

APPOINTMENT PANEL – HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES

Appointment Panel – Head Of Legal Services**Wednesday 25 November 2020 at 2pm**

Present: Councillors J Clocherty, L Quinn and E Robertson, Mr A Fawcett, Chief Executive, Mr S Allan, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources and Ms R Binks, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development.

Present also: Mr S McNab, Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications and Mr G Malone, Head of Legal & Property Services (Advisers to Panel).

Chair: Mr Fawcett presided.

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

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 involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

520 Shortlisting and Arrangements for Interview of Applicants – Post of Head of Legal Services 520

There were submitted copies of applications received from eleven candidates for the post of Head of Legal Services.

The Panel decided to call a shortlist of three candidates for interview and thereafter to make an appointment, all as detailed in the appendix.

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The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 3 December 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 Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Chief Social Work Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Property Services, Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications, Interim Head of Service, Public Protection & Covid Recovery, Legal Services Manager (Licensing, Litigation & Committees), Legal Services Manager (Procurement, Conveyancing & Information Governance), ICT Service Manager, Ms R McGhee and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Property Services) and Mr PJ Coulter (Corporate Communications).

The meeting was held by video-conference.

521 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 521

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

522 Presentation by the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) on Recent Work 522

Mr Huw Owen, External Relations Manager Scotland, Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), was present and thanked the Council for its support over a number of years. He then gave a presentation on recent work by the DEC following which Members asked a number of questions which were answered by Mr Owen, who left the meeting thereafter.

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

523 The Inverclyde Council – 24 September 2020 523

Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.

524 Planning Board – 7 October 2020 524

Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.

525 Human Resources Appeals Board – 8 October 2020 525

Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.

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526	General Purposes Board – 14 October 2020	526
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian subject to correction at paragraph 425 in the Appendix to specify the correct name of the applicant.	
527	Audit Committee – 20 October 2020	527
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi.	
528	Environment & Regeneration Committee (Special) – 21 October 2020	528
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
529	Health & Social Care Committee – 22 October 2020	529
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.	
530	Inverclyde Council (Special) – 29 October 2020	530
	Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.	
531	Environment & Regeneration Committee – 29 October 2020	531
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
532	Education & Communities Committee – 3 November 2020	532
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
533	General Purposes Board – 11 November 2020	533
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
534	Policy & Resources Committee – 17 November 2020	534
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
535	Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee – 19 November 2020	535
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McVey.	
536	Environment & Regeneration Committee (Special) – 24 November 2020	536
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
537	Planning Board – 2 December 2020	537
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	

538 Strathclyde Pension Fund – Notice of Motion by Councillor Jackson

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising of the receipt of a Notice of Motion by Councillor Jackson, countersigned by Councillor Clocherty, submitted in terms of Standing Order 22 in the following terms:

“The Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES) has described public sector pension funds as “reservoirs of local wealth” that could be invested to support Community Wealth Building.

Strathclyde Pension Fund is one of the largest pension funds in the UK with a fund exceeding £24billion in value but the fund makes limited use of direct local investments that would support local and regional economies within the fund’s area.

The Council therefore agrees to:

1. Lobby Strathclyde Pension Fund for a proper direct local investment strategy: one that invests in the local and regional economies where the Fund’s members live and work and invests in projects that provide a financial return to the Fund whilst delivering wider economic and social benefits for communities across the Fund’s area.
2. Request a review of the Fund’s governance with the aim of ensuring that every local authority within the Fund’s region has input into the operation of the fund.
3. Work with the other local authorities, non-local authority employers and trade unions across the Strathclyde Pension Fund area to support points 1 and 2.”

Decided: that the Notice of Motion by Councillor Jackson be agreed.

539 Internal Market – Notice of Motion by Councillor Robertson

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

“That this Council writes to the Prime Minister to express its views in the strongest terms that the Internal Market Bill must be modified in order to reflect these three fundamental issues:

1. that the UK Government must observe the rule of law in all of the UK’s international obligations;
2. that all powers and duties within the Internal Market Bill must address the key issues of workers’ rights and consumer and trading protection and responsibilities for these should be retained at the most suitable local levels; and
3. that any such legislation must respect in full the status and responsibilities of the governments/administrations in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales and sustain established and effective ways of working.”

As an amendment, Councillor Brooks seconded by Councillor Wilson moved:

1. that this Council writes to the Prime Minister and the First Minister of Scotland to express its views in the strongest terms that the Internal Market Bill must be passed and seek Royal Assent in order to protect our economy, Scottish jobs and livelihoods;
2. that Scotland’s governments must observe the rule of law in all of the UK’s international obligations and referendums;
3. that all powers and duties within the Internal Market Bill must address the key issues of consumer and trading protection and responsibilities for these should be maintained at the most suitable local levels; and
4. that any such legislation must respect in full the status and responsibilities of the UK’s devolved administrations and sustain established and effective ways of working

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together.

Following a roll call vote, 2 Members, Councillors Brooks and Wilson, voted in favour of the amendment and 20 Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Dorrian, Jackson, MacLeod, McCabe, McCormick, C McEleny, J McEleny, McKenzie, McVey, Moran, Murphy, Nelson, Quinn, Rebecchi and Robertson, voted in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that the Notice of Motion by Councillor Robertson amended as above be agreed.

540 Leader of the Largest Minority Group 540

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services (1) seeking agreement (1) as to how the Leader of the Minority Groups is appointed and (2) on the title of the position.

Decided: that the Leader of the Minority Groups be the Leader of the largest non-administration group, chosen by a vote of the largest non-administration group, and that the title of the position be Leader of the largest non-administration group.

541 Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report 2019/20 541

There was submitted a report by the Chief Social Work Officer for Inverclyde Council on the content of the Inverclyde Chief Social Work Officer (CSWO) report for 2019/20.

Decided: that the content of the Inverclyde Chief Social Work Officer report be noted and endorsed.

542 Financial Strategy 2020/30 - Update 542

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer appending the updated Financial Strategy for review and approval by the Council.

Decided: that approval be given to the latest revision of the Financial Strategy and that the proposals to be considered as part of the 2021/23 Revenue Budget report be noted.

543 2021/23 Revenue Budget 543

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) providing an update on the latest position of the 2021/23 Revenue Budget and (2) requesting the Council to consider further proposals which would provide greater certainty of the impact of the 2021/23 Budget on the local community and Council workforce.

The Chief Financial Officer asked the Council to approve the fresh set of recommendations which had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. Following discussion, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Clocherty moved:-

(1) that the Council notes the latest position of the 2021/23 Revenue Budget and the advice from the Chief Financial Officer regarding the impact on the new Council were an excessive Revenue Budget funding gap to remain in May 2022;

(2) that the Council approves the unavoidable pressures in Appendix 1 and the proposals to reduce the estimated funding gap in Appendix 2 whilst noting that the Council Tax increase for 2021/22 will be reviewed and decided at the 18 February 2021 meeting of the Council when the Local Government Draft Budget for 2021/22 has been advised by the Scottish Government;

(3) that the Council approves the proposals in Appendix 5 for the use and source of Reserves noting that there may be the opportunity to allocate resources to Town

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Centres as part of the approval of the 2021/24 Capital Programme in early 2021; and (4) that the Council notes the ongoing work to reduce the 2021/23 funding gap, the number of significant matters yet to be clarified and that updates will be reported to the Policy & Resources Committee and the Council in February 2021.

