

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 4 MAY 2021

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Tuesday 4 May 2021 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Jackson, Quinn (for McKenzie), McCabe, McCormick and J McEleny (for C McEleny).

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

In attendance: Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery, Mr P MacDonald (for Interim Head of Legal Services), Mr C MacDonald and Ms L Carrick (Legal Services), Interim Head of Property Services, Ms A Galloway (Property Services), Ms M McCabe (for Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery), Interim Head of Public Protection & Recovery, Head of Roads and Environmental Shared Services, ICT Services Manager and Service Manager Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety.

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

199 **Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest** 199

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor C McEleny, with Councillor J McEleny substituting and Councillor McKenzie with Councillor Quinn substituting.

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

Councillor Curley declared an interest in Agenda Item 3 (Property Related Matters).

200 **Expedited Business and Relevant Updates** 200

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, Curley, J McEleny 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 information contained in the report, including all updates, be noted;
- (2) that the recommendations as set out in paragraph 5.1.4 in respect of the revenue budget and capital programme be approved, (a) that approval be given to the allocation of £400k from the Town & Village Centre Funds to progress the demolition of the former Babylon building; and (b) that the approval via Emergency Powers of the allocation of Covid Pressures allowance for the Crosshill Children's Home and Gourock Primary School Extension projects and approve the allocation for the St Mary's Primary School refurbishment and extension project be noted;
- (3) that the increased costs relating to the Interim Management Model (Shared

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Services) as detailed be agreed; and

(4) that approval be given to the consultation exercise for supplementary guidance for the Local Development Plan.

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 by paragraphs 2, 6, 8 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

201 Property Related Matters**201**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery making recommendations in respect of a number of property related matters. Councillor Curley declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Member of the Board of the Kilmacolm New Community Centre Company (KNCCC). 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.

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