

## ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 3 MARCH 2022

---

### Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 3 March 2022 at 3pm

**Present:** Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Jackson, McCabe, McCormick, J McEleny (for C McEleny), McKenzie and 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 J Kerr (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Mr C MacDonald and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Democratic Services), Mr M Thomson (for Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery), Ms J Wilson (Finance Services), ICT Services Manager and Service Manager Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety.

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

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

#### 140 **Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest** 141

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor C McEleny, with Councillor J McEleny substituting.

No declarations of interest were intimated, but certain connections were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 3 (Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme Progress) – Councillors Clocherty and Curley.

Agenda Item 16 (Award of Contracts for Employability Services) – Councillor Ahlfeld.

#### 142 **Environment and Regeneration 2021/22 Revenue & Capital Budget – Period 9 (31 December 2021)** 142

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance and the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration advising the Committee of the position of the 2021/22 Revenue Budget and Capital Budget position as at Period 9 to 31 December 2021.

**Decided:**

(1) that the current projected overspend for 2021/22 of £116,000 as at 31 December 2021 be noted;

(2) that it be noted that the Interim Directors and Heads of Service will review areas where non-essential spend can be reduced in order to bring the Committee back on budget; and

## ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 3 MARCH 2022

---

(3) that the current position of the 2021/24 Capital Programme and City Deal as detailed in the report and appendices be noted.

### 143 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme Progress 143

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

Councillors Clocherty and Curley declared a connection as Members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure. They also formed the view that the nature of their connection and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the meeting or their participation in the decision making process and they were declaring for transparency.

**Decided:** that the current position of the 2021/24 Capital Programme and the progress on the specific projects detailed in the report be noted.

### 144 General Update 144

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

**Decided:**

(1) that the recommencement of parking charging within off street car parks on 1 April 2022, including the new car parks covered under the new Traffic Regulation Orders, be noted;

(2) that the update in respect of the speed surveys undertaken in Albert Road, Ashton Road and Cloch Road, Gourock be noted;

(3) that the Council's continued participation in the Greenports' bidding process be noted;

(4) that the current position in respect of the Falls of Clyde be noted;

(5) that it be noted that a further report will be prepared in respect of the Council's participation in the Edinburgh Process; and

(6) that it be remitted to officers to write to the Safety Camera Partnership requesting further information on the rationale and criteria used to determine the refusal of safety cameras at the locations detailed in paragraph 4.8 of the report.

### 145 Roads & Transportation – Proposed RAMP/Capital Programme for 2022/23 145

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration seeking approval in relation to a proposed programme of projects to be undertaken in 2022/23 using RAMP/Capital Funding and a grant offer of funding by the Scottish Government for Cycling, Walking and Safer Routes (CWSR) Projects.

**Decided:**

(1) that approval be given to the list of works as detailed in the report for the 2022/23 RAMP/Capital and CWSR grant aided roads related projects; and

(2) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Service – Roads & Transportation to achieve full spend of the RAMP/Capital budget through the substitution of projects from a reserve list when necessary.

### 146 Residual Waste Procurement Strategy 146

There was submitted a report by the Head of Roads & Environmental Shared Services (1) advising the Committee of the Council's long term waste procurement requirements

## ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 3 MARCH 2022

---

to meet the landfill ban which comes into effect in 2025; (2) to market test to determine the best value procurement strategy for the Council; and (3) based on that market testing develop tender documentation.

**Decided:**

(1) that it be remitted to officers to engage in the development of the joint residual waste procurement exercise and carry out market testing of potential suppliers able to meet the Landfill Ban; and

(2) that it be remitted to officers to (a) assess the market testing feedback to determine the best value procurement strategy for the Council; and (b) present a further report to the Committee in the Autumn.

**147 Consultation on Draft National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) 147**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration (1) informing the Committee of the Scottish Government consultation on the Draft National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4); and (2) seeking approval of the Council's proposed response.

**Decided:** that (a) the National Planning Framework 4 consultation be noted; and (b) approval be given to the proposed response as detailed in appendix 1 of the report.

**148 Consultation on Local Development Planning – Regulations and Guidance 148**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration (1) informing the Committee of the Scottish Government consultation on Local Development Planning – Regulation and Guidance; and (2) seeking approval of the Council's proposed response.

**Decided:** that (a) the Local Development Planning – Regulations and Guidance consultation be noted; and (b) approval be given to the proposed response as detailed in appendix 1 of the report.

**149 Fraser of Allander Institute – Supporting Economic Recovery in Inverclyde, West Dunbartonshire and Argyll & Bute 149**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration providing an update on the Fraser of Allander Institute's study Supporting Economic Recovery in Inverclyde, West Dunbartonshire and Argyll & Bute and seeking Committee approval for the study to be used as the basis of any engagement with both the UK and Scottish Governments, and in particular with the proposed Task Force for Inverclyde.

**Decided:**

(1) that (a) the synopsis from the Fraser of Allander Institute report be noted; and (b) it be noted that the full report will be the subject of a Members briefing once available and brought to the first available Committee following the local government elections in May 2022; and

(2) that it be agreed that pending the issue of the Fraser of Allander Institute's final report the synopsis can be used in discussions with UK and Scottish Governments, specifically with regards to the potential Task Force.

**150 Pavement Parking Prohibitions – Consultation on Pre-Implementation Directions and Regulations 150**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration

## ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 3 MARCH 2022

---

advising the Committee of the consultation on Pre-Implementation Directions and Regulations associated with the Pavement Parking Prohibitions and to seek approval for the proposed response to the consultation.