As an amendment to (3), Councillor Ahlfeld seconded by Councillor Quinn moved that the Council approves the proposals in Appendix 5 for the use and source of Reserves noting that there may be the opportunity to allocate resources to Town Centres as part of the approval of the 2021/24 Capital Programme in early 2021, subject to write-backs of each individual Town Centre Forum Funding to be approved separately by each Forum after consultation with Forum Members, prior to any consideration of write-back. Following a roll call vote, 4 Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, McKenzie, McVey and Quinn, voted in favour of the amendment and 17 Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Dorrian, Jackson, MacLeod, McCabe, McCormick, J McEleny, Moran, Murphy, Nelson, Rebecchi, Robertson and Wilson, voted for the motion which was declared carried. Councillor C McEleny was unable to cast his vote as a result of technical issues.

Councillor McKenzie seconded by Councillor McVey then moved as an amendment to (3) above that the Council approves the proposals in Appendix 5 for the use and source of Reserves noting that there may be the opportunity to allocate resources to Town Centres as part of the approval of the 2021/24 Capital Programme in early 2021 and that the Barr's Brae steps project not be deferred.

Following a roll call vote, 4 Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, McKenzie, McVey and Quinn, voted in favour of the amendment and 15 Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Dorrian, Jackson, McCabe, McCormick, J McEleny, Moran, Nelson, Rebecchi, Robertson and Wilson, voted in favour of the motion which was declared carried. Councillor MacLeod abstained from voting and Councillors C McEleny and Murphy were unable to vote as a result of technical issues.

Decided:

(1) that the Council notes the latest position of the 2021/23 Revenue Budget and the advice from the Chief Financial Officer regarding the impact on the new Council were an excessive Revenue Budget funding gap to remain in May 2022;

(2) that the Council approves the unavoidable pressures in Appendix 1 and the proposals to reduce the estimated funding gap in Appendix 2 whilst noting that the Council Tax increase for 2021/22 will be reviewed and decided at the 18 February 2021 meeting of the Council when the Local Government Draft Budget for 2021/22 has been advised by the Scottish Government;

(3) that the Council approves the proposals in Appendix 5 for the use and source of Reserves noting that there may be the opportunity to allocate resources to Town Centres as part of the approval of the 2021/24 Capital Programme in early 2021; and

(4) that the Council notes the ongoing work to reduce the 2021/23 funding gap, the number of significant matters yet to be clarified and that updates will be reported to the Policy & Resources Committee and the Council in February 2021.

544 COVID-19: 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 December 2020 cycle of meetings and (2) recommending continuation of these arrangements until further review following any future designation of Inverclyde as within Tier 0 of the Scottish Government local protection levels.

Decided:

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- (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 only basis until further review following any future designation of Inverclyde as within Tier 0 of the Scottish Government local protection levels;
- (3) that approval be given to the altered start time of the Education & Communities Committee to 1pm for the Communities items for the next committee cycle, with a report coming back to the next relevant meeting of the Inverclyde Council regarding the potential separation of Communities and Education into two committees; and
- (4) that it be remitted to officers to report on the above review and to include options for new models for future meeting arrangements upon COVID recovery.

Councillor Wilson left the meeting at this juncture.

545 Councillors' Code of Conduct: Scottish Government Consultation 545

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services advising that the Scottish Government on 19 October 2020 had commenced a public consultation on a major review of the Councillors' Code of Conduct and the views of all users and the public were invited by the closing date of 8 February 2021.

Decided: that the consultation on the Councillors' Code with the opportunity for individual responses to be made by the closing date of 8 February 2021 be noted and that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to arrange an All Members' Briefing and to respond on a corporate basis, in agreed terms, following that briefing.

546 Review of The Inverclyde Council (Prohibition of Alcohol in Designated Public Places) Byelaws 2010 546

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services (1) asking the Council to note that the current Byelaws for Inverclyde Council prohibiting the consumption of alcoholic liquor in designated places require to be reviewed in December 2020 and (2) seeking authority for the Head of Legal & Property Services to commence the consultation process in connection with the review and to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted and that the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to commence the consultation process in order to gain the views of Police Scotland, the Crown and Procurator Service, Community Councils, and relevant groups such as the Inverclyde Licensing Forum in order to determine if the existing alcohol byelaws should be amended or continue in the current form; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to the meeting of the Inverclyde Council on 22 April 2021 on the results of this first stage of the consultation process including any recommended amendments to the existing alcohol byelaws, prior to full public consultation on any proposals.

547 Withdrawal from the European Union - Update 547

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on the current risks arising from the UK's withdrawal from the European Union.

Decided:

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- (1) that the contents of the report be noted; and
 (2) that a report be submitted to the February 2021 meeting of the Inverclyde Council updating on the short-term outcome of withdrawal.

548 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 2 2020 – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 548

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 29 October 2020 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council, Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 2 2020.

Decided: that approval be given to the making of the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council, Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 2 2020 and that the Head of Roads & Environmental Shared Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

549 Treasury Management – Mid-Year Report 2020/21: Remit from Policy & Resources Committee 549

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Policy & Resources Committee of 17 November 2020 requesting approval of the Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2020/21.

Decided: that approval be given to the Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2020/21.

550 Trust Funds Annual Accounts 2019-20 550

There was submitted a report by the Honorary Treasurer requesting the Council, as Trustees, to adopt the examined Annual Accounts of the Birkmyre Trust and the Watt Institution Trust Fund.

Decided: that the Council, as Trustees:

- (1) approve the Annual Accounts for the Birkmyre Trust and the Watt Institution Trust Fund for the year ended 31 March 2020; and
 (2) that officers with responsibility for Birkmyre Park engage with Kilmacolm Community Council to investigate how the Birkmyre Trust’s reserves could be used to improve the amenity of the Park, consulting with the Chief Financial Officer on any appropriate sums, and that a report thereon be submitted to the Council.

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 (Appendix relative to Item 9 (2021/23 Revenue Budget)) on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) 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 in the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as detailed in the relevant minute.

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- 551 Appendix relative to Item 9 (2021/23 Revenue Budget) providing information on two posts referred to in Appendix 2 551**

There was submitted Appendix relative to Item 9 (2021/23 Revenue Budget) providing information on two posts referred to in Appendix 2.

Decided: that the information provided be noted.

Appendices to Minutes

- 552 Human Resources Appeals Board – 8 October 2020 552**

Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.

- 553 General Purposes Board – 14 October 2020 553**

Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian subject to correction at paragraph 425 to specify the correct name of the applicant.

- 554 The Inverclyde Council (Special) – 29 October 2020 554**

Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.

- 555 Environment & Regeneration Committee – 29 October 2020 555**

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.

- 556 General Purposes Board – 11 November 2020 556**

Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.

- 557 Mr Gerard Malone 557**

The Provost referred to the forthcoming retirement of Mr Gerard Malone, Head of Legal & Property Services. He paid tribute to Mr Malone's service to the Council and stated that he was much indebted to Mr Malone for his advice and guidance during his term as Provost. On behalf of the Council, he wished Mr Malone a happy retirement.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 9 DECEMBER 2020

General Purposes Board

Wednesday 9 December 2020 at 3pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Crowther, Curley, Macleod, J McEleny and Quinn.

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr D Keenan (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms L Carrick, Ms A Sinclair and Ms F Denver (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.

558 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 558

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

559 Licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues 559

There was submitted a report by the Head of legal & Property Services seeking approval from the Board to carry out a public consultation to gather the views of the community in determining whether Sexual Entertainment venues be licensed in Inverclyde and, if licensed, what the appropriate number of Sexual Entertainment venues for Inverclyde should be and what should be included in a Sexual Entertainment Policy Statement.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to carry out a public consultation exercise.

560 Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 560
Repeal of Theatres Act 1968

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services seeking the approval from the Board to carry out a public consultation in order to gather views in determining whether the public performance of plays should be included within the Council's list of licensable public entertainment activities.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to carry out a public consultation exercise.

