

INVERCLYDE COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meetings of the Inverclyde Council,
Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards to be submitted
to the Meeting of The Inverclyde Council on**

Thursday 3 December 2020

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 24 SEPTEMBER 2020

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 24 September 2020 at 4pm

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

Chair: Provost Brennan presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Property Services, Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications, Heads of Roads & Environmental Shared Services, Service Manager, Children's Services, ICT Service Manager, Interim Head of Service – COVID Response, Ms S Lang and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Property Services) and Service Manager, Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety.

The meeting was held by video-conference.

371 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 371

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

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The Inverclyde Council, Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards**

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373 Audit Committee – 25 February 2020 373

Approved on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi.

374 Health & Social Care Committee – 27 February 2020 374

Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.

375 Planning Board – 4 March 2020 375

Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.

376 Local Review Body – 4 March 2020 376

Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.

377 Environment & Regeneration Committee – 5 March 2020 377

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.

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378	Education & Communities Committee – 10 March 2020	378
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379	General Purposes Board – 11 March 2020	379
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
380	The Inverclyde Council – 12 March 2020	380
	Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.	
381	Petitions Committee – 19 March 2020	381
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382	Policy & Resources Committee – 24 March 2020	382
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384	Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee – 21 April 2020	384
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391	Policy & Resources Committee – 11 August 2020	391
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
392	Health & Social Care Committee – 20 August 2020	392
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.	
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	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
394	Education & Communities Committee – 1 September 2020	394
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395	Planning Board – 2 September 2020	395
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
396	Local Review Body – 2 September 2020	396
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
397	General Purposes Board – 9 September 2020	397
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
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	Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.	
399	Policy & Resources Committee – 15 September 2020	399
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
400	Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee – 17 September 2020	400
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McVey.	
401	20mph Speed Limits in Inverclyde – Notice of Motion by Councillor Curley	401

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising of the receipt of a Notice of Motion by Councillor Curley, countersigned by Councillor MacLeod, submitted in terms of Standing Order 22 as follows:

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“Inverclyde Council notes that:

- i) The reduction in traffic speed contributes to a significant reduction in the likelihood of accidents and the injuries caused by accidents.
- ii) That traffic speed acts as an inhibitor to active travel in urban settings.

Accordingly, the Council resolves in principle that 20mph speed limit should be the default speed limit within housing areas of Inverclyde and remits officers to bring forward a report to the appropriate committee outlining the options for implementing such 20mph speed limits in Inverclyde”.

Decided:

- (1) that the Inverclyde Council notes:
 - (a) that the reduction in traffic speed contributes to a significant reduction in the likelihood of accidents and the injuries caused by accidents;
 - (b) that traffic speed acts as an inhibitor to active travel in urban settings; and
- (2) that accordingly, the Council remits it to officers to bring forward a report to the Environment & Regeneration Committee outlining the options for implementing 20mph speed limits in Inverclyde and determining whether 20mph should be the default speed limit within the housing areas of Inverclyde.

402 SNP Group – Proposed Membership Changes

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services asking the Council (1) to note the appointment of Councillor Robertson as SNP Group Leader from 5 August 2020 and (2) to consider a number of changes proposed by the SNP Group to membership of Committees, Outside Bodies, the Women’s Forum and one of the Member Champions.

Decided:

- (1) that the appointment of Councillor Elizabeth Robertson as SNP Group Leader from 5 August 2020 be noted;
- (2) that the following membership changes be agreed:

Committees

Policy & Resources Committee – Councillors C McEleny and MacLeod to be replaced by Councillors Curley and Crowther;

Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee – Councillor C McEleny to be replaced by Councillor Curley;

Licensing Board – Councillor Robertson to be replaced by Councillor Curley.

Outside Bodies

Inverclyde Alcohol and Drugs Partnership – Councillor Crowther to be replaced by Councillor MacLeod;

Renfrewshire Educational Trust – Trustees – Councillor Robertson to be replaced by Councillor Curley.

Member Champions

Healthy Lifestyles Champion – Councillor Robertson to be replaced by Councillor Curley.

- (3) that Councillor Brooks be appointed to the Fair Trade Steering Group following the resignation of Councillor Nelson; and

- (4) that the vacancy on the Women’s Forum following the resignation of Councillor C McEleny be not filled at the present time.

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403 Online Remote Council and Committee Meetings

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services (1) providing an update on the remote online operation of the September 2020 cycle of meetings and (2) recommending continuation of this until the implementation of Phase 4 of the Scottish Government Route Map – Through the Crisis.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted;
- (2) that approval be given to all meetings of the Council, Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards being held on a remote online only basis for the forthcoming cycle of meetings and that a further report reviewing the online arrangements be submitted to the meeting of the Council on 3 December 2020; and
- (3) that the Protocol for remote online meetings set out in the appendix to the report be approved.

Councillor C McEleny left the meeting at this juncture.

404 Short-Life Working Group to Establish a Museum of Human Rights in Inverclyde

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Council to support proposals to establish a Museum of Human Rights in Inverclyde and to nominate an Elected Member to represent the Council on an intended Short-Life Working Group.

Following discussion, Councillor Wilson seconded by Councillor Brooks moved (1) that Councillor McCabe be appointed as the Council's representative on the Short-Life Working Group to establish a Museum of Human Rights and (2) that the focus of the Museum be on Scotland's former role in the slave trade and triangular trade.

As an amendment, Councillor McVey seconded by Councillor Curley moved (1) that Councillor McCabe be appointed as the Council's representative on the Short-Life Working Group to establish a Museum of Human Rights in Inverclyde and (2) that the Council support the focus of the Museum being on the wider human rights issues as set out in the proposal received.

On a vote, 2 Members, Councillors Brooks and Wilson, voted in favour of the motion and 19 Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Dorrian, Jackson, MacLeod, McCabe, McCormick, J McEleny, McKenzie, McVey, Moran, Murphy, Nelson, Quinn, Rebecchi and Robertson, voted in favour of the amendment which was declared carried.

Decided:

- (1) that Councillor McCabe be appointed as the Council's representative on the Short-Life Working Group to establish a Museum of Human Rights in Inverclyde; and
- (2) that the Council support the focus of the Museum being on the wider human rights issues as set out in the proposal received.

405 Capital Strategy 2020/30 and Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2020/21 – 2023/24 – Remit from Policy & Resources Committee

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Policy & Resources Committee of 24 March 2020 requesting approval of (a) the Capital Strategy for 2020/30; (b) the Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy; (c) Authorised Limits for 2020/24; (d) the Treasury Management Policy Statement; (e) the Policy on Repayment

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of Loans Fund advances; (f) Treasury Policy Limits; (g) Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Indicators; and (h) the List of Permitted Investments (including those for the Common Good Fund).

Decided: that approval be given to:

- (a) The Capital Strategy for 2020/30;
- (b) The Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy;
- (c) Authorised Limits for 2020/24;
- (d) The Treasury Management Policy Statement;
- (e) The Policy on Repayment of Loans Fund advances;
- (f) Treasury Policy Limits;
- (g) Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Indicators; and
- (h) The List of Permitted Investments (including those for the Common Good Fund).

406 Treasury Management – Annual Report 2019/20 – Remit from Policy & Resources Committee 406

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Policy & Resources Committee of 11 August 2020 requesting approval of the Treasury Management Annual Report 2019/20.

Decided: that approval be given to the Treasury Management Annual Report 2019/20.

407 Proposed Redetermination Order – The Inverclyde Council, Campsie Road, Port Glasgow (Redetermination of Means of Exercise of Public Right of Passage) Order 2020 – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 407

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 27 August 2020 requesting approval of the proposed Redetermination Order – The Inverclyde Council, Campsie Road, Port Glasgow (Redetermination of Means of Exercise of Public Right of Passage) Order 2020.

Decided: that approval be given to the making of the Redetermination Order – The Inverclyde Council, Campsie Road, Port Glasgow (Redetermination of Means of Exercise of Public Right of Passage) Order 2020, all as detailed in a copy of the proposed Order, and that the Head of Roads and Environmental Shared Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

408 Support for Aegean Refugees – Remit from Policy & Resources Committee 408

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on a remit from the Policy & Resources Committee of 15 September 2020 for a report to be submitted to the September meeting of the Council following the Committee's support in principle to Europe Must Act's campaign to support Aegean refugees.

Decided:

- (1) that support in principle be given to the Aegean Refugee Scheme as outlined in Section 5 of the report, subject to the scheme being fully funded; and
- (2) that following response from the UK Government regarding funding, a report be submitted to the Health & Social Care Committee on proposals to participate in the new resettlement scheme.

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409 Special Meeting of Inverclyde Council – 29 October 2020 409

It was agreed unanimously to suspend Standing Orders to allow a special meeting of the Council to be held at 2pm on Thursday 29 October 2020 to consider the 2019/20 Annual Audit Report to Elected Members and the Controller of Audit.

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 (Joint Collaboration – Inverclyde and West Dunbartonshire Councils) on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Act and for the item thereafter (Business in the Appendix) on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Act as detailed in the relevant minute.

410 Joint Collaboration – Inverclyde and West Dunbartonshire Councils – Service Manager - Corporate Policy, Performance and Partnership 410

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising of discussions between Inverclyde and West Dunbartonshire Councils regarding collaboration opportunities around the role of Service Manager - Corporate Policy, Performance and Partnership.

