

INVERCLYDE COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meetings of the Inverclyde Council,
Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards to be submitted
to the Meeting of The Inverclyde Council on**

Thursday 17 February 2022

APPOINTMENT PANEL – HEAD OF LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES – 23 NOVEMBER 2021

Appointment Panel – Head of Legal & Democratic Services

Tuesday 23 November 2021 at 3pm

Present: Councillors McCabe, Quinn and Robertson.

Chair: Chief Executive presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance and Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications (as Adviser to the Panel).

The meeting was held by video-conference.

501 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 501

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

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

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.

502 Shortlisting and Arrangements for Interview of Applicants – Post of Head of Legal & Democratic Services 502

There were submitted copies of applications received from five candidates for the post of Head of Legal & Democratic Services.

Decided: that a shortlist of three candidates be called for interview, all as detailed in the Appendix.

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 2 DECEMBER 2021

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 2 December 2021 at 2pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Dorrian, Jackson, MacLeod, McCabe, McCormick, C McEleny, J McEleny, McKenzie, McVey, Moran, 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 Director Finance & Corporate Governance, Interim Director Environment & Regeneration, Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Interim Head Public Protection & Recovery, Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications, Ms D Sweeney and Mr C MacDonald (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, Dorrian, Jackson, MacLeod, McCabe, McCormick, J McEleny, McKenzie, McVey, Moran, Quinn, Rebecchi and Robertson attending by video-conference.

503 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 503

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

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504 Grants Sub-Committee – 22 September 2021 504

Approved on the motion of Councillor Brooks.

505 Inverclyde Council – 23 September 2021 505

Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.

506 Local Review Body – 6 October 2021 506

Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.

507 Audit Committee – 19 October 2021 507

Approved on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi.

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508	Health & Social Care Committee – 21 October 2021	508
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.	
509	Inverclyde Council (Special) – 28 October 2021	509
	Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.	
510	Environment & Regeneration Committee – 28 October 2021	510
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
511	Education & Communities Committee – 2 November 2021	511
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
512	Planning Board – 3 November 2021	512
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
513	Human Resources Appeals Board – 12 November 2021	513
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
514	Policy & Resources Committee – 16 November 2021	514
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
515	Inverclyde Council (Special) – 18 November 2021	515
	Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.	
516	Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee – 18 November 2021	516
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McVey.	
517	Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report 2020/21	517

There was submitted a report by the Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer) Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on the content of The Inverclyde Chief Social Work Officer report for 2020/2021.

Prior to commencement of discussion on this item, the Provost referred to the dedication of the report to Kate Christmas, Children and Families Services Manager, who passed away on 14 July 2021 after a short illness. The Provost paid tribute to Ms Christmas, acknowledging her kindness and compassion and that Ms Christmas was an excellent Social Worker, regarded as both mentor and friend by her colleagues.

During consideration of this item, Councillor C McEleny requested that Councillor Clocherty be suspended from the meeting due to a typed comment made earlier within the Chat function of the Web-Ex platform at the time of consideration of the Education & Communities Committee minute of 2 November 2021.

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Following a roll call vote 2 Members, Councillors C McEleny and Councillor J McEleny voted that Councillor Clocherty be suspended from the meeting, and 13 Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, Curley, Dorrian, Jackson, McCabe, McCormick, McKenzie, McVey, Moran, Quinn and Robertson voted that Councillor Clocherty not be suspended from the meeting, which was declared carried. Councillors Brooks, Crowther, MacLeod, Nelson, Rebecchi and Wilson abstained from voting.

Decided: that the content of the Inverclyde Chief Social Work Officer report be noted and endorsed.

518 2023 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies – Publication of Initial Proposals

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There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services (1) informing the Council of the initial proposals received from the Boundary Commission for Scotland for the 2023 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies and (2) advising that consultation responses are invited by 8 December 2021.

Following discussion, Councillor J McEleny seconded by Councillor C McEleny, moved that due to the Scottish Government's intention to have an independence referendum in 2023, Inverclyde Council will not submit a response to the consultation.

As an amendment, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Clocherty, moved that it would be considered appropriate for the Council to submit a response outlining the responses from the individual political groups.

Following a roll call vote 2 Members, Councillors C McEleny and J McEleny, voted in favour of the motion and 16 Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Dorrian, Jackson, MacLeod, McCabe, McCormick, McKenzie, McVey, Moran, Nelson, Quinn, Rebecchi and Robertson voted in favour of the amendment which was declared carried. Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks and Wilson abstained from voting.

Decided: that it be remitted to the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services to submit a response to the consultation outlining the responses from the individual political groups.

519 Update Report Regarding the Shared Services Joint Committee

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There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services (1) providing the Council with an update in relation to the Shared Services Joint Committee, and (2) advising that East Dunbartonshire Council approved a report agreeing to withdraw from the Shared Services Joint Committee at their Council meeting on 23 September 2021.

Decided:

- (1) that the content of the report be noted;
- (2) that the request of East Dunbartonshire Council be agreed and the 18 month notice period for withdrawal as stipulated in the Minute of Agreement be waived;
- (3) that the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services be authorised to liaise with West Dunbartonshire Council, and East Dunbartonshire Council if necessary, regarding any variation of the relevant Minute of Agreement and Standing Orders in advance of the next meeting of the Shared Services Joint Committee on 19 January 2022, or on such other date as shall be agreed; and
- (4) that it be remitted to officers to submit a report to the appropriate Committee after the Local Government Elections in May 2022 outlining the progress and potential opportunities of Shared Services, including information on further opportunities to develop Shared Services with other public bodies and the third sector.

520 2022/23 Budget Update

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There was submitted a report by the Interim Director of Finance & Corporate Governance (1) seeking decisions in order to progress the development of the 2022/23 Revenue Budget, and (2) seeking decisions in relation to the recently announced Winter Hardship Support Funding from the Scottish Government.

During the course of discussion on this item, the Interim Director of Finance & Corporate Governance advised the Council that the SJC side of the pay award referred to in paragraph 5.1 of the report has now been agreed, confirming the financial implications as detailed, and noted that the teachers' pay award is still to be agreed.

Decided:

- (1) that the latest update relating to development of the 2022/23 Revenue Budget be noted;
- (2) that in order to support the development of savings proposals as part of the 2022/23 Budget savings exercise (a) delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive to progress relevant Voluntary Severance Trawls, and (b) the timescales, as detailed in appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (3) that the savings as detailed in appendix 2 to the report be agreed;
- (4) that the approach to Budget Consultation for the 2022/23 Budget as detailed in section 6 of the report be approved;
- (5) that (a) the proposals totalling £400,000 for the use of the Winter Hardship Support Funding, as detailed at paragraph 7.3 of the report, be approved, and (b) it be agreed that in the event the funding provided by the Scottish Government is less than that approved by the Council, the balance will come from the Anti-Poverty ear-marked reserve;
- (6) that the New Ways of Working project and the associated funding, as detailed in section 8 of the report, be approved;
- (7) that it be agreed that up to £300,000 is allocated from the Covid Fund contingency to meet any time limited continued demands for extra cleaning and hygiene materials throughout the Council estate;
- (8) that it be agreed that the remaining unused sum of approximately £1.55million from the Jobs Refresh project be returned to the General Fund Reserves for inclusion in the overall 2022/23 Budget proposals; and
- (9) that it be remitted to the Chief Executive to write to the First Minister of Scotland reiterating the requests made to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy around the Local Government settlement to be announced on 9 December 2021 as part of the Scottish Government draft budget, and the specific asks for Inverclyde detailed in the briefing document submitted to the Cabinet Secretary.

521 Financial Strategy 2021/31 - Update

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There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance presenting an updated financial strategy to the Council for review and approval.

Decided:

- (1) that it be agreed that the expected grant top slice relating to the Council's contribution to the Historical Child Abuse Redress Scheme be met from the Insurance Fund over 2022-2031;
- (2) that it be agreed that £1.5million from the Loans Charges earmarked reserve be transferred to the General Fund Reserves in 2021/22;
- (3) that it be agreed that £1million from the Capital Fund be used to free up a similar

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sum to be transferred to the General Fund Reserves in 2021/22;

(4) that it be agreed that £1.4million be transferred from the City Deal Funding Model to the 2022/25 Capital Programme in 2023/24 and that a recurring sum of £80,000 be added to the Funding Model from 2024/25;

(5) that it be agreed that £2million be provisionally allocated from the General Fund Reserves to partially mitigate the significant projected funding gap in 2023/24; and

(6) that it be agreed that the projected deficit on the School Estate Funding Model be addressed by virement of £300,000 from the Loans Charges Model with effect from 2028/29.

