

**THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 24 SEPTEMBER 2020**

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**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.

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

**372 The Inverclyde Council – 20 February 2020 372**

**Approved** on the motion of Provost Brennan.

**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	<b>Education &amp; Communities Committee – 10 March 2020</b>	378
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
379	<b>General Purposes Board – 11 March 2020</b>	379
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
380	<b>The Inverclyde Council – 12 March 2020</b>	380
	Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.	
381	<b>Petitions Committee – 19 March 2020</b>	381
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Brooks.	
382	<b>Policy &amp; Resources Committee – 24 March 2020</b>	382
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
383	<b>Policy &amp; Resources Executive Sub-Committee – 7 April 2020</b>	383
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
384	<b>Policy &amp; Resources Executive Sub-Committee – 21 April 2020</b>	384
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
385	<b>Policy &amp; Resources Executive Sub-Committee – 5 May 2020</b>	385
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
386	<b>Policy &amp; Resources Executive Sub-Committee – 19 May 2020</b>	386
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
387	<b>Policy &amp; Resources Executive Sub-Committee – 2 June 2020</b>	387
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
388	<b>Policy &amp; Resources Executive Sub-Committee – 16 June 2020</b>	388
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
389	<b>Policy &amp; Resources Executive Sub-Committee – 30 June 2020</b>	389
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	

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<b>390</b>	<b>Policy &amp; Resources Executive Sub-Committee – 28 July 2020</b>	<b>390</b>
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
<b>391</b>	<b>Policy &amp; Resources Committee – 11 August 2020</b>	<b>391</b>
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
<b>392</b>	<b>Health &amp; Social Care Committee – 20 August 2020</b>	<b>392</b>
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.	
<b>393</b>	<b>Environment &amp; Regeneration Committee – 27 August 2020</b>	<b>393</b>
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
<b>394</b>	<b>Education &amp; Communities Committee – 1 September 2020</b>	<b>394</b>
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
<b>395</b>	<b>Planning Board – 2 September 2020</b>	<b>395</b>
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
<b>396</b>	<b>Local Review Body – 2 September 2020</b>	<b>396</b>
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
<b>397</b>	<b>General Purposes Board – 9 September 2020</b>	<b>397</b>
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
<b>398</b>	<b>The Inverclyde Council – 10 September 2020</b>	<b>398</b>
	Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.	
<b>399</b>	<b>Policy &amp; Resources Committee – 15 September 2020</b>	<b>399</b>
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
<b>400</b>	<b>Local Police &amp; Fire Scrutiny Committee – 17 September 2020</b>	<b>400</b>
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McVey.	
<b>401</b>	<b>20mph Speed Limits in Inverclyde – Notice of Motion by Councillor Curley</b>	<b>401</b>

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**

**402**

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**

**403**

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**

**404**

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**

**405**

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.

**Appendices to Minutes**

**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.