ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 16 MARCH 2021

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Tuesday 16 March 2021 at 2.30pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

In attendance: Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery, Mr P MacDonald (for Interim Head of Legal Services), Ms D Sweeney, Ms S Lang and Ms E Peacock (Legal Services), 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.

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128 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor McCabe. No declarations of interest were intimated.

129 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) 129 (Gourock, Inverkip & Wemyss Bay) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 7) Order 2020

The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery further to the statutory consultation process undertaken in terms of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 on Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Gourock, Inverkip & Wemyss Bay) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 7) Order 2020 (the Proposed TRO), (1) requesting that the Committee adopt the Rules of Procedure for the purposes of the special meeting, (2) advising, in relation to the Proposed TRO, of the discussions between Council Officers and the persons who have, as part of the public consultation, objected to the Proposed TRO (the Objectors) and (3) making proposals to facilitate the effective, fair and proper hearing by the Committee of those Objectors who have not withdrawn their objections (the Remaining Objectors) in order that the Committee can consider their objections (the Remaining Objections) and come to a formal recommendation on the Proposed TRO.

The Committee decided:

(1) that the rules of procedure as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be approved;

(2) that the terms of Appendix 2 in relation to the Remaining Objections be considered and noted; and

(3) that it be agreed to allow the Remaining Objectors an opportunity to be heard at the special meeting in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

In this regard, the Committee noted that the Remaining Objectors were not present in relation to the Remaining Objections.

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Ms G MacFarlane, Head of Roads & Environmental Shared Services, Mr G Leitch and Ms E Provan, Roads & Transportation were present and the Committee heard Mr Leitch in support of the Proposed TRO.

The Committee having considered and having had regard to the Remaining Objections and the oral representation made by Mr Leitch at the meeting, further decided:

(4) that the Remaining Objections be dismissed and the Proposed TRO as detailed in Appendix 3 be approved and referred to the next meeting of The Inverclyde Council recommending that The Inverclyde Council formally approve the Proposed TRO and that it be remitted to the Head of Roads & Environmental Shared Services and the Interim Head of Legal Services to arrange for its implementation in accordance with the statutory procedures, all in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.