522 Treasury Management – Mid Year Report 2020/21: Remit from Policy & Resources Committee 522

There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services requesting the Council to consider a remit from the Policy & Resources Committee of 16 November 2021 requesting approval of the Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2021/22.

Decided: that the Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2021/22 be approved.

523 Watt Institution Collections Policies – Remit from Education & Communities Committee 523

There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services requesting the Council as Trustees of the Watt Institution to note the decision made by the Education & Communities Committee on 2 November 2021 relative to the approval of the McLean Museum Collections Policies.

Decided: that the Council as Trustees note the decision of the Education & Communities Committee relative to the Watt Institution Collections Policies.

524 Trust Funds Annual Accounts 2020-21 524

There was submitted a report by the Honorary Treasurer requesting the Council as Trustees to adopt the examined Annual Accounts of the Birkmyre Trust and the Watt Institution Trust Fund for 2020/21.

Decided: that the Council as Trustees -

(1) that the Annual Accounts for the Birkmyre Trust and Watt Institution Trust Fund for the year ended 31 March 2021 be approved; and

(2) that at Birkmyre Park, Kilmacolm (a) approval be given to the allocation of £27,700 towards the upgrading of the MUGA, and (b) the spend of £12,300 on previously carried out improvements be homologated.

The Provost being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services appending a request by Councillor C McEleny was relevant, competent and urgent, moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Council to consider at the earliest opportunity the matter referred to by Councillor C McEleny prior to the Scottish Government draft Budget for 2022/23 being announced on 9 December 2021. This was agreed unanimously.

525 **Cut to Inverclyde’s Challenge Authority Education Funding – Request by Councillor C McEleny** 525

There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services on a request received from Councillor C McEleny in the following terms:

‘Council notes and welcomes the positive impact that attainment challenge funding has had to Inverclyde since its introduction.

Council further notes that members have received repeated reports of the impact the funding has made with Education Scotland Inspectors praising Inverclyde Council’s approach to closing the attainment gap in schools as life-changing and sector-leading.

Council notes that £43Million of “Challenge Funding” has in recent years been allocated to nine Challenge Authorities based on level of deprivation.

Council notes that in Inverclyde this funding of circa £3Million has made a positive impact to support welcome additional initiatives which make active difference in reducing the poverty related educational attainment gap in Inverclyde.

Council notes and condemns the Scottish Government’s decision to redesign the allocation of £43Million to be distributed amongst all 32 of Scotland’s Local Authorities instead of targeted at the 9 Challenge Authorities with the highest levels of deprivation.

Council notes that the impact of this decision will result in over £2Million in funding reduction to Inverclyde aimed at reduction the Educational Attainment Gap and that further will negatively impact on the Council’s ability to plan going forward.

Council instructs the Chief Executive of the Council to write directly to the First Minister of Scotland to highlight the negative impact this decision will have on Inverclyde’s ability to close the educational attainment gap and to request that the Scottish Government’s budget of 2022/23 ensures that the current level of educational attainment challenge funding Inverclyde receives is subject to no funding cut; a commitment is made to the funding for the rest of the life of the current Scottish Parliament; and that the continued levels of deprivation in Inverclyde are recognised by the Scottish Government in the form of specific additional funding awarded in the Scottish Government budget.’

Following discussion, Councillor C McEleny moved that the Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the First Minister of Scotland in the terms of his request.

As an amendment, Councillor Robertson moved that Councillor C McEleny’s request be noted and that no further action be taken.

Following a roll call vote, 10 Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Provost Brennan, Councillors Brooks, Jackson, C McEleny, J McEleny, McVey, Quinn, Rebecchi and Wilson voted for the motion and 10 Members, Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, MacLeod, McCabe, McCormick, McKenzie, Moran, Nelson and Robertson voted for the amendment. There being equality in voting, the Provost exercised his casting vote in favour of the amendment which was declared carried. Councillor Dorrian could not be contacted to vote.

Councillor Wilson left the meeting after voting on this item.

Decided: that Councillor C McEleny’s request be noted and no further action be taken.

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.

Appendices to Minutes

526	Health & Social Care Committee – 21 October 2021	526
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.	
527	Inverclyde Council (Special) – 28 October 2021	527
	Approved on the motion of Provost Brennan.	
528	Environment & Regeneration Committee – 28 October 2021	528
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
529	Education & Communities Committee – 2 November 2021	529
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
530	Human Resources Appeals Board – 12 November 2021	530
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
531	Policy & Resources Committee – 16 November 2021	531
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 8 DECEMBER 2021

General Purposes Board

Wednesday 8 December 2021 at 3.00 pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Dorrian, Jackson, Macleod, J McEleny and Quinn.

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr D Keenan (for Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Ms F Denver and Mr R Lappin (Legal & Democratic Services) and Sergeant I Robertson, (Police Scotland).

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Provost Brennan, Councillors Dorrian and Brooks, and Councillors, Ahlfeld, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Jackson, Macleod, J McEleny and Quinn by video conference.

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

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| 532 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 532 |
| | An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Moran with Councillor Clocherty substituting for Councillor Moran. | |
| | There were no declaration of interest intimated. | |
| | It was agreed in terms of Sections 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 Paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act. | |
| 533 | Application for grant of Taxi Driver's Licence | 533 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence which was not heard, all as detailed in the Appendix. | |
| 534 | Application for grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence | 534 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence which was continued, all as detailed in the Appendix. | |

535 Application for grant of a Street Trader's Licence**535**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for the grant of a Street Trader's Licence which was refused, all as detailed in the Appendix.

APPOINTMENT PANEL – HEAD OF LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES – 10 DECEMBER 2021

Appointment Panel – Head of Legal & Democratic Services**Friday 10 December 2021 at 10am**

Present: Councillors Clocherty, Quinn and Robertson.

Chair: Chief Executive presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance and Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications (as Adviser to the Panel).

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock.

536 Apologies and Declarations of Interest**536**

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor McCabe with Councillor Clocherty substituting.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

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

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.

537 Interview of Applicants – Post of Head of Legal & Democratic Services**537**

The Panel interviewed and agreed to appoint Mr Iain Strachan to the post of Head of Legal & Democratic Services, all as detailed in the Appendix.

Policy and Resources Executive Sub-CommitteeThursday 23 December 2021 at 2pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, McCabe, J McEleny, Robertson and Wilson

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance, Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications, Mr C MacDonald and Ms D Sweeney (Legal Services), ICT Services Manager, and Mr P Coulter (for Service Manager Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety).

The meeting was held by video-conference.

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

538 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 538

No apologies or declarations of interest were intimated.

539 DEC Appeal – Crisis in Afghanistan 539

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance seeking approval to make a donation of £20,000 to the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) Crisis in Afghanistan Appeal.

Decided: that it be agreed to make a payment of £20,000 towards the DEC/Oxfam Crisis in Afghanistan Appeal.

540 Committee/Board Meeting Delivery – Omicron Variant Impact 540

There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services seeking decisions on the delivery of Council, Committee and Board meetings in the immediate term in light of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and new Omicron variant.

Following discussion, Councillor Wilson moved that it be agreed to maintain the status quo whereby hybrid meetings shall continue unless the Convenor / Vice-Convenor are unavailable, in which case the meeting shall revert to a remote meeting and the Remote Meeting Protocol shall apply.

As an amendment, Councillor McCabe moved that it be agreed to revert to remote meetings whilst the indoor seating 2m physical distancing guidance is in place in light of the new variant and fears expressed by the Scottish Government that the situation will worsen in January 2022.

Following a roll-call vote 1 Member, Councillor Wilson, voted for the motion and 5 Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, McCabe, J McEleny and Robertson voted for the amendment which was declared carried.

Decided:

(1) that it be agreed that Council, Committee and Quasi-Judicial Boards revert to remote meetings whilst the indoor seating 2m physical distancing guidance is in place in light of the new variant and fears expressed by the Scottish Government that the

situation will worsen in January 2022;

(2) that it be agreed to live stream meetings of the Council, Committees and Quasi-Judicial Boards to facilitate public access;

(3) that it be noted that the Remote Meeting Protocol and Hybrid Meeting Protocol will be amended in light of the changes agreed by Members; and

(4) that it be agreed to consider the continued delivery of Council, Committee and Quasi-Judicial Board meetings at the meeting of the Inverclyde Council on 17 February 2022.