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 17 DECEMBER 2020

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 17 December 2020 at 3.00pm

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, Ms R McGhee and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Property Services), Ms M McCabe (for Chief Financial Officer), Head of Regeneration and Planning, Head of Roads & Environmental Shared Services, Interim Head of Service – Covid Response 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.

561 **Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest** 561

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Councillors Brooks and Curley declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 (Prospective Voluntary Acquisition of Premises in Greenock Town Centre).

562 **Freeports Update and Draft Consultation Response** 562

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) providing an update on discussions on Freeports between members of the Metropolitan City Region, ClydePort Operations Limited and the operators of Glasgow airport and (2) seeking approval of a draft response to the Scottish Government consultation, Survey on economic development zones, including Freeports, a copy of which was appended to the report.

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

Decided:

- (1) that it be noted there is still no agreed route on Freeports;
- (2) that agreement be given to the merit of a collaborative response being made on behalf of the City Region to the Freeport discussion;
- (3) that the consultation response set out in appendix 1 be made by Inverclyde Council with the text to response 8 changed to the following:
 “This initiative could have a positive impact on the items listed but this will be dependent on the detail of any scheme. However, any model of Freeport should be developed to ensure that it does not cause a “race to the bottom” by, for example, ensuring that employment rights and protections are not reduced, that community wealth building is integral to it and that environmental protections are maintained”; and
- (4) that the authority which was 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 by the Policy and Resources

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Committee be noted.

563 COVID-19 Business Support Interventions - Update 563

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update in respect of business support interventions to address the impacts of COVID-19 from the Scottish Government.

Decided:

- (1) that the package of interventions announced by the Cabinet Secretary - Finance on 9 December 2020 to support businesses affected by COVID-19 be noted;
- (2) that it be noted that colleagues in CoSLA and SLAED continue to develop guidance on the implementation of these interventions; and
- (3) that authority be delegated to the Head of Regeneration and Planning, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer, once the guidance from CoSLA and SLAED is issued, to develop eligibility criteria for the discretionary spend using the principles set out in paragraph 4.6 of the report to ensure maximum support, and thereafter to disburse the funds.

564 (1) Residents Parking Zones, Greenock and (2) Off-Street Car Parking Enforcement 564

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on issues arising during the recommencement of enforcement of on-street parking controls.

The Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advised the Committee that, in view of changing circumstances, it was now recommended that (1) enforcement of restrictions in Residents Parking Zones and limited stay parking in off street car parks be deferred pending the Committee's review of Pay and Display which is to be reported to the Committee for consideration at the meeting on the 14 January 2021; and (2) that in respect of enforcement of restrictions in Residents Parking Zones, the zone specific restrictions which apply to on street marked bays between 8.15am and 9.15am and 5.00pm and 6.15pm will not be enforced.

Decided:

- (1) enforcement of restrictions in Residents Parking Zones and limited stay parking in off street car parks be deferred pending the Committee's review of Pay and Display which is to be reported to the Committee for consideration at the meeting on 14 January 2021; and
- (2) that in respect of enforcement of restrictions in Residents Parking Zones, the zone specific restrictions which apply to on street marked bays between 8.15am and 9.15am and 5.00pm and 6.15pm will not be enforced.

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 6 & 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

565 Prospective Voluntary Acquisition of Premises in Greenock Town Centre 565

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting approval of the voluntary acquisition of premises in Greenock Town Centre.

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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.

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

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Appointment Panel – Head Of Legal Services**Friday 18 December 2020 at 9.00am**

Present: Councillors J Clocherty, L Quinn and E Robertson, Mr A Fawcett, Chief Executive, Ms R Binks, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, and Mr S Allan, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources.

Present also: Mr S McNab, Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications, and Mr G Malone, Head of Legal & Property Services (Advisers to Panel).

Chair: Mr Fawcett presided.

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

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 involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

566 Appointment of Head of Legal Services**566**

The Panel interviewed two candidates, one candidate having withdrawn prior to interview, and agreed to make an appointment subject to confirmation of agreed working arrangements, all as detailed in the appendix.

PLANNING BOARD – 6 JANUARY 2021

Planning Board

Wednesday 6 January 2021 at 3.10pm

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

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided for Agenda Items 1 and 2(b) and Councillor Clocherty presided for Agenda Item 2(a).

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), ICT Service Manager 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.

1 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 1

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

Councillor Wilson declared an interest in Agenda Item 2(a) (Landscape Enhancement Works at Land Adjacent to Pennyfern Road, Inverkip Road, Greenock (20/0142/IC)).

2 PLANNING APPLICATIONS 2

There was submitted reports by the Head of Regeneration & Planning on applications for planning permission as follows:-

**(a) Landscape enhancement works:
Land Adjacent To Pennyfern Road, Inverkip Road, Greenock (20/0142/IC)**

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

Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a former Director of Link Housing Association and as a Board Member of Larkfield Housing Association left the meeting. Councillor Clocherty assumed the Chair.

After discussion, Councillor Clocherty moved that planning permission be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report together with an additional condition as follows: (14) that no works shall take place until a ground investigation and risk assessment are carried out on the subjects and a report on the ground investigation and risk assessment has been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority, to confirm the condition and suitability of the site to accommodate the proposed landscape enhancement works.

As an amendment, Councillor J McEleny moved that planning permission be refused in view of the relocation and reuse of polluted soil, which should be dealt with in accordance with the planning permission for the residential site.

As a further amendment, Councillor Rebecchi moved that consideration of the

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application be continued to allow the Members of the Planning Board to be better informed about the paths within the development site and for further information relative to Japanese Knotweed within the development site.

Following a roll call vote between the two amendments, 2 Members, Councillors Moran and Rebecchi, voted for the amendment by Councillor Rebecchi and 4 Members, Councillors Crowther, J McEleny, McVey and Murphy, voted for the amendment by Councillor J McEleny. 3 Members, Councillors Clocherty, Dorrian and McKenzie, abstained from voting. Councillor Rebecchi's amendment, having received fewer votes, then fell.

Following a roll call vote between the motion and the amendment by Councillor J McEleny, 3 Members, Councillors Crowther, J McEleny and McVey, voted for the amendment and 5 Members, Councillors Clocherty, Dorrian, McKenzie, Moran and Murphy, voted for the motion which was declared carried. 1 Member, Councillor Rebecchi, abstained from voting.

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

- (1) that prior to the start of the proposed works, details of a survey for the presence of Japanese Knotweed shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority and that, for the avoidance of doubt, this shall contain a methodology and treatment statement where any is found. Development shall not proceed until appropriate control measures are implemented. Any significant variation to the treatment methodology shall be submitted for approval, in writing by the Planning Authority prior to implementation, to help arrest the spread of Japanese Knotweed in the interests of environmental protection;
- (2) that these proposed works shall not commence until a Material Management and Verification Plan has been submitted for approval in writing by the Planning Authority. This shall include maintenance/aftercare information and details of all materials used as fill and landscaping material. Reused materials from within the site should adhere to the six criteria set out in the SEPA Land Remediation and Waste Management Guidance. The details of such materials shall include information of the material source, volume, chemical characteristics (including soil-leachate analysis) and purpose of intended use, with plans of placement and thickness, to satisfactorily address waste management and potential contamination issues in the interests of human health and environmental protection;
- (3) that before the development hereby permitted is completed the applicant shall submit a Verification Report for approval, in writing by the Planning Authority, confirming that the works have been completed in accordance with the agreed Remediation Scheme, Material Management and Verification Plan, to ensure contamination is not imported to the site and confirm successful completion of protection systems in the interest of human health and environmental safety;
- (4) that the proposed works shall be carried out either outwith the bird nesting season (March to August inclusive) or alternatively not without the presence of a qualified ornithologist, the latter to be approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of works, in the interests of wildlife protection;
- (5) that prior to the commencement of development an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority and shall contain, in full, the recommendations set out in section 4 of the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal, dated July 2020 and submitted with the application. In addition, provision shall be made for bat boxes within the EMP, in the interests of wildlife protection and to support biodiversity;
- (6) that existing trees along the eastern boundary of the development site are to be protected in accordance with British Standards Recommendations for trees in Relation to Construction, currently BS 5837:2012. The final position of protection measures and