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

Following discussion, Councillor Quinn seconded by Councillor McVey moved that the Council continue with the advertising process and appoint a Service Manager - Corporate Policy, Performance and Partnership as a permanent post within Inverclyde Council.

As an amendment, Councillor Brooks seconded by Councillor Wilson moved (1) that it be agreed that a shared management arrangement between Inverclyde and West Dunbartonshire Councils be explored on a six months trial basis up to 31 March 2021 and (2) that it be noted that a further report will be submitted to the Council following a review of the six months trial period.

On a vote, 5 Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, McKenzie, McVey, Nelson and Quinn, voted in favour of the motion and 15 Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Dorrian, MacLeod, McCabe, McCormick, J McEleny, Moran, Murphy, Rebecchi, Robertson and Wilson, voted in favour of the amendment which was declared carried.

Decided:

(1) that it be agreed that a shared management arrangement between Inverclyde and West Dunbartonshire Councils be explored on a six months trial basis up to 31 March 2021; and

(2) that it be noted that a further report will be submitted to the Council following a review of the six months trial period.

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411 Health & Social Care Committee – 27 February 2020 411

Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.

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- 412 **Environment & Regeneration Committee – 5 March 2020** 412
Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.
- 413 **General Purposes Board – 11 March 2020** 413
Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.
- 414 **Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee – 21 April 2020** 414
Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.
- 415 **Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee – 28 July 2020** 415
Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.
- 416 **Environment & Regeneration Committee – 27 August 2020** 416
Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.
- 417 **General Purposes Board – 9 September 2020** 417
Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.

PLANNING BOARD – 7 OCTOBER 2020

Planning Board

Wednesday 7 October 2020 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

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

The meeting was held by video conference.

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

418 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 418

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Dorrian with Provost Brennan substituting.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

419 PLANNING APPLICATION 419

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning on an application by Mr R C Baxter for discharge of the planning obligation associated with planning permission IC/03/409 that restricts the occupancy of the two dwellinghouses to persons employed in agriculture in the locality at North and South Hatrick Cottages, Craigbet Road, Quarriers Village (20/0002/MP).

The meeting adjourned at 3.05pm as the result of connectivity issues and reconvened at 3.16pm.

Decided: that the Section 75 Agreement in respect of the occupancy of North and South Hatrick Cottages, Craigbet Road, Quarriers Village be discharged.

420 NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION MADE TO THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS UNDER SECTION 37 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 420

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning on the notification of an application made to the Scottish Ministers by Scottish Power Energy Networks under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 for the installation of a 132kV overhead line between Erskine Substation and Devol Moor Substation at Devol Moor, Kilmacolm (20/001/EAA).

Decided: that the response to the Scottish Ministers be that the Council does not object to the proposed overhead line and recommends that the Scottish Ministers attach the following conditions to any deemed planning permission that may be granted:-

(1) that the development shall be undertaken in accordance with the application

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submission and the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (June 2020), to ensure the development is carried out in accordance with the approved details;

(2) that development shall not commence until the planning authority has approved in writing the terms of appointment by the applicant of an independent and suitably qualified environmental consultant to assist the planning authority in monitoring compliance with the terms of the deemed planning permission and conditions attached to this consent (“PMO”). The terms of appointment shall:

- a. Impose a duty to monitor compliance with the terms of the deemed planning permission and conditions attached to this consent;
- b. Require the PMO to submit a report to the planning authority summarising works undertaken on site, within a timescale agreed with the planning authority; and
- c. Require the PMO to report to the planning authority any incidences of non-compliance;

to ensure the effective monitoring of any conditions.

(3) that development shall not commence unless the planning authority has approved in writing the terms of appointment of an independent Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW). The terms of appointment shall require the ECoW to:

- a. provide training to the applicant and their contractors on their responsibilities to ensure that work is carried out in strict accordance with environmental protection requirements;
- b. advise the applicant on adequate protection for environmental and nature conservation interests within, and adjacent to, the application site;
- c. direct the placement of the development, including any micro-siting and the avoidance of sensitive features;
- d. monitor and support compliance with all environmental and nature conservation mitigation requirements and working practices required by this consent, including those required by the CEMP (“the ECoW Works”);
- e. report to and submit a monthly written report to the applicant’s nominated construction project manager and to the planning authority;
- f. report to the applicant’s nominated construction project manager and the planning authority any incidences of non-compliance with the ECoW Works at the earliest practical opportunity;
- g. have the authority to direct a halt to development on site where environmental considerations warrant such action.

The ECoW shall be appointed on the approved terms throughout the period from commencement of development, throughout any period of construction activity and during any period of post-construction reinstatement works, to secure effective monitoring of and compliance with the environmental mitigation and management measures associated with the development;

(4) that development shall not commence unless a Construction Environmental Management Plan (“CEMP”) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the planning authority in consultation with SNH and SEPA. The CEMP shall provide site-specific details of all on-site construction works, post-construction reinstatement, drainage and mitigation, together with details of their timetabling, to ensure that all construction operations are carried out in a manner that minimises their impact on air, land, water and local ecological interests, and that the mitigation measures contained in the environmental statement accompanying the application, or as otherwise agreed, are fully implemented;

(5) that development shall not commence until the applicant submits to the planning authority proposals for line markers for the purpose of bird diversion between poles 128 and 148. The proposals shall identify the nature and exact location of the line markers

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to be used. Development shall not commence until the planning authority, in consultation with SNH, has given its approval in writing to the proposals. The line markers shall thereafter be installed in accordance with the approved proposals and shall be regularly inspected and maintained for the lifetime of the development, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the planning authority. Line markers shall be inspected and maintained each year and shall only take place in September each year, in order to mitigate the potential for bird strikes resulting from installation of the overhead line;

(6) that within 12 months of the completion of construction of the development all temporary access tracks, the construction compound at Devol Moor Substation and associated temporary infrastructure shall be completely removed and the ground reinstated, to ensure that all temporary works are removed in a timely manner and the ground properly reinstated; and

(7) that within 24 months of the completion of the development the steel towers of the existing overhead line shall be completely removed and the ground reinstated in accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment detailing, to ensure the existing steel towers do not remain in position.

HUMAN RESOURCES APPEALS BOARD – 8 OCTOBER 2020

Human Resources Appeals Board**Thursday 8 October 2020 at 10am**

Present: Councillors Clocherty, Jackson, J McEleny, Nelson and Quinn.

Chair: Councillor Clocherty presided.

In attendance: Mr J Hamilton (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms B McQuarrie (for Head of Organisational Development, Policy and Communications), Ms D Sweeney and Ms L Carrick (Legal & Property Services).

The meeting was held by video-conference.

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

421 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 421

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

422 Employee: Appeal Against Dismissal 422

The Board considered an appeal against dismissal on behalf of an employee and, following a vote, agreed that the grounds of the appeal had been substantiated in part and the appeal be upheld to the extent that the employee be reinstated on the terms detailed in the appendix.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 14 OCTOBER 2020

General Purposes BoardWednesday 14 October 2020 at 10am

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Crowther, J McEleny, Moran and Quinn.

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr D Keenan (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms L Carrick and Ms F Denver (Legal & Property Services), Mr C Brown (Environmental & Public Protection) and Chief Inspector P Cameron (Police Scotland).

The meeting was held by video conference.

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

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| 423 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 423 |
| | Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Curley, Jackson and MacLeod. | |
| | No declarations of interest were intimated. | |
| | It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following 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. | |
| 424 | Application for the Renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence | 424 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on an application for the renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence which was granted, all as detailed in the Appendix. | |
| 425 | Application for the Renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence | 425 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on an application for the renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence which was granted, all as detailed in the Appendix. | |

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 20 OCTOBER 2020

Audit Committee

Tuesday 20 October 2020 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor Rebecchi presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Chief Internal Auditor, Service Manager, Community Learning & Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport, Head of Children’s Services & Criminal Justice, Ms K Christmas (HSCP), Ms G Murphy (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms D Sweeney and Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services) and Mr M Thomson (for Chief Financial Officer).

The meeting was held by video-conference.

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| 426 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 426 |
| | No apologies for absence were intimated. | |
| | Councillor Brooks declared an interest in Agenda Item 2 (Internal Audit Progress Report – 3 February to 25 September 2020). | |
| 427 | Internal Audit Progress Report – 3 February to 25 September 2020 | 427 |
| | 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 3 February to 25 September 2020. | |
| | Councillor Brooks declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Member of the Board of River Clyde Homes. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence at the meeting or his participation in the decision-making process. | |
| | Decided: that the monitoring report in respect of Internal Audit activity for the period 3 February to 25 September 2020 be noted. | |
| 428 | Internal Audit Annual Report and Assurance Statement 2019/2020 | 428 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources presenting the Internal Audit Annual Report and Assurance Statement for 2019/2020 which forms part of the Council’s Annual Governance Statement. | |
| | Decided: that the contents of the Internal Audit Annual Report and Assurance Statement 2019/2020 be noted. | |

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 20 OCTOBER 2020

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- 429 External Audit Action Plans – Current Actions 429**
- 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 31 August 2020.
- Decided:**
- (1) that progress to date in relation to the implementation of External Audit actions be noted; and
 - (2) that it be remitted to Officers to include details of the three completed actions referred to in paragraph 2.2 of the report in the next External Audit Action Plans – Current Actions report.
- 430 Annual Review of Risk Management Activity 2019/2020 430**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising of progress made in 2019/2020 in developing and monitoring a strategic approach to managing risks faced by the Council, which forms part of the Council's overall Corporate Governance Framework.
- Decided:** that the progress made in 2019/2020 in developing, implementing and monitoring a coherent corporate approach to managing risks faced by the Council be noted.
- 431 Audit Scotland National Report: National Fraud Initiative 2018/19 431**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources appending the Audit Scotland National Fraud Initiative 2018/19 report and providing an overview of the key messages and recommendations raised in the report and how these are being addressed by the Council.
- Decided:** that the contents of the report be noted and that it be agreed that a further update report be submitted to the February 2021 Audit Committee outlining the Council's progress with the 2020/2021 National Fraud Initiative exercise.
- 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.**
- 432 Appendix Relative to Item 2 providing Information on a Special Investigation 432**
- 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.