541 Education Interactive Whiteboards Replacement

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There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration providing an update on activity related to capital programme slippage mitigation and seeking delegated authority to accept tenders for accelerated projects.

Decided: that (a) the issue of a mini-competition for the replacement of interactive whiteboards in a number of properties across the education estate be noted; and (b) delegated authority be granted to the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration to accept the most economically advantageous tender provided the cost is within the budget allocation for the project.

PLANNING BOARD – 5 JANUARY 2021

Planning Board

Wednesday 5 January 2022 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Interim Director Environment & Regeneration, Mr D Ashman, Mr J McColl and Mr S McDaid (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 and Ms L Carrick (Legal & Democratic Services), Service Manager, Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety and Mr P Coulter (Corporate Communications).

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 Board.

1 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Councillor McVey declared an interest in Agenda Item 2(a) (Proposed mixed-use development comprising residential, industrial/business use, retail & leisure use and park & ride with associated roads infrastructure, access, open space, landscaping and drainage at land at Former IBM Site Spango Valley, Inverkip Road, Greenock (20/0021/IC)).

2 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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- (a) Proposed mixed-use development comprising residential, industrial/business use, retail & leisure use and park & ride with associated roads infrastructure, access, open space, landscaping and drainage:
Land at Former IBM site, Spango Valley, Inverkip Road, Greenock (20/0021/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration on an application for planning permission by Advance Construction (GD) Ltd for a proposed mixed-use development comprising residential, industrial/business use, retail & leisure use and park & ride with associated roads infrastructure, access, open space, landscaping and drainage at land at Former IBM Site, Spango Valley, Inverkip Road, Greenock (20/0021/IC).

Councillor McVey declared a non-financial interest in this matter due to an on-going business relationship with the applicant unrelated to Agenda Item 2(a) and left the meeting during consideration of this item of business.

After discussion, Councillor Nelson moved that consideration of the application be continued for a site visit and members' briefing to be arranged by the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair.

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

Following a roll call vote, 4 Members, Councillors Clocherty, Dorrian, McKenzie and

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Rebecchi voted in favour of the amendment and 5 Members, Crowther, J McEleny, Moran, Nelson and Wilson voted in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that consideration of the application be continued for a site visit and members' briefing to be arranged by the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair.

Councillor McVey rejoined the meeting at this juncture.

- (b) **Mixed use development: up to 650 residential dwellings; neighbourhood centre incorporating retail, commercial and employment uses; erection of building for leisure related uses; erection of building to accommodate community facility uses; formation of roundabout on A78 and alterations to Brueacre junction; formation of landscaping, open space, play areas and recreational areas, with associated infrastructure, footpaths and access (major) (planning permission in principle):
Former Inverkip Power Station Site, Shore Road, Inverkip (20/0316/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Development Management Team Leader on an application for planning permission by Scottish Power Generation (Assets) Ltd. for a mixed use development: up to 650 residential dwellings; neighbourhood centre incorporating retail, commercial and employment uses; erection of building for leisure related uses; erection of building to accommodate community facility uses; formation of roundabout on A78 and alterations to Brueacre junction; formation of landscaping, open space, play areas and recreational areas, with associated infrastructure, footpaths and access (major) (planning permission in principle) at the Former Inverkip Power Station Site, Shore Road, Inverkip (20/0316/IC).

The Development Management Team Leader advised the Board of typographical errors in the report and, accordingly, at condition 13 the reference to "condition 8" should read "condition 10", at condition 14 the reference to "condition 8a" should read "condition 10a", at condition 28 the reference to "off-slip" should read "on-slip" and at condition 48 the reference to "condition 44" should read "condition 47".

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

As an amendment, Councillor Nelson moved that planning permission be continued for a site visit to be arranged by the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair.

Following a roll call vote 5 Members, Councillors Clocherty, McKenzie, McVey, Moran and Wilson, voted in favour of the motion and 5 Members, Councillors Crowther, Dorrian, J McEleny, Nelson and Rebecchi voted in favour of the amendment. There being equality in voting, the Chair exercised his casting vote in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

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

- (1) that plans and particulars of the matters listed below shall be submitted for consideration by the planning authority, in accordance with the timescales and other limitations as directed under section 59(5) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended). No work shall begin until the written approval of the planning authority has been given, and the development shall be carried out in accordance with that approval, to ensure that the matters referred to are given full consideration and to accord with section 59(5) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended by the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006;
- (2) that prior to the commencement of any works on site, further application(s) for the approval of matters specified by condition 1 shall be submitted to the Planning Authority in respect of the phasing for the entire application site including a detailed programme

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of works showing the relevant phases and timescales for the development of each phase, and the inter-relationship of the phases, to ensure an appropriate programme for delivery of the various elements of the development;

Thereafter, development shall proceed in accordance with the approved form unless otherwise approved by the Planning Authority.

(3) that as soon as possible after each of the phases of the development approved under condition 2 above is completed (except for the last or final phase, for which notice shall be given under section 27B(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997) the person who has completed any phase shall give written notice of the completion of that phase to the Planning Authority, to accord with section 27B(2) of the 1997 Act, as amended by the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006;

(4) that details of the proposed layout for each phase of the development are required to accord with condition 1 above. These shall be shown on a plan at a scale of 1:500 showing the position of all buildings, roads, means of access, footpaths, cycle routes, parking areas (distinguishing, where appropriate, between private and public spaces), and vehicular turning areas. The details shall allow for the following:

(i) parking (including garages if not less than 3.0 metres by 7.0 metres in size) to be provided in accordance with the National Guidelines of one parking space for a 1-bedroom house, 2 parking spaces for a 2- or 3-bedroom house, and 3 parking spaces for a 4-bedroom house;

(ii) visitor parking shall be at a standard of 0.25 space per house;

(iii) the minimum dimensions of driveways shall be 3 metres wide by 5.5 metres long for each vehicle, they should be paved for a minimum distance of 2.0m to prevent loose driveway material being spilled onto the road per and the driveway gradients shall not exceed 10%;

(iv) any visitor parking spaces shall be a minimum of 2.5 metres by 5.0 metres in size;

(v) the parking standards for the other potential uses in the development shall be provided in accordance with the National Roads Development Guide for cars, cycles, motor cycles and disabled users;

(vi) all roads within the site shall be a minimum of 5.5 metres wide;

(vii) all footways within the site shall be a minimum of 2.0 metres wide;

(viii) all roads shall have a gradient of 8% or less; and

(ix) the cycle routes shall include a 2m wide footway and 2m wide cycleway and shall link to the National Cycle Network.

To ensure a precise and acceptable form of development in the interests of future occupants, the proper functioning of the development, and the appearance of the locality;

(5) that details are required to accord with condition 1 above in respect of the proposed local centre with village square, community facility and boating community facility as identified on the Illustrative Masterplan Drawing 03 Rev D as numbers 11, 13 and 14. The submitted details shall include the phasing of the works as well as the proposed floor plans and elevations of these buildings and facilities including dimensions and type and colour of all external materials. For the avoidance of doubt the proposed retail floor space in the local centre shall not exceed 1,000 square metres, to ensure a precise and acceptable form of development in the interests of future occupants and the appearance of the locality and to accord with Schedule 7 of the adopted Inverclyde Local Development Plan and Schedule 6 of the proposed Inverclyde Local Development Plan;

(6) that details are required to accord with condition 1 above in respect of the proposed neighbourhood equipped play area with parking as identified on the Illustrative Masterplan Drawing 03 Rev D as number 12. The submitted details shall include:

a. details of the type and location of play equipment, seating and litter bins to be situated within the play area(s);

b. details of the surface treatment of the play area(s), including the location and type

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of safety surfaces to be installed;

- c. details of fences to be erected around the play area(s);
- d. details of the proposed parking;
- e. details of the phasing of these works; and
- f. details of the future maintenance of the play area(s).

