

GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE – 22 SEPTEMBER 2021

Grants Sub-Committee**Wednesday 22 September 2021 at 2pm**

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, MacLeod, J McEleny and Murphy.

Chair: Councillor Brooks presided.

In attendance: Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources, Service Manager, Community Learning & Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport, Ms J Fallon (Community Learning & Development), Mr I Cameron (for Interim Service Director, Corporate Services and Organisational Recovery), Mr P MacDonald (for Interim Head of Legal Services), Ms L Carrick and Ms D Sweeney (Legal Services).

This meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Provost Brennan and Councillors Ahlfeld, MacLeod, J McEleny and Murphy attending remotely.

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

372 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest**372**

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 2 – application number 29 (Parklea Branching Out)

Councillor MacLeod declared a non-financial interest in this application as a Non-Executive Director of the organisation and left the meeting for the consideration of this application.

Agenda Item 2 – application number 44 (Greenock Morton Youth Academy)

Councillors MacLeod and J McEleny declared a non-financial interest in this application as members of Greenock Morton Club Together. Both Members 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.

Agenda Item 2 – application number 65 (Port Glasgow Voluntary Transport)

Councillor MacLeod declared a non-financial interest in this application in that he acted as an independent referee in relation to the grant form application by Port Glasgow Voluntary Transport and left the meeting for consideration of this application.

Agenda Item 2 – application number 67 (Inverclyde Youth for Christ)

Councillor Murphy declared a non-financial interest in this application as a Chairperson of the organisation and left the meeting for consideration of this application.

Prior to the commencement of business the Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources provided Members with an overview of the new report format.

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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 in paragraph 4 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

373 Community Grants Fund 2021/22 – Round 1

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources providing details of the applications received for consideration for funding from the Community Grants Fund Budget in 2021/22.

Councillor Murphy moved in relation to application number 39 for Greenock & District Welfare Football League that £5,000 be awarded. As an amendment Councillor J McEleny moved that £3,000.00 be awarded.

On a vote 1 Member, Councillor J McEleny, voted for the amendment and five Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, MacLeod and Murphy voted for the motion which was declared carried.

Councillor J McEleny moved in relation to application number 44 for Greenock Morton Youth Academy that the application be rejected. As an amendment Provost Brennan moved that the officer's recommendation of £5,000 be awarded subject to satisfactory governance checks.

On a vote, 1 Member, Provost Brennan, voted for the amendment and four Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, J McEleny and Murphy voted for the motion which was declared carried. Councillor MacLeod abstained from voting.

Decided:

(1) that Grants to Voluntary Organisations 2021/22 be made as follows:

All the awards are subject to the standard conditions of the Grants Voluntary Organisation Scheme.

No	Group	Award (see end note re headings A, B and C)
1	Greenock Burns Club	A: 0 B: £2,000.00 C: 0 Total:£2,000.00
2	Inverclyde Pipes & Drums	A: 0 B: £1,900.00 C: £600.00 Total £2,500.00
3	Inverclyde Youth Theatre	A: £1,500.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total £1500.00 subject to the additional condition detailed in the appendix to the report.
4	Prominence Academy of Performing Arts	A: £3,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £3,000.00

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		subject to the additional condition detailed in the appendix to the report.
5	RIG Arts	A: £2,500.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total £2,500.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
6	Riverside Youth Band	A: £1,500.00 B: £1,500.00 C: 0 Total £3,000.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
7	Ardgowan Club	A: £2,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total £2,000.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
8	Gourock Bowling Club	A: £2,000.00 B: £2,000.00 C: 0 Total £4,000.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
9	Grosvenor Bowling Club	A: £2,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total £2,000.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
10	Inverkip Bowling Club	A: £2,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total £2,000.00
11	Lady Alice Bowling Club	A: £4,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total £4,000.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
12	Rankin Park Bowling Club	A: £2,000.00 B: £1,000.00

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		C: 0 Total £3,000.00
13	Wellington Park Bowling Club	A: £2,000.00 B: £1,000.00 C: 0 Total £3,000.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
14	Inverclyde Council of Social Service (IVCSS)	A: £10,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total £10,000.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
15	Inverclyde Faith in Throughcare	A: £5,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total £5,000.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
16	Inverclyde Family Contact Centre	A: £5,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total £5,000.00 subject to the additional condition detailed in the appendix to the report.
17	Moving On Inverclyde	A: 0 B: £3,000.00 C: 0 Total £3,000.00
18	Turning Point Scotland (Inverclyde Services)	A: 0 B: £3,000.00 C: 0 Total £3,000.00
19	Auchmountain Glen Project	A: 0 B: 0 C: £1,500.00 Total £1,500.00
20	Caddlehill Allotment	A: £3,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total £3,000.00
21	Colourful Kilmacolm	A: £0 B: £500.00 C: 0 Total £500.00

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22	Cowdenknowes Residents Association	A: £200.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total £200.00
23	Gibshill Community Centre	A: 0 B: £4,000.00 C: 0 Total £4,000.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
24	Inverclyde Community Fund	A: 0 B: £750.00 C: 0 Total £750.00
25	Inverclyde to Lourdes Group	A: £450.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total £450.00
26	Inverkip Community Initiative	A: 0 B: £3,000.00 C: 0 Total £3,000.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
27	Kilmacolm Horticultural Society	A: 0 B: £500.00 C: 0 Total £500.00
28	Lyle Gateway	A: £2,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
29	Parklea Branching Out	A: 0 B: £5,000.00 C: 0 Total £5,000.00 Councillor MacLeod left during consideration of this item.
30	Prospecthill Christian Fellowship/Street Connect	A: 0 B: £3,000.00 C: 0 Total £3,000.00
31	Youth Connections	A: 0 B: £3,000.00 C: 0

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		Total £3,000.00
32	Victim Support Inverclyde	A: £4,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total £4,000.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
33	Birkmyre Rugby Club	A: 0 B: 0 C: £5,000.00 Total £5,000.00 subject to the additional condition detailed in the appendix to the report.
34	BOUNCE Basketball Inverclyde	A: 0 B: £470.00 C: £330.00 Total £800.00
35	Broomhill Boys Club	A: £750.00 B: £750.00 C: £4,000.00 Total £5,500.00 subject to the additional condition detailed in the appendix to the report.
36	Clyde Netball	A: 0 B: £1,000.00 C: £4,000.00 Total £5,000.00 subject to the additional condition detailed in the appendix to the report.
37	Clydeside AFC	A: 0 B: 0 C: £3,000.00 Total £3,000.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
38	Fort Matilda Bridge Club	A: £2,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total £2,000.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
39	Greenock & District Welfare Football League	A: 0 B: 0 C: £5,000.00 Total £5,000.00

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		subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
40	Greenock Cricket Club	A: £2,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total £2,000.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
41	Greenock Glenpark Harriers	A: 675.00 B: £1,030.80 C: £5,200.75 Total £6,906.55 subject to the condition detailed in the appendix to the report.
42	Greenock Juniors	A: 0 B: 0 C: £4,005.00 Total £4,005.00
43	Greenock Morton Community Trust	A: 0 B: 0 C: £9,780.00 Total £9,780.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
44	Greenock Morton Youth Academy	Reject
45	Greenock United	A: 0 B: 0 C: £5,000.00 Total £5,000.00 subject to the additional condition detailed in the appendix to the report.
46	Greenock Wanderers	A: £1,200.00 B: 0 C: £6,300.00 Total £7,500.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
47	Inverclyde Amateur Football Club	A: 0 B: 0 C: £6,000.00 Total £6,000.00
48	Inverclyde Amateur Swimming Club	A: 0 B: £400.00 C: £9,562.88

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		Total £9,962.88 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
49	Inverclyde American Football Community Club	A: 0 B: £2,000.00 C: £3,000.00 Total £5,000.00 subject to the additional condition detailed in the appendix to the report.
50	Inverclyde Athletic Club	A: 0 B: 0 C: £10,000.00 Total £10,000.00 subject to the additional condition detailed in the appendix to the report.
51	Inverclyde Cricket Club	A: £500.00 B: 0 C: £1,500.00 Total £2,000.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
52	Newark Angling Club	A: £500.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total £500.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
53	Ocean Youth Trust Scotland	A: 0 B: £500.00 C: 0 Total £500.00
54	Paisley & District Schools Football Association	A: £1,230.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total £1,230.00
55	Port Glasgow Boys Club	A: 0 B: 0 C: £10,000.00 Total £10,000.00 subject to the additional condition detailed in the appendix to the report.
56	Port Glasgow Juniors Community Sports Club	A: 0 B: 0 C: £10,000.00 Total £10,000.00 subject

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		to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
57	Port Glasgow Junior Football Club	A: 0 B: 0 C: £5,000.00 Total £5,000.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
58	St Andrews Boys Club	A: 0 B: 0 C: £10,000.00 Total £10,000.00 subject to the additional condition detailed in the appendix to the report.
59	32 nd Greenock & District Scouts	A: £1,750.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total £1,750.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
60	Girl Guiding Greenock Division	A: £5,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total £5,000.00
61	Girl Guiding Renfrewshire (South Newton Camp & Training Centre)	A: £1,250.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total £1,250.00
62	Greenock & District Scout Council	A: £5,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total £5,000.00
63	Greenock & District Sea Cadet Corps	A: £5,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total £5,000.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
64	Inverclyde & District Battalion The Boys Brigade	A: £5,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total £5,000.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.

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65	Port Glasgow Voluntary Transport	A: £10,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total £10,000.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report. Councillor MacLeod left during consideration of this item.
66	World Walking	A: £1,350.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total £1,350.00
67	Inverclyde Youth For Christ	A: £1,500.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total £1,500.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report. Councillor Murphy left during consideration of this item.
68	Inverclyde Naval Club	A: 0 B: £2,000.00 C: 0 Total £2,000.00
69	1st Gourock Scout Group	A: 0 B: £2,000.00 C: 0 Total £2,000.00
<p>END NOTE - The grants awarded above are subdivided in to the following headings namely: A – facilities/core costs; B – project/event costs; and C – fee waiver, all as more fully detailed in the report to the Sub Committee.</p>		

- (2) that the dates of Round 2 applications be noted; and
(3) that the equalities monitoring information detailed in appendix D be noted.

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The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 23 September 2021 at 4pm

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

Chair: Provost Brennan presided.

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

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Jackson, MacLeod, McCabe, McCormick, C McEleny, J McEleny, McKenzie, McVey, Moran, Murphy, Quinn, Rebecchi and Robertson attending by video-conference

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

**Minutes of Meetings of
The Inverclyde Council, Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards**

375 Appointment Panel – Chief Executive – 24 May 2021 375

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.

376 General Purposes Board – 9 June 2021 376

Approved on the motion of Councillor Quinn.

377 The Inverclyde Council – 10 June 2021 377

Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.

378 Appointment Panel – Chief Executive – 11 June 2021 378

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.

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379	The Inverclyde Council (Special) – 16 June 2021	379
	Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.	
380	Appointment Panel – Chief Executive – 16 June 2021	380
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
381	Environment & Regeneration Committee (Special) – 23 June 2021	381
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
382	Policy & Resources Committee (Special) – 24 June 2021	382
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
383	Audit Committee – 8 July 2021	383
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi.	
384	General Purposes Board (Special) – 13 July 2021	384
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Quinn.	
385	General Purposes Board (Special) – 4 August 2021	385
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Quinn.	
386	Planning Board (Special) – 4 August 2021	386
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
387	Policy & Resources Committee – 10 August 2021	387
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
388	Health & Social Care Committee – 19 August 2021	388
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.	
389	Environment & Regeneration Committee – 26 August 2021	389
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
390	Education & Communities Committee – 31 August 2021	390
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
391	Planning Board – 1 September 2021	391

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Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.

392 Local Review Body – 1 September 2021 392

Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.

393 General Purposes Board – 8 September 2021 393

Approved on the motion of Councillor Quinn.

394 Policy & Resources Committee – 14 September 2021 394

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.

395 Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee – 16 September 2021 395

Approved on the motion of Councillor McVey.

