

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL - 22 APRIL 2021

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 22 April 2021 at 4pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Dorrian, Jackson, MacLeod, McCabe, McCormick, C McEleny, J McEleny, McKenzie, McVey, Moran, Murphy, Quinn, Rebecchi, Robertson and Wilson.

Chair: Provost Brennan presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery, Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery, Interim Head of Legal Services, Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications, Interim Head of Public Protection & Recovery, ICT Service Manager, Ms D Sweeney, Ms L Carrick and Mr C MacDonald (Legal Services) and Service Manager, Communications, Tourism, and Health & Safety.

The meeting was held by video-conference.

Prior to the commencement of business, Provost Brennan acknowledged Earth Day and the importance of caring for the environment and the Earth's natural resources.

151 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 151

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

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161	Education & Communities Committee – 9 March 2021	161
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- 168 Planning Board – 7 April 2021 168**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.
- 169 Environment & Regeneration Committee – 13 April 2021 169**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.
- 170 General Purposes Board – 14 April 2021 170**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.
- 171 COVID-19 Update Report 171**
- There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery 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 Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery provided an update on local vaccination figures, advising that as of 21 April 2021, 65.7% of the Inverclyde adult population had received a first dose and 20.2% had received a second dose.
- Councillor McCormick joined the meeting during consideration of this item and Councillor Moran left the meeting during consideration of this item due to connectivity issues.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the actions taken to date to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak in Inverclyde be noted; and
 - (2) that following the recent publication of a report by Unison made in consultation with its membership, it be remitted to officers to provide a report on the impact of COVID-19 on employees' mental health to the next Policy & Resources Committee, detailing current and future support measures for the Inverclyde Council workforce.
- 172 Recruitment of Chief Executive 172**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications seeking approval of the recruitment and selection process to appoint a new Chief Executive for Inverclyde Council following the Chief Executive's announcement that he is to retire from the Council's service on 19 September 2021.
- Councillor Moran re-joined the meeting during consideration of this item.
- Decided:** that the recruitment and selection process outlined in the report be approved and it be remitted to the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications to advertise the position and progress the process.
- 173 Scheme of Administration – Political Balance 173**
- There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Legal Services advising of the necessary requirements to ensure political balance on Committees, Sub-Committees, Board and Outside Bodies, where appropriate, following the resignation from the Scottish National Party (SNP) of Councillor C McEleny, who has joined the Alba Party and intends to represent the Alba Party in Ward 5.
- Councillor Jackson left the meeting during consideration of this item.

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Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted; and
- (2) that the membership of Committees be as follows:

Policy & Resources Committee –

No change

Environment & Regeneration Committee –

Councillor J McEleny (SNP) off – Councillor C McEleny (Alba Party) on

Education & Communities Committee –

Councillor C McEleny will remain on the Committee and will represent Alba Party

Health & Social Care Committee -

Councillor C McEleny (Alba Party) off – Councillor J McEleny (SNP) on

Audit Committee -

No change

General Purposes Board –

Councillor Crowther (SNP) off – Councillor C McEleny (Alba Party) on

Planning Board -

No change

HR Appeals Board -

Councillor J McEleny (SNP) off – Councillor Brooks (Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party) on

Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee –

Councillor Curley (SNP) off – Councillor C McEleny (Alba Party) on

174 Appointment of Trustees to Peter Stanton Memorial Trust 174

There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Legal Services seeking to appoint three Trustees to the Peter Stanton Memorial Trust as the current term of office of the three existing Trustees is due to expire on 24 May 2021.

Decided: that the Council appoint Provost Brennan and Councillors Moran and MacLeod as Trustees of the Peter Stanton Memorial Trust for the period from 25 May 2021 until the statutory meeting of the Inverclyde Council to be held after the Local Government elections in May 2022.

175 Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park Liaison Group – Appointment of Elected Members 175

There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Legal Services requesting that the Council consider a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee relative to representation on the newly established Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park Liaison Group.

Decided: that the recommendation of the Environment & Regeneration Committee be upheld and Councillors Nelson and Wilson be nominated as Inverclyde Council representatives on the Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park Liaison Group.

176 Request for Consultation on Whether Females Perceive Any Safety Impediment in Using Public Parks, Paths and Cycle Ways – Request by Councillor Quinn 176

There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Legal Services advising of a request received from Councillor Quinn in the following terms:

“That Council officers carry out a consultation and report back to the Education & Communities Committee to determine if women and girls perceive any safety

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impediment in using Inverclyde public paths, parks and cycle ways and if so how may this be addressed.

Councillor C McEleny left the meeting during consideration of this item.

Decided: that it be remitted to officers to provide a report to a future meeting of the Education & Communities Committee addressing the terms of Councillor Quinn's request.

177 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Gourock, Inverkip and Wemyss Bay) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 7) Order 2020 177

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 16 March 2021 requesting approval of the Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Gourock, Inverkip and Wemyss Bay) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 7) Order 2020.

Decided: that approval be given to the making of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Gourock, Inverkip and Wemyss Bay) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 7) Order 2020 and that the Interim Head of Legal Services and the Head of Shared Services Roads be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

178 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 11) Order 2020 178

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179 Capital Strategy 2021/31 and Treasury Strategy 2021/25 – Remit from Policy & Resources Committee 179

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Development on a remit from the Policy & Resources Committee of 23 March 2021 requesting approval of the Capital Strategy 2021/31 and Treasury Strategy 2021/25.

Decided: that approval be given to the Capital Strategy 2021/31 and Treasury Strategy 2021/25, specifically:

- (a) Capital Strategy for 2021/31;
- (b) Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy;
- (c) Authorised limits from 2021/25;
- (d) Treasury Management Policy Statement as detailed in paragraph 5.6 of the report;
- (e) Policy on repayment of Loans Fund advances as detailed in paragraph 5.5 of the

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report;

- (f) Treasury Policy Limits;
- (g) Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Indicators; and
- (h) List of Permitted Investments (including those for Common Good Fund).

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 (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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