

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 12 MARCH 2020

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 12 March 2020 at 4pm

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

Chair: Provost Brennan presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Property Services, Legal Services Manager (Procurement, Conveyancing & Information Governance), Ms R McGhee and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Property Services), Head of Environmental & Public Protection, Shared Head of Service Roads, Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications and Service Manager, Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety.

187 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

188 2020/21 Revenue Budget and 2020/23 Capital Programme

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the latest position of the Council's budget and (2) seeking approval of the Revenue Budget, 2020/23 Capital Programme and a number of other associated matters.

Decided:

- (1) that the latest position of the 2020/21 Revenue Budget advised by the Chief Financial Officer be noted;
- (2) that approval be given to the proposals from the Members' Budget Working Group and that:
 - (a) the Budget Smoothing Reserve be fully allocated to reduce the savings required over 2021/23;
 - (b) the savings in Appendix 4 be approved and that the 2020/21 saving be reinvested along with the £470,000 surplus to create a recurring £750,000 Fund to address poverty and deprivation;
 - (c) the recurring investments in Appendix 5 be approved;
 - (d) the contribution of £52.289 million to the Integration Joint Board for 2020/21 be approved in addition to the allocation of £600,000 from Reserves for a replacement Social Work Information System and the inclusion of £7.4 million in the 2020/23 Capital Programme for the provision of a new build Learning Disabilities Centre at the former Hector McNeil Baths site;
 - (e) in recognition of the shared responsibilities in addressing multiple deprivation, the IJB be requested to allocated £250,000 on a recurring basis to supplement the £750,000 recurring fund created by the Council;
 - (f) the 2020/23 Capital Programme and adjustments as set out in Appendix 7 be approved;

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- (g) the use of Free Reserves set out in Appendix 8 be approved;
 - (h) the 2020/21 Common Good Budget in Appendix 9 be approved; and
 - (i) the latest estimated funding gap for the period 2020/23 in Appendix 10 be noted;
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- (3) that it be noted that it would not be the intention to undertake further Voluntary Early Release trawls during 2020/22 in those areas trawled as part of this budget and where there is sufficient existing interest in early release to meet any proposed saving.