396 Scheme of Administration – Political Balance 396

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, Boards and Outside Bodies, where appropriate, following the resignation from the Scottish National Party (SNP) of Councillor J McEleny who has joined the Alba Party and intends to represent the Alba Party in Ward 3.

The Interim Head of Legal Services advised the Committee of a typographical error in Appendix 2 of the report and, accordingly, the reference to '4' SNP members of the Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee should read '2' SNP members.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted;
- (2) that approval be given to the re-balancing of Committees as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (3) that the membership of the Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies will be adjusted as follows:

Policy & Resources Committee –

Councillor Crowther (SNP) off – Councillor J McEleny (Alba Party) on
Environment & Regeneration Committee –

No change

Health & Social Care Committee –

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

Audit Committee –

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

Education & Communities Committee –

No change

General Purpose Board –

Councillor J McEleny will remain on the Board and will represent the Alba Party

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

Planning Board –

Councillor J McEleny will remain on the Board and will represent the Alba Party

Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee –

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Councillor J McEleny will remain on the Committee and will represent the Alba Party
 Councillor C McEleny (Alba Party) off – Councillor Nelson (SNP) on
 Policy & Resources Sub-Executive Committee –
 Councillor Curley (SNP) off – Councillor J McEleny (Alba Party) on
 Inverclyde Leisure –
 Councillor J McEleny (Alba Party) off – Councillor Curley (SNP) on

397 Future Delivery of Council/Committee Meetings

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There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery providing an update on the initial hybrid Committee meetings and seeking decisions on the future delivery of Council/Committee meetings.

Following discussion, Councillor McCabe, seconded by Councillor Clocherty, moved that (a) the recommendations contained in the report be agreed; (b) approval be given to Option 2 (record meetings using current equipment and place on Council website) as detailed in paragraph 6.4 of the report; and (c) it be remitted to officers to undertake a review of the operation of Council/Committee Meetings and to submit a further report on the findings of the review in 12 months time.

As an amendment, Councillor J McEleny, seconded by Councillor C McEleny, moved that (a) the recommendations contained in the report be agreed; and (b) approval be given to Option 3 (record meetings using enhanced technology and place on Council website) as detailed in paragraph 6.4 of the report.

Following a roll call vote, 2 Members, Councillors C McEleny and Councillor J McEleny voted in favour of the amendment, and 19 Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Jackson, MacLeod, McCabe, McCormick, McKenzie, McVey, Moran, Murphy, Nelson, Quinn, Rebecchi, Robertson and Wilson voted in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

Decided:

- (1) that the successful implementation of hybrid Committee meetings be noted;
- (2) that approval be given to holding all meetings of the Council, Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards on a hybrid basis except when (a) the Chair/Vice-Chair or Convenor/Vice-Convenor is unable to attend the meeting in person; or (b) holding a hybrid meeting would be contrary to the legislation/regulations/guidance of the Scottish Government relating to the Covid-19 pandemic with regard to public health and the requirement for social distancing measures;
- (3) that approval be given to Option 2 (record meetings using current equipment and place on Council website) as detailed in paragraph 6.4 of the report;
- (4) that approval be given to (a) the Revised Remote Meeting Procedure and Protocols for fully remote meetings as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report; and (b) the new Protocol for Hybrid Meetings as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (5) that it be noted that Officers will continue to investigate how the ventilation and operation of hybrid meetings with the Council Chambers can be improved; and
- (6) that it be remitted to officers to undertake a review of the operation of Council/Committee Meeting and to submit a further report on the findings of the review in 12 months time.

398 COP26 Update

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There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery providing an update on the arrangements for the United Nations Climate Change Conference of Parties 26 (COP26) and how these are likely to affect

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Inverclyde.

Decided: that the content of the report be noted.

399 Councillor Brooks – Resignation from River Clyde Homes Board 399

There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Legal Services (1) advising of the resignation of Councillor Brooks from the Board of River Clyde Homes and (2) requesting that the Council appoint a Member to serve on that body in his place. (Councillor Rebecchi left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided: that Councillor C McEleny be appointed to serve on the Board of River Clyde Homes in place of Councillor Brooks

400 Review of Bank and Post Office Closures – Notice of Motion by Councillor MacLeod 400

There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Legal Services advising of the receipt of a Notice of Motion by Councillor MacLeod, countersigned by Councillor Curley, submitted in terms of Standing Order 22, in the following terms, as amended at the meeting:

“Council notes with great concern the bank branch and post office closures across Port Glasgow over the past few years.

Inverclyde now only has one RBS branch. In Port Glasgow the RBS, Clydesdale and TSB have all closed their branches.

These closures have a very real impact on vulnerable members of our community who need access to banking and postal services.

We understand that banks are entitled to make commercial decisions which result in branch closures, however this is often detrimental to people's ability to access cash.

Recent research conducted by Which found that almost 10 million people in the UK were not ready to stop using cash while over half of those aged 65 plus still do not use internet banking.

Access to cash is vital to local economic recovery especially post-pandemic.

Therefore Council believes that the UK Government should introduce legislation which acknowledges that banks have a responsibility to ensure the local community and businesses can access cash and banking services. This legislation could also protect our vital post offices by mandating that banks provide their banking services via the already established and regulated post office network.

This motion:

Requests that Inverclyde Council reviews bank and post office closures across Inverclyde over the past 5 years.

Requests that the Chief Executive writes to the relevant minister stating the concern of the Council with respect to the above in relation to the impact on the local economy, on the well-being of the local community and requesting nationwide legislation to mandate that banks provide banking services via the post office network when local branches close and in order to ensure free access to cash.”

Decided: that the notice of motion by Councillor MacLeod, as amended at the meeting and set out above, be agreed.

401 Women Against State Pension Inequality Campaign – Notice of Motion by Councillor McCabe 401

There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Legal Services advising of the

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receipt of a Notice of Motion by Councillor McCabe, countersigned by Councillor Clocherty, submitted in terms of Standing Order 22, in the following terms:

“Council welcomes the findings of stage one of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman’s investigation into the way the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) communicated changes to women’s State Pension age, and related issues.

The Ombudsman found that in 2005 DWP failed to make a reasonable decision about targeting information to the women affected by these changes and that constituted maladministration. The Ombudsman also found that in 2006 DWP proposed writing to women individually to tell them about changes to State Pension age but it failed to act promptly and that was also maladministration.

Council notes that stage two of the Ombudsman’s investigations will consider whether the failings identified led to an injustice for the complainants and, if so, stage three will consider potential remedies for this injustice, including financial compensation.

Council reaffirms our support for the WASPI (Women Against State Pension Inequality) Campaign and commends the WASPI Inverclyde Supporter Group and similar groups across the UK for continuing to campaign for justice for women adversely affected by changes to state pension legislation.”

Decided: that the notice of motion by Councillor McCabe be agreed.

402 Community Group Lease and Transfer Arrangements – Request by Councillor Ahlfeld 402

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

“To request a full report from relevant Officers on the problems being encountered, and the time parameters involved, in finalising community leases and asset transfers.”

Following discussion, 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 to allow Council to discuss matters relating to community group lease and transfer arrangements on the grounds that this involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 9 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

Following consideration of and discussion on these matters, the meeting returned to public session.

Decided: that it be remitted to officers to provide a report to a future meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee addressing the terms of Councillor Ahlfeld’s request.

403 Ferguson Marine – Notice of Motion by Councillor Jackson 403

There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Legal Services advising of the receipt of a Notice of Motion by Councillor Jackson, countersigned by Councillor Clocherty, submitted in terms of Standing Order 22, in the following terms as amended at the meeting:

“Ferguson Marine have failed in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire stage in their bid to build two lifeline ferries, failing to even make the shortlist.

Despite nationalisation and the Scottish Government taking full control of Ferguson Marine in Port Glasgow, the contract for the two new vessels to serve the islands of Islay and Jura will instead go abroad.

The Scottish Government controlled Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL),

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which owns Scotland's ferry fleet, have invited four overseas firms to bid for the contract.

As Inverclyde tries to recover from years of industrial decline and Scotland trying to recover from the economic crisis brought on by the pandemic, this decision will see many much needed jobs and investment leave Inverclyde and move abroad.

1. Without the legal constraints of being part of the European Union, and having the power to do so this motion calls for Scottish Government ministers to immediately halt the tender process.

2. To secure the future of the yard, that the Scottish Government directly award the building of these two ferries and all future CalMac Ferry orders to Ferguson's shipyard in Port Glasgow.

3. The Council believes that a Direct Award policy of all future CMAL ferry orders would provide a steady pipeline of guaranteed work to the yard which would be a strong foundation for future growth, protecting the jobs currently at the yard as well as creating many more jobs in the future.

Accordingly, the Council instructs the Chief Executive of the Council to write to the First Minister to inform the Scottish Government of the Council's position; request the Scottish Government makes a long overdue determination on its policy position in regards to Direct Award; and requests an urgent update on the Scottish Government's long term plans for the yard after the two current CMAL vessels in the yard to be operated by Calmac have been completed."

As an amendment, Councillor Curley, seconded by Councillor MacLeod, moved that: "Inverclyde Council notes that:

1. The Scottish Government is committed to the long term future of Ferguson Marine.
2. There are currently 400+ workers employed in Ferguson Marine to complete the MV Glen Sannox and Hull 802 but that to ensure its long term future that yard must secure further orders.

3. Ferguson Marine have unfortunately not been successful in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire stage in their bid to build two ferries Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL) for use by Caledonian MacBrayne to serve the islands of Islay and Jura.

4. Two shipyards in the European Union and two shipyards in Turkey have been invited to bid for the contract.

5. Since leaving the European Union that many aspects of public procurement within the UK falls under the World Trade Organisations (WTOs) Government Procurement Agreement (GPA) and the UK-EU Trade and Co-operation Agreement and that these agreements place an obligation not to discriminate by favouring national suppliers.

Correspondingly, Inverclyde Council resolves to:

1. Work with the Scottish Government to ensure the long term future of the Ferguson Marine to consolidate and grow the shipbuilding and marine related industries in Inverclyde.

2. Request that CMAL continues to work closely with Ferguson Marine to secure new work and provide a forward work load for the yard, to secure its future and consolidate its expertise

3. Seek clarification from the Scottish Government on the legal implications if the tender process for the two ferries to serve the islands of Islay and Jura was halted, the impact that this would have on both the Island communities that they would serve and Ferguson Marine.

4. Ask the Scottish Government to support the direct award of contracts in the strictly limited circumstances allowed within the boundaries of procurement law and subsidy control rules."

Following a roll call vote, 5 Members, Councillors Crowther, Curley, MacLeod, Nelson and Robertson voted in favour of the amendment, and 12 Members, Provost Brennan,

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Councillors Clocherty, Jackson, McCabe, McCormick, C McEleny, J McEleny, McKenzie, McVey, Moran, Murphy, and Quinn voted in favour of the motion which was declared carried. 2 Members, Councillors Brooks and Wilson, abstained from voting. (Councillor Ahlfeld left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided: that the notice of motion be Councillor Jackson, as amended at the meeting and set out above, be agreed.

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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404	Appointment Panel – Chief Executive – 24 May 2021	404
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
405	General Purposes Board – 9 June 2021	405
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Quinn.	
406	Appointment Panel – Chief Executive – 11 June 2021	406
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
407	Appointment Panel – Chief Executive – 16 June 2021	407
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
408	Environment & Regeneration Committee (Special) – 23 June 2021	408
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
409	General Purposes Board (Special) – 13 July 2021	409
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Quinn.	
410	General Purposes Board (Special) – 4 August 2021	410
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Quinn.	
411	Health & Social Care Committee – 19 August 2021	411
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.	
412	Environment & Regeneration Committee – 26 August 2021	412

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.

413 General Purposes Board – 8 September 2021

413

Approved on the motion of Councillor Quinn.

LOCAL REVIEW BODY – 6 OCTOBER 2021

Local Review Body

Wednesday 6 October 2021 at 4pm

Present: Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, McKenzie, Nelson, Rebecchi and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Ms A Williamson (Planning Adviser), Mr J Kerr (Legal Adviser), Mr C MacDonald and Ms D Sweeney (Legal Services).

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, McKenzie and Rebecchi attending by video-conference.

