

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 11 MAY 2021

Education and Communities Committee

Tuesday 11 May 2021 at 1pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Clocherty, Curley, MacLeod, McCabe, McVey, Murphy, Quinn, Robertson and Wilson, Ms F Gilpin and Rev. F Donaldson, Church Representatives, Ms P McEwan, Teacher Representative and Ms A McMillan, Parent 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 Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery), Mr C Given (Finance Services), Interim Head of Property Services, Ms G Murphy (for Interim Head of Legal Services), Ms D Sweeney and Ms L Carrick (Legal Services), 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.

209 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 2 (Education & Communities Committee: Performance Report for the Communities Part of the Committee) – Councillors Clocherty and Quinn.

Agenda Item 3 (Update on Crawl Holes for Community Pitches Managed by Inverclyde Leisure) – Councillors Clocherty and Quinn.

Agenda Item 4 (Review of GTVO and U19s Grants and Community Hall Waivers) – Councillors Clocherty and Quinn.

Agenda Item 5 (Report on Outstanding Community Remits for the Education & Communities Committee) – Councillors Clocherty, Quinn and Curley.

Agenda Item 6 (Communities Update Report) – Councillors Clocherty, Quinn and MacLeod.

210 Education & Communities Committee: Performance Report for the Communities Part of the Committee

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing performance information for the Communities part of 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 in

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the meeting or their participation in the decision-making process.

Decided:

- (1) that the projected underspend of £139,000 for the Communities Revenue Budget Monitoring Report for Period 12 be noted;
- (2) that the projected containment of the 2020/23 Capital Programme within available budgets be noted;
- (3) that the updates on (a) Lady Alice Bowling Club, (b) Indoor Sports Facility for Tennis (c) Leisure Pitches Asset Management Plan/Lifecycle Fund, (d) Grieve Road Community Centre, (e) Wemyss Bay Community Centre, (f) Whinhill Golf Club Lifecycle Works, (g) Waterfront Leisure Centre Training Pool Moveable Floor, (h) Watt Institution Creativity Space, (i) King George VI Community Hub, (j) Craigend Resource Centre, and (k) Inverclyde Shed Meet, Make and Share, be noted; and
- (4) that the progression of survey works in relation to the new Indoor Tennis Centre Facility at Rankin Park, Greenock be noted.

211 Update on Crawl Holes for Community Pitches Managed by Inverclyde Leisure 211

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) providing an update on the current position regarding crawl hole access to community pitches operated by Inverclyde Leisure and (2) seeking Committee approval to allocate a specific resource to open the crawl holes during the day and to close them at night.

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 in the meeting or their participation in the decision-making process.

Councillor Murphy joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

Decided:

- (1) that the current situation regarding crawl holes at pitches managed by Inverclyde Leisure be noted;
- (2) that it be agreed a report be brought back to Committee at a future date in relation to the use of the Broomhill pitch, and that Council officers and Inverclyde Leisure begin consultation with the wider community; and
- (3) that the allocation of a resource to pilot the opening and closing of crawl hole spaces in the morning and night be approved, which will be funded from the Communities Directorate and reviewed in one year's time.

212 Review of GTVO and U19s Grants and Community Hall Waivers 212

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) providing a summary of the recent consultation on Grants to Voluntary Organisations (GTVO), U19s Sports Grants and Community Hall Waivers (GTVO Review) and (2) seeking approval to combine these funding streams into one 'Community Grants Model' from 2021/22 with a cap of £10,000 per organisation.

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 in the meeting or their participation in the decision-making process.

Decided:

- (1) that the findings of the GTVO Review be noted; and

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(2) that the changes proposed to the GTVO process from 2021/2022, as detailed in Paragraph 5 of the report, be approved.

213 Report on Outstanding Community Remits for the Education & Communities Committee 213

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the outstanding remits for the Communities part of the Education & Communities Committee.

Councillors Clocherty and Quinn declared a non-financial interest in this item as Members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure and Councillor Curley declared a non-financial interest as a Member of Boglestone Community Association. All Councillors 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.