**Decided:** that the proposed consultation response as detailed in appendix B of the report be approved.

### 151 Public Convenience Update

151

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration providing an update on proposed summer opening hours for public conveniences and to confirm funding for the cleaning of the extended estate.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the intention to fund the increased costs of public convenience provision from within the directorate budget be noted; and
- (2) that approval be given to the extended opening hours of the Fore Street, Hunters Place and Kilblain Street toilets to 8pm between April and September.

### 152 Spaces for People Update – Cycle Lane Monitoring Results

152

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration advising of the outcome of the monitoring carried out on the cycle lane usage and traffic movement from Battery Park to Laird Street, together with addendum report providing updated statistics relating to traffic survey results and queue lengths on Brougham Street, Greenock.

Following discussion, Councillor Brooks moved that recommendations (d), (e) and (f) as detailed in the report be deleted and replaced with the following text: “(d) agrees to remove the temporary cycle lane on the A770 (Eldon Street, Grey Place and Dalrymple Street) with all work to be completed by 31 May 2022.”

As an amendment, Councillor Curley moved that the recommendations contained in the report be agreed, subject to the addition of a further recommendation “(g) that a further report on potential improvements to the cycle lane be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.”

Following a roll call vote, 2 Members, Councillors Brooks and J McEleny, voted in favour of the motion and 9 Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Jackson, McCabe, McCormick, McKenzie and Nelson voted in favour of the amendment which was declared carried.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the amendments made to the cycle lane following the feedback and monitoring detailed in paragraph 4.10 of the report be noted;
- (2) that it be noted that traffic surveys have been undertaken and that the surveys show less delay to vehicular traffic than in 2019;
- (3) that it be noted that the cycle route usage data shows an anticipated usage in excess of 10,000 cyclists per year;
- (4) that (a) it be agreed that monitoring should continue for a further six months to determine usage of the cycle lane during the summer season; and (b) it be remitted to officers to submit a further report detailing additional usage data to Committee in September 2022;
- (5) that it be agreed that any review of the section between Grey Place and Laird Street is paused until the completion of the construction works at West Blackhall Street;
- (6) that it be noted that further minor amendments may be deployed to improve the cycle lane’s deployment; and

**ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 3 MARCH 2022**

---

(7) that a further report on potential improvements to the cycle lane be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.

**153 Path Agreement between Inverclyde Council and Peel Land & Property (Greenock Harbours) Limited for the Construction of the NCN75 Shared Path through East India and Victoria Harbour 153**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration seeking approval to enter into a Path Agreement with the landowner Peel Land & Property (Greenock Harbours) Limited to enable the NCN75 Shared Path to be completed between the Beacon Arts Centre and the existing access to EE contact centre located to the east on the A8 Rue End Street on the route detailed in appendix 1 of the report.

It was noted during consideration of this item that there was a typographical error in paragraph 2.3 of the report where the reference “owned by Peel Land & Property (Greenock Harbours) Limited” should read “leased to Peel Land & Property (Greenock Harbours) Limited”.

**Decided:** that consideration of this item be continued to a future meeting of the Committee to allow a further report to be submitted providing clarity on the terms of the proposed Path Agreement.

**154 Property Assets Management – Public Report 154**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration advising of the outcome of a public consultation recently carried out at Park Farm, Arran Avenue, Port Glasgow, to obtain and consider the views of the community in relation to a request from the owner of the shop and Post Office at Park Farm, Arran Avenue, Port Glasgow, who wishes to extend his premises into land owned by the Council and currently classed as open space.

**Decided:** that it be agreed to further consider the terms of the proposed sale as detailed in Agenda Item 15 (Property Assets Management – Private Report).

(1) that the outcome of the open space consultation for land to the rear of Park Farm Post Office, Arran Avenue, Port Glasgow be noted;

(2) that it be agreed to further consider the terms of the proposed sale as detailed in Agenda Item 15 (Property Assets Management – Private Report).

**It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as are set opposite each item.**

| Item  | Paragraph(s) |
|---|--------------|
| Property Assets Management – Private Report                 | 6 & 9        |
| Award of Contracts for Employability Services               | 6 & 8        |
| Clune Park Acquisitions – Update                            | 6 & 9        |
| Commercial and Industrial Portfolio Information – Scheme of | 2, 6 & 9     |

---

**ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 3 MARCH 2022**


---

**Delegation Register**

- 155 Property Assets Management Report – Private Report 155**
- There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery making recommendations in respect of a number of property assets.
- Decided:** Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended all as detailed in the Appendix.
- 156 Award of Contracts for Employability Services 156**
- There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration seeking approval for the award of contracts for Employability Services to be delivered from 1 April 2022.
- Councillor Ahlfeld declared a connection as a member of the Board of the Inverclyde Community Development Trust. He also formed the view that the nature of his connection and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the meeting or his participation in the decision making process and was declaring for transparency.
- Decided:** Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the actions recommended, all as detailed in the Appendix.
- 157 Clune Park Acquisitions – Update 157**
- There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration providing an update on the Clune Park acquisition programme and seeking approval for a number of recommendations.
- Decided:** Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the actions recommended, all as detailed in the Appendix.
- 158 Commercial and Industrial Portfolio Information – Scheme of Delegation Register 158**
- There was submitted a report by Interim Director Environment & Regeneration advising of the exercise by officers of powers delegated to them in terms of the Scheme of Delegation and to provide Members with an update on the management of the Council's commercial and industrial portfolio for the period January to December 2021.
- Decided:** that the terms of the report be noted.