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the specific trees to be retained shall be identified through a site meeting with the Planning Authority before the commencement of development, to ensure protection of the trees not to be removed;

(7) that the planting and seeding identified on approved drawing RH-RF-XX-XX-DR-T-0038 Rev P11 shall be carried out on completion of the formation of the associated landforms, to secure the proposed biodiversity gains;

(8) that any of the planting approved under condition 7 which dies, becomes diseased, is removed or damaged within 5 years of planting shall be replaced during the following planting season with others of a similar size and species, to ensure protection of the biodiversity gains;

(9) that prior to the commencement of development details of a management and maintenance regime for the planting approved under condition 7 above shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure protection of the biodiversity gains;

(10) that the drainage features shown on approved drawing 120756B/7001 Rev C shall be put in place, at the latest, on completion of the creation of the landforms. For the avoidance of doubt, if the stone filled trench closest to the eastern boundary is not to be put in place prior to the creation of the landforms, full details of an alternative drainage arrangement shall be provided prior to the commencement of development elsewhere within the site, to address existing and potential future flooding of the adjacent properties;

(11) that the existing eastern boundary fencing shall be opened to provide access to the path to the Greenock Cut upon completion of the site development, to secure the beneficial connection to the path to the Greenock Cut;

(12) that existing litter within the site shall be wholly removed upon completion of the development, to ensure this environmental improvement is secured;

(13) that the northernmost path shall be continued to connect with the access road to the west, to ensure provision of a useable path; and

(14) that no works shall take place until a ground investigation and risk assessment are carried out on the subjects and a report on the ground investigation and risk assessment has been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority, to confirm the condition and suitability of the site to accommodate the proposed landscape enhancement works.

Councillor Wilson re-joined the meeting at this juncture and resumed the Chair.

**(b) Use of building to provide 24 hour care and support to 4 vulnerable children:
Cottage 32, Lloyd House, Faith Avenue, Quarriers Village (20/0255/IC)**

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the condition that, for the avoidance of doubt, the building shall not be occupied or be a place of residence by more than five children to whom care and support are given at any one time, to ensure accordance with Use Class 9 of The Town & Country Planning (Use Classes) (Scotland) Order 1997 (as amended) in the interests of planning control.

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 7 JANUARY 2021

Policy & Resources Committee

Thursday 7 January 2021 at 1.30pm

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, Mr A Stevenson (for Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership), Head of Legal & Property Services, Ms R McGhee and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Property Services), Chief Financial Officer, ICT Service Manager, Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications, 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.

3 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 3

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

4 COVID-19 (Coronavirus): Proposed Temporary Resumption of Emergency Decision-Making Arrangements for Committee Meetings 4

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services recommending, following the First Minister's statement to the Scottish Parliament on 4 January 2021, the resumption for the duration of the current status of the pandemic, of the Council's emergency decision-making arrangements through the Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee.

Decided:

- (1) that subject to (2) below, the current cycle of Committee and Board meetings continue on the basis of expedited business only and that a report reviewing the position be submitted to the meeting of the Inverclyde Council scheduled to be held on 18 February 2021;
- (2) that the meetings of those Committees and Boards where finalised calling notices and agendas have already been issued and published on the Council's website – the Planning Board (6 January 2021), the Health & Social Care Committee (7 January 2021), the Audit Committee (12 January 2021) and the Environment & Regeneration Committee (14 January 2021) - take place to deal with the agendas, as published;
- (3) that it be delegated to relevant officers to take and implement critical decisions in situations of operational urgency to plan for and to maintain, where possible, essential public services and to maintain an Operational Log of these decisions for scrutiny by the relevant Service Committee at every meeting; and
- (4) that it be delegated to officers to commit necessary expenditure from approved Council budgets to fund the consequences of the decisions noted within the Operational

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Log above and to allocate and disburse any grant funding, including humanitarian assistance, as may be determined relative to any approved policy objective or recipient.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE – 7 JANUARY 2021

Health & Social Care Committee

Thursday 7 January 2021 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Brooks, Dorrian, Jackson, MacLeod, McCabe, C McEleny, 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, Interim Head of Homelessness, Mental Health and Drug & Alcohol Recovery Service, Service Manager, Addictions & Homelessness, 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), ICT Service Manager 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.

5 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 5

No apologies for absence were intimated.

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

6 Revenue and Capital Budget Report – Position as at 31 October 2020 6

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 October 2020.

Decided:

- (1) that it be agreed to note the projected current year Revenue outturn of an overspend of £236,000 at 31 October 2020 on the assumption that net £4.977m 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 approval be given to the virement listed in Appendix 6.

7 COVID-19 Recovery Plan 2020 - Health & Community Care Older People's Day Service 7

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership (1) on the impact of COVID-19 on the delivery of Day Services for Older People and (2) highlighting the planned recovery within flexible timescales.

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Decided:

- (1) that the recovery plan for Older People's Day Services, while ensuring the priority for critical care at home over the winter period, be noted;
- (2) that it be noted that service user reviews will be completed over the next 4-6 weeks to establish the requirement for day services within the self-directed support options and that the level of new demand for social support and carer support will be monitored over the next six months;
- (3) that building-based day centres remain closed until the end of the current lockdown and that a phased reopening, based on risk assessment, be implemented thereafter, with a report being submitted to the Committee at the appropriate time; and
- (4) that it be noted that there will be a reassessment of the resources available in order to meet the needs of day service users during the current lockdown.

8 Children (Scotland) Bill 2019

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership (1) advising that the Children (Scotland) Bill was passed by the Scottish Government on 25 August 2020 and (2) outlining the implications for the delivery of Children's Services in Inverclyde.

Decided:

- (1) that the changes to the delivery of Children's Services in Inverclyde resulting from the Children (Scotland) Bill be noted; and
- (2) that the consequent resource implications be noted.

9 Greater Glasgow & Clyde Briefing on Inverclyde Royal Hospital (November 2020)

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership appending NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde's Briefing on Inverclyde Royal Hospital dated November 2020.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde's Inverclyde Royal Hospital briefing paper of November 2020 be noted;
- (2) that a Members' Working Group be established, with officer support, comprising representatives of each political group/partnership within the Council and chaired by the Convener of the Health & Social Care Committee to engage with the Health Board in relation to local hospital services; and
- (3) that the Working Group report to the Committee in due course.

10 (1) Alcohol and Drug Recovery Services Update – January 2021 and (2) Drug-Related Deaths 2019

10

There were submitted reports by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership (1) providing an update on how the Alcohol and Drug Recovery Service redesign is being taken forward and (2) providing recently published 2019 drug-related deaths information and an update on the Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Partnership's drug death prevention action plan.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the Alcohol and Drug Recovery Services update report, specifically (a) approval of staff moving from the HSCP to Community Learning & Development, (b) agreement to the programme redesign for alcohol and drug recommencement and (c) agreement of the programme and sub-group supporting the

redesign;

(2) that it be agreed that the next report to the Committee will focus on measuring outcomes and the new national Drug and Alcohol Information System (DAISy) which will be implemented in April 2021;

(3) that the findings from the National Records of Scotland Drug-Related Deaths in Scotland report 2019 be noted;

(4) that the work being progressed through the Alcohol and Drug Partnership in relation to drug death prevention be noted;

(5) that at an appropriate time, arrangements be made for an All Members' Briefing on the Alcohol and Drug Strategy and what action is being taken to address the underlying challenges, particularly regarding drug deaths; and

(6) that the Convener write to the Scottish Government with the request that Inverclyde be considered as a location for the two new pilot projects relative to (a) the carriage and use of Naloxone by Police Scotland and (b) residential rehabilitation and that the Chief Constable, Police Scotland be provided with a copy of the Convener's letter.