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

414 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 414

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

415 PLANNING APPLICATION FOR REVIEW 415

**(a) Proposed new dormer window arrangement to upper floor flat:
Flat 2, 17 Union Street, Greenock (21/0080/IC)**

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review for the refusal of proposed new dormer window arrangement to upper floor flat at Flat 2, 17 Union Street, Greenock (21/0080/IC) to enable the Local Review Body to consider the matter afresh. Mr Williamson acted as Planning Adviser relative to this case.

Following discussions, Councillor Clocherty moved (1) that sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and (2) that the application for review be upheld and that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

1. that the development to which this permission relates must be begun within three years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 as amended; and
2. that prior to the commencement of works on site, full details of all external materials including balustrade (inclusive of samples where required) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the external materials are appropriate in the interests of the visual appearance of the building within the Conservation Area. Works shall then proceed as approved unless an alternative is otherwise first agreed in writing by the Planning Authority.

As an amendment, Councillor Rebecchi moved (1) that sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and (2) that the application for review be refused (upholding the Appointed Officer's determination) for the following reasons:-

1. the proposed dormer window is uncharacteristic of the Conservation Area, to the detriment of the appearance and character of the listed building and this adverse visual

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impact is compounded by the position on the front roof plane and the prominent position of the building within the streetscape. The proposal is thus not supported by Policies 28 and 29 of both the 2019 adopted Inverclyde Local Development Plan and the 2021 proposed Inverclyde Local Development Plan;

2. the proposed dormer window cannot be considered to reflect local architecture and urban form and contribute positively to historic places. The proposal fails to have regard to the six qualities of successful places as set out in Figure 3 of both the 2019 adopted Inverclyde Local Development Plan and the 2021 proposed Inverclyde Local Development Plan and is therefore not supported by Policy 1 of both Plans;

3. the unacceptable impact on the character and appearance of the area resulting from the proposed dormer window means that the proposal is not supported by Policy 20 of the 2021 proposed Inverclyde Local Development Plan; and

4. the unacceptable impact of the proposed dormer window conflicts with Historic Environment Scotland's guidance which seeks to ensure that new dormers are appropriately designed and located with care.

Following a roll call vote, 2 Members, Councillors Nelson and Rebecchi voted in favour of the amendment, and 4 members, Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, McKenzie and Wilson voted in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

Decided:

(1) that sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and

(2) that the application for review be upheld and that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

Conditions

1. that the development to which this permission relates must be begun within three years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 as amended; and

2. that prior to the commencement of works on site, full details of all external materials including balustrade (inclusive of samples where required) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Works shall then proceed as approved unless an alternative is otherwise first agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the external materials are appropriate in the interests of the visual appearance of the building within the Conservation Area.

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 19 OCTOBER 2021

Audit Committee

Tuesday 19 October 2021 at 3pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Brooks, Curley, McCabe, McCormick, J McEleny, McVey, Murphy, Quinn and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor Rebecchi presided.

In attendance: Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery, Chief Internal Auditor, Mr M Thomson (Finance Services), Mr P MacDonald (for Interim Head of Legal Services), Ms L Carrick and Ms D Sweeney (Legal Services).

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.

416 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 416

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.
Councillor Murphy joined the meeting at this juncture.

417 Internal Audit Progress Report – 4 April to 24 September 2021 417

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery appending the monitoring report in respect of Internal Audit activity for the period 4 April to 24 September 2021.

Councillor Curley joined the meeting during consideration of this item.

Decided: that the monitoring report in respect of Internal Audit activity for the period 4 April to 24 September 2021 be noted.

418 External Audit Action Plans – Current Actions 418

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery on the status of current actions from External Audit Action Plans as at 31 August 2021.

Decided: that the progress to date in relation to the implementation of External Audit actions be noted.

419 Internal Audit Annual Report and Assurance Statement 2020/2021 419

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery presenting the Internal Audit Annual Report and Assurance Statement for 2020/2021, which forms part of the Council's Annual Governance Statement.

During consideration of this item the Convener lost connectivity. The Convener was contacted by telephone at which point he intimated that he intended to re-join the meeting and called a recess at 3.20pm to ascertain if connectivity could be reinstated with the video conferencing facility. As connectivity could not be reinstated the

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Convener was unable to re-join via video conferencing facility and re-joined the meeting by telephone and proceedings resumed at 3.25pm.

Decided: that the Internal Audit Annual Report and Assurance Statement be approved.

420 Annual Review of Risk Management Activity 2020/2021**420**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery on progress made in 2020/2021 in developing and monitoring a strategic approach to managing risks faced by the Council as part of the overall Corporate Governance Framework.

Decided: that the Committee note (1) the progress made in 2020/2021 in developing, implementing and monitoring a coherent corporate approach to managing risks faced by the Council, and (2) that a review of the corporate risk register will be carried out and reported to the Committee in early 2022.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE – 21 OCTOBER 2021

Health & Social Care CommitteeThursday 21 October 2021 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Brooks, Dorrian, Jackson, MacLeod, McCabe, J McEleny, McKenzie, Moran, Quinn, Rebecchi and Crowther (for Robertson).

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

In attendance: Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Head of Children, Families & Criminal Justice, Interim Head of Health & Community Care, Interim Head of Homelessness, Mental Health and Drug & Alcohol Recovery Service, Head of Finance, Planning & Resources (HSCP), Ms S White (Finance Services), Ms V Pollock (for Interim Head of Legal Services), Ms D Sweeney and Mr C MacDonald (Legal Services), ICT Service Manager, Service Manager Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety and Mr PJ Coulter (Corporate Communications).

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock, with Councillors Crowther, Dorrian, Jackson, MacLeod, McCabe, J McEleny, McKenzie, Quinn and Rebecchi attending by video-conference.

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

421 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 421

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Robertson, with Councillor Crowther substituting.

Declarations of Interest were intimated as follows –

Agenda Item 7 (Homeless Service – Development of Rapid Rehousing Support Provision September 2021) – Councillor Moran.

Agenda Item 10 (Reporting by Exception – Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations) - Councillors MacLeod and J McEleny.

422 Revenue and Capital Budget Report – Position as at 31 August 2021 422

There was submitted a report by the Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership and the Head of Finance, Planning & Resources (HSCP), on the projected out turn on revenue and capital budgets for 2021/22 as at 31 August 2021.

Councillor Crowther joined the meeting during consideration of this item.

Decided:

- (1) that the projected current year revenue out turn of an overspend of £522,000 as at 31 August be noted. This position being after the use of £810,000 smoothing reserves and that, similar to previous years, the position continues to be reviewed with the aim of reducing the overspend by year-end;
- (2) that the current projected capital position be noted;
- (3) that the current earmarked reserves position be noted; and

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(4) that approval be given to the virement as detailed in Appendix 6 to the report.

423 Drug Related Deaths 2020 and ADP Update**423**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership (1) providing a summary of the 'Drug Related Deaths in Scotland in 2020' report published recently by the National Records of Scotland, and (2) providing an update on the Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Partnership.

Decided:

- (1) that the 'Drug Related Deaths in Scotland in 2020' report be noted; and
- (2) that approval be given to the work being driven through the Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Partnership in relation to drug death prevention.

424 Inverclyde ADRS – Conclusion of Service Redesign**424**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing the Committee with a final overview of the work progressed within the Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Recovery Service to conclude the service redesign.

Decided:

- (1) that the level and activity undertaken as part of the service redesign, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, be noted;
- (2) that it be agreed that the work of the ADRS Steering Group and associated sub-groups be concluded; and
- (3) that it be agreed that future work will be delivered as part of the service operational plan and that future reports will be scheduled through the Alcohol and Drug Partnership.

425 Action for Children Inverclyde Wellbeing Service**425**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising on the progress of the Action for Children Inverclyde Wellbeing Service Tier 2 mental health service established and launched in August 2020.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted; and
- (2) that the progression of the Inverclyde Wellbeing Service to year two be noted.

426 Chief Officer's Report**426**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on service developments which are not contained within other reports on this agenda but which will form the basis of future reports.

Decided:

- (1) that the following updates be noted (a) Dementia Care Co-ordination Programme, (b) District Nursing Workforce, (c) Learning Disability Resource Hub, (d) Unscheduled Care Commissioning Plan, and (e) Covid and Seasonal Vaccinations; and
- (2) that it be noted that reports will be brought to a future Committee as substantive agenda items.

427 **Afghan Migration and Resettlement Scheme**

427

There was submitted a report by the Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on current UK Government refugee schemes and the HSCP participation in the UK Government's new arrangements for accommodating and supporting Afghan citizens.

The Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Partnership advised the Committee of a typographical error in the report and accordingly at paragraph 4.11 it should be noted that the Team Lead post will be appointed on an initial fixed term 4 year contract and not on a permanent basis as stated.

Decided:

- (1) that the ongoing work of Inverclyde Council in successfully integrating in Inverclyde refugees fleeing the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan, including the continued resettlement of families under the new Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme, be noted;
- (2) that the increased staffing structure of the Inverclyde New Scots Team, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, be agreed, all as detailed in the Appendix;
- (3) that it be agreed to host a civic welcome event which will commence a period of engagement and participation with New Scots families around developing a range of interventions that will promote their integration and future contribution to Inverclyde in the long-term; and
- (4) that it be noted that an expenditure report will be brought to Committee at a future date in relation to supporting refugee families and unaccompanied asylum seekers in Inverclyde associated with the various Government refugee funding schemes.

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 set out opposite each item.

Item	Paragraphs
Homeless Service – Development of Rapid Rehousing Support Provision September 2021	1, 6 & 9
Direct Awards for Accommodation Based Services	6, 8 & 9
Direct Award for Good Shepherd Centre for the Provision of a Children's Residential Care with Education Service for Children and Young People Placed by Inverclyde Council	3, 6, 8 & 9
Reporting by Exception – Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations	6 & 9
Appendix Relative to Agenda Item 11 Providing Additional Detailed Information	1, 3 & 6

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428 Homeless Service – Development of Rapid Rehousing Support Provision September 2021 428

There was submitted a report by the Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership requesting that the Committee note proposed changes to the Homeless Service and the creation of a Rapid Rehousing Support Service to support those with complex housing needs, all as detailed in the Appendix.

Councillor Moran declared a non-financial interest in this item as a family member works for the Homeless Service. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision-making process.

429 Direct Awards for Accommodation Based Services 429

There was submitted a report by the Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership seeking agreement to award contracts to the named providers as detailed in the report, all as detailed in the Appendix.

430 Direct Award for Good Shepherd Centre for the Provision of a Children’s Residential Care with Education Service for Children and Young People Placed by Inverclyde Council 430

There was submitted a report by the Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership seeking agreement to award a contract to the Good Shepherd Centre for the provision of a Children’s Residential Care with Education Service for Children and Young People placed by Inverclyde Council, all as detailed in the Appendix.

431 Reporting by Exception – Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations 431

There was submitted a report by the Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on matters relating to the HSCP governance processes for externally commissioned social care services.

Councillor MacLeod declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Non-Executive Director of Parklea Branching Out, and Councillor J McEleny declared a non-financial interest in this item as the spouse of an employee of Alzheimer Scotland. Both Members 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 governance report for the period 17 July 2021 to 24 September 2021 be noted; and
- (2) that Members acknowledge that Officers regard the control mechanisms in place through the governance meetings and Managing Poorly Performing Services Guidance within the Contract Management Framework as sufficiently robust to ensure ongoing quality and safety and the fostering of a commissioning culture of continuous improvement.

432 Afghan Migration and Resettlement Scheme Report - Appendix**432**

There was submitted an appendix to the Afghan Migration and Resettlement Scheme report providing additional detailed information.

Decided: that the appendix be noted.

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 28 OCTOBER 2021

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 28 October 2021 at 2pm

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

Chair: Provost Brennan presided.

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

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, Crowther, Dorrian, Jackson, MacLeod, McCabe, C McEleny, McVey, Moran, Murphy, Nelson, Quinn, Rebecchi, Robertson and Wilson attending by video-conference.

433 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

433

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor J McEleny.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

On the motion of Provost Brennan it was unanimously agreed that Standing Orders be suspended to permit the meeting of the Council to proceed at a time other than 4.00 pm.