To ensure the provision of a neighbourhood play area and acceptable form of development in the interests of future occupants and the appearance of the locality;

(7) that the proposed floor plans and elevations of all buildings in each phase of the development are required to accord with condition 1 above, including dimensions and type and colour of all external materials, to ensure a precise and acceptable form of development in the interests of future occupants and the appearance of the locality;

(8) that details are required to accord with condition 1 above of the type and colour of all hard surfacing materials for each phase of the development, to ensure a precise and acceptable form of development in the interests of future occupants and the appearance of the locality;

(9) that details are required to accord with condition 1 above of the proposed ground levels for each phase of the development and proposed finished floor levels, in relation to a fixed datum point. The details shall include existing ground levels taken from the same fixed datum point, to ensure a precise and acceptable form of development in the interests of future occupants and the appearance of the locality;

(10) that details are required to accord with condition 1 above in respect of the detailed landscape strategy for each phase of the development paying particular attention to the following:

- a. a scheme of landscaping and open space provision, detailing all existing landscape features and vegetation to be retained as well as trees to be felled (to be accompanied by a tree condition survey);
- b. the locations of new trees, shrubs, hedges, grassed areas and water features;
- c. a schedule of trees and plants including species, plant sizes and proposed numbers and density;
- d. the layout, design and materials of all hard landscaping works;
- e. other structures such as street furniture and play equipment;
- f. proposed levels;
- g. the extent and distribution of public open space within the development;
- h. details of the phasing of these works;
- i. a detailed programme for the completion and subsequent maintenance of the proposed landscaping.

Thereafter development shall proceed in accordance with the approved form unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Authority; to ensure a precise and acceptable form of development in the interests of future occupants and the appearance of the locality;

(11) that notwithstanding the terms of condition 10 above details are required to accord with condition 1 above in respect of the proposed linear park along the Firth of Clyde boundary as identified as number 24 on the illustrative Masterplan Drawing 03 Rev D. The submitted details shall include:

- a. the locations of new trees, shrubs, hedges, grassed areas and water features;
- b. a schedule of trees and plants including species, plant sizes and proposed numbers and density;
- c. the layout, design and materials of all hard landscaping works;
- d. other structures such as street furniture and play equipment;
- e. proposed levels;
- f. details of the phasing of these works and to allow for completion early in the development of the overall site;

a detailed programme for the completion and subsequent maintenance of the proposed linear park

To ensure a precise and acceptable form of development in the interests of future

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occupants and the appearance of the locality;

(12) that notwithstanding the terms of condition 4 above details are required to accord with condition 1 above in respect of the proposed footpath and cycle network through the wooded areas as identified on the Illustrative Masterplan Drawing 03 Rev D. The submitted details shall include: the proposed routes and their widths; proposed surfacing materials; gradients; connection to the surrounding pedestrian network offering travel to Inverkip, Wemyss Bay and beyond; phasing of the works; and future maintenance, to ensure a precise and acceptable form of development in the interests of future occupants and the appearance of the locality;

(13) that for the avoidance of doubt any of the trees, areas of grass or planted shrubs approved as part of the landscaping scheme under condition 10 that die, become diseased, are damaged or removed within 5 years of planting shall be replaced with others of a similar size and species within the following planting season, to ensure the retention of the landscaping scheme;

(14) that following approval of the matters referred to in condition 10a above, development shall not commence or continue on each phase of the development until the trees to be retained have been protected by suitable fencing. Fencing shall be erected under at least the full extent of the canopy of broadleaf trees and at half the height of conifer trees as set out in BS5837/2012. Development shall not commence until details of the location and type of fencing have been submitted to and approved in writing by the planning authority, to ensure the retention of and avoidance of damage to trees during development;

(15) that all domestic garden dimensions, open space, play provision within the development shall accord with the requirements of the Council's adopted Planning Application Advice Note 3 on "Public and Private Open space within New Residential Development" or any successive draft or adopted replacement document, to ensure a precise and acceptable form of development in the interests of future occupants and the appearance of the locality;

(16) that details are required to accord with condition 1 above in respect of a scheme for the provision of equipped play area(s) for each phase of the residential development. The scheme shall include:-

- a. details of the type and location of play equipment, seating and litter bins to be situated within the play area(s);
- b. details of the surface treatment of the play area(s), including the location and type of safety surfaces to be installed;
- c. details of fences to be erected around the play area(s);
- d. details of the phasing of these works; and
- e. details of the future maintenance of the play area(s)

Thereafter, development shall proceed in accordance with the approved form unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Authority, to ensure the provision of play areas and acceptable form of development in the interests of future occupants and the appearance of the locality;

(17) that details are required to accord with condition 1 above of all walls (including any retaining walls) and fences to be erected on the site for each phase of the development, to ensure a precise and acceptable form of development in the interests of future occupants and the appearance of the locality;

(18) that details are required to accord with condition 1 above of details of electric vehicle charging provision to be installed for each phase of the development. Following approval the electric vehicle charging shall be installed as approved prior to the first use/occupation of each of the buildings. Provision shall be made on the basis of:

- a. One trickle charging point per dwelling;
- b. 20% of available parking spaces fitted with trickle charging points for flats/apartments;
- c. 5% of available parking spaces for individual commercial developments;
- d. For other types of development 3% of available parking spaces are required to be

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fitted with trickle charging points and 2% of available parking spaces fitted with fast charging points.

To ensure appropriate electric vehicle charging provision;

(19) that the buildings within each phase of the development shall be designed to ensure that at least 15%, rising to 20% by the end of 2022, 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. Development shall not commence until details of the low and zero carbon generating technologies for each building in each phase of the development have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Following approval the low and zero carbon generating technologies shall be installed as approved prior to the first use/occupation of each of the buildings, to comply with the requirements of Section 72 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009;

(20) that for the avoidance of doubt a minimum 5% of the dwellinghouses to be constructed on site in each phase shall be fully wheelchair accessible, to ensure provision of wheelchair accessible housing in accordance with Policy 21 of the proposed 2021 Inverclyde Local Development Plan;

(21) that for the avoidance of doubt the development platform for the site shall set in accordance with Section 5.2 of the Flood Risk Assessment (5.0m Above Ordnance Datum) and the Finished Floor Level (FFL) of all properties/buildings within each phase of the development shall be set at a minimum of 600m above this level, in the interests of flood control for the site and the locality;

(22) that details are required to accord with condition 1 above of details relating to the de-culverting of the Brueacre Burn. The new channel of the Brueacre Burn shall be sized in accordance with Section 7 of the Flood Risk Assessment and geomorphological modelling is undertaken to inform the design of the new channel of the Brueacre Burn. Works shall then proceed as approved unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Authority, in the interests of flood control for the site and the locality;

(23) that any site/vegetation clearance work shall be undertaken outwith the bird breeding season (March to August inclusive) unless otherwise agreed in advance in writing by the Planning Authority. Any request to carry out site clearance works during the bird breeding season shall be accompanied with a pre-construction bird breeding survey, to ensure the appropriate protection of breeding birds;

(24) that details are required to accord with condition 1 above of details of the new access roundabout to be constructed on the A78(T) as identified on the illustrative Masterplan Drawing 03 Rev D and Stantec Drawing No.42018/2001/SK127, to ensure a precise and acceptable form of development in the interests of future occupants and the proper functioning of the development;

(25) that construction of any part of the development hereby permitted shall not commence until the new access roundabout with the A78(T), generally as illustrated on Stantec Drawing No.42018/2001/SK127, has been constructed to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority, after consultation with Transport Scotland, to ensure that the design layout complies with the current standards, and that the safety and free flow of traffic on the trunk road is not diminished;

(26) that construction of any part of the development hereby permitted shall not commence until a Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) has been submitted to, and approved by, the Planning Authority, after consultation with Transport Scotland. Thereafter, all construction traffic associated with the development shall conform to the requirements of the agreed Plan. In particular, the CTMP shall identify measures to restrict the use of the new site access roundabout on the A 78(T) to construction traffic only, for the period prior to it being upgraded to traffic signal control, to mitigate the adverse impact of construction traffic on the safe and efficient operation of the trunk road network;

(27) that no more than 200 residential units shall be occupied until the new access

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roundabout with the A78(T) has been upgraded to traffic signal control, generally as illustrated on Stantec Drawing No. 42018/2001/SK128, to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority, after consultation with Transport Scotland, to ensure that the scale and operation of the proposed development does not adversely affect the safe and efficient operation of the trunk road network;

(28) that no more than 200 residential units shall be occupied until the A78(T) northbound on-slip has been blocked off, generally as illustrated on Stantec Drawing No. 42018/2001/SK128, to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority, after consultation with Transport Scotland, to ensure a precise and acceptable form of development in the interests of future occupants and the appearance of the locality, to ensure that the scale and operation of the proposed development does not adversely affect the safe and efficient operation of the trunk road network;