Decided:

(1) that the updates on (a) 5Rights for children and young people, (b) the overall impact on users of the Inverclyde Leisure Spend to Save Project at Boglestone Community Centre and usage of the mountain bike track at Rankin Park, Greenock, (c) Local Authority provision of cleaning and janitorial services to Police Scotland, and (d) No Knives Better Lives - 10 year evaluation, be noted;

(2) that it be agreed a further report on maintenance and signage of the mountain bike track at Rankin Park, Greenock be brought to a future meeting of the Committee;

(3) that it be remitted to officers to provide an update detailing the overall impact on users of the Inverclyde Leisure Spend to Save project at Boglestone Community Centre to a future meeting of the Committee, the date of which should reflect a return to normal business post-COVID-19 pandemic.

214 Communities Update Report 214

There was submitted a report, and separate Addendum with updated information on the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund, by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the Communities aspects of the service.

Councillors Clocherty and Quinn declared a non-financial interest in this item as Members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure and Councillor MacLeod declared a non-financial interest as a Non-Executive Director of Parklea Branching Out. All Councillors 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.

Decided:

(1) that the updates on (a) the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund, (b) Inverclyde Fairtrade Zone Application - successful renewal status, and (c) the financial position of Inverclyde Leisure, be noted; and

(2) that it be agreed to delegate responsibility to the Director of Education, Communities & Organisational Development to submit applications on behalf of 32nd Greenock & District Scout Group, CVS Inverclyde and Parklea Branching Out to the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund for 2022/23.

The Communities business concluded at 2.20pm.

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The Committee commenced consideration of the Education items of business at 4pm with Ms Gilpin, Ms McMillan and Ms McEwan joining the meeting. Rev. Donaldson joined the meeting during discussion on item 'Report on Outstanding Education Remits for the Education & Communities Committee'.

215 Education & Communities Committee: Performance Report for the Education Part of the Committee 215

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing performance information for the Education part of the Education & Communities Committee.

Councillor Murphy re-joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

Decided:

- (1) that the projected underspend of £618,000 for Education Revenue Budget Monitoring Report for Period 11 be noted;
- (2) that the projected containment of the 2020/23 Capital Programme within available budgets be noted; and
- (3) that updates on (a) Lady Alice Primary School Refurbishment and Extension, (b) St Mary's Primary School Refurbishment and Extension, (c) Gourock Primary School Extension, (d) Hillend Children's Centre Refurbishment, (e) Former Kelly Street Children's Centre Landscaping Works, (f) Interactive Whiteboard Refresh, (g) School Estate Lifecycle Works 2020/21, (g) Development and Implementation of 1140 Hours of Early Learning and Childcare Infrastructure Projects Progress (h) Rainbow Family Centre Extension, (i) Larkfield Children's Centre New Build, and (j) Glenpark Early Learning Centre, be noted.

216 Report on Outstanding Education Remits for the Education & Communities Committee 216

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on outstanding remits for the Education part of the Education & Communities Committee.

Rev. Donaldson joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

Decided: that the updates on (a) Review of Secondary Parentpay Usage, and (b) Placing Request Appeals and Future Pressures on the Learning Estate, be noted.

217 Education & Communities Committee: Expedited Business, Relevant Updates and Operational Log for the Education Part of the Committee 217

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

Councillor Curley left the meeting during discussion of this item.

Decided:

- (1) that the updates on (a) arrangements for opening of schools, (b) Scottish Attainment Challenge – Summary of Progress Report 2015-2020, (c) Audit Scotland Report on Improving Outcomes for Young People Through School Education (d) SQA qualifications, (e) Early Learning and Childcare Expansion Programme, (f) Scottish Government's Recovery Grants for Education, (g) Review of ASN Support Staff, (h) West Partnership Interim Action Plan, (h) School Transport Contract Renewals, (i)

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phasing of free school meals, (i) Bring Your Own Device, and (j) Education Services Standards and Quality Report 2020/21 and Service Improvement Plan 2021/22, be noted;

(2) that the proposed phasing-in of free school meals to all primary pupils and the request to the Policy & Resources Committee for £192k funding to support this be agreed;

(3) that the proposed changes to Bring Your Own Device in all educational establishments be approved; and

(4) that it be remitted to officers to provide an update report on the Scottish Attainment Challenge to a future meeting of the Committee, the date of which should be after the proposed review of care experienced children and young people's fund plans as detailed in Paragraph 5.2 of the report, in order to capture this within the report.