434 Covid Recovery – Public Services & Justice System Reform Consultation

434

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Environment and Economic Recovery advising Members of the Council's proposed response to the consultation on Covid Recovery: a consultation on public health, services and justice system reforms prior to submission to the Scottish Government.

Decided:

- (1) that the consultation response be approved ; and
- (2) that appreciation be conveyed to Martin McNab Interim Head of Public Protection & Recovery and his team for the excellent work undertaken on behalf of the Council and the people of Inverclyde in recent months.

435 National Care Services Scotland Consultation – Inverclyde Council Response

435

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities and

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Organisational Development advising Members of the Council's proposed response to the consultation on the National Care Service Scotland prior to the submission to the Scottish Government.

Decided: that the consultation response be approved.

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 on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

All Officers with the exception of the Chief Executive, Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communication left the meeting at this juncture and Peter MacDonald (for Interim Head of Legal Services) joined the meeting at this juncture.

436 Management Structure**436**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive regarding the proposed management structure all as detailed in the appendix.

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 28 OCTOBER 2021

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 28 October 2021 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Jackson, McCabe, McCormick, C McEleny, McKenzie and Nelson.

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

In attendance: Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery, Interim Head of Service, Public Protection & Covid Recovery, Head of Roads & Environmental Shared Services, Interim Head of Property Services, Mr P MacDonald (for Interim Head of Legal Services), Mr C MacDonald and Ms D Sweeney (Legal Services), Mr M Thomson (for Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery), Ms J Horn (Regeneration & Planning), Ms A Galloway (Property Services), ICT Services Manager and Service Manager Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety.

This meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, Crowther, Jackson, McCabe and C McEleny attending by video-conference.

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

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

437

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:-

Agenda Item 3 (Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme Progress and Property Related Items) – Councillor Curley

Agenda Item 5 (Greenhouse Gas Emission Reporting and Achieving Net-Zero) – Councillors Curley and Clocherty

Agenda Item 8 (Workforce Development Update) – Councillors Ahlfeld and Jackson

Agenda Item 9 (Housing Update) – Councillor Curley

Agenda Item 12 (Property Assets Management Report – Public Report) – Councillor Curley

Agenda Item 13 (Property Assets Management Report – Private Report) – Councillor Curley

Agenda Item 14 (Land Purchase / Ground Lease, Commercial Premises, Grieve Road, Greenock) – Councillor Curley

438 **Environment & Regeneration 2021/22 Revenue & Capital Budget – Period 5 (31 August 2021)**

438

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery and the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery advising the Committee of the position of the 2021/22 Revenue Budget position as at Period 5 to 31 August 2021.

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Decided:

- (1) that the current projected overspend for 2021/22 of £255,000 as at 31 August 2021 be noted;
- (2) that it be noted that the Interim Service Directors and Heads of Service will review areas where non-essential spend can be reduced in order to bring the Committee back on budget; and
- (3) that the current position of the 2021/24 Capital Programme and City Deal as detailed in the report and appendices be noted.

439 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme Progress and Property Related Items 439

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery providing an update on the projects within the 2021/24 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme.

Councillor Curley declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Member of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure and as a member of Boglestone Community Association. 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.

Councillor Nelson joined the meeting during consideration of this item of business.

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

Decided:

- (1) that the current position of the 2021/24 Capital Programme and the progress on the specific projects detailed in the report be noted;
- (2) that it be agreed to allocate monies from the Place Based Investment Fund once the cost of works at the former Babylon Building demolition project and the Jamaica Street Car Park are known; and
- (3) that authority be delegated to the Interim Head of Legal Services to accept the most economically advantageous tenders in relation to the tender exercise for the Measured Term Contract for Maintenance and Minor Works for Fencing, Balustrades and Blacksmiths.

440 Economic Regeneration Strategy 2021-2025 440

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery providing an update on the Inverclyde Economic Regeneration Strategy 2021-2025 Action Plan.

Decided: that the specific actions undertaken in relation to the Inverclyde Economic Regeneration Strategy Action Plan 2021-2025 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report be noted.

441 Greenhouse Gas Emission Reporting and Achieving Net-Zero 441

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery (1) informing the Committee of the greenhouse gas emission data that is to be submitted to the Scottish Government with respect to climate change reporting required by the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009; and (2) seeking approval of a Net Zero Strategy for the Council.

Councillors Clocherty and Curley declared a non-financial interest in this item as Members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure. They also formed the view that the nature

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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.

Councillor C McEleny returned to the meeting during discussion of this item.

Decided:

- (1) that the ongoing reduction of the Council's greenhouse gas emissions as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report be noted;
- (2) that (a) approval be given to the Net Zero Strategy as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report; and (b) that it be noted that an action plan will be developed and reported back to the Committee, setting out the detail of how the net zero target year of 2045 and interim target will be achieved, with financial implications; and
- (3) that it be agreed to amend the foreword of the Net Zero Strategy so that it includes the terminology 'climate crisis'.

442 General Update

442

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery providing an update on a number of projects.

Decided:

- (1) that the updates on (a) the Gourock – Dunoon Ferry; (b) External Organisations Governance; (c) Sustrans Funding (d) City Deal projects; and (e) Greenports as detailed in the report be noted; and
- (2) that the use of Emergency Powers by the Chief Executive to allow public attendance at the remote online meetings of the Planning Board and Local Review Body in May and June 2021 be noted.

443 Waste Strategy Review

443

There was submitted a report by the Head of Shared Services advising of the Council's Waste Strategy and the relevant changes in regulations and practices that will impact on the Strategy in future years.

Decided:

- (1) that the content of the report and the proposed expression of interest bids by officers to the Recycling Improvement Fund over future years be noted;
- (2) that (a) the continuation of the current recycle processing arrangements be agreed; and (b) the one off and recurring financial impact of the in-house option be noted; and
- (3) that it be remitted to officers to arrange for the removal of the Materials Recycling Facility equipment and obtain the best value for any items sold.

444 Workforce Development Update

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There was submitted a report by the Regeneration Manager providing (1) an update on the Council's services and contracts relating to Workforce Development; and (2) detail on the impact of COVID-19 on the economy, including an update on recent UK and Scottish Government announcements on employment support.

The Regeneration Manager advised the Committee of a typographical error in the report and, accordingly, at paragraph 2.4 the words "and Inverclyde Advice and Employment Rights" should be inserted after the reference to "Enable Scotland".

Councillors Ahlfeld and Jackson declared a non-financial interest in this item as members of the Inverclyde Community Development Trust. They also formed the view that the nature of their interests and of the item of business did not preclude their

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continued presence at the meeting or their participation in the decision making process. Councillor C McEleny left during consideration of this item of business.

Decided:

- (1) that the services offered by the Council in relation to Workforce Development be noted;
- (2) that the current contracted and in house service performances be noted; and
- (3) that it be remitted to officers to (a) undertake a tender exercise for the future provision of employability services; and (b) report back to the Committee on the outcome of the tender process.

445 Housing Update

445

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery providing an update on a number of current housing issues.

Councillor Curley declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Member of the Board of River Clyde Homes. 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.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted;
- (2) that (a) the procurement of the Local House Condition Survey be agreed; (b) authority be delegated to the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery to accept the most economically advantageous tender; and (c) approval be given to the funding of the survey from the Housing Repairs & Renewals Fund at a cost of £90,000 subject to approval by the Policy & Resources Committee;
- (3) that (a) approval be given to the use of the Affordable Housing Fund where necessary and where funding allows to support any acquisitions to secure housing stock for households with particular requirements; and (b) authority be delegated to the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery to approve funding in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer; and
- (4) that approval be given to the Annual Assurance Statement for 2020-2021.

446 Information Relating to pontoons in Inverclyde – Request by Councillor Brooks

446

There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Legal Services on a request by Councillor Brooks that the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery provide a report to the next meeting of the Committee on pontoons in Inverclyde.

Decided: that it be delegated to the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery to provide a report to the next meeting of the Committee detailing (a) capital expenditure costs of providing pontoons at East India Harbour; (b) any annual costs to maintain the pontoons in a safe and operational state; (c) the income, to March 2021, generated from the pontoons; (d) the management protocols/arrangements for service provided by the pontoons; (e) the insurance burden placed on the Council as a result of this service; and (f) the occupancy of the facility since it was commissioned.

447 Consultation re Proposed Lease of – Advertising Hoarding Site, 95 Dalrymple Street, Greenock

447

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery seeking authority for officers to commence a consultation in relation to a proposed lease of the advertising hoarding site at 95 Dalrymple Street, Greenock.

Decided:

- (1) that authority be delegated to the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery to progress a consultation in terms of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 in relation to the lease proposal as detailed in paragraph 5.1 of the report; and
- (2) that it be noted that a further report will be brought to a future meeting of the Committee detailing the outcome of the consultation.

448 Property Assets Management – Public Report

448

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery (1) seeking authority to terminate the current lease between the Council and the Trustees of 6th Renfrew & Inverclyde Scout Group for the land and building at Drumshantie Road, Gourrock; (2) seeking authority to exchange ownership of two areas of land at Fancy Farm Tenant's Hall and Graham Street, Greenock; (3) seeking authority to carry out a public open space consultation for land at Park Farm, Port Glasgow; and (4) providing an update on the current position relating to the proposed transfer of Council houses to River Clyde Homes.

Councillor Curley declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Member of the Board of River Clyde Homes. 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.

Decided:

- (1) that authority be delegated to the Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery to terminate the current lease between Inverclyde Council and the 6th Renfrew & Inverclyde Scout Group for the land and hall at Drumshantie Road, Gourrock as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (2) that authority be delegated to the Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery to transfer ownership of the Council owned car parking spaces at Graham Street, Greenock to Oak Tree Housing Association in return for land at the Fancy Farm Tenant's Hall, as detailed in Appendix 2a and 2b of the report, for no consideration and otherwise on terms and conditions agreeable to the Interim Head of Legal Services and the Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery;
- (3) that authority be delegated to the Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery to carry out an Open Space Consultation for the area of land detailed in Appendix 3 of the report, to obtain and consider the views of the community on the proposed sale of this land to the adjacent shop owner and thereafter to bring a report back to the Committee on the results of that consultation together with any necessary proposals for sale; and
- (4) that it be noted that (a) River Clyde Homes has completed the conditions surveys for all Council houses; and (b) the recent communication by River Clyde Homes stating that it will be unable to progress the transfer at this time due to internal resource pressures and as such this will affect the timescales previously reported regarding the proposed transfer; and (c) Committee considered the transfer of Council Houses to another Registered Social Landlord.

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

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paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as are set opposite each item.

Item	Paragraph(s)
Property Assets Management – Private Report	2, 6 & 9
Land Purchase / Ground Lease, Commercial Premises, Grieve Road, Greenock	6, 8 & 9
Renunciation of Lease, Broomhill Way, Greenock	2, 3, 6 & 9
Residual Waste Contract Update	6, 8, 9 & 12

449 Property Assets Management Report – Private Report 449

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

Councillor Curley declared a financial interest in this matter as a share-holder and member of an organisation referred to in the report and left the meeting during consideration of recommendations 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 of the report.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended all as detailed in the Appendix.

450 Land Purchase / Ground Lease, Commercial Premises, Grieve Road, Greenock 450

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery seeking approval for officers to (1) proceed with the purchase of land at Grieve Road, Greenock; and (2) conclude missives for a ground lease of the land, all as detailed in the appendix.

Councillor Curley declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Member of the Board of an organisation referred to in the report. 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 action recommended all as detailed in the Appendix.

451 Renunciation of Lease, Broomhill Way, Greenock 451

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery seeking approval to (1) grant a new lease of premises for a commercial premises at Broomhill Way, Greenock; and (2) accept the renunciation of the lease by the existing tenant to facilitate the proposal.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the Appendix.

The Convenor being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the actions recommended, if approved, to be progressed at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.