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 21 OCTOBER 2020

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Wednesday 21 October 2020 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

In attendance: Mr P MacDonald (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Ms R McGhee and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Property Services).

The meeting was held by video conference.

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

433 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 433

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

434 Proposed Traffic Calming Measures and Road Humps, Lyle Road and Newton Street, Greenock 434

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources further to the statutory consultation process undertaken in terms of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, the Roads (Traffic Calming) (Scotland) Regulations 1994, the Road Humps (Scotland) Regulations 1998, the Road Humps and Traffic Calming (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1999 and the Road Humps and Traffic Calming (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2002 in relation to proposed traffic calming measures at Lyle Road and Newton Street, Greenock (the Proposal), (1) requesting that the Committee adopt the Rules of Procedure for the purposes of the special meeting, (2) advising the Committee in relation to the proposal of the discussion between Council officers and the persons who have, as part of the public consultation, objected to the Proposals (the Objectors) and (3) making proposals to facilitate the effective, fair and proper hearing by the Committee of the Objectors who have not withdrawn their objections in order that the Committee can consider the objections (the Objections) and decide whether or not to approve the Proposal.

Mr MacDonald advised the Committee of a typographical error at paragraph 6.2 of the report where the reference to “two Objections” should read “three Objections”.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the Traffic Calming Measures Rules of Procedure as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- (2) that the terms of Appendix 2 in relation to the Objections be considered and noted; and
- (3) that it be agreed to allow the Objectors an opportunity to be heard at the special meeting in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

(Councillor McKenzie joined the meeting at this juncture).

Mr G Leitch and Ms E Provan, Roads & Transportation, were present and the Committee heard Mr Leitch in support of the proposed traffic calming measures and

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road humps.

Mr Ken McArthur and Mr Graeme Kirkwood were present and the Committee heard Mr McArthur and Mr Kirkwood in relation to the Objections.

The Committee then adjourned to private session to consider the Objections.

Following consideration of the Objections, the Committee returned to public session and Mr McArthur, Mr Kirkwood, those observing and the press were re-admitted to the meeting. Mr Leitch and Ms Provan did not re-join the meeting.

Having considered and having had regard to the Objections and the oral representations made by Mr McArthur, Mr Kirkwood and Mr Leitch at the meeting:

Councillor McCormick moved that the Objections be dismissed and that the Proposal as detailed in Appendix 3 be approved and that it be remitted to the Head of Roads & Environmental Shared Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services to arrange for its implementation, all in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

As an amendment, Councillor Nelson moved that the Objections be upheld and that the Proposal be varied to the extent that the Proposal in relation to traffic calming measures at Lyle Road, Greenock previously considered by the Committee at its special meeting on 16 April 2019 be approved and that it be remitted to Head of Roads & Environmental Shared Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services to arrange for its implementation, all in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, in order that more urgent schemes on the priority list can be addressed.

Following a roll call vote, 1 Member, Councillor Nelson, voted for the amendment and 8 Members, Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Jackson, McCabe, McCormick, J McEleny and McKenzie, voted for the motion which was declared carried.

The Committee, therefore, further decided:

(4) that the Objections be dismissed and that the Proposal as detailed in Appendix 3 be approved and that it be remitted to the Head of Roads & Environmental Shared Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services to arrange for its implementation, all in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE – 22 OCTOBER 2020

Health & Social Care CommitteeThursday 22 October 2020 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Brooks, Dorrian, Jackson, MacLeod, McCabe, McKenzie, Moran, Quinn, Rebecchi and Robertson.

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Head of Health & Community Care, Head of Children's Services & Criminal Justice, IJB Chief Financial Officer and Interim Head of Strategy & Support Services, Ms K Christmas, Ms A Howard, Ms A Hunter and Ms G Kilbane, Service Managers, Inverclyde HSCP, Ms A Edmiston (for Chief Financial Officer), Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms S Lang and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Property Services), Property Services Manager and Mr P J Coulter (Corporate Communications).

The meeting was held by video-conference.

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

435 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 435

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor C McEleny.

Councillor MacLeod declared an interest in Agenda Item 9 (Reporting by Exception – Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations).

436 Revenue and Capital Budget Report – Position as at 31 August 2020 436

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 the Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2020/21 as at 31 August 2020.

Decided:

- (1) that it be agreed to note the projected current year Revenue outturn which is an overspend of £704,000 at 31 August 2020, on the assumption that net £3.833m costs associated with COVID will be fully funded by additional Scottish Government grant;
- (2) that the current projected Capital position be noted;
- (3) that the current Earmarked Reserves position be noted; and
- (4) that it be agreed to note the recommendation to the Integration Joint Board to earmark the underspend in Learning Disability Day Services of £116,000 to meet one-off costs associated with the new Learning Disability facility.

437 HSCP Strategic Plan – Implementation Progress Report Year 1, April 2019 – March 2020 437

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on implementation progress relative to the HSCP Strategic Plan in Year 1, from April 2019 to March 2020.

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Decided:

- (1) that the progress to date be noted;
- (2) that the efforts of staff and managers to continue effectively the delivery of services and strategic plan outcomes even in the midst of a global pandemic be noted;
- (3) that the uncertain nature of recovery and what the future will look like be noted; and
- (4) that the plans to, where possible, continue to deliver transformational change in line with the HSCP's Strategic Plan 2019 - 2020 and its Big 6 actions be noted.

438 Inverclyde Community Justice Partnership Annual Report 2019 - 2020 438

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership appending the Inverclyde Community Justice Partnership Annual Report 2019 – 2020.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Community Justice Partnership Annual Report 2019 – 2020 be noted and that approval be given to the submission of the Annual Report to Community Justice Scotland pending the addressing of any amendments necessary following comments from partners.

439 Progress Update on Criminal Justice Social Work Inspection – Improvement Action Plan 439

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership (1) advising of the outcome of the Care Inspectorate inspection of Criminal Justice Social Work in 2019 for which the service had received scores of Very Good for Quality Indicators 1.1 (improving the life chances and outcomes for people subject to a community payback order), 2.1 (impact on people who have committed offences) and 9.4 (leadership of improvement and change) and Good for Quality Indicators 5.2 (assessing and responding to risk and need) and 5.3 (planning and providing effective intervention) and (2) providing an update on progress made in taking forward the two areas of improvement identified.

Decided:

- (1) that the content of the report, including the progress made in taking forward the identified improvement actions, 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 relevant staff for the evaluation achieved.

440 Alcohol and Drug Review Update 440

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 Alcohol and Drug Review, activity in relation to tackling drug deaths in Inverclyde and the recent funding from the Scottish Government Drug Death Taskforce.

Following discussion regarding the use of the drug Naloxone, the Chief Officer indicated that, as Chair of the ADP Committee, she would raise with that Committee the suggestion that Police Scotland be requested to pilot the drug in Inverclyde. (Councillor Jackson left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

- (1) that it be agreed to note the activity undertaken to date in relation to the review

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and redesign of wider Alcohol and Drug Services and that the impact of COVID has resulted in the redesign being paused;

(2) that the Alcohol and Drug Review update be a standing item at each meeting of the Committee and that reports be submitted following the publication of the 2019 drug death figures and also on a progress update on actions taken to address drug deaths; and

(3) that an All Members' Briefing on the Alcohol and Drug Review be arranged in spring 2021.

441 Migration and Resettlement Issues

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership (1) providing an update on the Council's involvement in current Government refugee schemes and support to other migrants and (2) seeking approval in principle to recommence refugee resettlement in Inverclyde through participation in the Government's new arrangements for accommodating and supporting refugees which were announced by the then Home Secretary in June 2019.

Decided:

(1) that the existing work of the Council in successfully integrating migrants in Inverclyde be noted;

(2) that approval in principle be given to the recommencement of the resettlement of families under the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme subject to details of the financial implications being submitted to the Committee;

(3) that it be agreed that Inverclyde participate in the new UK Resettlement Scheme and assist European Economic Area (EEA) nationals who require assistance under the European Union Settlement Scheme; and

(4) that approval be given to the strategic direction of the New Scots Service outlined in the report.

442 Items for Noting

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There were submitted reports for noting by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on (1) the Inverclyde Wellbeing Service (Tier 2), (2) the reconvening of the Inverclyde Joint Adult Support and Protection Inspection and (3) the Learning Disability Redesign - LD Community Hub.