(29) that no part of the development hereby permitted shall be occupied until the junctions of Main Street (North) and Harbourside (Kip Marina) with the A78(T) have been upgraded to traffic signal control, generally as illustrated on Stantec Drawing No. 42018/2001/SK129, to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority, after consultation with Transport Scotland, to ensure that the design layout complies with the current standards, and that the safety and free flow of traffic on the trunk road is not diminished;

(30) that prior to occupation of any part of the development hereby permitted, a new footway/cycleway along the west side of the A78(T), generally as illustrated on Stantec Drawings No. 45459-5508-100 and 45459-5508-101, shall be constructed to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority, after consultation with Transport Scotland, to ensure that facilities are provided for the pedestrians that are generated by the development and that they may access the existing footpath system without interfering with the safety and free flow of traffic on the trunk road;

(31) that the details submitted for each phase of the development shall be accompanied with an updated Transport Assessment identifying trip generations and junction analysis, in the interests of roads safety and to ensure the proper functioning of the development;

(32) that no dwellinghouse or flat shall be occupied until the contents of a Travel Information Pack which encourages reduced dependency on the private car by highlighting the location of local amenities, public transport services and active travel routes is submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Thereafter, on the occupation of each dwelling, the approved Travel Information Pack shall be provided to new residents. The Travel Information Pack shall be updated by the applicant/developer as deemed necessary by the Planning Authority to take account of the progression of the development, in the interests of sustainable modes of transport;

(33) that no dwellinghouse or flat shall be occupied until full details of the shuttle bus service for residents between the development and Inverkip Train Station have been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority. The details to be submitted shall include the duration and frequency of service, the intended route, collection and drop-off points and the operator of the service, to ensure access to sustainable transport modes;

(34) that details are required to accord with condition 1 above of surface water management and Sustainable Drainage Systems proposals for each phase of the development. For the avoidance of doubt the drainage scheme must comply with the principles of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) as set out in CIRIA SuDS Manual (C753) and the discharge rate shall be attenuated to predevelopment greenfield run-off rates, in the interests of the avoidance of flooding affecting the development hereby permitted or surrounding lands and properties;

(35) that details are required to accord with condition 1 above of the details and design of the foul drainage system for each phase of the development. The details and design shall be accompanied with an updated Drainage Impact Assessment, in the interests of the avoidance of flooding affecting the development hereby permitted or

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surrounding lands and properties;

(36) that prior to the commencement of works on any phase of the development, confirmation that all the requirements of Scottish Water can be fully met, including confirmation of Scottish Water's acceptance of the foul and surface water drainage proposals, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure Scottish Water's acceptance of the drainage regime for the application site and in the interests of the provision of a satisfactory drainage regime;

(37) that at the same time as the submission of the details to accord with condition 1 an updated flood risk assessment shall be submitted which takes account of the detailed layout and design proposals for each phase of the development. For the avoidance of doubt the recommendations set out within the "recommendations and conclusions" section of the Flood Risk Assessment shall be incorporated into the detailed layout and design proposals, in the interests of the avoidance of flooding affecting the development hereby permitted or surrounding lands and properties;

(38) that further investigation of the unnamed watercourse at the northern end of the site shall be submitted to identify if any mitigation measures are required to prevent flood risk and what impact these may have on the drainage strategy for the site. The investigation report shall be submitted at the same time as the submission of the details to accord with condition 1 above, in the interests of the avoidance of flooding affecting the development hereby permitted or surrounding lands and properties;

(39) that further investigation into ground water flooding shall be carried out to determine any impact on the drainage strategy and detail any mitigation measures required. The investigation report shall be submitted at the same time as the submission of the details to accord with condition 1 above, in the interests of the avoidance of flooding affecting the development hereby permitted or surrounding lands and properties;

(40) that an updated report relating to the existing seawall shall be undertaken to ensure both seawall and rock armour revetment are in acceptable condition. The report shall be submitted for the approval in writing by the Planning Authority prior to any development commencing on site, in the interests of the avoidance of flooding affecting the development hereby permitted;

(41) that prior to the commencement of any development on site the maintenance responsibilities for the de-culverted Brueacre Burn shall be submitted for the approval in writing by the Planning Authority, in the interests of a proper maintenance regime and the avoidance of flooding affecting the development hereby permitted;

(42) that development shall not commence on any phase of the development until 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;

(43) that development shall not commence on any phase of the development 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;

(44) that before any building in the development hereby approved is occupied the

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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 and environmental safety;

(45) 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;

(46) that prior to the commencement of works on any phase of the development a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The CEMP shall include:

- a. a site specific CEMP outlining the details of all construction works and mitigation to be undertaken in relation to that phase together with an indicative timetable of the activities;
- b. a site waste management plan (dealing with all aspects of waste produced during the construction period), including details of contingency planning in the event of accidental release of materials which could cause harm to the environment;
- c. details of the formation of the construction compound, welfare facilities, turning areas, internal access tracks, car parking, material stockpiles, oil storage, lighting columns, and any construction compound boundary fencing;
- d. a dust management plan;
- e. a pollution prevention and control method statement, including arrangements for the storage of oil and fuel on the site;
- f. soil storage and management;
- g. management to prevent to the spread of invasive species;
- h. a water management plan to include a drainage management strategy, demonstrating how all surface and waste water arising during construction activities will be managed and prevented from polluting any watercourses or sources;
- i. sewage disposal and treatment;
- j. temporary site illumination;
- k. the construction of the access into the relevant area within the site and the creation and maintenance of associated visibility splays;
- l. details of any required ecological, ornithological and nature conservation mitigation measures including a toolbox talk for protected species to ensure all personnel are aware of what to do should evidence of species be discovered during construction;
- m. hours of operation on site;
- n. post-construction restoration/ reinstatement of the working areas not required during the operation of the relevant phase, including construction access tracks, construction compound, storage areas, laydown areas, access tracks, passing places and other construction areas.

The CEMP for each phase of the development shall thereafter be implemented on site as approved unless otherwise first agreed in advance in writing with the Planning Authority, to ensure that all construction operations are carried out in a manner that minimises their impact on road safety, amenity and the environment, and that the mitigation measures contained in the EIA accompanying the application, or as otherwise

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agreed, are fully implemented;

(47) that no works shall commence on any phase of the development until an independent and suitably qualified Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW) has been appointed by the developer(s), at their expense, to oversee the implementation the development and Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP). Full details of the ECoW (including name, qualifications and contact details) appointed shall be submitted in writing not less than 14 days before development commences to the Planning Authority, to secure effective monitoring of and compliance with the environmental mitigation and management measures associated with the development;

(48) that prior to appointing the ECoW in accordance with Condition 47 above a 'scope of works' for that person shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The Scope of Works shall specify the stages of the process that the ECoW will be present on site for and how regularly they will otherwise inspect the site. All works shall be carried out in accordance with the agreed scope of works unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Authority, to secure a suitable scope and works and appropriate access for the ECoW in the interests of the effective monitoring of and compliance with the environmental mitigation and management measures associated with the development;

(49) that no works shall commence on any phase of the development until a Woodland Management Plan has been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority in consultation with NatureScot, to ensure that an up-to-date position is known in the interests of the appropriate protection of ecology;

(50) that no works shall commence on any phase of the development until a Marine Mammal Risk Assessment has been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority in consultation with NatureScot, to ensure that the up-to-date position is known in the interests of the appropriate protection of ecology;

(51) that prior to the commencement of works on any phase of the development, a pre-construction survey for all European Protected species together with all priority Local Biodiversity Action Plan species shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. For the avoidance of doubt, the survey shall set out appropriate mitigation or include a species protection plan where required. The updated standing advice notes for protected species produced by NatureScot including advice on survey shelf life should be referred to, to ensure that the up-to-date position is known and to ensure the appropriate protection of European Protected species and other wildlife;

(52) that prior to the commencement of works on any phase of the development, a pre-construction badger survey shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority in consultation with NatureScot. For the avoidance of doubt, the survey shall set out appropriate mitigation or include a species protection plan where required. The updated standing advice notes for protected species produced by NatureScot including advice on survey shelf life should be referred to, to ensure that the up-to-date position is known and to ensure the appropriate protection of badgers.

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Health & Social Care Committee

Thursday 6 January 2022 at 3pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Brooks, Jackson, MacLeod, McCabe, J McEleny, Moran, Quinn, Rebecchi and Robertson.