11 Child Sexual Exploitation Research Report (SCRA and Barnardo's Scotland, October 2020) 11

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership (1) advising of the findings of the Scottish Children's Reporter Administration (SCRA) and Barnardo's Scotland National Report on Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) in Scotland and (2) advising of the report's findings in relation to Inverclyde's response to identifying concerns of CSE and its pathway of multi-agency safeguarding of vulnerable children.

Decided:

(1) that the contents of the report be noted;

(2) that the implications for the wider safeguarding workforce trained in trauma-informed practices aligning with the GIRFEC pathway be noted; and

(3) that a report be submitted to the Committee in due course outlining the work undertaken within Inverclyde to prevent exploitation of young adults.

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 6 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

12 Reporting by Exception – Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations 12

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.

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

Decided:

- (1) that the governance report for the period 26 September to 27 November 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.

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 12 JANUARY 2021

Audit Committee

Tuesday 12 January 2021 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor Rebecchi presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Chief Internal Auditor, Ms G Murphy (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms D Sweeney and Ms L Carrick (Legal & Property Services), Mr M Thomson (for Chief Financial Officer) and ICT Service Manager.

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.

13 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 13

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

14 Internal Audit Progress Report – 28 September to 27 November 2020 14

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 28 September to 27 November 2020.

Decided: that the monitoring report in respect of Internal Audit activity for the period 28 September to 27 November 2020 be noted.

Provost Brennan joined the meeting at this juncture.

15 External Audit Action Plans – Current Actions 15

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 October 2020.

Decided: that progress to date in relation to the implementation of External Audit actions be noted.

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Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 14 January 2021 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Head of Legal & Property Services, Property Services Manager, Technical Services Manager, Ms S Lang 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, Team Leader, Public Health & Housing, ICT Services Manager 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 Committee.

16 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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No apologies for absence were intimated.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 3 (Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2020/21 to 2022/23 – Progress) – Councillors Brooks, Clocherty and J McEleny.

Agenda Item 5 (Repopulation, Riverside Inverclyde and Regeneration Update) – Councillors Clocherty and McKenzie.

Agenda Item 6 (Inverclyde Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2021/22 – 2025/26) – Councillors Brooks and Curley.

Agenda Item 7 (Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy 2017-22: 2020 Update) – Councillors Brooks and Curley.

17 Environment & Regeneration 2020/21 Revenue Budget – Period 7 (31 October 2020)

17

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the position of the 2020/21 Revenue Budget as at Period 7 to 31 October 2020.

Decided:

(1) that the current projected overspend of £6,000 for 2020/21 as at 31 October 2020 be noted;

(2) that it be noted that the above overspend excludes £2.547m of costs relating to COVID-19 for which the Policy & Resources Committee has identified one-off funding in 2020/21; and

(3) that it be agreed to note the current position of earmarked reserves and that

officers are carrying out a detailed review of phasings and projections.

18 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2020/21 to 2022/23 – Progress 18

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) providing an update on the status of the projects within the Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.

Councillors Brooks, Clocherty and J McEleny declared a non-financial interest in this item as 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:

- (1) that the current position of the 2020/23 Capital Programme and the progress of the specific projects detailed in appendices 1-5 be noted;
- (2) that approval be given to the issue of tenders for the first phase of the cremator replacement project and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender provided the cost is within the budget allocation for the project;
- (3) that it be noted that further core Property Services 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; and
- (4) that the addition of a project to address ventilation improvements to the offices within the Grand Corridor area be noted.

19 Environment, Regeneration and Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2019/22 Progress Report 19

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on the delivery of the improvement actions in the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan (CDIP) 2019/22.

Decided: that the progress made in delivering the year 2 improvement actions contained within the Environment, Regeneration & Resources CDIP 2019/22 be noted.

20 Repopulation, Riverside Inverclyde and Regeneration Update 20

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing (1) an update on the Repopulation Action Plan approved by the Committee on 2 May 2019, (2) information on progress in respect of Riverside Inverclyde and Riverside Inverclyde Property Holdings following the transition in July 2019 to a new operating model, (3) an update on key projects within the Regeneration Forums and (4) a general update across related strategic regeneration activities.

Councillors Clocherty and McKenzie declared a non-financial interest in this item as members of the Board of Riverside Inverclyde. 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:

- (1) that the contents of the report in respect of activities across Regeneration be noted;
- (2) that it be noted that a Community Wealth Building Strategy and an updated

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Economic Strategy will be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee; and
 (3) that delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to commit the small amount of unallocated funds within the original £2.5m from the 2017/18 budget for Towns and Villages through the Regeneration Forums.

21 Inverclyde Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2021/22 - 2025/26

21

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for the new annual Inverclyde Strategic Housing Investment Plan covering the period 2021/22 – 2025/26.

Councillors Brooks and Curley declared a non-financial interest in this item as members of the Board 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 at the meeting or their participation in the decision-making process.

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to the Strategic Housing Investment Plan for the five year period from 2021/22 – 2025/26 for submission to the Scottish Government by Inverclyde Council subject to amended wording to the third and fourth paragraphs under Development Constraints (page 11 of document) to read as follows:

“The former Ravenscraig Hospital site received adverse reaction locally due to a number of negative reports in local press relating to contamination levels on the site and a new pedestrian crossing. This situation highlighted to us that public perception due to negative press allegations can be a very real development constraint.

The volume of work involved in responding to queries has highlighted a key lesson to be learned: clear public communication is essential to timely progress of a site. We are now investigating the efficacy of requesting a communications strategy with each SHIP submission form and issuing purposeful, clear and informative press releases at a very early stage of any future major SHIP development project.”

(2) that the projects included in the Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2021/22 – 2025/26 as detailed at Appendix 1 be noted; and

(3) that information on the supply of and demand for larger family homes be provided to Members and that this be included in the Housing Need and Demand Assessment if timescales allow; otherwise, this be the subject of a separate report to the Committee.

22 Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy 2017-2022: 2020 Update

22

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on the progress to date on the implementation of the Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy 2017-2022 outcomes and action plan.

Councillors Brooks and Curley declared a non-financial interest in this item as members of the Board 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 at the meeting or their participation in the decision-making process.

Decided: that the 2020 update to the Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy 2017-2022 and the progress made to date be noted.

23 Scottish Housing Regulator – Annual Assurance Statement

23

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration &

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Resources seeking approval of Inverclyde Council's Annual Assurance Statement 2020-21.

Decided: that approval be given to the Annual Assurance Statement for 2020-21 appended to the report.

24 **A8 Trunk Road - East Hamilton Street, Greenock – Flooding Report** 24

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the progress made to finding a solution to flooding on the A8 trunk road at East Hamilton Street, Greenock.

Decided: that the progress made to find a solution to flooding on the A8 trunk road at East Hamilton Street, Greenock and the reduction in flooding achieved be noted.

25 **New Car Park on Jamaica Street, Greenock – Proposed Restrictions** 25

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) advising of the construction of a new car park on Jamaica Street, Greenock between Union Street and West Stewart Street and (2) seeking approval of the proposed parking restrictions for the car park.