452 Residual Waste Contract Update**452**

There was submitted a report by Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery providing an update on developments with the Residual Waste Contract. Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the actions recommended, all as detailed in the Appendix.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 2 NOVEMBER 2021

Education and Communities Committee

Tuesday 2 November 2021 at 1pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Clocherty, Curley, MacLeod, McCabe, C McEleny, McVey, Quinn and Robertson, Rev. D Burt, Rev. F Donaldson and Ms F Gilpin, Church Representatives, Ms A McMillan, Parent Representative and Ms P McEwan, Teacher 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, Libraries, Museum and Archive Manager, Mr I Cameron (for Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance), Finance Manager (Education & Communities), Mr N Greenshields (Education Officer), Ms L Wilkie (Education Services), Interim Head of Legal Services, Ms D Sweeney, Ms L Carrick and Mr C MacDonald (Legal Services), Interim Head of Property Services, ICT Services Manager and Service Manager Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety.

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Provost Brennan, Councillors Curley, MacLeod, McCabe, C McEleny, McVey, Quinn and Robertson attending by video-conference.

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

453 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

453

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Murphy and Wilson.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 3 (Communities Performance Report – Capital Programme Progress and Asset Related Items) – Councillors Clocherty, Curley, Quinn and MacLeod.

Agenda Item 4 (Communities Recovery Report) – Councillors Clocherty, Curley, Quinn and Robertson.

Agenda Item 6 (Communities Update Report – Overview of National and Local Initiatives) – Councillors Clocherty, Curley, Quinn and Robertson.

Councillors C McEleny and MacLeod joined the meeting at this juncture.

454 Communities Revenue & Capital Budget Report 2021/22 – Projected Out Turn at Period 5 to 31 August 2021

454

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery and the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising Committee of the 2021/22 Revenue and Capital Budgets position at Period 5 to 31 August 2021.

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Decided:

- (1) that the current projected underspend of £62,000 for the 2021/22 Communities Revenue Budget as at Period 5 to 31 August 2021 be noted;
- (2) that the financial position of the specific capital projects, as detailed in appendix 4 of the report, be noted and that the cost of the current Communities Capital Programme is being contained within existing budgets; and
- (3) that the virement of £54,000, as detailed in paragraph 8.1 and appendix 6 of the report, be approved.

455 **Communities Performance Report – Capital Programme Progress and Asset Related Items** 455

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) providing performance information for the Communities part of the Education & Communities Committee, and (2) providing an update in respect of the status of the projects which form the Communities Capital Programme.

Councillors Clocherty, Curley 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 in this item as a Non-Executive Director of Parklea Branching Out. All four 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 current position of the 2021/24 Capital Programme be noted; and
- (2) that the progress on the following projects be noted (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) Community Hub King George VI, (j) Craighend Resource Centre, (k) The Inverclyde Shed Meet, Make + Share, and (l) Parklea Branching Out.

456 **Communities Recovery Report** 456

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on community activities to date, including those considered as part of the COVID-19 recovery planning.

Councillors Clocherty, Curley and Quinn declared a non-financial interest in this item as members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure, Councillors Clocherty and Robertson declared a non-financial interest in this item as members of the Board of Greenock Arts Guild and Councillor Robertson declared a non-financial interest in this item as a member of the Committee of Inverclyde Youth Theatre (Kayos). All four 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.

The Corporate Director Education, Communities and Organisational Development advised the Committee of a typographical error in the report and, accordingly, at paragraph 5.2 the section referencing the Access to Childcare Fund should conclude 'The Scottish Government is keen to learn from the experience of pilot initiatives such as the affordable holiday hub to inform the next steps.'

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Decided:

- (1) that the updates on the following be noted (a) Culture Collective, (b) Summer of Fun, (c) Duke of Edinburgh Programme, (d) Sports and Physical Activity Strategy, and (e) Meliora Festival and Community Events;
- (2) that it be remitted to officers to submit a report to the Members Budget Working Group on the potential for, and financial implications of, providing free access to Inverclyde Leisure gym facilities for young people; and
- (3) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all staff connected with the Duke of Edinburgh Programme for their excellent work in promoting the Programme within Inverclyde schools.

457 Watt Institution Collections Policies**457**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval for an updated Collections Development Policy for the McLean Museum and Art Gallery and a Collecting Policy for Inverclyde Archives and the Watt Library.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the McLean Museum and Art Gallery Collections Development Policy in order to meet the requirements of the Arts Council England Accreditation Scheme;
- (2) that approval be given to the Inverclyde Archives and Watt Library Collecting Policy; and
- (3) that this decision be referred to the next meeting of the Inverclyde Council for noting as Trustees of the Watt Institution.

458 Communities Update Report – Overview of National and Local Initiatives**458**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the Communities aspects of the service.

Councillors Clocherty, Curley and Quinn declared a non-financial interest in this item as members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure, and Councillors Clocherty and Robertson declared a non-financial interest in this item as members of the Board of Greenock Arts Guild. All four 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: that the updates on the following be noted (a) Community Learning and Development 3 Year Plan, (b) Child Poverty Action Report Year 3, (c) Community Grants Fund 2021/2022 Round 1, (d) Communication and Engagement Groups, (e) New Scots Get Connected, (f) Prevention and Education Steering Group, (g) community provision for children and young people with autism, (h) Rankin Park Bowling Club, (i) Inverclyde Leisure Annual Report and governance, (j) Beacon Arts Centre, (k) governance of self-managed community hubs, and (l) subsidised swimming 2021/22.

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 in paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

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459 Communities Update Report – Overview of National and Local Initiatives – Appendix 459

There was submitted an appendix relative to Item 6 (Communities Update Report – Overview of National and Local Initiatives) providing additional detailed information. Councillors Clocherty and Robertson declared a non-financial interest in this item as detailed in the Appendix. Both 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.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to note the appendix and verbal update provided by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, all as detailed in the Appendix.

The Communities business concluded at 2.20pm.

The Committee commenced consideration of the Education items of business at 4pm, with Reverend Burt attending the Municipal Buildings and Reverend Donaldson, Ms Gilpin, Ms McEwan and Ms McMillan joining the meeting by video-conference.

460 Education Revenue & Capital Budget Report – 2021/22 Projected Out Turn at Period 5 to 31 August 2021 460

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery and the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising Committee of the 2021/22 Education Revenue and Capital Budgets positions at Period 5 to 31 August 2021.

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

Decided:

(1) that the projected underspend of £199,000 for the 2021/22 Education Revenue budget as at Period 5 to 31 August be noted;

(2) that the current financial position of the specific capital projects, as detailed in appendix 4 to the report, be noted, and that the cost of the current Education Capital Programme is being contained within existing budgets; and

(3) that the virement of £16,000, as detailed in paragraph 8.1 and appendix 6 of the report, be approved.

461 Education Performance Report – Capital Programme Progress 461

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) providing performance information for the Education part of the Education & Communities Committee, and (2) providing an update in respect of the status of the projects which form the Education Capital Programme.

Reverend Donaldson joined the meeting and Councillor C McEleny left the meeting during consideration of this item.

Decided:

(1) that the current position of the 2021/24 Capital Programme be noted; and

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(2) that the progress on the following projects be noted (a) Gourock Primary School extension, (b) Hillend Children's Centre refurbishment, (c) former Kelly Street Children's Centre landscaping works, (d) demolition of former Sacred Heart Primary School, (e) school artificial pitches, (f) general lifecycle works, (g) Public Partnership Schools (PPP) lifecycle works, (h) Rainbow Family Centre extension, (i) Larkfield Children's Centre new build, and (j) Glenpark Early Learning Centre outdoor unit.

462 Education Recovery Report

462

There was submitted a report by the Head of Education providing an update on projects and initiatives undertaken by education services and partners to date, including those considered as part of the COVID-19 recovery planning.

Decided:

(1) that the updates on the following be noted (a) Attainment Challenge Plan 2020/21, (b) literacy and numeracy, (c) health and well-being, (d) families and community, (e) Scottish Attainment Challenge Plan budget 2020/21, (f) return to school guidance, (g) attendance, (h) vaccinations for 12-15 years old, (i) Scottish Qualification Authority, (j) planning for a full exam diet, (k) West College Scotland, and (l) introduction of universal free school meals for P6 and P7 in Primary Schools; and

(2) that it be agreed that the roll out for universal free school meals for P6 and P7 pupils should (a) follow the national timeline, and (b) await the required adaptations to school kitchens.

463 Education Update Report – Overview of National and Local Initiatives

463

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the Education aspects of the service.

Decided:

(1) that the updates on the following be noted (a) future of the Scottish Attainment Challenge, (b) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development desk based review of assessment and qualification approaches, (c) Health and Wellbeing Census and Parental Involvement Engagement Census, (d) Regional Improvement Collaborative Evaluation report 2020-21, (e) Regional Improvement Collaborative Improvement Plan 2021-22, (f) Education reform consultation, (g) Children's Services Plan 2020-23, and (h) future of Secondary Gaelic Medium Education in Inverclyde; and

(2) that it be agreed that officers continue to explore options for Gaelic medium secondary education for pupils currently attending Whinhill Primary School.

464 Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) Update on 1140 Hours Expansion Programme

464

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing (1) details of the underspend in the Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) revenue budget as requested by Committee on 31 August 2021, and (2) an evaluation of the implementation of the first year of the ELC expansion programme.

Decided:

(1) that the details of the utilisation of the ELC revenue budget Earmarked Reserve of £2,522,000 as approved through Emergency Powers be noted;

(2) that the successful implementation of the expansion programme be noted; and

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(3) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all staff involved with the successful implementation of the expansion programme.

465 School Term Dates – Session 2022/2023

465

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval for setting the school term dates for session 2022/23.

Decided: that approval be given to the school term dates, as detailed in appendices 1 and 2 to the report, for session 2022/23.

Councillor Curley left the meeting at this juncture.

466 Education Services Digital Learning Strategy 2021-2028

466

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising Committee of the context for and content of the new Digital Learning Strategy, a copy of which was appended to the report.

Provost Brennen left the meeting during consideration of this item.

Decided

(1) that the funding required to complete the replacement of life expired interactive whiteboard equipment across the Inverclyde School Estate and the longer term refreshment programme for digital display equipment be approved;

(2) that approval be given to the funding for transitioning towards the provision of laptops for teaching staff being remitted to the 2022/23 Budget process;

(3) that approval be given to undertake further work to review and future proof the core ICT estate in schools, taking into account the current needs for curriculum use and the future provision of laptops for pupils; and

(4) that approval be given to officers continuing with the transition towards operating on a virtual network, supporting the remote management of devices and making greater use of the Microsoft 365 licence.

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 in paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

467 Early Learning and Childcare Funded Provider Update

467

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on matters relating to the governance of funded providers.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to note the content of the report, all as detailed in the Appendix.

PLANNING BOARD – 3 NOVEMBER 2021

Planning Board

Wednesday 3 November 2021 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, J McEleny, McKenzie, McVey, Moran, Nelson, Rebecchi and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Planning & Building Standards Manager (on behalf of Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery), Mr D Ashman (Planning Services), Mr G Leitch and Ms E Provan (Roads and Transportation), Mr J Kerr (for Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Mr C MacDonald, Ms D Sweeney and Mr P MacDonald (Legal & Democratic Services), Mr P Coulter (for ICT Services Manager and Service Manager, Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety).

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, J McEleny, McKenzie, McVey, Moran and Rebecchi attending by video-conference.

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

468 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

468

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Dorrian and Murphy.

Councillor Crowther declared an interest in Agenda Item 3(c) (Formation of community garden (amendment to planning permission 21/0050/IC in respect of garden layout, including change of surfacing, change of materials to planters, additional shed, relocated shed and timber fence) (partially in retrospect) at Lyle Kirk, 31 Union Street, Greenock (21/0198/IC)).

469 CONTINUED PLANNING APPLICATION

469

**(a) Proposed erection of detached house:
Ardvaar, Wemyss Bay Road, Wemyss Bay (21/0132/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director, Environment & Economic Recovery regarding an application by Mr David Todd for the proposed erection of detached house at Ardvaar, Wemyss Bay Road, Wemyss Bay (21/0132/IC), consideration of which had been continued from the meeting on 1 September 2021 for a site visit.

Not having participated in consideration of this item of business at the meeting on 1 September or attended the site visit, Councillors McKenzie and Moran were not entitled to take part in consideration of this item.

