

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.

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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.

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453 Greenhouse Gas Emission Reporting and Achieving Net-Zero**453**

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**454**

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**455**

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.