Following discussion, Councillor Curley moved that the new Jamaica Street car park provide free parking for the first three hours with a £2 charge for periods of stay in excess of three hours, controlled by pay and display tickets.

As an amendment, Councillor McCormick moved (1) that agreement be given to a restriction being introduced in the new car park on Jamaica Street, Greenock which will provide free parking for up to three hours, Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm 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 restriction in the new car park.

Following a roll call vote, 5 Members, Councillors Brooks, Clocherty, Jackson, McCabe and McCormick, voted in favour of the amendment and 6 Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Crowther, Curley, J McEleny, McKenzie and Nelson, voted in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that the new Jamaica Street car park provide free parking for the first three hours with a £2 charge for periods of stay in excess of three hours controlled by pay and display tickets.

26 **Amendments to Traffic Regulation Order Procedure** 26

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources proposing amendments to the procedure in relation to the promotion of permanent Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) to reduce the timescales associated with implementing the restrictions proposed.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the amended procedure and decision-making process involved in the promotion of permanent Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) in terms of the Local Authorities Traffic Order (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999;
- (2) that approval be given to the changes to the briefing arrangements for Members from face-to-face to email;
- (3) that approval be given to the making of TROs by either the Head of Legal & Property Services or the Environment & Regeneration Committee; and
- (4) that it be noted that a separate report will be submitted to the Inverclyde Council

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for approval to amend the Scheme of Administration and Scheme of Delegation accordingly.

27 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Bruce Street, Greenock (One Way and Prohibition of Entry) Traffic Regulation Order 2020 27

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council, Bruce Street, Greenock (One Way and Prohibition of Entry) Traffic Regulation Order 2020.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council, Bruce Street, Greenock (One Way and Prohibition of Entry) Traffic Regulation Order 2020 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.

28 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 11) Order 2020 28

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 11) Order 2020.

Decided:

(1) that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 11) Order 2020, modified as set out in the report, 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; and

(2) that it be noted that the Traffic Regulation Order for the proposed parking charges in the Lochwinnoch Road and Princes Street car parks will be promoted separately and, if objections are made and maintained, these will be passed to an independent Reporter.

29 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 11) Order 2020 29

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) advising of the outcome of the consultation procedure undertaken for the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 11) Order 2020 which had resulted in one maintained objection being received and (2) seeking a decision as to whether the Committee would wish to hear the objection relating to the Traffic Regulation Order or appoint an independent Reporter.

Decided:

(1) that the requirement to hold a public hearing to consider the maintained objection be noted; and

(2) that it be agreed to hold a special meeting of the Committee to hear the objection and that it be remitted to the Heads of Roads & Environmental Shared Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services to make the necessary arrangements for the public hearing.

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- 30 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Gourock, Inverkip and Wemyss Bay) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 7) Order 2020 30**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) advising of the outcome of the consultation procedure undertaken for the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Gourock, Inverkip and Wemyss Bay) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 7) Order 2020 which had resulted in five maintained objections and two further objections following the second consultation procedure being received and (2) seeking a decision as to whether the Committee would wish to hear the objections or appoint an independent Reporter.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the requirement to hold a public hearing to consider the maintained objections be noted; and
- (2) that it be agreed to hold a special meeting of the Committee to hear the objections and that, if possible, this be on the same day as the public hearing agreed at the previous item.
- 31 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 3 2020 31**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 3 2020.
- Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 3 2020 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.
- 32 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, A78 Inverkip Road and Branchton Road, Greenock (One Way, Prohibition of Entry and Prohibition of Right and Left Turns) Traffic Regulation Order 2020 32**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, A78 Inverkip Road and Branchton Road, Greenock (One Way, Prohibition of Entry and Prohibition of Right and Left Turns) Traffic Regulation Order 2020.
- Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, A78 Inverkip Road and Branchton Road, Greenock (One Way, Prohibition of Entry and Prohibition of Right and Left Turns) Traffic Regulation Order 2020 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.
- 33 Proposed Redetermination Order – The Inverclyde Council, A78 Inverkip Road, Branchton Road and Gleninver Road, Greenock (Redetermination of Means of Exercise of Public Right of Passage) Order 2020 33**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of the Redetermination Order – The Inverclyde Council, A78 Inverkip Road, Branchton Road and Gleninver Road, Greenock

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(Redetermination of Means of Exercise of Public Right of Passage) Order 2020.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make and confirm the Redetermination Order – The Inverclyde Council, A78 Inverkip Road, Branchton Road and Gleninver Road, Greenock (Redetermination of Means of Exercise of Public Right of Passage) Order 2020 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.

34 **Joint Collaboration – Inverclyde and West Dunbartonshire Councils – Interim Management Proposal (Grounds and Roads)** 34

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising the Committee of discussions which have taken place between Inverclyde and West Dunbartonshire Councils regarding interim management proposals relative to the roles of Service Manager – Roads & Transportation and Service Manager – Grounds.

Decided: that approval be given to the implementation of the interim collaborative management arrangement between Inverclyde and West Dunbartonshire Councils in respect of Grounds and Roads Services as set out in the report.

35 **Report on the Public Consultation Relating to the Site of the Former Hector McNeil Baths** 35

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services advising of the results of a public consultation relating to proposals to appropriate the site of the former Hector McNeil Baths for use as a Learning Disability Hub.

Decided: that, having regard to the terms of the consultation responses detailed in Appendix 2, the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to appropriate the site of the former Hector McNeil Baths as shown outlined in the plan at Appendix 1 for use as a Learning Disability Hub subject to the Council's obtaining the consent of the court to that appropriation.

36 **Approval to Use Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation – Procurement of Pay and Display Machines** 36

There was submitted a report by the Head of Roads & Environmental Shared Services seeking approval to use the Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation (ESPO) to purchase pay and display machines for the Council's proposed charged car parks.

Decided: that approval be given for the Council to register as a customer with Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation (ESPO) for the procurement of pay and display machines for the Council's proposed charged car parks and for any other procurement requirements which may arise in the future and which would benefit from this approach.

The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Committee to be advised at the earliest opportunity of residential parking zones and off-street car parking enforcement proposals to reflect the Scottish Government's recent stay at home guidance and current COVID-19 restrictions. This was agreed unanimously.

37 Parking Update: (1) Residents' Parking Zones, Greenock and (2) Off-Street Car Parking Enforcement 37

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on the proposal to defer the recommencement of the enforcement of restrictions in residents' parking zones and limited stay parking in off-street car parks to reflect the Scottish Government's stay at home guidance and current COVID-19 restrictions.

Decided:

- (1) that the report be noted; and
- (2) that a review of the enforcement of restrictions in residents' parking zones and limited stay parking in off-street car parks be reported to the Committee on 4 March 2020.

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

Item	Paragraph(s)
Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report: Update on Current Actions	6, 9, 12 & 13
Self-Build Plots, Leperstone Avenue, Kilmacolm	2, 6 & 9
Property Assets Management Report	2, 6 & 9

38 Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report: Update on Current Actions 38

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the 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.

39 Self-Build Plots, Leperstone Avenue, Kilmacolm 39

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) seeking approval of an offer received for Plot 2 at Leperstone Avenue, Kilmacolm which is within the site of seven self-build housing plots at the location shown in Appendix 1 to the report and (2) advising of changes to the indicative plot values of the individual plots at the location following officers' consultation with the marketing agents.

The Committee agreed (1) that approval be given to sell Plot 2, Leperstone Avenue, Kilmacolm and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Regeneration & Planning to conclude the proposals on such terms as are recommended by the Head of Legal & Property Services and the Chief Financial Officer; and (2) that the changes to the indicative plot values at the location, following officer consultation with the marketing

agents for the development, be noted, all as detailed in the appendix.