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

In attendance: Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Interim Head of Health & Community Care, Ms A Malarkey (for Head of Children, Families & Criminal Justice), Head of Finance, Planning & Resources (HSCP), Ms S White (Finance Services), Ms V Pollock (for Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Mr A Stevenson (Service Manager, Children's Services), Ms A Mailey (Service Manager, Quality & Development Service), Ms A Howard (Service Manager, Criminal Justice), Ms L Moore (Chief Nurse, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership), Mr I Hanley (Community Justice Lead Officer), Ms D Sweeney and Mr C MacDonald (Legal & Democratic Services) and Mr PJ Coulter (Corporate Communications).

The meeting was held by video-conference.

Prior to the commencement of business Councillor Moran expressed his thanks to all members of staff who worked through the festive period.

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

3 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 3

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Dorrian, with Provost Brennan substituting and Councillor McKenzie.

Declarations of Interest were intimated as follows –

Agenda Item 14 (Reporting by Exception – Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations) – Councillors MacLeod, J McEleny and Robertson.

4 Revenue and Capital Budget Report – Position as at 31 October 2021 4

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

Decided:

- (1) that the projected current year revenue out turn of a £66,000 overspend as at 31 October 2021 be noted. This position being after the use of £1,071,000 of smoothing reserves;
- (2) that the current projected capital position be noted;
- (3) that the current earmarked reserves position be noted; and
- (4) that the recommendation to the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board to earmark the

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underspend in Learning Disability Day Services of £63,000 to meet one off costs associated with the new Learning Disability facility be noted.

5 Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report 2020/21 5

There was submitted a report by the Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising the Committee of the content of the Inverclyde Chief Social Work Officer Report for 2020/21.

Decided: that the content of the Inverclyde Chief Social Work Officer Report for 2020/21 be noted.

6 Child Protection Committee Annual Report 2020 - 2021 6

There was submitted a report by the Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership (1) advising the Committee of the publication of the Inverclyde Child Protection Committee's Annual Report 2020-2021, and (2) considering the report's findings in relation to Inverclyde Child Protection Committee's duty to provide an annual update of child protection business.

Decided: that the content of the report be noted.

7 Early Action System Change – Women Involved in the Criminal Justice System 7

There was submitted a report by the Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on phases one and two of the project 'Women Involved in the Criminal Justice System'.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress of the project be noted; and
- (2) that the work being done in respect of the Test of Change in adopting a trauma informed approach to support women as close to the entry into the Criminal Justice System as possible be approved and supported.

8 Criminal Justice Social Work Statistics 2019/20 – People Dying on Community Payback Orders (CPOs) 8

There was submitted a report by the Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing information relating to individuals on Community Payback Orders where the reason recorded for the termination of their Order is due to death.

Decided:

- (1) that the content of the report be noted; and
- (2) that a further report will be brought to Committee following completion of the Strategic Needs and Strengths Assessment.

9 Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Partnership Update 9

There was submitted a report by the Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on the Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Partnership with a particular focus on responding to questions raised at the previous Committee on 21 October 2021 in relation to Naloxone and residential rehabilitation.

Decided:

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- (1) that the content of the report be noted;
- (2) that the work being driven through the Inverclyde Alcohol & Drug Partnership in relation to drug death prevention be approved; and
- (3) that it be remitted to officers to provide the Committee with update reports as the projects detailed in the report progress.

10 Inverclyde ADRS Update – Benefits of Service Redesign 10

There was submitted a report by the Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on the benefits of the service redesign following completion of the implementation plan.

Decided:

- (1) that the benefits identified in relation to the aims of the review and service redesign be noted; and
- (2) that a further report be brought to Committee following a full service user consultation and data analysis on service activity.

11 Provision of Day Care Services 11

There was submitted a report by the Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership (1) seeking approval to change the tender weightings in relation to the forthcoming tender process for a Provision of Day Care Service in Inverclyde, and (2) requesting that the delegated authority be granted to the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the successful tenders in accordance with Contract Standing Orders.

Decided:

- (1) that Contract Standing Order 13.2 be suspended to allow the use of a 60% Quality and 40% Cost of Service weighting in the forthcoming tender for the Inverclyde Day Care Service; and
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the successful tenders in accordance with Contract Standing Order 17.3(ii) provided the cost is within the budget allocation for the project.

12 Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Partnership – Commissioning for Recovery 12

There was submitted a report by the Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership requesting that delegated authority to be granted to the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the successful tender for the provision of a Recovery Community in Inverclyde in accordance with Contract Standing Orders.

Decided: that delegated authority be granted to the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the successful tender in accordance with Contract Standing Order 17.3(ii) providing the cost is within the budget allocation for the project.

13 Learning Disability Redesign – LD Community Hub Update 13

There was submitted a report by the Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on the ongoing development work in the design of the Learning Disability Community Hub at the former Hector McNeil Baths site within Inverclyde Council's 2020/23 Capital Programme.

Decided:

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- (1) that the progress on the development of the new Learning Disability Hub within the 2020/23 Capital Programme be noted
- (2) that it be noted that service user, carer and staff consultation continues to be a key consideration in the development of the Learning Disability community Hub; and
- (3) that it be remitted to officers to provide an update report to the next meeting of the Committee detailing prospective construction commencement and completion dates.

14 Update on Support to Care Homes During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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There was submitted a report by the Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on the ongoing actions taken by the HSCP to support care homes in Inverclyde during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Decided:

- (1) that the ongoing and continued support to Older People and Adult Care Homes in Inverclyde by the HSCP and NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde be noted;
- (2) that the continued implementation of the Delayed Discharge mobilisation plan to address the pressures presented by the COVID-19 pandemic be noted; and
- (3) that the work of staff, managers and Care Home Providers in partnership with the HSCP to protect, safeguard and care for the wellbeing of the most vulnerable of service users be acknowledged.

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	Paragraph(s)
Tender for a New Social Care Case Management Solution	6 and 9
Reporting by Exception – Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations	6 and 9

15 Tender for a New Social Care Case Management Solution

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There was submitted a report by the Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership requesting that delegated authority be granted to the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the successful tender in relation to the forthcoming mini-competition for a new Social Care Case Management Solution to replace SWIFT in accordance with Contract Standing Orders.

Decided: that delegated authority be granted to the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the successful tender in accordance with Contract Standing Order 17.3(ii) providing the cost is within the budget allocation for the project.

16 Reporting by Exception – Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations

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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.

The following Members declared non-financial interests in this item:

Councillor MacLeod as a Non-Executive Director of Parklea Branching Out;

Councillor J McEleny as the spouse of an employee of Alzheimer's Scotland; and

Councillor Robertson as a member of the Management Committee of Financial Fitness; all Members also formed the view that the nature of their interests 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 24 September to 19 November 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 is sufficiently robust to ensure ongoing quality and safety and the fostering of a commissioning culture of continuous improvement.

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 11 JANUARY 2022

Audit Committee

Tuesday 11 January 2022 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor Rebecchi presided.

In attendance: Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance, Chief Internal Auditor, Mr M Thomson (Finance Services), Mr P MacDonald (for Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Ms L Carrick and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Democratic Services), ICT Service Manager and Service Manager, Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety.

The meeting was held by video conference.

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

17 **Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest** 17

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

Prior to the commencement of business the Convener advised the Committee that a special meeting of the Audit Committee will be held on 8 February 2022 to review the proposed changes to the Financial Regulations and Standing Orders for Contracts prior to consideration by the Inverclyde Council on 17 February 2022.

18 **Internal Audit Progress Report - 27 September to 26 November 2021** 18

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance appending the monitoring report in respect of Internal Audit activity for the period 27 September to 26 November 2021.

Decided:

- (1) that the monitoring report in respect of Internal Audit activity for the period 27 September to 26 November 2021 be noted; and
- (2) that it be remitted to Officers to submit a report to the next meeting of the Committee in relation to the investigation conducted into the allegation of payment of a business grant to an ineligible organisation.

19 **External Audit Action Plans – Current Actions** 19

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance on the status of current actions from External Audit Action Plans as at 30 November 2021.

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

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20 Risk Management Monitoring and Reporting Process**20**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance requesting that consideration and approval be given to the proposed process for the monitoring and reporting of key services, project and corporate risk.

