Strategy, the role of Inverclyde Alliance, activities supporting Locality Planning and to report back to the Committee on any overlap between the proposed sub-group and existing activities.

150 Article 4 Directions in Inverclyde Conservation Areas 150

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to undertake public consultation on proposed Article 4 Directions for the eight conservation areas in Inverclyde.

Councillor Brooks declared a non-financial interest in this item as the owner of a property in the Greenock West End Conservation Area. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision-making process.

Decided: that approval be given to public consultation on Article 4 Directions for the eight conservation areas in Inverclyde.

151 Craigmuschat Quarry Recycling Centre 151

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) providing an update on developments with regard to Kirn Drive and Craigmuschat Quarry and (2) making recommendations in respect of a long term strategy.

The Head of Environmental & Public Protection advised the Committee that planning permission for the use of the site at Craigmuschat Quarry as a recycling centre for domestic/household waste had been granted.

Decided:

(1) that Kirn Drive Civic Amenity Site be relocated permanently to Craigmuschat Quarry; and

(2) that the new Craigmuschat Quarry site be a recycling centre only in order to encourage greater recycling.

152 Roads & Transportation – Proposed RAMP/Capital Programme for 2020/21 152

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval in relation to a proposed programme of projects to be undertaken in 2020/21 using RAMP/Capital Funding and a grant offer of funding by the Scottish Government for Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) projects.

Decided:

(1) that the list of projects for the 2020/21 RAMP/Capital and CWSS grant aided roads related projects as set out in the report be approved; and

(2) that authority be delegated to the Shared Head of Service Roads to achieve full spend of the RAMP/Capital budget through the substitution of projects from a reserve list when necessary.

153 Safer Streets Initiative, around Primary Schools 153

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for expenditure of the £150,000 Safer Streets Initiative budget to improve pedestrian and cycling access around Inverclyde primary schools.

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to expenditure of the Safer Streets Initiative budget over a

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three year period to improve access around primary schools and the installation of the new gateway signs designed by each primary school on approval by Transport Scotland; and

(2) that it be noted a further report will be submitted to the Committee for approval of the final proposals.

154 Standardisation of Parking Charging
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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the implications of (a) introducing three hours free parking, increasing to £2 per day for vehicles parked for longer than three hours (to be applied in car parks where there is currently a three hour maximum stay as well as car parks which have a flat rate of £2 per day), (b) charging five days per week rather than six days per week (in respect of car parks at Gourock Rail Station), and (c) introducing parking charging (with the first three hours free) within the car parks at Bruce Street, Cathcart West, Roxburgh Street (West Station), and the Waterfront car parks, all Greenock; and (2) making a number of recommendations.

Decided:

(1) that the work involved in evaluating car park usage at the locations raised at the Committee be noted;

(2) that approval be given to the removal of charges in the car parks at Gourock Station on Saturday to bring the parking management regime into line with Greenock;

(3) that approval be given to a position of 'no change' at this time in respect of the other car parks evaluated;

(4) that parking spaces with electric charging points cease to be exempt from time restrictions and parking charges; and

(5) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to arrange an All Members' Briefing and to undertake consultation with Elected Members and other interested parties on all car parks within Greenock town centre and to submit a report thereon to the Committee.

155 Proposed Traffic Calming Measures and Road Humps, Lyle Road and Newton Street, Greenock
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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the outcome of the consultation procedure undertaken for the proposed traffic calming measures and road humps at Lyle Road and Newton Street, Greenock and (2) recommending that the Committee consider the maintained objections in relation to the proposed traffic calming measures and road humps at a special meeting of the Committee.

Councillor Brooks declared a non-financial interest in this item as the owner of a property in Newton Street, although not in the immediate vicinity of the proposed traffic calming measures and road humps. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision-making process.

Decided: that the requirement to hold a public hearing to consider the maintained objections in relation to the proposed traffic calming measures and road humps at Lyle Road and Newton Street, Greenock be noted and that it be remitted to the Shared Head of Service Roads and the Head of Legal & Property Services to make the necessary arrangements for the public hearing at a special meeting of the Environment & Regeneration Committee to be held on Tuesday 7 April 2020 at 3pm.

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156 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 1 2020 156

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

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 1 2020 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.

157 Stopping Up Order – The Stopping Up of Road and Footway, Inverclyde (Campsie Road, Port Glasgow) Order 2020 157

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Stopping Up Order – The Stopping Up of Road and Footway, Inverclyde (Campsie Road, Port Glasgow) Order 2020.

Decided:

(1) that the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to promote the Stopping Up of Road and Footway, Inverclyde (Campsie Road, Port Glasgow) Order 2020; and

(2) if, after the 28 day period for statutory objections, no such objections are made or maintained, authority be delegated to the Head of Legal & Property Services to take all necessary action in connection therewith, including the confirmation of the Order.

158 Items for Noting 158

There was submitted a report for noting by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on Addendum to the Inverclyde Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2020/21 – 2024/25.

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: that the content of the report 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)
Award of Contracts for Employability Services	6 and 8
Joint Collaboration: Fleet and Waste Services Inverclyde and West Dunbartonshire Councils	1
Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report: Update on	6, 9, 12 & 13

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Current Actions

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Commercial and Industrial Portfolio Information – Scheme of Delegation Register 2, 6 & 9

Property Assets Management Report 2, 6 & 9

159 Award of Contracts for Employability Services 159

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on tenders received for employability services to be delivered from 1 April 2020, replacing services previously delivered since 2008 under Fairer Scotland funds, Regeneration funding and European funding, and (2) seeking approval for the award of contracts.

Councillor Jackson declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Board Member of Inverclyde Community Development Trust. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision-making process. Councillor Ahlfeld declared a non-financial interest as a Board Member of Inverclyde Community Development Trust and as a close relative of an employee of the Trust. Councillor Ahlfeld left the meeting as the result of being a close relative of an employee of the Trust.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the award of contracts for employability services from 1 April 2020 to the organisations listed in appendix 1 to the report; and
- (2) that the continued use of European Social Fund monies in the delivery of employability services be noted.

Councillor Ahlfeld returned to the meeting at this juncture.

160 Joint Collaboration: Fleet and Waste Services 160
Inverclyde and West Dunbartonshire Councils

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to implement shared fleet and waste management arrangements with West Dunbartonshire Council, involving the appointment of a Shared Fleet and Waste Manager leading two separate fleet and waste teams employed within their respective councils.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the appointment of the Shared Fleet and Waste Manager within West Dunbartonshire Council's management structure; and
- (2) that it be noted a report providing an update on the above will be submitted to the Shared Services Joint Committee in May 2020.

161 Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report: Update on Current Actions 161

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) advising the Committee of current actions to implement the Council's decisions on the Clune Park Estate and (2) providing a briefing on key, current items to

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ensure that the Committee is fully advised of progress.

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: that the current progress in respect of the Clune Park Area Regeneration Plan be noted.

162 **New Lease of Premises – Cathcart Street, Greenock** 162

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to grant a new lease of premises at Cathcart Street, Greenock.

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

163 **Commercial and Industrial Portfolio Information – Scheme of Delegation Register** 163

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the exercise by officers of powers delegated to them in terms of the Scheme of Delegation and providing an update on the management of the Council's commercial and industrial portfolio.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

164 **Property Assets Management Report** 164

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

There was circulated updated Appendix 5 to the report.

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.

Following consideration, and after a vote, the Committee agreed to take action, all as detailed in the appendix.