After discussion, Councillor Clocherty moved that planning permission be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report.

As an amendment Councillor Nelson moved that planning permission be refused for the following reasons:-

(1) the proposal will materially damage the setting of the Mackintosh planned Grade B listed Dunloe House and the principal views to and from the listed building will be

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interrupted by the development, in contradiction to Local Plan Policy 29, Listed Buildings and Historic Scotland's Managing Change in the Historic Environment;

(2) the proposal also contradicts Scottish Planning Policy 'Listed Buildings' which states that, "where Planning Permission and listed building consent are sought for development to, or affecting, a listed building, special regard must be given to the importance of preserving and enhancing the building, its setting and any features of special architectural or historic interest".

Following a roll call vote 2 Members, Councillors Nelson and Rebecchi, voted in favour of the amendment and 5 Members, Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, J McEleny, McVey and Wilson voted in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

(1) that prior to the commencement of development, full details of boundary treatments between the site of the existing dwellinghouse at Ardvaar and the dwellinghouse hereby permitted shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that an appropriate boundary treatment is provided in the interests of visual amenity. The approved boundary treatments shall thereafter be used unless a variation is approved in writing by the Planning Authority;

(2) that prior to their use, samples of all facing materials to the dwellinghouse hereby permitted shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to enable the Planning Authority to retain effective control of facing and finishing materials in the interests of visual amenity. The approved materials shall thereafter be used unless a variation is approved in writing by the Planning Authority;

(3) that all surface water shall be contained within the site, to ensure the development does not increase the risk of flooding to neighbouring properties or to Wemyss Bay Road;

(4) that the dwellinghouse hereby permitted shall be designed to ensure that at least 15% of the carbon dioxide emissions reduction standard set by Scottish Building Standards is met through the installation and operation of low and zero carbon generating technologies (rising to at least 20% by the end of 2022), details of which shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to the erection of the buildings, to comply with the requirements of Section 72 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009;

(5) that the dwellinghouse hereby permitted shall be designed to include at least one trickle charging point made accessible for the charging of electric vehicles, details of which shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority and implemented, all prior to the occupation of the house, to ensure adequate provision is made to encourage the use of electric vehicles;

(6) that the dwellinghouse hereby permitted shall not be occupied until two off-street parking spaces, each measuring a minimum of 3.0m x 5.5m have been provided within the site, to ensure suitable parking provision for the new development in the interest of road safety;

(7) that the driveway and garage access hereby permitted shall be paved for a minimum distance of 2.0m adjacent to Wemyss Bay Road and the gradient shall not exceed 10% all prior to occupation of the dwellinghouse, to ensure the provision of adequate driveways and to prevent loose material being carried onto the road; and

(8) that in the event that previously unrecorded contamination or Japanese Knotweed is discovered during site development, works shall be brought to the attention of the Planning Authority, works shall cease immediately and the site made safe. Works shall not continue until a Remediation Scheme has been submitted to and approved, in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that all contamination and Japanese Knotweed concerns are managed appropriately.

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470 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

470

**(a) Demolition of part of shopping centre, proposed elevation treatment to truncated section, and erection of mixed use development:
Oakmall Shopping Centre, Greenock (19/0285/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery on an application for planning permission by Lunar Greenock SARL for demolition of part of shopping centre, proposed elevation treatment to truncated section, and erection of mixed use development at Oakmall Shopping Centre, Greenock (19/0285/IC).

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

(1) that prior to their use, samples of all facing materials for use on the Oak Mall, the Central Library and Hector McNeil House, and materials to be used in hard landscaping shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The approved materials shall thereafter be used unless a variation is subsequently agreed in writing, to ensure the use of a quality of materials appropriate to the setting;

(2) that notwithstanding the proposed finishes to the flatted blocks on the submitted drawings, determination of the final mix of finishing materials is hereby reserved. Prior to their use, samples of all facing materials for use on the flatted blocks shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The approved materials shall thereafter be used unless a variation is approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the use of a quality of materials appropriate to the setting;

(3) that prior to the commencement of development details shall be submitted of the phasing of all developments on the site and that, for the avoidance of doubt, this shall include the following:

i. That the corten and planted wall screening along the exposed A78 High Street undercroft shall be erected and/or carried out within 2 months of completion of the approved demolition of the Oak Mall, unless a variation to this timescale is agreed in writing with the Planning Authority;

ii. That the facing brick treatment to the exposed gable walls of the Central Library and the lower part of Hector McNeil House shall be carried out within 2 months of completion of the approved demolition of the Oak Mall, unless a variation to this timescale is agreed in writing with the Planning Authority;

iii. That facing brick and associated treatments to the exposed walls of the Oak Mall shall be carried out within 2 months of the completed demolition of the Oak Mall, unless a variation to this timescale is agreed in writing with the Planning Authority;

iv. That the development platforms to be created shall be topsoiled and grass seeded or turfed within 2 months of the completion of demolition works unless a variation to this timescale is agreed in writing with the Planning Authority;

v. That the hard landscaping comprising of the pedestrian link to Hunters Place to the west of the A78, the underpass and the footpath and ramp link to Clyde Square including the associated lighting, the gateway feature and the grass seeding or turfing of the exposed development platforms shall all be completed within 3 months of the completion of the demolition works and prior to the new eastern entrance to the Oak Mall being brought into use, unless a variation to this timescale is agreed in writing with the Planning Authority,

to ensure timeous provision of the public realm elements in the interests of amenity and to protect to setting of the listed building and the Conservation Area;

(4) that upon completion of construction of the development platforms, a metal railing of at least 1 metre in height, the details of which shall be approved in writing by the

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Planning Authority in advance, shall be erected along the top of the retaining walls around the platforms fronting onto Clyde Square. Interim safety treatments for the exposed demolition areas shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of demolition works, in the interests of public safety and to ensure a quality of material appropriate to the setting of the listed building and the Conservation Area;

(5) that notwithstanding the timescale in condition 2 above, the criblock retaining walls shall be fitted with plant screens upon their completion, in the interests of visual amenity;

(6) that the flatted dwellings hereby permitted shall be designed to ensure that at least 15% of the carbon dioxide emissions reduction standard set by Scottish Building Standards is met through the installation and operation of low and zero carbon generating technologies, details of which shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to the erection of the dwellings, to comply with the requirements of Section 72 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009;

(7) that no development shall take place until the developer has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological works in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted by the applicant and agreed in writing by the Planning Authority. Thereafter the developer shall ensure that the programme of archaeological works is fully implemented and that all recording and recovery of archaeological resources is undertaken to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority, in the interests of antiquity;

(8) that full details of the cycle storage facilities hereby permitted shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority and implemented by the applicant, all prior to the occupation of the first flat in each block, in the interests of sustainable travel;

(9) that prior to the start of development, details of a survey for the presence of Japanese Knotweed shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the planning authority and that, for the avoidance of doubt; this shall contain a methodology and treatment statement where any is found. Development shall not proceed until appropriate control measures are implemented. Any significant variation to the treatment methodology shall be submitted for approval, in writing by the Planning Authority prior to implementation, to help arrest the spread of Japanese Knotweed in the interests of environmental protection;

(10) that the development shall not commence until an Environmental Investigation and Risk Assessment, including any necessary Remediation Scheme with timescale for implementation, of all pollutant linkages has been submitted to and approved, in writing by the Planning Authority. The investigations and assessment shall be site-specific and completed in accordance with current codes of practice. The submission shall also include a Verification Plan. Any subsequent modifications to the Remediation Scheme and Verification Plan must be approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to implementation, to satisfactorily address potential contamination issues in the interests of human health and environmental safety;

(11) that before the development hereby permitted is occupied the applicant shall submit a report for approval, in writing by the Planning Authority, confirming that the works have been completed in accordance with the agreed Remediation Scheme and supply information as agreed in the Verification Plan. This report shall demonstrate that no pollutant linkages remain or are likely to occur and include (but not limited to) a collation of verification/validation certificates, analysis information, remediation lifespan, maintenance/aftercare information and details of all materials imported onto the site as fill or landscaping material. The details of such materials shall include information of the material source, volume, intended use and chemical quality with plans delineating placement and thickness, To ensure contamination is not imported to the site and

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confirm successful completion of remediation measures in the interest of human health and environmental safety;

(12) that the presence of any previously unrecorded contamination or variation to anticipated ground conditions that becomes evident during site works shall be brought to the attention of the Planning Authority and the Remediation Scheme shall not be implemented unless it has been submitted to and approved, in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure contamination is not imported to the site and confirm successful completion of remediation measures in the interest of human health and environmental safety, to ensure that all contamination issues are recorded and dealt with appropriately;

(13) that the applicant shall submit to the Planning Authority a detailed specification of the containers to be used to store waste materials and recyclable materials produced on the premises as well as specific details of the areas where such containers are to be located and method of screening. The use of the development shall not commence until the above details are approved in writing by the Planning Authority and the equipment and any structural changes are in place, to protect the amenity of the immediate area, prevent the creation of nuisance due to odours, insects, rodents or birds;

(14) that all areas of block paving shall be impermeable, to help to prevent flooding;

(15) that all surface water during and after development is to be maintained within the site boundary, to help to prevent flooding;

(16) that confirmation of connection to Scottish Water Network should be submitted for approval prior to the commencement of development, to ensure that drainage arrangements will satisfactorily be addressed;

(17) that any proposal for demolition that is within the Trunk Road Boundary or may have effect on the Trunk Road or its infrastructure should be made in accordance with 'The Design Manual for Roads and Bridges', BD2/12, 'Technical Approval of Highway Structures', to maintain safety for members of the public, to minimise interference with the safety and free flow of the traffic on the trunk road and to ensure the integrity of the trunk road structure is not compromised;

(18) that during the demolition process Transport Scotland's staff or their Operating Company, must be able to have full access to the A78 Trunk Road Structure and A78 Road above, to maintain safety for members of the public, to minimise interference with the safety and free flow of the traffic on the trunk road and to ensure the integrity of the trunk road structure is not compromised;

(19) that measures must be implemented to ensure that Transport Scotland's structure is not affected during or following the demolition process and that unhindered access is made available to Transport Scotland both during and following the demolition process and redevelopment of the land adjacent and beneath the bridge, to maintain safety for members of the public, to minimise interference with the safety and free flow of the traffic on the trunk road and to ensure the integrity of the trunk road structure is not compromised;

(20) that Transport Scotland's structure must not be touched during the demolition. The Developer/Consultant must seek approval from the Structures team in Transport Scotland prior to any works commencing on, adjacent to or below the road or structure, to maintain safety for members of the public, to minimise interference with the safety and free flow of the traffic on the trunk road and to ensure the integrity of the trunk road structure is not compromised;

(21) that no works shall be undertaken until a Method Statement for the demolition has been submitted and approved by the Planning Authority, in consultation with Transport Scotland as the Trunk Road Authority. The Method Statement will cover the following aspects:

- i. How the integrity of the structure will be monitored during the demolition works;
- ii. How the substantial building sub-frames located at and beneath the structure will be dealt with;

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- iii. How the foundations for the buildings beneath the structure are to be dealt with;
- iv. Identify what is currently attached to the structure and how they propose to remove those items and make good any damage;
- v. There is record of asbestos being within the ceiling space of the Mall, details of how this will be managed during the demolition will be required;
- vi. How the works will be screened at the bridge structure to ensure that there is no driver distraction or dust/debris on the trunk road;
- vii. Access arrangements for staff from Transport Scotland, and our Operating Company, to inspect and observe the works;
- viii. A traffic management plan and programme of works as they affect the A78 shall be agreed in writing with Transport Scotland and continually updated as works proceed;

to maintain safety for members of the public, to minimise interference with the safety and free flow of the traffic on the trunk road, to ensure the integrity of the trunk road structure is not compromised and to minimise the distraction to drivers on the trunk road;

(22) that details of the soft landscaping associated with the proposed flatted blocks, including timing of planting and arrangements for maintenance, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to construction commencing on the first of these blocks, to provide clarity on the planting in the interests of visual amenity;

(23) that any of the planting approved in terms of condition 22 above that dies, becomes diseased, is damaged or is removed within 5 years of planting shall be replaced in the following planting season with other plants of a similar size and species, to ensure retention of the approved scheme in the interests of amenity;

(24) that prior to commencement of construction of the first of the flats hereby permitted, written confirmation shall be provided to the Planning Authority of the availability of the King Street car park for the use by future residents of the flatted blocks hereby permitted, to ensure the provision of adequate parking facilities;

(25) that all surface water run-off from the site shall be limited to that of greenfield, to reduce the risk of flooding in the wider area;

(26) that prior to commencement of development a scheme for the provision of electric vehicle charging points in the car park at King Street shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority and shall comprise no less than 20% of the existing spaces. The approved scheme shall thereafter be implemented prior to the first of the flatted dwellings hereby permitted being occupied, to comply with the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009; and

(27) that notwithstanding the submitted floor layouts, the applicant shall provide 6 wheelchair fully accessible flatted dwellings, to accord with the requirement in the proposed Inverclyde Local Development Plan to provide 5% wheelchair accessible housing on new build development sites of 20 or more units.