Decided:

(1) that the reports be noted; and

(2) that in respect of the Inverclyde Wellbeing Service (Tier 2), a further report be submitted to the Committee on the operation of the service and the referral mechanisms used.

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.

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Reporting by Exception – Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations	6 & 9

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**Social Care Records Management Replacement System 1 & 9
Procurement Update**
443 Reporting by Exception – Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations 443

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. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence at the meeting or his participation in the decision-making process.

Decided:

- (1) that the governance report for the period 21 July to 25 September 2020 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 are sufficiently robust to ensure ongoing quality and safety and the fostering of a commissioning culture of continuous improvement.

444 Social Care Records Management Replacement System Procurement Update 444

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on the position in respect of procurement and funding relative to the replacement of the current Social Care Case Management Solution, SWIFT.

Decided:

- (1) that the anticipated delay in the procurement and resultant impact on the system implementation be noted;
- (2) that the agreement of the Integration Joint Board to fund the additional cost to procure the enhanced option 3 outlined in the report to support enhanced service delivery be noted; and
- (3) that approval be given to move to an enhanced option for the new Social Work Information System.

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 29 OCTOBER 2020

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 29 October 2020 at 2pm

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

Chair: Provost Brennan presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Mr A McEwan (for Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development), Chief Financial Officer, Mr M Thomson and Ms C Alderson (Finance Services), Head of Legal & Property Services, Ms S Lang and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Property Services), Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications, Chief Internal Auditor, Interim Head of Service – COVID Response and Service Manager, Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety.

The meeting was held by video-conference.

445 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 445

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor C McEleny.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

446 2019/20 Annual Audit Report to Elected Members and the Controller of Audit 446

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive appending the Annual Audit Report to Elected Members and the Controller of Audit for the financial year to 31 March 2020.

Mr Brian Howarth and Mr Mark Laird of Audit Scotland were present and Mr Howarth spoke to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the Annual Report to Members and the Controller of Audit for the financial year ended 31 March 2020 be endorsed and that the Action Plan in Appendix 1 of the Annual Report be approved;
- (2) that the Annual Accounts for Inverclyde Council for the financial year 2019/20 be endorsed and that approval be granted for the signing of the Accounts by the Council Leader, Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer; and
- (3) that the Letter of Representation in Appendix 3 be endorsed and the signing of the letter by the Chief Financial Officer be approved.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that the business contained exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Act.

The representatives of Audit Scotland and all officers of the Council, with the exception of the Chief Executive, Head of Legal & Property Services and Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications, also left the meeting at this point.

447 Interim Management Arrangements during COVID Recovery

447

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive seeking approval for proposed interim management arrangements to be put in place as the Council progresses through the COVID pandemic and recovery and which also take account of the recent decisions by senior officers to retire in the spring of 2021.

Following a roll call vote, the Council agreed to the interim management structure as outlined in Section 5.2 and Appendix 2 of the report and remitted it to the Head of Legal & Property Services to amend Contract Standing Orders to provide for the duties of the Corporate Procurement Manager as set out therein to be assumed by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a temporary basis pending the intended new appointment of a Corporate Procurement Manager, all as detailed in the appendix.

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 29 OCTOBER 2020

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 29 October 2020 at 3.10pm

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, Property Services Manager, Technical Services Manager, Ms R McGhee and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Property Services), Ms M McCabe (for Chief Financial Officer), Head of Regeneration, Planning & Public Protection, Head of Roads & Environmental Shared Services, Interim Head of Service – Covid Response, Service Manager, Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety and Mr P J Coulter (Corporate Communications).

The meeting was held by video conference.

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

448 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 448

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:-

Agenda Item 9 (Residents' Parking Permit Scheme Expansion Newton Street (Inverkip Street to Nelson Street)) – Councillor Brooks; and
Agenda Item 18 (Property Assets Management Report) – Councillor Ahlfeld.

449 Environment & Regeneration 2020/21 Revenue Budget – Period 5 (31 August 2020) 449

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 2020/21 Revenue Budget as at Period 5 to 31 August 2020.

Decided:

- (1) that the current projected overspend of £46,000 for 2020/21 as at 31 August 2020 be noted; and
- (2) that it be noted that the above overspend excludes £2.498m of costs relating to COVID-19 for which the Policy & Resources Committee has identified one-off funding in 2020/21.

450 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2020/21 to 2022/23 - Progress 450

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.

Decided:

- (1) that the current position of the 2020/23 Capital Programme and the progress on the specific projects in appendices 1-5 be noted;
- (2) that it be noted that further core property service projects will be identified throughout the 2020/21 financial year as part of the ongoing review and prioritisation of works based on the most recent property condition surveys;
- (3) that approval be given to the contribution of £0.050m from the Core Property Assets General Allocation to the Waterfront Leisure Centre Training Pool Moveable Floor project as outlined in paragraph 8.5 of the report;
- (4) that approval be given to the contribution of £0.335m from the Core Property Assets General Allocation towards the Indoor Tennis Facility at Rankin Park, the project being subject to submission of an updated Inverclyde Leisure Business Plan; and
- (5) that the addition of a project to address the poor condition of three small garage buildings across Inverclyde from the Core Property Assets General Allocation be noted.

451 Larkfield Road/George Road, Gourock Junction Assessment**451**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the outcome of Members' Working Meeting on the options for the Larkfield Road/George Road, Gourock junction arising from the assessment report, which had been undertaken following receipt of a petition seeking the installation of traffic lights at the junction, and (2) seeking approval to undertake a public consultation exercise on four options.

Decided: that it be remitted to Officers to undertake a public consultation exercise on the four options set out in paragraph 2.5 of the report, the consultation to be virtual in view of the risks associated with COVID-19.

452 Development Plan Update**452**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on an Action Programme for the implementation of the policies and proposals of the Local Development Plan, (2) seeking approval of the 2020 Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement setting out the timetable for preparing the new Local Development Plan and how participation in the preparation process will be encouraged and enabled, (3) seeking approval of a planning policy framework for housing and community facilities whilst the new Local Development Plan is being prepared, and (4) seeking endorsement of a response submitted to the Scottish Government's Technical Consultation on Proposed Policy Amendments to Scottish Planning Policy.

Decided:

- (1) that the Action Programme associated with the Inverclyde Local Development Plan at appendix 1 be noted;
- (2) that the 2020 Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement at appendix 2 be approved;
- (3) that the Planning Policy Statement on Our Housing and Communities at appendix 3 be approved; and
- (4) that the response submitted by the Council to the Scottish Government's Technical Consultation on Proposed Policy Amendments to Scottish Planning Policy at appendix 4 be endorsed.

453 Greenhouse Gas Emission Reporting and Achieving Net-Zero

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the performance data to be submitted to the Scottish Government with respect to climate change reporting required by the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 and (2) proposing the engagement of consultants to determine when net-zero could be achieved by the Council, what actions are required to achieve this and the costs involved.

Decided:

- (1) that the Council's climate change performance, particularly with regard to the reduction of carbon emissions, set out in appendix 1 be noted; and
- (2) that agreement be given to the commissioning of a study on when and how the Council can achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions.

454 Spaces for People and CWSR Update

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on (1) the Spaces for People and Safer Walking, Safer Roads approved funding for 2020/21 and (2) proposed cycling, walking and wheeling infrastructure improvements from Gourrock to Port Glasgow and other minor improvement works.

The Head of Roads & Environmental Shared Services advised the Committee of proposed amendments to the Gourrock Lunderston Bay to Battery Park projects set out in paragraph 4.8 of the report by removing the projects to widen the promenade (permanent) and to create a temporary cycle route on the south side of Albert Road at the flats (temporary) and including a project to clearly define the on-street section past the flats on Albert Road between the pool and the promenade.

Decided: that, subject to amendment to the Gourrock Lunderston Bay to Battery Park projects set out in paragraph 4.8 of the report by removal of the projects to widen the promenade (permanent) and to create a temporary cycle route on the south side of Albert Road at the flats (temporary) and inclusion of a project to clearly define the on-street section past the flats on Albert Road between the pool and the promenade, the projects as generally described in paragraphs 4.8 and 4.9 of the report against the ring-fenced grant from the Scottish Government Spaces for People and Safer Walking, Safer Roads be approved.

455 Road Naming

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) seeking approval of road naming and numbering guidance, (2) seeking approval of the name of a new road in a development off Tay Street/Tweed Street, Greenock and (3) advising of the names assigned to the housing development on the former St Stephen's High School site, Port Glasgow.

Decided:

- (1) that, subject to amendment of bullet point 5 of the road naming guidance to read "Avoid naming roads after people who are still living" and to include that, when naming a road after a person and where appropriate, suitable interpretation be provided, the road naming and numbering guidance set out in appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- (2) that approval be given to Nevis Road as the name of the new road being created in the development off Tay Street/Tweed Street, Greenock; and

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(3) that the names of the roads assigned to the housing development on the former St Stephen's High School site, Port Glasgow as set out in paragraph 5.6 of the report be noted.

456 Residents' Parking Permit Scheme Expansion Newton Street (Inverkip Street to Nelson Street) 456

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to extend the residents' parking permit scheme into Newton Street, Greenock between Inverkip Street and Nelson Street.

