

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 15 MARCH 2018

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 15 March 2018 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, Mr G McGovern (for Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development), Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership), Head of Legal & Property Services, Legal Services Manager (Procurement & Conveyancing), Ms R McGhee and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Property Services), Chief Financial Officer, Education & Exchequer Finance Manager, Social Care Finance Manager, Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications, Ms A Rainey (Human Resources), Head of Community Care & Health, Acting Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Acting Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities and Corporate Communications Manager.

207 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

208 Council Budget Approval

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing sufficient information to enable the Council to approve a Revenue Budget for 2018/19 or 2018/20, a Capital Programme for 2018/21, use of projected Free Reserves and a provisional contribution to the Integration Joint Board.

Following discussion, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Ahlfeld moved:

(1) that the proposals contained in the document circulated at the meeting entitled "2018/19 Budget Proposal by the Labour, Independent, Conservative & Liberal Democrat Groups" (Appendix 1 to the minute) be approved namely:-

- (a) the Service Committee savings detailed on page 2;
- (b) the Public Consultation savings detailed on pages 3 & 4;
- (c) the Investment Proposals detailed on pages 5 to 10;
- (d) the reports due back from officers detailed on page 12;

(2) that the 2018/21 Capital Programme be approved after adjusting for the proposals in paragraph 6.2 of the Chief Financial Officer's report;

(3) that the Council's contribution to the Integration Joint Board in 2018/19 be £48.059 million as detailed in Appendix 4 of the Chief Financial Officer's report and that this sum be adjusted for the items listed in paragraph 7.3 of the report as and when the figures are confirmed;

(4) that officers report back to the relevant Committees on the items listed in Appendix 6 supplemented by the reports listed on page 11 of the Budget Proposal document by the Labour, Independent, Conservative & Liberal Democrat Groups; and

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(5) that the Budget Risks outlined by the Chief Financial Officer in Appendix 7 of his report be noted.

As an amendment, Councillor C McEleny seconded by Councillor Robertson moved:

(1) that the proposals contained in the document circulated at the meeting entitled "2018/20 Budget Proposal by the SNP Group" (Appendix 2 to the minute) be approved namely:-

- (a) the Service Committee proposals detailed on page 2;
 - (b) the Public Consultation proposals detailed on pages 3 & 4;
 - (c) the Investment Proposals detailed on pages 5 to 7;
 - (d) the reports due back from officers detailed on page 9;
- (2) that the 2018/21 Capital Programme be approved after adjusting for the proposals in paragraph 6.2 of the Chief Financial Officer's report;
- (3) that the Council's contribution to the Integration Joint Board in 2018/19 be £48.059 million as detailed in Appendix 4 of the Chief Financial Officer's report and that this sum be adjusted for the items listed in paragraph 7.3 of the report as and when the figures are confirmed;
- (4) that officers report back to the relevant Committees on the items listed in Appendix 6 supplemented by the reports listed on page 9 of the Budget Proposal document by the SNP Group; and
- (5) that the Budget Risks outlined by the Chief Financial Officer in Appendix 7 of his report be noted.

On a vote, 6 Members, Councillors Crowther, Curley, MacLeod, C McEleny, J McEleny and Robertson, voted in favour of the amendment and 15 Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Clocherty, Dorrian, Jackson, McCabe, McCormick, Moran, Murphy, Ahlfeld, McKenzie, McVey, Quinn, Rebecchi, Brooks and Wilson, voted in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

Decided:

(1) that the proposals contained in the document circulated at the meeting entitled "2018/19 Budget Proposal by the Labour, Independent, Conservative & Liberal Democrat Groups" (Appendix 1 to the minute) be approved namely:-

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 - (b) the Public Consultation savings detailed on pages 3 & 4;
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- (4) that officers report back to the relevant Committees on the items listed in Appendix 6 supplemented by the reports listed on page 11 of the Budget Proposal document by the Labour, Independent, Conservative & Liberal Democrat Groups; and
- (5) that the Budget Risks outlined by the Chief Financial Officer in Appendix 7 of his report be noted.