40 Property Assets Management Report

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) advising the Committee of offers received for the sale of land at Kilmacolm Road, Greenock and (2) seeking authority to carry out a public consultation relative to land at (a) Branchton Road, (b) Overton and (c) Caddlehill Street, Greenock. There were also submitted copies of responses received relative to the Kilmacolm Road public open space consultation carried out from 4 December 2020 to 8 January 2021. The Committee agreed (1) to note the responses to the public open space consultation relative to Kilmacolm Road and to grant delegated authority to accept an offer received for the land and (2) to grant delegated authority to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to commence a public consultation relative to the three areas of land at (a) Branchton Road, (b) Caddlehill Street and (c) Overton, Greenock and to report back to the Committee on the results of these consultations, all as detailed in the appendix.

41 Mr Scott Allan and Mr Gerard Malone

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At the conclusion of the meeting, the Convener referred to the forthcoming retirements of Mr Scott Allan, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources and Mr Gerard Malone, Head of Legal & Property Services. On behalf of the Committee he thanked both officers for their years of service to the Council and extended his best wishes to them for a long and happy retirement.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 19 JANUARY 2021

Education and Communities Committee

Tuesday 19 January 2021 at 4pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Clocherty, Curley, MacLeod, McCabe, C McEleny, McVey, Murphy, Quinn, Robertson and Wilson, Rev. F Donaldson, 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, 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, ICT Services Manager 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 Committee.

42 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 42

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Councillors Clocherty and Quinn declared a non-financial interest in agenda items 2 (Education & Communities Committee: Expedited Business, Relevant Updates and Operational Log) and 3 (Free Swimming for Under 16s).

43 Education & Communities Committee: Expedited Business, Relevant Updates and Operational Log 43

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development requesting the Committee to consider expedited business, relevant updates and the operational log for the Education & Communities Committee. Councillors Clocherty 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.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted;
- (2) that it be remitted to Officers to review the reporting arrangements in respect of the Capital and Revenue budgets; and
- (3) that a report be submitted to the Committee at an appropriate time providing an evaluation of the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on the education of young people within Inverclyde and the action being taken to recover from this impact.

Rev. Donaldson, Rev. Burt, Mrs Gilpin and Ms McEwan left the meeting at this juncture.

44 Free Swimming for Under 16s

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development outlining options for providing free swimming for under 16s in Inverclyde following the decision of the Council in December 2020 to agree, as part of the 2021/22 budget process, a saving of £100,000 from the £180,000 budget for free swimming.

Councillors Clocherty 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.

Decided: that consideration be continued to the next meeting of the Committee on 9 March 2020 for a further detailed report providing information and financial implications relative to (1) the possible provision of the additional amount of approximately £27,000 required for Option 3, as outlined in the report, from the Under 19s Sports Subsidy or another funding source and (2) the proposal comprising the following: (a) that Inverclyde Leisure be paid for each swim rather than a set annual sum, (b) that under 11s swimming be continued on the same basis, (c) that children 11 to under 16 be able to access free swimming with presentation of a Young Scot Card to enable customer information to be gathered, (d) that the remaining budget be allocated from COVID funding for the period 2021/22 and (e) that a report be brought back to a future Education & Communities Committee providing information on customers using free school meals to enable consideration of the outcomes achieved by the free under 16s swimming policy and decision on future policy.

HUMAN RESOURCES APPEALS BOARD – 26 JANUARY 2021

Human Resources Appeals Board**Tuesday 26 January 2021 at 10am**

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

Chair: Councillor Clocherty presided.

In attendance: Mr S McNab (Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications), Mr J Hamilton (for Head of Legal & Property Services) 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 Board.

45 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 45

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Councillor Clocherty declared an interest in Agenda Item 3 (Grievance Appeal – Employees).

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 paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Act.

46 Grievance Appeal – Employees 46

Councillor Clocherty declared a non-financial interest in this item as he knows one of the appellants personally but the relationship is so remote that 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.

The Board considered a grievance on behalf of four employees and agreed that a ground of the grievance had been substantiated and that the grievance be upheld in part to the extent detailed in the appendix.

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 2 FEBRUARY 2021

Policy & Resources Committee

Tuesday 2 February 2021 at 3.00pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, McCabe, Dorrian (for McCormick), McVey, Provost Brennan (for Moran), Rebecchi, Robertson and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Ms S McAlees (for Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership), Head of Legal & Property Services, Ms S Lang and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Property Services), Chief Financial Officer, Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications, Head of Regeneration, Planning & Public Protection, Interim Head of Service, Public Protection & Covid Recovery, ICT Services Manager, and Service Manager, Communications, Tourism & 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 Committee.

47 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 47

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor McCormick, with Councillor Dorrian substituting, and Councillor Moran, with Provost Brennan substituting. Councillor Clocherty declared an interest in Agenda Item 3 (Finance Update).

48 COVID-19 Update 48

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on actions taken to mitigate the risks around the COVID-19 outbreak.

During the course of discussion on this item, the Interim Head of Service, Public Protection & Covid Recovery advised the Committee that Port Glasgow Town Hall would be used as an additional centre for primary mass vaccinations from 8 February 2021.

Decided:

- (1) that the actions taken to date to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak in Inverclyde, as detailed in the report, be noted;
- (2) that the use of Port Glasgow Town Hall as an additional primary mass vaccination centre from 8 February 2021 be noted;
- (3) that a COVID update report be submitted to the meeting of the Inverclyde Council on 18 February 2021 and that the report include information on (a) the position in respect of the possible live streaming of funerals at Greenock Crematorium, (b) liaison with Peel Ports on the potential schedule of cruise ships visit to Inverclyde and (c) information in relation to the preparations for the Scottish Parliamentary elections on Thursday 6 May 2021, including discussions at a national level; and
- (4) that statistical information in relation to advisory and enforcement visits to

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businesses by Environmental Health & Trading Standards be included in the weekly data update.

49 Finance Update

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) providing an update on a range of financial matters and (2) seeking decisions as appropriate. Councillor Clocherty declared a non-financial interest in this item as a member of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure. 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 projected underspends in the Policy & Resources Committee budget and 2020/21 General Fund budget as at 30 November 2020 be noted;
- (2) that it be agreed that the estimated increase in funding for Inverclyde Leisure of £2.3m for the period 2020/23 be met from the COVID reserve as indicated in Appendix 3 to the report;
- (3) that it be agreed that any decisions on the use of Free Reserves be taken at the proposed March budget meeting of the Council once the 2021/22 budget position becomes clearer;
- (4) that the latest information regarding the 2021/23 budget and the timing of the local Government draft budget announcement as set out in the report and updated verbally by the Chief Financial Officer be noted and that, with the agreement of the Provost, arrangements be made to hold a special meeting of Inverclyde Council on 18 March for the purpose of approving the 2021/23 Revenue Budget and 2021/24 Capital Programme; and
- (5) (a) that Local Furlough Scheme funding be allocated to the Local Discretionary Business Support Scheme to assist the flexibility of Officer intervention for business need through the Council approved policy and that if any changes are required to the eligibility criteria, these be reported to the Committee; and (b) that any surplus sums thereafter be allocated to the 2020/21 Anti-Poverty Funding, with any use of the Anti-Poverty Funding being reported to the May meeting of the Committee.

PLANNING BOARD – 3 FEBRUARY 2021

Planning Board

Wednesday 3 February 2021 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 and Ms E Provan (Roads & Transportation), Mr J Kerr (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms D Sweeney and Ms L Carrick (Legal & Property Services), ICT Service Manager 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.