Councillor Brooks declared a non-financial interest in this matter as the owner of a property in Newton Street, Greenock, located outwith the area referred to in the report. 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 meeting or his participation in the decision-making process.

Decided:

(1) that the creation of a new parking permit zone to include Newton Street, Greenock between Inverkip Street and Nelson Street be approved; and

(2) that it be remitted to the Head of Roads & Environmental Shared Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services to prepare and promote a Traffic Regulation Order to progress and enforce the proposed extension to the residents' parking permit scheme.

457 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 2 2020 457

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 Person' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 2 2020 and that it be remitted to the Head of Roads & Environmental Shared Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services to arrange for implementation of the Order.

458 Benches to Mark the Effort by the NHS, Key Workers and Volunteers during Covid 458

There was submitted a report together with updated appendix by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a proposal to recognise the NHS, key workers and volunteers during Covid through the installation of commemorative benches in Port Glasgow, Greenock and Gourrock.

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to the commissioning of the design and build of three commemorative benches to recognise the NHS, key workers and volunteers during Covid and that approval be given to Option 1 in respect of the locations, as shown in Appendix 1 to the report; and

(2) that it be remitted to officers to explore the provision of commemorative benches in each of the main settlements in Inverclyde.

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459 Comet Replica – Condition Survey 459

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the results of the condition survey commissioned to assess the current condition of the Comet Replica situated in Port Glasgow Town Centre, a copy of which was appended to the report.

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to Officers working with the Port Glasgow Regeneration Forum to consider and cost options for the refurbishment and display of the Comet replica; and

(2) that a report on the options for dismantling the Comet Replica together with costs be submitted to the Committee.

460 Transport Scotland – Project Corridor Options – Access to Argyll and Bute (A83) 460

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on Transport Scotland's Project Corridor Options 2020 consultation and (2) seeking approval to submit the feedback form attached to the report at appendix 1.

Decided: that Officers submit the feedback to Transport Scotland's Project Corridor Options 2020 consultation attached to the report at appendix 1.

461 Corporate Asset Management Strategy Refresh 461

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the progress in respect of the refresh of the Council's Corporate Asset Management Strategy.

Decided: that approval be given to the 2019-22 Corporate Asset Management Strategy appended to the report.

462 Items for Noting 462

There was submitted a report for noting by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an oversight of the Annual Performance Report presented to the City Region Cabinet on the City Deal.

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 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as are set opposite each item.

Item	Paragraph(s)
City Deal Update	6 & 9
Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report: Update on Current Actions	6, 9, 12 & 13

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Property Assets Management Report 2, 6 & 9

A78 High Street, Greenock – Road Bridge at Oak Mall 2, 6 & 9

Use of Powers delegated to the Chief Executive to Accept the Tender for the Greenock Municipal Buildings – Clyde Square Roof Refurbishment 6 & 8

Property Assets Management Report 2, 6 & 9

463 City Deal Update 463

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update in respect of the Council's City Deal projects at Greenock Ocean Terminal (marine and land based works), Inchgreen and Inverkip. (Councillor Jackson left the meeting during consideration of this item of business). Following consideration, the Committee agreed to (1) note the update in respect of each of the City Deal projects, (2) support the principle of actions set out in the report, (3) note the development of the projects for the Clyde Mission Fund and delegate responsibility to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to accept any offer of grant if successful in the application process and (4) support the proposed solution to deliver the Inverkip City Deal Project, all as detailed in the appendix.

464 Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report: Update on Current Actions 464

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 ensure that the Committee is fully advised of progress.
Decided: that the current progress in respect of the Clune Park Area Regeneration Plan be noted.

465 Property Assets Management Report 465

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources making recommendations in respect of a number of property assets. It was agreed to consider the section of the report on premises at George Road, Gourrock following conclusion of the other agenda items. Following consideration, the Committee agreed to take action in respect of (1) a site at Cardross Crescent, Greenock, (2) premises at Golf Road, Gourrock, (3) a site at Crescent Street, Greenock and (4) tenant consultation, all as detailed in the appendix.

466 A78 High Street, Greenock – Road Bridge at Oak Mall 466

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a request received from Transport Scotland for the Council's agreement in resolving any ownership issues affecting the A78 High Street, Greenock road bridge so that necessary repairs can be undertaken. Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

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467 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive to accept the Tender for the Greenock Municipal Buildings – Clyde Square Roof Refurbishment 467

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to issue an instruction in respect of the acceptance of the lowest acceptable tender for the Greenock Municipal Buildings – Clyde Square Roof Refurbishment.

Decided: that the use of the emergency powers procedure to issue an instruction in respect of the acceptance of the lowest acceptable tender for the Greenock Municipal Buildings – Clyde Square Roof Refurbishment be noted.

468 Property Assets Management Report 468

The Committee resumed consideration of the report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources in relation to premises at George Road, Gourrock.

Councillor Ahlfeld declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Honorary Chairman of an organisation referred to in the report and left the meeting.

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

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 3 NOVEMBER 2020

Education and Communities Committee

Tuesday 3 November 2020 at 2pm

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

Chair: Councillor Clocherty presided.

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

The meeting was held by video-conference.

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

469 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

469

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

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 2 (Communities 2020/21 Revenue Budget – Period 5 to 31 August 2020) – Councillors Clocherty, J McEleny and Quinn.

Agenda Item 3 (Communities Capital Programme 2020/21 to 2022/23 – Progress) – Councillors Clocherty, J McEleny and Quinn.

Agenda Item 5 (School Crossing Patrol (SXP) Review) – Councillors Murphy and Quinn.

Agenda Item 6 (Regeneration Capital Grant Fund) – Councillors Clocherty, J McEleny, MacLeod and Quinn.

Agenda Item 8 (Grants to Voluntary Organisations) – Councillors J McEleny, MacLeod, Murphy and Robertson.

Agenda Item 17 (Ongoing Governance of External Organisations) – Councillors Clocherty, J McEleny and Quinn.

470 Communities 2020/21 Revenue Budget – Period 5 to 31 August 2020

470

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the 2020/21 Revenue Budget as at Period 5 to 31 August 2020.

Councillors Clocherty, J McEleny and Quinn declared a non-financial interest in this

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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 at the meeting or their participation in the decision-making process.

Decided: that the current projected underspend of £129,000 in the 2020/21 Communities Revenue Budget as at Period 5 to 31 August 2020, net of costs of £997,000 funded by the approved COVID-19 budget, be noted.

471 **Communities Capital Programme 2020/21 to 2022/23 – Progress** 471

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.

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 at the meeting or their participation in the decision-making process.

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

Decided:

- (1) that the progress of the specific projects detailed in Appendix 1 be noted; and
- (2) that the use of the emergency powers procedure to authorise a tender acceptance relative to the Parklea Community Facility 3G Pitch Lifecycle Works, as set out in a separate report, be noted.

472 **Cultural Services Annual Report 2019-20** 472

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on progress within Cultural Services as set out in the Cultural Services Annual Report 2019/20.

Decided:

- (1) that the Cultural Services Annual Report 2019/20 be noted;
- (2) that the Committee's congratulations be conveyed to Myra Mains, Senior Library Assistant for Young People's Services, Inverclyde Libraries, winner of the Inaugural Book Bug Hero Award from the Scottish Book Trust; and
- (3) that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee on the impact of COVID-19 and the lockdown on Cultural Services within Inverclyde.

473 **School Crossing Patrol (SXP) Review** 473

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development proposing a review of the current policy and guidance following significant change to the provision of, and demand for, School Crossing Patrols (SXPs) for Primary Schools in Inverclyde.

Councillors Murphy and Quinn declared non-financial interests in this item as relatives of school crossing patrol personnel. They also formed the view that the nature of their interests and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence at the meeting or their participation in the decision-making process.

Following discussion, Councillor Clocherty moved:

- (1) that agreement be given to remove the local policy condition that "established sites will remain in place except where there is a significant change in circumstances";

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- (2) that an appropriately experienced consultant be appointed to undertake a review of all extant SXP sites to ensure compliance with national guidance;
- (3) that it be agreed that changes to the school estate, housing supply changes or the vacating of an SXP post by the post-holder will become the trigger for a review of that SXP site;
- (4) that it be agreed that where the removal of a SXP site is required, road safety education will be undertaken within the affected schools and that the schools will be supported in identifying and promoting acceptable walking routes to school and active travel; and
- (5) that in relation to the review of all existing SXP sites as set out in (2) above, consultation be undertaken with all stakeholders across the whole school community and that the results of the review and consultation exercise be submitted to the Committee for consideration.

As an amendment, Councillor McVey moved:

- (1) that agreement be given to remove the local policy condition that “established sites will remain in place except where there is a significant change in circumstances”;
- (2) that an appropriately experienced consultant be appointed to undertake a review of all existing SXP sites to ensure compliance with national guidance;
- (3) that it be agreed that changes to the school estate, housing supply changes or the vacating of an SXP post by the post-holder will become the trigger for a review of that SXP site;
- (4) that it be agreed that where the removal of a SXP site is required, road safety education will be undertaken within the affected schools and that the schools will be supported in identifying and promoting acceptable walking routes to school and active travel;
- (5) that it be agreed that relevant Parent Councils and Community Councils must be consulted prior to any school crossing patroller site being removed and that the result of the consultation be reported to the Committee for the final determination on whether or not the crossing site is to be removed; and
- (6) that a review of the existing policy in relation to school crossing patrols be undertaken.