**(b) Erection of new convenience retail store, construction of car park and associated works:
10 Cardwell Road, Gourock (21/0086/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery on an application for planning permission by Dickie & Moore Ltd. for the erection of new convenience retail store, construction of carpark and associated works at 10 Cardwell Road, Gourock (21/0086/IC).

After discussion, Councillor Rebecchi moved that consideration of the application be

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continued for a site visit to be arranged by the Interim Head of Legal Services in consultation with the Chair.

As an amendment, Councillor Nelson moved that planning permission be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report.

Following a roll call vote 1 Member, Councillor Rebecchi, voted in favour of the motion and 8 Members, Clocherty, Crowther, J McEleny, McKenzie, McVey, Moran, Nelson and Wilson voted in favour of the amendment which was declared carried.

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

- (1) that prior to their use samples or other details shall be provided of all facing materials to be used on all buildings and hard landscaping. The approved materials shall thereafter be used unless a variation is agreed in writing with the Planning Authority, to ensure the appropriateness of these materials in the interests of visual amenity;
- (2) that the car park and service bay hereby approved shall be surfaced to final wearing course and marked out prior to the building hereby permitted being brought into use, to ensure the acceptability and usability of these areas in the interests of traffic safety;
- (3) that the cycle parking facilities shown on the approved plans shall be provided prior to the building hereby permitted being brought into use, in the interests of encouraging active travel;
- (4) that a visibility splay of 2.4m x 43.0m x 1.05m from the car park onto Cardwell Road shall be achieved at all times, in the interests of traffic safety;
- (5) that details of the provision of electric vehicle charging points shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority and implemented in full, all prior to the building hereby permitted being brought into use, in the interests of sustainability;
- (6) that prior to the start of development, details of a survey for the presence of Japanese Knotweed shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority and that, for the avoidance of doubt; this shall contain a methodology and treatment statement where any is found. Development shall not proceed until appropriate control measures are implemented. Any significant variation to the treatment methodology shall be submitted for approval, in writing by the Planning Authority prior to implementation, to help arrest the spread of Japanese Knotweed in the interests of environmental protection;
- (7) that the development shall not commence until an Environmental Investigation and Risk Assessment, including any necessary Remediation Scheme with timescale for implementation, of all pollutant linkages has been submitted to and approved, in writing by the Planning Authority. The investigations and assessment shall be site-specific and completed in accordance with current codes of practice. The submission shall also include a Verification Plan. Any subsequent modifications to the Remediation Scheme and Verification Plan must be approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to implementation, to satisfactorily address potential contamination issues in the interests of human health and environmental safety;
- (8) that before the development hereby permitted is brought into use the applicant shall submit a report for approval, in writing by the Planning Authority, confirming that the works have been completed in accordance with the agreed Remediation Scheme and supply information as agreed in the Verification Plan. This report shall demonstrate that no pollutant linkages remain or are likely to occur and include (but not limited to) a collation of verification/validation certificates, analysis information, remediation lifespan, maintenance/aftercare information and details of all materials imported onto the site as fill or landscaping material. The details of such materials shall include information of the material source, volume, intended use and chemical quality with plans delineating placement and thickness, to ensure contamination is not imported to the site and confirm successful completion of remediation measures in the interest of human health

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and environmental safety;

(9) that the presence of any previously unrecorded contamination or variation to anticipated ground conditions that becomes evident during site works shall be brought to the attention of the Planning Authority and the Remediation Scheme shall not be implemented unless it has been submitted to and approved, in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that all contamination issues are recorded and dealt with appropriately;

(10) that all surface water drainage from the site shall be treated in accordance with the principles of the Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems Manual (C697) (CIRIA 2007). Before development commences, details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority of the maintenance regime for the water detention areas and all other surface water areas, to control runoff from the site to reduce the risk of flooding;

(11) that all surface water shall be managed and contained within the application site, to control runoff from the site to reduce the risk of flooding;

(12) that prior to the commencement of development, confirmation of connection to the Scottish Water Network shall be submitted for approval, to ensure adequate service connections can be achieved;

(13) that prior to the building hereby permitted being brought into use the sections of footway along the frontage currently used as accesses shall be fully reinstated as footways to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority. Details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority of the reinstatement works prior to their commencement, in the interests of pedestrian safety;

(14) that prior to the building hereby permitted being brought into use full details of the planting on the soft landscaped area shall be submitted and approved in writing by the Planning Authority and carried out on the site, to ensure the provision of the soft landscaping;

(15) that any of the approved planting that is damaged, is removed, becomes diseased or dies within 5 years of planting shall be replaced within the following planting season with planting of a similar size and species, to ensure retention of the soft landscaping;

(16) that the recommendations in the Preliminary Roost Assessment by Brindley Associates dated May 2021 submitted as part of the application shall be implemented and followed in full, in the interests of wildlife protection;

(17) that the building hereby permitted shall be designed to ensure that at least 15% of the carbon dioxide emissions reduction standard set by Scottish Building Standards is met through the installation and operation of low and zero carbon generating technologies (rising to at least 20% by the end of 2022), details of which shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to the erection of the dwelling, to comply with the requirements of Section 72 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009;

(18) that the existing footway crossings shall be re-surfaced and converted to sections of footway before the development hereby permitted is brought into use, in the interests of pedestrian safety;

(19) that the noise from air conditioning units/refrigeration units is within Noise Rating Curve 25 (between the hours of 23:00 and 07:00) and Noise Rating Curve 35 (between the hours of 07:00 and 23:00) when measured within the nearest noise sensitive property, to protect the amenities of occupiers of premises from unreasonable noise and vibration levels;

(20) that deliveries or collections to and from the site shall not be carried out between the hours of 23:00 and 07:00, to protect the amenities of occupiers of premises from unreasonable noise and vibration levels;

(21) that the applicant shall provide written confirmation from Network Rail of any

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requirements to prevent vehicle incursions from the carpark area onto the railway line before the commencement of development. Detail of any measures should be approved and installed prior to opening, in the interests of railway safety; and

(22) that prior to the commencement of use of the retail premises the pedestrian crossing, as detailed in drawing 20020-010 dated 13th September 2021, or a specification otherwise agreed with the Planning Authority, shall be installed and operational, in the interests of pedestrian safety.

(c) Formation of community garden (amendment to planning permission 21/0050/IC in respect of garden layout, including change of surfacing, change of materials to planters, additional shed, relocated shed and timber fence) (partially in retrospect):

Lyle Kirk, 31 Union Street, Greenock (21/0198/IC)

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery on an application for planning permission by Mr Jimmy Crawford for the formation of a community garden (amendment to planning permission 21/0050/IC in respect of garden layout, including change of surfacing, change of materials to planters, additional shed, relocated shed and timber fence) (partially in retrospect) at Lyle Kirk, 31 Union Street, Greenock (21/0198/IC).

Councillor Crowther declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a member of the Lyle Kirk. 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.

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the following condition:-

(1) that the discovery of Japanese Knotweed or any previously unrecorded contamination that becomes evident during site works shall be brought to the attention of the Planning Authority and a Remediation Scheme shall not be implemented unless it has been submitted to and approved, in writing by the Planning Authority, in order to ensure that all contamination and Japanese Knotweed concerns are managed appropriately.

**(d) Proposed Installation of French Doors:
1 Levan Point, Levan Point, Gourock (21/0281/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery on an application for planning permission by Mr Terry Hamilton for the proposed installation of French doors (21/0281/IC) at 1 Levan Point, Levan Point, Gourock (21/0281/IC).

Decided: that the application be granted.

471 PLANNING APPEAL

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Land at Planetreeyetts, Kilmacolm

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery advising that following the decision of the Board at the meeting held on 5 May 2021 to refuse planning permission for a proposed residential development of circa 100 units including 25% affordable and associated infrastructure, landscaping and open space at land at Planetreeyetts, Kilmacolm (18/0322/IC) (1) notification has been received that an appeal against the refusal has been lodged with the Scottish Government; and (2) the administrative process in respect of the appeal is at an early

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stage and notification of the appointed Reporter together with details of the likely procedures the Reporter will deem appropriate to undertake the full consideration of the case is awaited.

Decided: that the position be noted.

472 PLANNING APPEAL**472****Land Adjacent to 24 Rosemount Place, Gourrock**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Environment & Economic Recovery advising that following the decision of the Board at the meeting held on 5 May 2021 to refuse planning permission for the erection of six detached dwellinghouses/house plots (planning permission in principle) at land adjacent to 24 Rosemount Place, Gourrock (20/0186/IC) and the subsequent appeal by the applicant to the Scottish Government against that refusal, the Reporter appointed by the Scottish Government had issued his decision which was to uphold the appeal and grant planning permission subject to a number of conditions.

Decided: that the position be noted.

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Policy & Resources Committee

Tuesday 16 November 2021 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, Curley, McCabe, McCormick, J McEleny, McVey, Moran, Rebecchi, Robertson and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance, Interim Director Environment & Regeneration, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer) Health and Social Care Partnership, Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications, Interim Head of Public Protection and Recovery, Interim Head of Property Services, Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources, Mr C MacDonald, Ms D Sweeney and Ms C Craig-McDonald (Legal & Democratic Services), Procurement & Building Services Manager, Corporate Policy Manager, Ms T Bunton (Finance Services), Ms B McQuarrie (Human Resources), ICT Services Manager, and Service Manager Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety.

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, Curley, McCormick, J McEleny, McVey, Moran, Rebecchi and Robertson attending by video-conference.

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

475 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 6 (Finance Service Performance Update) – Councillors Clocherty and Curley;

Agenda Item 16 (Progress and Development for Anti-Poverty Interventions 2021-2023) – Councillor J McEleny; and

Agenda Item 19 (Update in Relation to Former Owners of Property in Clune Park Estate) – Councillors Curley, McVey and Rebecchi.

476 COVID-19 Update

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There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration (1) providing an update on actions taken to mitigate the risks around the COVID-19 outbreak; and (2) reporting on items requiring Committee approval or scrutiny under the expedited procedures.

The Interim Head of Public Protection and Recovery advised the Committee of a typographical error in the report and, accordingly, at paragraph 3.2 the reference to 'Covid Contingency EMR' should read 'Covid Fund'.

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Decided:

- (1) that the actions taken to date to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak in Inverclyde be noted; and
- (2) that the use of £40,000 from the Covid Fund over 2 years to fund ongoing additional occupational health provision be approved.

477 2021/22 Revenue Budget Update 477

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance and Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising of the 2021/22 projected outturn for the Policy & Resources Committee, including the General Fund Revenue Budget and latest position regarding COVID funds.

Decided:

- (1) that the update in respect of the Policy & Resources Committee budget including the 2021/22 projected overspend of £333,000 be noted;
- (2) that approval be given to the virement as detailed in appendix 4 of the report;
- (3) that the projected 2021/22 surplus of £43,230 for the Common Good Budget be noted;
- (4) that the overall overspend of £327,000 projected as at Period 6, 30 September for the General Fund, its overall Earmarked Reserves position and the position of the Free Reserves be noted; and
- (5) that the update relating to COVID expenditure and funding as detailed in appendix 10 of the report by noted.