Decided:

- (1) that the proposed risk monitoring and reporting process for key services, project and corporate risk as detailed in the appendix to the report be approved; and
- (2) that a progress update and updated risk management strategy be presented to the first standing meeting of the Committee after May 2022.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 12 JANUARY 2022

General Purposes Board

Wednesday 12 January 2022 at 3pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Crowther, Curley, Dorrian, Macleod, J McEleny, Moran and Quinn.

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr D Keenan (for Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Ms F Denver and Ms L Carrick (Legal & Democratic Services) and Sergeant I Robertson, (Police Scotland).

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 Board.

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| 21 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 21 |
| | An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Jackson. | |
| | There were no substitutions or declarations of interest intimated. | |
| | It was agreed in terms of Sections 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 Paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act. | |
| 22 | Application for Grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence | 22 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence which was continued, all as detailed in the Appendix. | |
| 23 | Application for Grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence | 23 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence which was granted, all as detailed in the Appendix. | |
| 24 | Application for Grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence | 24 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence which was refused, all as detailed in the Appendix. | |

25 Application for Renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence**25**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for the renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence which was continued, all as detailed in the Appendix.

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 13 JANUARY 2022

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 13 January 2022 at 2pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Jackson, McCabe, McCormick, McKenzie, and MacLeod (for Nelson).

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

In attendance: Mr P MacDonald (for Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Ms L Carrick and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Democratic 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.

26 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 26

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors C McEleny and Nelson with Councillor MacLeod substituting.

Councillor Crowther declared an interest in Agenda Item 2 (Tree Preservation Order (No IC33) at Glen Avenue, Gourrock).

27 Tree Preservation Order (No IC33) at Glen Avenue, Gourrock 27

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration in relation to the Tree Preservation Order (No IC33) at Glen Avenue, Gourrock (1) requesting the Committee to adopt the rules of procedure (Rules of Procedure) for the purposes of the special meeting; (2) advising the Committee in relation to the Tree Preservation Order, of the discussion between Council Officers and persons who have objected to the Tree Preservation Order and (3) making proposals to facilitate the effective, fair and proper hearing by the Committee of the objectors in order that the Committee considers their objection and to decide whether or not to authorise the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services to proceed with the confirmation process. Councillor Crowther declared a non-financial interest in this item as a result of a personal acquaintance with an objector. As the objector was not in attendance, Councillor Crowther formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the decision making process.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the objections received in relation to the Tree Preservation Order be considered by way of the special meeting;
- (2) that the Rules of Procedure as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- (3) that in terms of Appendix 2 in relation to the Objections be considered and noted; and
- (4) that it be agreed to allow the objectors an opportunity to be heard at the special meeting in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

In this regard, Mr P McElwee was present and the Committee heard Mr McElwee in relation to his objection.

Mr MacDonald advised the Committee of a typographical error at paragraph 5.3 of the report, and accordingly where the reference to “traffic calming measures” should read

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“Tree Preservation Orders”. Mr MacDonald advised the Committee that no representations were submitted as referenced in paragraph 4.5 of the report. Mr S Jamieson, Interim Director Environment & Regeneration Ms M Pickett, Planning Services, Ms E Peacock and Mr J Kerr, Legal & Democratic Services, were present and the Committee heard Ms Pickett in relation to the Tree Preservation Order.

The Committee then adjourned to private session to consider the Objections. Mr S Jamieson, Ms M Pickett, Mr J Kerr, Ms E Peacock were removed from the meeting, and Mr P McElwee indicated he would leave the meeting at this juncture.

Following consideration of the Objections, the Committee returned to public session Mr Jamieson, Ms Pickett, Ms Peacock and Mr Kerr were readmitted to the meeting. The Committee having considered and having regard to the Objections and the oral representations made by Mr McElwee and Ms Pickett at the meeting further decided:

- (1) that the objections be dismissed and approval be given to the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services to proceed with the confirmation process; and
- (2) that it be remitted to Officers to submit a further report to a future meeting of the Environmental and Regeneration Committee in relation to land management within the site of the Tree Preservation Order.

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Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 13 January 2022 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

In attendance: Interim Director Environment & Regeneration, 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 & Democratic Services), Ms L Carrick and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Democratic Services), Mr M Thomson (for Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance), Ms J Wilson (Finance Services), ICT Services Manager and Service Manager Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety.

The meeting was held by video conference.

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

28 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 28

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Nelson, with Councillor MacLeod substituting.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:-

Agenda Item 7 (Inverclyde Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2022/23 – 2026/27) – Councillor Curley.

Agenda Item 18 (Adjudication between Riverside Inverclyde and Noel Regan and Sons Building & Civil Engineering Contractors UK Ltd in relation to the Leperstone Self Build Project) – Councillors Clocherty and McKenzie.

29 Environment and Regeneration 2021/22 Revenue & Capital Budget – Period 7 (31 October 2021) 29

There was submitted a by the Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance and Interim Director Environment & Regeneration advising the Committee of the position of the 2021/22 Revenue Budget and Capital Budget position as at period 7 to 31 October 2021.

Decided:

- (1) that the current projected overspend for 2021/22 of £73,000 as at 31 October 2021 be noted;
- (2) that it be noted that the Interim Director and Heads of Service will continue to 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 be noted.

30 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme Progress and Property Related Items 30

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

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; and
- (2) that the ongoing work in respect of the further identification of priority projects relating to core asset condition and allocation of funds from 2022/23 Core Property Budget be noted.

31 Environment, Regeneration and Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan Progress Report 31

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration providing an update on the delivery of the improvement actions in the Environment, Regeneration, and Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan as detailed in the appendices to the report.

Decided: that the progress made in delivering the year three improvement actions contained within the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan be noted.

32 General Update 32

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

Decided:

- (1) that the allocation of funds to Inverclyde from the Community Renewal Fund[to support (a) Steps to Progression (IC), (b) Project Neptune (WCS) and (c) West Care Academy (WCS) be noted;
- (2) that the update in respect of No One Left Behind funds be noted;
- (3) that the appointment of a specialist marine survey consultant as detailed at paragraph 4:11 of the report be noted and approved;
- (4) that the ongoing work in respect of the further identification of priority projects relating to core asset condition and allocation of funds from 2022/23 Core Property budget be noted; and
- (5) that the interim position in respect of the Fraser of Allander report be noted.

33 Inverclyde Local Development Plan Update 33

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration providing (1) an update of the current progress of the Proposed Inverclyde Local Development Plan, and (2) a revised timetable for the delivery of the Plan.

Decided:

- (1) that the current progress of the Proposed Inverclyde Local Development Plan be noted; and
- (2) that the proposed revised delivery timetable be approved.

34 Inverclyde Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2022/23 – 2026/27**34**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration seeking approval for the new annual Inverclyde Strategic Housing Investment Plan, covering the period from 2022/23 – 2026/27.

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.

The Interim Head of Public Protection & Recovery advised the Committee of a typographical error on page 61 of the appendix to the report, and accordingly the reference made to “no encampments” should read “one encampment”.

Decided:

- (1) that the Strategic Housing Investment Plan for the five year period from 2022/23 – 2026/27 be amended to reference the Greenock Town Centre study with greater emphasis on the acquisition programme prior to submission to the Scottish Government by Inverclyde Council; and
- (2) that the content and projects included in the Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2022/23-2026/27 as detailed in appendix 1 to the report be noted.

35 Net Zero Strategy – 2022/25 Capital Programme Implications**35**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration advising the Committee on the implications for the draft 2022/25 Capital Programme and the pressures in connection with addressing elements of the Net Zero Action Plan which is currently in development.

Decided:

- (1) that the information contained in the report be noted;
- (2) that the proposed allocation as part of the draft 2022/25 Capital Programme be noted;
- (3) that the requirement to progress a number of test/pathfinder projects to better understand the technical aspects of implementation of lower emission heating systems and full scope/cost for typical building types/sizes to be funded from the balance of the remaining climate change earmarked reserve be noted; and
- (4) that a longer term costed strategy/action plan will be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee following the 2022 summer recess.

36 Clune Park Update**36**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration providing an update on the Clune Park acquisition programme.

Decided:

- (1) that the current position in respect of Clune Park be noted;
- (2) that approval be given for the District Valuer to continue to negotiate, on behalf of the Council, for the acquisition of the portfolios of landlords who have twenty properties;
- (3) that approval be given for Officers to continue to pursue the acquisition of portfolios from smaller portfolio landlords; and
- (4) that it be noted that a further report be submitted to a future meeting following the conclusion of the negotiations.