On a roll-call vote, 5 Members, Provost Brennan and Councillors Clocherty, McCabe, Murphy and Wilson, voted in favour of the motion and 6 Members, Councillors MacLeod, C McEleny, J McEleny, McVey, Quinn and Robertson, voted in favour of the amendment which was declared carried.

Decided:

- (1) that agreement be given to remove the local policy condition that “established sites will remain in place except where there is a significant change in circumstances”;
- (2) that an appropriately experienced consultant be appointed to undertake a review of all existing SXP sites to ensure compliance with national guidance;
- (3) that it be agreed that changes to the school estate, housing supply changes or the vacating of an SXP post by the post-holder will become the trigger for a review of that SXP site;
- (4) that it be agreed that where the removal of a SXP site is required, road safety education will be undertaken within the affected schools and that the schools will be supported in identifying and promoting acceptable walking routes to school and active travel;
- (5) that it be agreed that relevant Parent Councils and Community Councils must be consulted prior to any school crossing patroller site being removed and that the result of the consultation be reported to the Committee for the final determination on whether or not the crossing site is to be removed; and

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(6) that a review of the existing policy in relation to school crossing patrols be undertaken.

474 Regeneration Capital Grant Fund – Round 8 Projects 2021/22

474

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update in relation to the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund following several applications made in the Inverclyde area.

Councillor MacLeod declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Non-Executive Director of Parklea Branching Out and left the meeting prior to its consideration.

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

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

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to the application by Inverclyde Council to the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund in respect of the proposed King George VI Community Hub;

(2) that approval be given to the relocation/closure of the existing Clune Park Resource Centre to the proposed King George VI Community Hub, pending a successful grant award;

(3) that the continuing progress of the Inverclyde Shed/Meet, Make + Share to Round 8, Stage 2 of the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund be noted;

(4) that a meeting of the King George VI Building Steering Group be convened as soon as possible to discuss the overall project position;

(5) that officers meet as soon as possible with Rig Arts Ltd to discuss future partnership opportunities; and

(6) that support be provided to Parklea Garden Hub Project in the submission of any future funding bid, including assistance with accessing other funding sources.

Councillor MacLeod returned to the meeting at this juncture.

475 Year of Young People Legacy 2019/20

475

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the Year of Young People Legacy Plan 2019/20 and proposals for use of the fund in 2020/21.

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

Decided:

(1) that the contents of the report and the opportunities developed and delivered as part of the Year of Young People Legacy Plan for 2019/20 be noted; and

(2) that agreement be given to the approach set out in the report for use of the Year of Young People Legacy monies in 2020/21, with young people co-producing the plan as part of Community Learning and Development's commitment to youth participation.

476 Items for Noting (Communities)

476

There were submitted reports for noting by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on (1) the Scottish Community Safety

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Network Annual Report 2019/20, (2) the successful funding bid for the Watt Institution, (3) use of the emergency powers procedure relative to a tender acceptance for the replacement of the 3G Synthetic Pitches at Parklea, Port Glasgow, and (4) use of the emergency powers procedure relative to the commissioning of a festive film.

Decided: that 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 2 items on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 4 and 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

477 Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Under 19s Sports Grants 2020/21

477

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) advising the Committee of approved grants to voluntary organisations, including Under 19s sports grants, and (2) seeking approval of a number of grants in excess of the £10,000 delegated authority limit set by the Committee.

Councillor Robertson declared a non-financial interest in this item due to a close personal relationship with a likely supplier of services listed in the report and left the meeting prior to its consideration.

Councillor J McEleny declared a non-financial interest as a shareholder of Greenock Morton FC Limited and as Co-Chair of Home Start, Renfrewshire and Inverclyde, Councillor MacLeod declared a non-financial interest having acted as a referee relative to one of the applications and Councillor Murphy declared a non-financial interest as Chairperson of Inverclyde Youth for Christ. All three Members formed the view that the nature of their interests and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence at the meeting or their participation in the decision-making process.

Decided:

(1) that the grants set out in appendices A and C approved as part of the 2020/21 allocation under the delegated authority granted by the Committee on 1 September 2020 be noted;

(2) that approval be given to the following grant awards as detailed in appendices B and D of the report:

(a) £25,000 to Inverclyde Voluntary Council of Social Services from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Funding;

(b) £10,000 to Greenock Morton Community Trust from the Under 19s Sports Grants Funding; and

(c) £12,000 to Inverclyde Amateur Swimming Club from the Under 19s Sports Grants Funding.

Councillor Robertson returned to the meeting at this juncture.

478 Ongoing Governance of External Organisations

478

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) providing an oversight of governance arrangements in place for externally funded organisations and (2) highlighting any issues arising from ongoing governance arrangements.

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

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the nature of their interest and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence at the meeting or their participation in the decision-making process.

Decided:

- (1) that the current status of external organisations in relation to ongoing governance arrangements be noted; and
- (2) that approval be given to the grant of £40,000 to Broomhill/In-Works subject to the submission and approval of a revised Business Plan by Council officers.

The Communities business concluded at 4.45pm.

The Committee commenced consideration of the Education items of business at 4.50pm with Rev. Burt, Mrs Gilpin, Ms McMillan and Ms McEwan joining the meeting.

479 Education 2020/21 Revenue Budget – Period 5 to 31 August 2020 479

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Director Education, Communities and Organisational Development on the 2020/21 Education Revenue Budget position as at Period 5 to 31 August 2020.

Decided: that the current projected overspend of £38,000 in the 2020/21 Education Revenue Budget, net of £2.847m of COVID-19 related costs which will be funded by the agreed COVID-19 budget, be noted.

480 Education Capital Programme 2020 - 2023 - Progress 480

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

481 Education Services Improvement Plan 2020 - 21 481

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development appending the Education Services Improvement Plan for session 2020 – 21.

Decided: that approval be given to the Education Services Improvement Plan 2020 – 21 and for its publication.

482 Report on the Work of the West Partnership and the West Partnership 2020 – 23 Improvement Plan 482

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) advising of the evaluation of work undertaken by the West Partnership (Glasgow Region Education Improvement Collaborative) in 2019 – 20 and (2) seeking approval of the West Partnership Improvement Collaborative Improvement Plan.

Decided:

- (1) that the report on progress of the Glasgow Region Education Improvement Collaborative be noted; and
- (2) that approval be given to the West Partnership Improvement Collaborative

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Improvement Plan 2020 – 23 set out in Appendix 2 to the report.

483 Education Update Report

483

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing updates on a number of issues in relation to education provision in Inverclyde.

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

Decided:

- (1) that the report be noted;
- (2) that agreement given to the distribution of a number of laptops to pupils who have been identified by schools as possibly struggling to access blended learning; and
- (3) that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee on the mental health implications of COVID-19 for pupils and teachers.

484 Items for Noting (Education)

484

There were submitted reports for noting by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on (1) Inverclyde Council's Schools Health and Wellbeing Survey 2019, (2) the Scottish Government Access to Childcare Fund, and (3) the Inverclyde Child Poverty Local Action report.

In relation to the Inverclyde Council's Schools Health and Wellbeing Survey, the Corporate Director confirmed that she would raise through the Association of Directors of Education in Scotland, the view expressed that the national survey should not use identifiers and should be in an anonymous format.

(Councillor C McEleny left the meeting following the discussion on the Inverclyde Council's Schools Health and Wellbeing Survey and Ms McMillan left during the discussion on the Inverclyde Child Poverty Local Action report).

Decided: that the reports be noted.

485 School Term Dates – Session 2021/22

485

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval for the setting of the school term dates for session 2021/22.

Decided: that approval be given to the school term dates for session 2021/22 as set out in appendices 1 and 2 of the report.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 11 NOVEMBER 2020

General Purposes Board

Wednesday 11 November 2020 at 10am

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

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr D Keenan (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms L Carrick and Ms F Denver (Legal & Property Services), Mr C Brown (Environmental & Public Protection) and Sergeant I Robertson (Police Scotland).

The meeting was held by video conference.

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

486 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 486

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

487 Application for Variation of Late Hours Catering Licence 487
Wm Morrison Supermarkets plc
Premises – Morrisons, Rue End Street, Greenock

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on an application for the variation of a late hours catering licence. The application was referred to the Board as the hours applied for were outwith the Council's custom and practice for such licences.

Mr A Green, Solicitor and Ms M Gabbatiss, Trading Standards Manager were in attendance representing Wm Morrison Supermarkets plc.

The Board heard Mr Green in support of the application.

Decided: that the application for variation 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 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.

488 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence 488

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence which was refused, following a vote, all as detailed in the Appendix.

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489 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence**489**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence. Following consideration, the Board agreed to consider the matter at a future meeting of the Board, all as detailed in the Appendix.

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 17 NOVEMBER 2020

Policy & Resources Committee

Tuesday 17 November 2020 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, McCabe, McCormick, McVey, Moran, Rebecchi, Robertson and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Head of Legal & Property Services, Ms C Craig-McDonald, Ms R McGhee and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Property Services), Chief Financial Officer, Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications, Shared Services Manager, Corporate Policy, Performance & Partnership, Head of Regeneration, Planning & Public Protection, Interim Head of Service, Public Protection & Covid Recovery and Mr P J Coulter (Corporate Communications).