50 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 50

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

51 CONTINUED PLANNING APPLICATION 51

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 in retrospect by Mr and Mrs Andrew for a detached garden room in the garden grounds of the existing dwellinghouse at 6 Knockbuckle Lane, Kilmacolm (20/0246/IC), consideration of which had been continued from the meeting held on 2 December 2020 for a site visit.

Not having attended the site visit, Councillors Murphy and J McEleny were not entitled to take part in consideration of this item and left the meeting.

Councillor Clocherty moved that planning permission be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report.

As an amendment, Councillor Nelson moved that planning permission be refused as (1) the detached garden room contradicts Local Plan Policy 1 'Creating Successful Places – Safe and Pleasant', as the garden room's unexpected domineering position on the skyline detracts from the character of the area and does not integrate well with the surrounding development, (2) the steep access route to the garden room is unsafe in contradiction to the Local Plan Policy 1 'Creating Successful Places – Welcoming – make buildings legible and easy to access', and (3) the garden room has a detrimental impact on the amenity, character and appearance of the area contrary to Policy D 'Residential Areas' of the Council's Planning Policy Statement on 'Our Homes and Communities'.

Following a roll call vote 4 Members, Councillors Clocherty, Dorrian, McKenzie and Moran, voted in favour of the motion and 5 Members, Councillors Crowther, McVey, Nelson, Rebecchi and Wilson voted in favour of the amendment which was declared carried.

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Decided: that planning permission be refused as (1) the detached garden room contradicts Local Plan Policy 1 'Creating Successful Places – Safe and Pleasant', as the garden room's unexpected domineering position on the skyline detracts from the character of the area and does not integrate well with the surrounding development; (2) the steep access route to the garden room is unsafe in contradiction to the Local Plan Policy 1 'Creating Successful Places – Welcoming – make buildings legible and easy to access'; and (3) the garden room has a detrimental impact on the amenity, character and appearance of the area contrary to Policy D 'Residential Areas' of the Council's Planning Policy Statement on 'Our Homes and Communities'.

52 PLANNING APPLICATION

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**Rear single storey extension and formation of new dormer to front:
3 Divert Road, Gourock (20/0290/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning on the application for planning permission by Mr C Quinn for a rear single storey extension and formation of new dormer to front at 3 Divert Road, Gourock (20/0290/IC). The report recommended that planning permission be granted subject to one condition.

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

(1) that prior to installation, full details of materials and finishes for the extension and dormer hereby approved, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Development shall proceed utilising the approved materials and finishes, unless the Planning Authority gives its prior written approval to any alternatives.

53 PLANNING APPEAL

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Blackwater Farm, Woodhead Road, Kilmacolm

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning advising that, following the decision of the Board at the meeting held on 2 September 2020 to grant planning permission for the continued siting of a holiday chalet at Blackwater Farm, Woodhead Road, Kilmacolm subject to the condition with associated reason that planning permission shall last for a period of 3 years from the date of permission (1) notification has been received that an appeal against the condition has been lodged with the Scottish Government; and (2) a Reporter has been appointed to consider the case and undertake a virtual site visit. The Head of Regeneration & Planning advised the meeting that since the report was prepared the Reporter had advised that the appeal was sisted until a site visit in person could be carried out.

Decided: that the position be noted.

54 PLANNING APPEAL

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Timber Deck to Rear (In Retrospect) at Flat 1, 113 Albert Road, Gourock

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning advising that following the decision of the Board at the meeting held on 2 September 2020 to refuse planning permission in retrospect for the erection of a timber deck to rear at Flat 1, 113 Albert Road, Gourock (1) notification has been received that an appeal against the refusal has been lodged with the Scottish Government; (2) a Reporter undertook an unaccompanied site inspection on 22 December 2020, and (3) a decision will be issued in due course.

Decided: that the position be noted.

LOCAL POLICE & FIRE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 4 FEBRUARY 2021

Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 4 February 2021 at 3pm

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

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), ICT Service Manager and Mr P Coulter (for Service Manager, Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety).

In attendance also: Chief Superintendent D Duncan, Chief Inspector P Cameron and Detective Chief Inspector L Harvie (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 welcomed Chief Superintendent David Duncan, the newly appointed Divisional Commander, Chief Inspector Paul Cameron, the newly appointed Local Area Commander and Detective Chief Inspector Louise Harvie, author of the Police Scotland report on Child Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking, to the meeting.

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

55 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 55

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

56 Police Scotland Performance Report 56

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

During the course of discussion on this item Chief Inspector Cameron advised that 30% of common assaults in Inverclyde have been against emergency workers and that he would strive to increase public awareness of this issue. He also provided an overview of how complaints made against the Police are processed and advised that Inverclyde now has its own 'Cyber Kiosk'. Clarification was requested on the number of young people in Inverclyde who have been victims of sexual crimes, with reference made to the numbers contained within the report by Barnardo's Scotland and the Scottish Children's Reporter Administration 'Sexual exploitation of children involved in the Children's Hearing System', and Chief Inspector Cameron confirmed that Police

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Scotland were reporting 18 sexual crimes against young people in the reporting period.

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

57 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Performance Report 57

There was submitted a report on the performance and activities of Scottish Fire and Rescue Service during the reporting period 1 October 2020 to 31 December 2020.

Councillor Curley joined the meeting during discussion on this item.

Local Senior Officer McNeil advised that the refreshed Local Plan will be presented to the next meeting.

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

58 Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee Update Report (February 2021) 58

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;

(2) that the content of the Independent Review of Complaints Handling, Investigations, and Misconduct Issues in Relation to Policing be noted and that a further update report be submitted following the meeting of the CoSLA Policy Scrutiny Conveners Forum; and

(3) that the response to the Scottish Parliament's Justice Sub-Committee on Policing – Police Scotland's Use of Remote Piloted Aircraft Systems and Body Worn Video Cameras be approved.

59 Child Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking, Inverclyde 59

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development presenting a briefing paper from Police Scotland in respect of Child Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking in Inverclyde, as requested at the meeting on 19 November 2020. Detective Chief Inspector Harvie, the author of the briefing paper, answered questions from Members.

Decided: that the content of the Police Scotland briefing paper 'Child Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking – Inverclyde' be noted.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 10 FEBRUARY 2021

General Purposes Board

Wednesday 10 February 2021 at 10am

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Crowther, Dorrian, Jackson, Macleod, 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) and Inspector P Christie (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.

60 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 60

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

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 2 items only (Application for the Renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence and Application for the Grant of a Second Hand Dealer's Licence) 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.

61 Application for the Renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence 61

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.

62 Application for the Grant of a Second Hand Dealer's Licence 62

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on an application for the grant of a Second Hand Dealer's Licence which was refused, all as detailed in the appendix.

63 Taxi Fares Review 2020/21 63

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on the annual taxi fares scale for the purposes of public advertisement as the first formal stage of the statutory process. Mr J Bradley was in attendance on behalf of the Council's Head of Roads and Environmental Shared Services. Mr H Glasgow and Mr G Campbell were both in attendance on behalf of the Taxi Trade. The Board heard Mr J Bradley in support of the Head of Roads and Environmental Shared Services comments and Mr H

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Glasgow in support of the taxi trades proposals.

Following discussion Councillor Ahlfeld moved to continue the matter to a further meeting to allow further clarification on fares in terms of tables in a percentage form.

As an amendment Councillor McEleny moved that the Board make a decision relative to setting the fares at this meeting.

On a roll call vote, 5 Members, Provost Brennan and Councillors Brooks, Crowther, Jackson and McEleny, voted for the amendment and 5 Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Dorrian, Moran, MacLeod and Quinn for the motion.

There being equality in voting the Convenor exercised his casting vote in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that the matter be continued to a further meeting to allow for clarification on fares in terms of tables in a percentage form.