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37 Review of Public Conveniences

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There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration (a) seeking approval for changes in the public conveniences estate to accommodate the ongoing provision at Lunderston Bay, Battery Park and Greenock Cut to 2022 and beyond; (b) to update Members on the 6pm closures implemented at Hunters Place and Kilblain Street public conveniences; and (c) to seek approval for the same operating hours to be implemented at the Coronation Park (Fore Street) public conveniences in Port Glasgow.

Decided:

- (1) that the ongoing provision at Lunderston Bay, the Greenock Cut Centre and Battery Park be noted;
- (2) that an update report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on future funding proposals;
- (3) that approval be given to the continuation of the 6pm closure of the Hunters Place, Coronation Street and Kilblain Street conveniences; and
- (4) that it be remitted to Officers to submit a report to the next meeting of the Committee on the closure time of the Hunters Place, Coronation Park and Kilblain Street conveniences during the months from April to September.

38 Implementation of 20mph Speed Limits in Residential Areas

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There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration to address a motion raised by Councillor Curley at the meeting of the Inverclyde Council on 24 September 2020 that officers submit a report to the Environment & Regeneration Committee outlining the options for implementing 20mph speed limits in Inverclyde.

It was noted during discussion of this item that there was a typographical error in the report, and accordingly at paragraph 1.1 of the report the reference made to the "Environment & Regeneration Committee on 24 September 2020 should read "the Inverclyde Council on 24 September 2020".

Following discussion Councillor Curley moved:

- (1) that approval be given to the principle of delivering 20mph speed restrictions within key pedestrian generator areas within town centres and villages and in the vicinity of schools subject to necessary statutory requirements and budgeting;
- (2) that approval be given for the first phase to deliver a 20mph speed restriction in key pedestrian generator areas with 20mph speed restriction in town centres and villages in 2022/23 and in the vicinity of schools in 2023/24 or earlier if possible;
- (3) that it be remitted to the Head of Service Roads and Environmental Services and the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services to prepare and promote a TRO to install mandatory 20mph speed restrictions in town and village centres in 2022/23 and around schools in 2023/24 which will be funded from Cycling Walking Safer Roads;
- (4) that it be remitted to Officers to develop a plan for 20mph speed limits on residential roads throughout Inverclyde which will also identify those roads to remain at 30/40mph; and
- (5) that consideration for approval be remitted to the Committee on the prioritisation policy scheme and further phases of the 20mph speed restriction including public consultation and any potential cost implications; and
- (6) that it be remitted to Officers to submit a report back to a future meeting providing an update on the street survey results at Albert/Ashton and Cloch Road.

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As an amendment, Councillor McCormick moved:

- (1) that approval be given to the principle of delivering 20mph speed restriction within key pedestrian generator areas within town centres and villages and in the vicinity of schools;
 - (2) that approval be given following assessment of each school location part time 20mph limit around schools be delivered in 2023/24;
 - (3) that indicative cost implications of introducing 20mph speed limits on residential roads throughout Inverclyde be noted; and that approval be given to Officers to develop a new prioritisation policy/scheme to score and rank areas to implement 20mph speed restrictions and that it be remitted to the Committee for approval, including any potential cost implications;
 - (4) that it be remitted to the Head of Service Roads and Environmental Services and the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services to prepare and promote a TRO to install mandatory 20mph speed restrictions in town and village centres which will be funded from Cycling Walking Safer Roads 2022/23 and then around schools 2023/24; and
 - (5) that it be remitted to Officers to submit a report back to a future meeting providing an update on the street survey results at Albert/Ashton and Cloch Road.
- Following a roll call vote, 4 Members, Councillors Curley Crowther, MacLeod and C McEleny voted in favour of the motion and 7 Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty, Jackson, McCabe, McCormick and McKenzie, voted in favour of the amendment which was declared carried.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the principle of delivering 20mph speed restriction within key pedestrian generator areas within town centres and villages and in the vicinity of schools;
- (2) that approval be given following assessment of each school location part time 20mph limit around schools be delivered in 2023/24;
- (3) that indicative cost implications of introducing 20mph speed limits on residential roads throughout Inverclyde be noted; and that approval be given to Officers to develop a new prioritisation policy/scheme to score and rank areas to implement 20mph speed restrictions and that it be remitted to the Committee for approval, including any potential cost implications;
- (4) that it be remitted to the Head of Service Roads and Environmental Services and the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services to prepare and promote a TRO to install mandatory 20mph speed restrictions in town and village centres which will be funded from Cycling Walking Safer Roads 2022/23 and then around schools 2023/24; and
- (5) that it be remitted to Officers to submit a report to a future meeting with an update on the street survey results at Albert/Ashton and Cloch Road.

39 Information relating to Pontoons in Inverclyde

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There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration to address the request made by Councillor Brooks at meeting of the Environment & Regeneration Committee on 28 October 2021 to provide a report and details in relation to the Pontoon at East India Harbour.

Decided:

- (1) that the information contained in the report be noted; and
- (2) that it be remitted to Officers to submit a further report to a future meeting identifying a proposed course of action in relation to the Pontoon and associated timescales.

40 Naming of Boat Ramp Immediately West of Gourock Pier Head - Request by Councillor Crowther 40

There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services on a request received from Councillor Crowther in the following terms:

“For Committee to give due consideration to this request for the hitherto un-named boat ramp immediately to the west of Gourock Pierhead to be named “Ritchie’s Slipway” in memory of the late Robert Arthur Ritchie, the last proprietor of Ritchie Brothers Ferry Masters who operated the Gourock to Kilcreggan passenger ferry service from Gourock Pierhead and for services that the Ritchie family contributed to the UK and allied forces shipping arriving at the ‘Clyde Anchorage Emergency Port’ and that this be indicated by the inclusion of a small inscribed informative plaque”.

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

Decided:

- (1) that the boat ramp immediately to the west of Gourock Pierhead be named “Ritchie’s Slipway” in memory of the late Robert Arthur Ritchie, the last proprietor of Ritchie Brothers Ferry Masters who operated the Gourock to Kilcreggan passenger ferry service from Gourock Pierhead ; and
- (2) that (a) delegated authority be granted to the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration to seek any necessary landlord or other consents to acquire the land in terms acceptable to the Chief Financial Officer and the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services and (b) that this be indicated by the display of a small inscribed informative plaque.

41 Property Assets Management – Public Report on Public Open Space Consultation Relative to Rankin Park, Greenock 41

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration advising the Committee of the outcome of an open space consultation process recently completed in relation to a proposal to construct an indoor tennis facility with associated parking in the Rankin Park, Inverkip Road, Greenock.

Decided:

- (1) that the outcome of the open space consultation in relation to the proposed indoor tennis development at Rankin Park, Inverkip Road, Greenock and the terms of the representations received, as detailed in appendix 2 to the report at 3.2 be noted; and
- (2) that (a) approval be given to the proposed change of use, for construction of an indoor tennis facility and associated parking within the Rankin Park all described in Planning Application reference number 21/0235/IC, and (b) that Committee notes that further reports will be submitted by Officers to the Education and Communities Committee on the progress and development of the project.

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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 items on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as are set opposite each item.

Item	Paragraph	
Property Assets Management Report – Private Report	6&9	
Port Glasgow Town Buildings – Lease Variation Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL)	6&9	
Inchgreen – City Deal Final Business Case	6	
Adjudication between Riverside Inverclyde and Noel Regan and Sons Building & Civil Engineering Contractors UK Ltd in relation to the Leperstone Self Build Project	6&8	
42 Property Assets Management Report – Private Report		42
<p>There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration making recommendations in respect of a number of property related matters. Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the actions detailed in the Appendix.</p>		
43 Port Glasgow Town Buildings – Lease Variation Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL)		43
<p>There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration seeking authority to vary Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited’s lease at the Port Glasgow Town Buildings. Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the actions detailed in the Appendix.</p>		
44 Inchgreen – City Deal Final Business Case		44
<p>There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration providing information in relation to the final business case for Inchgreen. Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the actions detailed in the Appendix.</p>		
45 Adjudication between Riverside Inverclyde and Noel Regan and Sons Building & Civil Engineering Contractors UK Ltd in relation to the Leperstone Self Build Project		45
<p>There was submitted a report by the Regeneration Manager providing information on an adjudication outcome relating to the Leperstone Self Build Project. Councillors Clocherty and McKenzie declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Members of the Board of Riverside Inverclyde and left the meeting. Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the actions detailed in the Appendix.</p>		