478 Policy & Resources Capital Budget and 2021/24 Capital Programme 478

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance providing the latest position of the Policy & Resources Capital Budget and the 2021/24 Capital Programme.

Decided:

- (1) that the current position of the 2021/24 Policy & Resources Capital Budget be noted; and
- (2) that the current position of the 2021/24 Capital Programme be noted.

479 Treasury Management – Mid-Year Report 2021/22 479

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance advising of the operation of the treasury function and its activities for the first six months of 2021/22 as required under the terms of Treasury Management Practice 6 on "Reporting Requirements and Management Information Arrangements".

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the Mid-Year Report on Treasury Management for 2021/22 and the ongoing work to ensure the delivery of financial benefits for the Council be noted; and
- (2) that the Mid-Year Report be remitted to the Inverclyde Council for approval.

480 Finance Service Performance Update 480

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance (1) providing an update on a range of Finance Service matters; and (2) seeking

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approval as appropriate.

Councillor Clocherty declared a non-financial interest in the matter as a Board Member of Inverclyde Leisure. Councillor Curley declared a non-financial interest as a Board Member of Inverclyde Leisure and a Board Member of Kilmacolm Community Centre Co Ltd. 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 updates in respect of Welfare Reform, the annual Insurance Fund report and the Annual External Organisations Governance update be noted;
- (2) that the proposals as detailed in section 5 of the report regarding the proposed grant level for the Tenant Hardship Grant Fund be agreed;
- (3) that approval be given to the External Organisations to be subject to the Council's formal governance process for the period November 2021 – October 2022 as detailed in appendix 3 of the report;
- (4) that approval be given to the request from the Environment & Regeneration Committee to use up to £90,000 from the Former Housing Repairs & Renewals Fund to carry out the Local Housing Condition Survey linked to the Local Housing Strategy; and
- (5) that it be remitted to officers to submit a further report to the next meeting of the Committee on the impact of changes to Universal Credit.

481 Procurement Update

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There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance (1) providing an update on procurement related activity including outcomes delivered during the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2021; (2) seeking approval to publish the Annual Procurement Report; (3) providing an update in respect of the Scottish Government's commitment to Fair Work; and (4) seeking approval to add SCAPE Scotland to the named frameworks with the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given for the Annual Procurement Report as detailed in appendix 1 of the report to be published with the Scottish Government and on the Council's website;
- (2) that the latest Procurement Compliant Spend position and spend with small and medium-sized enterprises and local suppliers be noted;
- (3) that (a) the current position including actions required to embed/apply the revised Fair Work First principles in line with the updated policy and guidance be noted; and (b) that it be noted that a Fair Work First Action Plan will be developed and submitted to the February 2022 meeting of the Committee;
- (4) that it be agreed to revise the Council's Work Life Balance Policy to allow employees to make an application for flexible working from day one of employment;
- (5) that (a) approval be given to the addition of SCAPE Scotland to the listed bodies within section 6.6 of the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts; and (b) authority be delegated under section 6.7 of the Standing Orders to the Corporate Procurement Manager to sign the SCAPE Scotland Access Agreement; and
- (6) that it be remitted to officers to submit a further report to a future meeting of the Committee on Inverclyde Council's procurement spend on local contractors in comparison with other Local Authorities, including data on Inverclyde companies securing spend in other Local Authorities.

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| 482 | Contract Awards – 1 April 2021 to 30 September 2021 | 482 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance advising of contracts awarded for the supply of goods or materials, provision of services and execution of works during the period 1 April 2021 to 30 September 2021.</p> <p>Decided: that the contracts awarded by the Council during the period 1 April 2021 to 30 September 2021 be noted.</p> | |
| 483 | Delivering Differently Programme Update | 483 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance (1) providing the annual update on the Delivering Differently programme; and (2) seeking decisions as appropriate.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the current position of the Delivering Differently Programme as detailed in appendix 1 of the report be noted;</p> <p>(2) that approval be given to (a) the changes to projects as detailed in paragraph 5.3 of the report; and (b) the addition of a new project in relation to Home Care;</p> <p>(3) that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive to conduct Voluntary Early Release Trawls for relevant projects in the Programme on the proviso that no decisions are taken without a report to the relevant Committee; and</p> <p>(4) that approval be given to the £20,000 virement in respect of Internal Audit Shared Services in order to address the outstanding saving in this area.</p> | |
| 484 | Corporate Policy, Performance and Organisational Development Update Report | 484 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on a number of issues relating to corporate policy, performance and organisational development.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the progress made against the Corporate Plan priorities and Statutory Performance Indicators be noted;</p> <p>(2) that the Annual Performance Report be approved;</p> <p>(3) that the updated guidance on the Fairer Scotland Duty be noted;</p> <p>(4) that the new Life Expectancy data be noted; and</p> <p>(5) that the Workforce Information and Activity Report be noted.</p> | |
| 485 | Freedom of Information Annual Report - 2020 | 485 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance providing details of Freedom of Information requests received by the Council during the period 1 January 2020 – 31 December 2020.</p> <p>Decided: that the information provided in relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Council during 2020 be noted.</p> | |
| 486 | Inverclyde Council Annual Complaint Handling Report 1 April 2020 - 31 March 2021 | 486 |
| | <p>There was a report submitted by the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services advising the Committee of all the annual performance in relation to complaints received and handled by Inverclyde Council, Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnership,</p> | |

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Inverclyde Leisure and Riverside Inverclyde for the period from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.

Decided:

- (1) that the annual performance of Inverclyde Council's complaint procedure be noted; and
- (2) that approval be given to the publication of the Annual Complaint Handling Report on the Council's website.

487 2022/23 Budget Update

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There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance providing an update on (1) the current position of the 2022/23 Revenue Budget; (2) the work being undertaken via the Members Budget Working Group; and (3) planned timescales for further reports.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee notes (a) the current position of the 2022/23 Budget; and (b) that the Scottish Government Budget is due to be announced on 9 December 2021.
- (2) that the unavoidable Budget pressures as detailed in appendix 1 of the report be approved;
- (3) that the adjustments/savings as detailed in appendix 2 of the report be approved;
- (4) that the proposed approach to determining the Council contribution to the IJB for 2022/23 as detailed in section 6 of the report be approved;
- (5) that the latest estimated 2022/23 Budget funding gap be noted; and
- (6) that the proposed next steps and timescales for reporting back to the Committee and Inverclyde Council be noted.

488 Programme for Government 2021-22

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There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration providing (a) a summary of the document 'A Fairer, Greener Scotland: Programme for Government 2021-2022' published by the Scottish Government on 7 September 2021; and (b) a comparison with the previous year's programme for government.

Decided: that the Committee (a) notes the new Scottish Government 'A Fairer, Greener Scotland: Programme for Government 2021/2022'; (b) notes the allocation of officer responsibility as detailed in appendix 1 of the report; and (c) agree to appropriate reports being presented to the relevant Committees in due course.

489 Pensions Discretions Policy Statement

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications seeking approval for an updated Pensions Discretions Policy Statement.

Decided: that the updated Pension and Retirement Policy Statement as detailed in the report be approved.

490 Progress and Development for Anti-Poverty Interventions 2021-2023

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the progress and development of initiatives being funded from the £1.08m Anti-Poverty Budget, including additional

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Scottish Government policy initiatives for Holiday Meal Payments and Child Payment Bridging Payments.

Councillor J McEleny declared a non-financial interest in this item of business as a Co-Chair of Home Start Renfrewshire and Inverclyde. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the meeting or his participation in the decision making process.

Decided:

- (1) that the content of the report be noted;
- (2) that the progress made in the implementation of the initiatives from the Anti-Poverty funding be noted;
- (3) that the proposals for Holiday Meal payments and Child Payment Bridging Payments as detailed in section 6 of the report be approved; and
- (4) that it be noted that the further proposals in relation to the Scottish Government's Winter Support Fund will be considered at the meeting of the Inverclyde Council on 2 December 2021.

491 Update on Participatory Budgeting in Inverclyde

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director, Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the progress made with the implementation of participatory budgeting in 2020/21 and proposed activity over the next six months.

Decided:

- (1) that the content of the report be noted;
- (2) that approval be given to the forthcoming participatory budgeting activity on aspects of the Road Asset Management Plan planned for November/December 2021, subject to final agreement by the Environment & Regeneration Committee; and
- (3) that the actions being progressed to ensure at least 1% of the Council's budget will be available for allocation through participatory budgeting from April 2022 be noted.

492 HM The Queen Platinum Jubilee 2022 and City Status

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications highlighting the opportunity to bid for City Status as part of the HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Decided: that having considered the views of the community and Perth's bid for city status it be agreed to make a submission for City Status for Greenock.

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 in paragraph 6 & 12 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

493 Update in Relation to Former Owners of Property in Clune Park Estate

493

There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services providing legal advice in relation to the Clune Park Estate and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the Appendix.

Councillors Curley, McVey and Rebecchi declared a non-financial interest in this item as

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private landlords. 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.

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Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 18 November 2021 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, Jackson, MacLeod, J McEleny, McVey, Moran, Nelson and Quinn.

Chair: Councillor McVey presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Service Manager Community Learning & Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport, Interim Head of Public Protection & Recovery, Ms R Dillon (Public Protection & Recovery), Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Ms L Carrick and Mr C MacDonald (Legal & Democratic Services), ICT Services Manager and Mr P J Coulter (for Service Manager Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety).

In attendance also: Chief Superintendent D Duncan and Chief Inspector P Cameron (Police Scotland) and Area Commander D McCarrey, Group Commander M Henderson and Station Manager J Cooper (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, Jackson, MacLeod, J McEleny, Moran and Quinn attending remotely.

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

496 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Murphy and Wilson.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Convener welcomed Ms J Cooper, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service who had recently taken up post as Station Commander for Port Glasgow and Greenock.

497 Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Performance Report

497

There was submitted a report on the performance and activities of the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service during the reporting period 1 July 2021 to 30 September 2021.

Prior to reporting on this item, Area Commander McCarrey conveyed his thanks to Inverclyde Council and colleagues at Police Scotland acknowledging positive working relationships leading up to and on Bonfire night. Area Commander McCarrey added that the deployment on the night was excellent, and that no acts of violence against emergency personnel had been reported in Inverclyde.

Decided: that the information contained in the report be noted.

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498 Police Scotland Performance Report

498

There was submitted a report on the performance and activities of Police Scotland during the reporting period 1 April 2021 to 31 August 2021.

During the course of discussion on this item Chief Inspector Cameron made reference to the ongoing success of the Distress Brief Intervention Scheme which is a time limited and supportive problem solving contact with individuals in distress and involves an empathetic and compassionate response. Chief Inspector Cameron also provided Members with an update on the progress of the ongoing work with regard to the Inverclyde Community Partnership Hub.

Decided: that the information contained in the report be noted.

499 Police Scotland – Spotlight on 101 Call Waiting Times

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There was submitted a report by Police Scotland providing Members with details in relation to 101 call waiting times. Chief Superintendent Duncan provided Members with an overview of some of the reasons for an extended wait time and explained the measures that have had to be taken, to ensure staff remain as safe as possible throughout the ongoing Pandemic whilst providing a comprehensive service to the communities of Scotland and policing colleagues. During discussion of this item continued concerns were expressed by Members with regard to call waiting times.

The Convener asked Chief Superintendent Duncan if the concerns raised by Members be conveyed to the Resolution Team C3 Division and if further dialogue could be provided to the Committee on how to improve issues with the system. The Convener also asked Chief Superintendent Duncan if further information could be provided to a future meeting of the Committee with regard to dropped call statistics when the information is available.

It was agreed that Police Scotland will submit a briefing to the next Committee meeting on an overview of the 101 call handling process.

Decided:

- (1) that the information contained in the report be noted; and
- (2) that Police Scotland will submit a briefing to the next Committee meeting on an overview of the 101 call handling process.

500 Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee Update Report

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on current and emerging issues relating to Police Scotland and Scottish Fire & Rescue Services.

Decided: that the current and emerging issues relating to Police and Fire & Rescue matters be noted.