The meeting was held by video-conference.

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

490 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 490

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Councillor Robertson declared an interest in Agenda Item 12 (Governance of External Organisations – Annual Update).

491 COVID-19 (Coronavirus): Scrutiny Report 491

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive providing an update on relevant actions taken by officers in order to address and mitigate the risks arising from the COVID-19 emergency.

Decided:

- (1) that the actions taken to date to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 emergency in Inverclyde be noted;
- (2) that the new model of Day Centre delivery be noted;
- (3) that approval be given to the resumption of on-street limited-stay parking and associated enforcement on 7 December 2020 following appropriate publicity and that any resumption of pay and display parking be reviewed in early 2021;
- (4) that approval be given to the negotiated settlement of £13,500 to Bridgewater Housing Association for 2020 COVID related losses against the small repairs service element of the aids and adaptations contract; and
- (5) that an update on the progress of the Partnership and Corporate Operational Recovery Plans be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

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- 492 2020/21 General Fund Revenue Budget as at 30 September 2020 492**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the position of the General Fund Revenue Budget as at 30 September 2020 and (2) providing an update in respect of the position of the General Fund Reserves and Earmarked Reserves.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the latest position of the 2020/21 Revenue Budget and General Fund Reserves be noted; and
- (2) that the latest costs in relation to COVID-19 be noted.
- 493 2020/23 Capital Programme 493**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the latest position of the 2020/23 Capital Programme.
- Decided:** that the current position of the 2020/23 Capital Programme be noted.
- 494 Policy & Resources Committee 2020/21 Revenue and Capital Budgets – Period 6 to 30 September 2020 494**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and the Chief Financial Officer on the 2020/21 Revenue and Capital position as at Period 6 to 30 September 2020.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the 2020/21 Revenue Budget projected underspend of £424,000 as at Period 6 to 30 September 2020 be noted;
- (2) that the projected 2020/21 surplus of £95,980 for the Common Good Fund be noted;
- (3) that approval be given to the utilisation of £70,000 from the Digital Strategy earmarked reserve to expand the use of Electronic Document Management into more Council Services; and
- (4) that the current projected Capital position be noted.
- 495 Welfare Reform Update 495**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing an update on recent developments regarding Welfare Reform.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the updates contained in the report be noted; and
- (2) that, if possible, future reports include information on Universal Credit sanctions.
- 496 Insurance Fund Position as at 30 September 2020 496**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the position of the Council's Insurance Fund as at 30 September 2020 and (2) highlighting any relevant issues.
- Decided:** that the contents of the report and the Insurance Fund position as at 30 September 2020 be noted.

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497 Treasury Management – Mid-Year Report 2020/21 497

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the operation of the Treasury function and its activities for the first six months of 2020/21 as required under the terms of Treasury Management Practice 6 (“TMP6”) on “Reporting Requirements and Management Information Arrangements”.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the Mid-Year Report on Treasury Management for 2020/21 and the ongoing work to ensure the delivery of financial benefits for the Council be noted; and
- (2) that the Mid-Year Report be remitted to the Inverclyde Council for approval.

498 Contract Awards – 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020 498

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising the Committee of contracts awarded for the supply of goods or materials, provision of services and execution of works during the period 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020.

Decided:

- (1) that the contracts awarded by the Council during the period 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020 be noted;
- (2) that an update on the Council’s Procurement Strategy be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee; and
- (3) that any impact on Council contracts arising from the UK’s withdrawal from the European Union be included in the next update report on withdrawal from the European Union.

499 Statutory and Key Performance Indicators Annual Report 2019/20 499

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications appending the Statutory and Key Performance Indicators Annual Report 2019/20 which details the progress made in the last year towards the achievement of the Council’s performance targets.

Decided:

- (1) that the Statutory and Key Performance Indicator data for financial year 2019/20 be noted; and
- (2) that it be noted that a separate report on the Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) indicators will be submitted to the Committee, setting out details of the Council’s performance relative to other Scottish local authorities, once this data is published.

500 Inverclyde Council Annual Complaint Handling Report 1 April 2019 - 31 March 2020 500

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services advising the Committee of the annual performance of all complaints received and handled by Inverclyde Council, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership and both Arm’s Length Organisations, Inverclyde Leisure and Riverside Inverclyde, between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020.

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

501 Governance of External Organisations – Annual Update

501

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

Councillor Robertson declared a financial interest in this item as a consultant to Stepwell and left the meeting prior to its consideration.

Decided:

(1) that the update on the last 12 months' governance of external organisations as shown in Appendix 1 to the report and the impact that the COVID pandemic has had on the usual governance process be noted; and

(2) that approval be given to the list of external organisations which will form part of the framework for the period November 2020 – September 2021 as shown in Appendix 3.

Councillor Robertson rejoined the meeting and Councillor McVey left at this juncture.

502 Delivering Differently in Inverclyde - Update

502

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

Decided:

(1) that the progress made to date on the Delivering Differently programme and the impact which the COVID pandemic is having on some delivery timescales be noted;

(2) that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive to conduct Voluntary Early Release Trawls where required for those projects in Appendix 2 but on the proviso that no decisions are taken without a report to the relevant Committee; and

(3) that approval be given to change the scope of the Terms and Conditions review and that the projects listed in Appendix 2 be added to the Delivering Differently programme.

503 2021/23 Budget Update

503

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) providing an update on the current status of the 2020/23 Revenue Budget and (2) seeking decisions to guide the development of a 2021/23 budget report to be presented to the 3 December 2020 meeting of the Inverclyde Council.

Decided:

(1) that the contents of the report and the latest position of the 2021/23 Revenue Budget be noted;

(2) that agreement be given to the proposals set out in Appendix 1 to the report and that the impact on the 2021/23 funding gap be noted;

(3) that it be agreed that the Chief Financial Officer prepare a report to the 3 December 2020 Inverclyde Council meeting setting out how reserves could be used in delivering a balanced 2021/23 budget.

Councillor McVey rejoined the meeting at this juncture.

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504 Anti-Poverty Fund - Update**504**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) providing an update on the latest position of the anti-poverty related initiatives and funding and (2) seeking decisions on future initiatives for the period to 31 March 2021.

Decided:

- (1) that the proposals set out in section 6 of the report be approved and that it be remitted to officers to implement the distribution of funding prior to 31 March 2021;
- (2) that it be agreed that any underspend on the recurring Anti-Poverty Revenue Budget be added to the Anti-Poverty Earmarked Reserve at the year end and carried forward into 2021/22; and
- (3) that, subject to demand, authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to vary the financial support to iHeat by up to a maximum of £20,000.

505 Accounts Commission “Local Government in Scotland Overview 2020” Report**505**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications (1) on the publication of the Annual Accounts Commission Local Government Overview report, (2) highlighting relevant matters and (3) seeking approval for improvement actions arising.

Decided:

- (1) that the publication of the Accounts Commission “Local Government in Scotland Overview 2020” report and the self-assessment activity carried out in relation to the Council position on each of the Commission’s key messages be noted; and
- (2) that agreement be given to the suggested improvement areas for alignment to the relevant Corporate Directorate Improvement Plans and corporate planning and performance arrangements.

506 National Records of Scotland “Life Expectancy in Scotland 2017-19”**506**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications (1) providing details of the National Records of Scotland recent publication “Life Expectancy in Scotland 2017-19” and (2) highlighting the data relating to Inverclyde.

During discussion, it was noted that the meeting of the Inverclyde Alliance Board scheduled to be held on 7 December 2020 had been rearranged and would now take place in January 2021.

Decided:

- (1) that the publication of the new National Records of Scotland statistics on life expectancy be noted;
- (2) that it be noted that a further report on life expectancy split by deprivation quintile and healthy life expectancy will be submitted to the Committee following publication of these statistics in December 2020;
- (3) that it be agreed that the report be submitted for the consideration of the Inverclyde Alliance Board at its meeting in January 2021; and
- (4) that it be remitted to the Population Partnership to consider and agree any additional actions arising from the new data.

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507 Programme for Government 2020-21

507

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on (1) the publication of the Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2020-21 'Protecting Scotland, Renewing Scotland' on 1 September 2020 and (2) the potential implications and opportunities for Inverclyde.

Decided:

- (1) that officers be mandated to engage with the Scottish Government, Scottish Enterprise, Community Planning Partners and Glasgow City Region and establish opportunities for Inverclyde in respect of the Programme for Government 2020-21 and that a report on progress be submitted to the March 2021 meeting of the Committee;
- (2) that a report on opportunities for locating national agencies in Inverclyde be submitted to the Committee; and
- (3) that a report on Clyde Mission be submitted to the Environment & Regeneration Committee.

508 Freeports

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on a letter received from the Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation on the Scottish Government approach to Freeports and the imminent commencement of the bidding process for Freeports in England.

