

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 23 JUNE 2021

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Wednesday 23 June 2021 at 3pm

Present: Provost Brennan (for Councillor Jackson), Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, McCabe, McCormick, C 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), Mr C MacDonald and Ms D Sweeney (Legal Services), Interim Head of Property Services, Mr M Thomson (for Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery), Head of Roads and Environmental Shared Services, Mr G Leitch and Mr S Walker (Roads and Transportation), 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.

278 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 278

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Jackson with Provost Brennan substituting.

Councillors Brooks, Crowther and Curley declared an interest in Agenda Item 6 (Property Assets Management Report).

279 Inverclyde Economic Regeneration Strategy 2021-2025 279

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery to present the proposed Inverclyde Economic Regeneration Strategy 2021-2025 and associated draft Action Plan 2021-2023 for approval.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the Inverclyde Regeneration Strategy 2021-2025 and Action Plan 2021-2023 appended to the report; and
- (2) that authorisation be given to the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery to seek endorsement of the strategy by the Ri/RiPH Board;
- (3) that it be remitted to the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery to submit a report to the Committee reviewing the Inverclyde Economic Regeneration Strategy 2021-2025 within 12 months.

280 Property Assets Management Report 280

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery (1) advising the Committee of various activities relating to the management of the Council's property assets and (2) making recommendations in this regard.

Decided:

- (1) that the outcome of the common good consultation at Caddlehill Street,

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Greenock be noted;

(2) that Permallet's termination of interest in the Caddlehill Street, Greenock site and intention to focus on the Papermill Road, Greenock site be noted;

(3) that the outcome of the open space consultation at Papermill Road, Greenock be noted;

(4) that consideration of the proposed lease of land at Papermill Road be continued and that it be remitted to officers to bring a report to a future meeting of the Committee (a) in relation to various concerns raised by members, including (i) parking; (ii) site access; (iii) access to Whinhill Primary; and (iv) bio-diversity implications, and (b) exploring alternative location possibilities;

(5) that the Interim Service Director Corporate Services and Organisational Recovery be granted delegated authority to (a) market the site of the former Crescent Street Depot, Greenock as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report, on the basis of a lease and an outright sale; and (b) thereafter to set a closing date when the level of interest in the site justifies it;

(6) that it be noted that a further report concerning the lease or outright sale of the Crescent Street Depot, Greenock will be brought back to the Committee with a recommendation to accept whichever offer is deemed to provide the greatest economic benefit to the Council;

(7) that the Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery be granted delegated authority to (a) declare the former scout hall and adjacent garages at Mearns Street/Armadale Place, Greenock, as detailed in Appendix 4 to the report, as surplus to requirements; and (b) thereafter to demolish the buildings prior to placing the site on the market for sale.

281 Roads & Transportation – Performance Update

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There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery (1) advising the Committee of Inverclyde Council's Roads and Transportation Service's performance indicators detailed within the 2019-20 Local Government Benchmarking Framework; and (2) highlighting the participation and successes of the Roads and Transportation Service with regards to the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) Performance Networks for the categories of Roads, Highways and Winter Maintenance and Street Lighting.

Decided:

(1) that the Local Government Benchmarking Framework performance indicators and placing be noted; and

(2) that the Council's participation and successes with regards to the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) Performance Networks and associated nominations in this year's awards be noted.

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 items 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 are set opposite each item.

Item	Paragraph(s)
Residual Waste Tender Outcome	6, 8, 9 & 10

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Property Assets Management Report**2, 6 & 9****282 Residual Waste Tender Outcome 282**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Shared Services advising the Committee of the outcome of the residual waste tender and to seek approval to award this contract. Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the actions recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

283 Property Assets Management Report 283

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director, Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery making recommendations in respect of a number of property related matters.

Councillors Brooks and Curley declared a non-financial interest in this item as Members of the Board of River Clyde Homes. Cllr Crowther declared a non-financial interest in this item having previously provided support to the Greenock South-West Community Council and Upper Bow Farm Community activists. They also formed the view that the nature of their interests and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence at the meeting or their participation in the decision-making process.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to take action in respect of (1) property at Lyle Road, Greenock, (2) property at Paton Street, Greenock, (3) property at Kirn Drive, Gourrock, (4) land at Sinclair Street/Arrol Gardens, Greenock, and (5) Council housing stock, all as detailed in the appendix.