

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 4 MARCH 2021

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 4 March 2021 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

In attendance: Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery, Mr P MacDonald (for Interim Head of Legal Services), Ms S Lang and Ms D Sweeney (Legal Services), Interim Head of Property Services, Technical Services Manager, Ms A Galloway (Property Services), Ms M McCabe (for Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery (Section 95 Officer)), Interim Head of Public Protection & Recovery, Head of Roads and Environmental Shared Services, Mr PJ Coulter (Corporate Communications) and ICT Services Manager.

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

115 **Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest** 115

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Councillors Brooks and Curley declared an interest in Agenda Item 2 (Expedited Business and Relevant Updates).

116 **Expedited Business and Relevant Updates** 116

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery requesting that consideration be given to expedited business and relevant updates for the Environment & Regeneration Committee.

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.

(Councillors Jackson and Nelson left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

During the course of discussion on the report, the Head of Roads and Environmental Shared Services confirmed that following confirmation of external funding, she would provide Members with an update on the planned Active Travel projects for the year ahead, aligned to the Active Travel Strategy and National Transport Strategy.

In relation to the item at paragraph 7.1 (Drumshantie Road, Gourrock – Car Park – Acquisition of a Small Section of Ground) Councillor Ahlfeld moved:

- (1) that having regard to the responses to the public consultation detailed in the report, approval be granted for the change of use of the site for use as a car park; and
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery to acquire the area of land shown cross-hatched on the plan at Appendix 1 from Darroch Estates on the terms and at the price specified in Appendix 2 and otherwise on terms acceptable to the Head of Legal Services and the Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery (Section 95 Officer).

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As an amendment, Councillor Curley moved that the change of use of the site for use as a car park and the proposal to acquire the area of land from Darroch Estates be rejected at the present time and that a further report be submitted to the Committee on the scale of the proposed project.

On a vote, 3 Members, Councillors Crowther, Curley and J McEleny, voted in favour of the amendment and 6 Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty, McCabe, McCormick and McKenzie, voted in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

Decided:

- (1) that the information contained in the report, including the update in respect of Clyde Muirshiel Park be noted;
- (2) that the recommendations as set out in paragraph 5.1.5 in respect of the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme be agreed, namely:
 - (a) that approval be given to the virement of £250,000 from the Parks, Cemeteries and Open Spaces Asset Management Plan (AMP) to Cemeteries Development across financial years 2021/22 and 2022/23;
 - (b) that the estimated cost of the Knocknairshill Cemetery Extension project of £1.6m be noted;
 - (c) that approval be granted for the issue of tenders for the Knocknairshill Cemetery Extension project and for delegated authority to the Head of Legal Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender for the project, provided the cost is within the budget allocation;
- (3) that in relation to the Core Property Services allocation at paragraph 5.1.6:
 - (a) the allocation of £100,000 to address ventilation improvements to the internal office space adjacent to the Grand Corridor, Greenock Municipal Buildings be noted;
 - (b) the allocation of a further £290,000 to the Boglestone Community Centre Roofing project to accelerate the phased approach and complete the priority areas in a single contract at a revised estimated cost of £570,000 be noted;
 - (c) approval be granted for the issue of tenders for the Boglestone Community Centre Roofing project and for delegated authority to the Head of Legal Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender, provided the cost is within the revised budget allocation;
 - (d) it be noted that further Core Property Services projects will be identified throughout the 2021/22 financial year as part of the ongoing review and that work will be prioritised based on property condition surveys;
- (4) that in relation to the item at paragraph 6.4.19 (City Deal Projects – Inchgreen) delegated authority be granted to the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery to accept the Clyde Mission Funding Award in respect of the Platers' Shed Inchgreen Marine Project;
- (5) that in relation to the item at paragraph 7.1 (Drumshantie Road, Gourrock – Car Park Acquisition of a Small Area of Ground)
 - (a) having regard to the responses to the public consultation detailed in the report, approval be granted for the change of use of the site for use as a car park;
 - (b) that delegated authority be granted to the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery to acquire the area of land shown cross-hatched on the plan at Appendix 1 from Darroch Estates on the terms and at the price specified in Appendix 2 and otherwise on terms acceptable to the Head of Legal Services and the Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery (Section 95 Officer);
- (6) that in relation to the item at paragraph 7.2 (Inverkip Community Facility – Lease), delegated authority be granted to the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery to vary the terms of the lease to ICI so that it includes the new extension on the east gable, as detailed on the plan at Appendix 4, and to amend the sub-lease plan so that it also takes account of this additional area;

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- (7) that in relation to the item at paragraph 7.4 (Gourock Park Bowling Club – Lease Variation), delegated authority be granted to the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery to vary the lease so that it includes the tennis courts to the rear of the current pavilion and to deal with the other matters detailed, including landlord's consent for the proposed works;
- (8) that in relation to the item at paragraph 8.1 (Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park), it be recommended to the Inverclyde Council that, subject to the two Members' agreement, Councillors Nelson and Wilson be nominated to serve on the newly-established Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park Liaison Group;
- (9) that in relation to the Roads Assets Management Plan projects for 2021/22 (paragraphs 10.1 to 10.14), approval be granted to the programme of expenditure as detailed in the report and that delegated authority be granted to the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery to substitute projects if necessary to achieve a full spend of funding allocations; and
- (10) that it be noted that a report will be submitted to a future meeting on a proposed solution to the technical issues associated with the live-streaming of funerals from Greenock Crematorium.