After discussion, Councillor Robertson moved:

- (1) that it be noted that the application process for Freeports will shortly open in England;
- (2) that it be noted that a process for applications in Scotland has yet to be agreed between the Scottish and United Kingdom Governments;
- (3) that the Committee notes the concerns of the TUC in terms of Freeports being a "Race to the bottom" on workers terms, conditions, rights, and working practices. The Committee also notes concerns regarding the Tax status of Freeports which could result in a reduction of tax revenues that fund public services such as the NHS. The Committee does not support the principle of the establishment of Freeports; and
- (4) that the Committee notes that a Freeport may still be established on the Clyde. The Committee therefore requests that officers bring back a report setting out the full implications to Inverclyde of the establishment of a Freeport on the Clyde.

As an amendment, Councillor McCabe moved:

- (1) that it be noted that the application process for Freeports will shortly open in England;
- (2) that it be noted that a process for applications in Scotland has yet to be agreed between the Scottish and United Kingdom Governments;
- (3) that authority be granted to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to reaffirm to the Scottish and UK Governments the desire that the Clyde should be considered as a potential Freeport; and
- (4) that a report be submitted to Committee as and when the process for application is clear.

Following a roll call vote, 3 Members, Councillors Crowther, Curley and Robertson, voted in favour of the motion and 8 Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, McCabe, McCormick, McVey, Moran, Rebecchi and Wilson, voted in favour of the amendment which was declared carried.

Decided:

- (1) that it be noted that the application process for Freeports will shortly open in England;
- (2) that it be noted that a process for applications in Scotland has yet to be agreed between the Scottish and United Kingdom Governments;
- (3) that authority be granted to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to reaffirm to the Scottish and UK Governments the desire that the Clyde should be considered as a potential Freeport; and
- (4) that a report be submitted to Committee as and when the process for application is clear.

Councillor McVey left the meeting at this juncture.

509 Employability Interventions – Inverclyde Jobs Recovery Plan**509**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the impact of COVID-19 on the economy, (2) providing an update on the recent UK and Scottish Government announcements on employment support in response to the impact on the labour market from COVID-19 and (3) proposing a range of additional employability interventions for Inverclyde in response to COVID-19.

The Head of Regeneration, Planning & Public Protection requested that, in the interests of facilitating early implementation of the Refresh Programme, the Committee authorise officers to commence the trawl in advance of any decision which may be made by the Council at its meeting on 3 December 2020 to allocate funds.

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

Decided:

- (1) that the impact of COVID-19 on the economy be noted;
- (2) that the UK and Scottish Government labour market interventions be recognised;
- (3) that the range of measures identified in the report to support the labour market in Inverclyde be noted;
- (4) that it be agreed that one-off funding to support the initiatives be incorporated in the 2021/23 Budget Strategy;
- (5) that regular monitoring reports be submitted to the Environment & Regeneration Committee in the event of the budget being approved; and
- (6) that, in the interests of facilitating early implementation of the Refresh Programme, officers be authorised to commence the trawl in advance of any decision which may be made by the Council at its meeting on 3 December 2020 to allocate funds.

LOCAL POLICE & FIRE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 19 NOVEMBER 2020

Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 19 November 2020 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor McVey presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Interim Head of Service, Public Protection and Covid Recovery, 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 (Safer Communities), Ms A Sinclair (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms D Sweeney and Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services) and Service Manager, Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety.

In attendance also: Chief Superintendent A Murray and Chief Inspector D Reilly (Police Scotland) and Local Senior Officer J McNeill and Group Manager D McCarrey (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service).

The meeting was held by video-conference.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Convener conveyed his appreciation and thanks on behalf of the Committee to Chief Inspector D Reilly and Chief Superintendent A Murray on their last Committee meeting. The Convener congratulated Ms Reilly on her promotion and wished Mr Murray well in his retirement.

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

510 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 510

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

511 Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Performance Report 511

There was submitted a report on the performance and activities of the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service during the reporting period 1 July to 30 September 2020.

Prior to reporting on this item, Group Manager McCarrey thanked Police Scotland colleagues and wished them well for the future, acknowledging the positive working relationships which had formed between both organisations locally.

Group Manager McCarrey advised the Committee of the steps which had been taken to identify and assist vulnerable members of the public and reduce their risk from accidental dwelling fires and it was anticipated that this early intervention would have long term benefits. Group Manager McCarrey also explained that the increase in the number of dwelling fires and deliberate fire settings was linked, and connected to wider incidents which had been addressed in a joint operation with Police Scotland. In relation to unwanted fire alarm signals, Group Manager McCarrey advised of his intention to

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contact the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development in order to create an educational programme which can be piloted in one school.

During the course of discussion on this item, reference was made to incidents which had occurred outwith the reporting period on 5 November and in particular a bonfire in the Larkfield area which had resulted in the deployment of additional Police resources. Thanks were expressed to Mr Martin McNab, Interim Head of Service, Public Protection and Covid Recovery, and his team for their assistance, and this was echoed by the Convener. Reference was also made to two fires which had occurred very recently within the disused Greenock Arts Guild in Campbell Street, Greenock and Group Manager McCarrey emphasised the importance of working in partnership with the local authority and premises owners to ensure that such buildings are made, and remain, lockfast.

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

512 Police Scotland Performance Report

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There was submitted a report on the performance and activities of Police Scotland during the reporting period 1 April to 30 September 2020.

Chief Superintendent Murray provided updates on Operation Tell, the Police response to the recent fire incidents, and also on the Police response to the Covid pandemic. Referring to the item in the report on missing persons, in particular the significant decrease in the number of Looked After and Accommodated Children going missing from care homes, Chief Superintendent Murray acknowledged the positive working relationships which existed between Police Scotland and Social Work services and which helped with the early identification of risks.

During the course of discussion on this item reference was made to a recent national report from the Scottish Children's Reporter Administration and Barnardo's Scotland on the sexual exploitation of children involved in the Children's Hearings system, and it was agreed that Police Scotland will submit a report to the next Committee on the position locally. Chief Inspector Reilly also provided an update on the Fearless campaign.

Decided:

- (1) that the information contained in the report be noted; and
- (2) that it be remitted to Police Scotland to provide a report on child sexual exploitation and the safety of children within Inverclyde to the next Committee.

513 Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee Update Report (November 2020)

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

Decided:

- (1) that the current and emerging national issues relating to Police and Fire & Rescue matters be noted; and
- (2) that the response to the Independent Advisory Group on Police use of Temporary Powers relating to the Coronavirus crisis as detailed in section 6 of the report be approved.

514 Local Police Plan 2020-23: K-Inverclyde**514**

There was submitted the Inverclyde Local Policing Plan 2020-23 by Police Scotland for approval by the Committee before submission to the Scottish Police Authority.

Decided: that the Plan be approved.

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 24 NOVEMBER 2020

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Tuesday 24 November 2020 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Quinn (for 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, Ms R McGhee and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Property Services), Head of Regeneration, Planning & Public Protection and Mr PJ Coulter (Corporate Communications).

The meeting was held by video-conference.

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

515 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 515

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Ahlfeld with Councillor Quinn substituting.

Councillors Brooks and Curley declared an interest in Agenda Item 2 (Inverclyde Local Development Plan – Main Issues Report).

516 Inverclyde Local Development Plan – Main Issues Report 516

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of the Main Issues Report for the new Inverclyde Local Development Plan.

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 meeting or their participation in the decision-making process.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Local Development Plan Main Issues Report, attached to the report at Appendix 1, be approved for public consultation.

PLANNING BOARD – 2 DECEMBER 2020

Planning Board

Wednesday 2 December 2020 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

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

The meeting was held by video-conference.

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

517 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 517

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

518 CONTINUED PLANNING APPLICATION 518

Erection of dwellinghouse and garage (amendment to Planning Permission 16/0319/IC):

Site at 13 Dunvegan Avenue, Gourock (20/0122/IC)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning regarding an application by Mr C Canata for the erection of dwellinghouse and garage (amendment to planning permission 16/0319/IC) at a site at 13 Dunvegan Avenue, Gourock (20/0122/IC), consideration of which had been continued from the meeting held on 2 September 2020 to enable the Head of Regeneration & Planning to enter into discussions with the applicant regarding the Planning Board's concerns in respect of the carport/garage and the specification of the proposed balconies.

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

- (1) that unless otherwise first agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, the development hereby permitted shall be implemented in full within 4 months of the date of this permission to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority, to ensure the works are undertaken in appropriate timescale, in the interests of visual amenity;
- (2) that unless otherwise first agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, all external materials to be used in construction shall accord with those specified on the "Proposed Plans and Elevations" hereby approved, to ensure the external materials are appropriate, in the interests of visual amenity; and
- (3) that in respect of the compensatory planting undertaken, any specimens which, in the 5 year period from the date of this consent die, become diseased, are damaged or are removed shall be replaced in the next planting season with a similar specimen, unless the Planning Authority gives its prior written approval to any alternatives, to ensure the retention of the replacement tree planting, in the interests of the integrity of the tree preservation order designation.

519 PLANNING APPLICATION

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Detached garden room in garden grounds of existing dwellinghouse (in retrospect):

6 Knockbuckle Lane, Kilmacolm (20/0246/IC)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning on an application for planning permission by Mr & Mrs Andrew for detached garden room in the garden grounds of the existing dwellinghouse (in retrospect) at 6 Knockbuckle Lane, Kilmacolm (20/0246/IC).

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

Decided: that consideration of the application be continued for a site visit to be arranged by the Head of Legal & Property Services in consultation with the Chair.