

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 16 JUNE 2022

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 16 June 2022 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Brooks, Cassidy, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, McCabe, McCluskey (for Jackson), McCormick, Nelson, Quinn and Robertson.

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

In attendance: Interim Director Environment & Regeneration, Head of Roads & Environmental Shared Services, Interim Head of Property Services, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Mr P MacDonald, Mr C MacDonald, Ms D Sweeney and Ms E Peacock (Legal & Democratic Services), Mr M Thomson (for Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance), Ms J Horn (Regeneration & Planning), Ms J Wilson (Finance Services) and ICT Services Manager.

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

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

282 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 282

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Jackson, with Councillor McCluskey substituting.

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

Agenda Item 6 (Local Employability Partnership Delivery Plan and Scottish Government Employability Funding) – Councillor Robertson.

Agenda Item 9 (Contract Awards – 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022) – Councillor Robertson.

283 Environment and Regeneration 2021/22 Revenue & Capital Budget – Period 13 (31 March 2022) 283

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 13 to 31 March 2022.

Decided: that the current position of the 2021/25 Capital Programme and City Deal be noted.

284 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme Progress 284

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration providing an update on the projects within the 2022/25 Environment & Regeneration

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Capital Programme.

Decided:

- (1) that the current position of the 2022/25 Capital Programme and the progress on the specific projects detailed in the report be noted; and
- (2) that it be agreed not to award the tender for improvements to the Kirn Drive depot at this stage.

285 Environment, Regeneration and Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan - End of Year 3 Progress Report and Annual Refresh 2022/23 285

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration and Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance presenting (1) a progress report on the delivery of the improvement actions within the Environment, Regeneration and Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan and (2) a refreshed Environment, Regeneration and Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan Improvement plan 2022/23, containing new or revised improvement actions which require the approval of Committee.

The Interim Director Environment & Regeneration advised the Committee of a typographical error in the report and, accordingly, at paragraph 5.5 the reference to “March 2022” should read “March 2023”.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress made in the delivery of the Environment, Regeneration and Resources Improvement Plan in year 3 as detailed in appendix 1 of the report be noted; and
- (2) that the refreshed Environment, Regeneration and Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2022/23 as detailed in appendix 2 of the report be approved.

286 General Update 286

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

Decided:

- (1) that the update in respect of the development of a Clyde Green Freeport bid be noted;
- (2) that the update in respect of the development of the Greenock Town Centre Levelling Up Fund bid be noted;
- (3) that the requirement to (a) update the terms of reference for the three Town Centre Regeneration Forums be noted and (b) that the following Councillors be nominated as Chairs of the Port Glasgow, Greenock and Gourock Town Centre Regeneration Forums:
Councillor Curley (Port Glasgow Town Centre Regeneration Forum),
Councillor Clocherty (Greenock Town Centre Regeneration Forum), and
Councillor Quinn (Gourock Town Centre Regeneration Forum).
- (4) that the implementation date for the change in Food Waste uplifts be noted;
- (5) that the use of an Emergency Powers report to allocate £5,000 to the cost of consultant support for the Green Freeport Bid be noted;
- (6) that the use of an Emergency Powers report for the interim grounds management model continuing until 31 December 2022 to allow an assessment of the sustainability and effectiveness of shared services be noted; and
- (7) that it be remitted to the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration to bring a

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report to a subsequent meeting of the Committee on the Levelling Up Fund and the outputs achieved to date.

287 Local Employability Partnership Delivery Plan and Scottish Government Employability Funding 287

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration (1) providing an update on the No One Left Behind programme and (2) seeking approval for the finalisation of the Local Employability Partnership Delivery Plan.

Councillor Robertson declared a connection to Stepwell. She also formed the view that the nature of her connection and of the item of business did not preclude her continued presence in the meeting or her participation in the decision making process and she as declaring for transparency.

Decided: that approval be given to (a) the Local Employability Partnership Delivery Plan; and (b) the submission of the Plan to the Scottish Government.

288 UK Government Shared Prosperity Fund: Inverclyde Investment Plan 288

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration (1) providing an update on the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, including the allocation to Inverclyde, the role of Glasgow City Region and Inverclyde Council; and (2) to seek general agreement on the themes identified to allow the investment plan to be submitted over the summer recess.

Decided:

- (1) that the UK Shared Prosperity Fund allocation be noted;
- (2) that the role of the Glasgow City Region in the Shared Prosperity Fund submission process be noted;
- (3) that it be agreed that the Regeneration Service will lead the preparation of the Investment Plan;
- (4) that it be noted that prior to the submission to the UK Government, the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration will seek member approval under Emergency Powers to allow the Regeneration Service to submit the Investment Plan by 1 August 2022; and
- (5) that it be noted that further reports will be presented to Committee in due course.

289 Fraser of Allander Institute - Supporting Economic Recovery in Inverclyde, West Dunbartonshire & Argyll & Bute 289

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration (1) providing an update on the Fraser of Allander Institute's study 'Supporting Economic Recovery in Inverclyde, West Dunbartonshire and Argyll & Bute' and (2) seeking approval for the study to be used as the basis for any engagement with both the UK and Scottish Governments, and in particular with the proposed Task Force for Inverclyde.

Decided:

- (1) that the content of the draft report from the Fraser of Allander Institute be noted; and
- (2) that it be agreed that pending the publication of the Fraser of Allander Institute's final report, the report can be used in discussions with UK and Scottish Governments, specifically with regards to the Task Force.

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- 290 Contract Awards – 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022 290**
- There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration advising of contracts awarded for the supply of goods or materials, provision of services and execution of works during the period 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022.
- Councillor Robertson declared a connection to Stepwell and Financial Fitness. She also formed the view that the nature of her connection and of the item of business did not preclude her continued presence in the meeting or her participation in the decision making process and she as declaring for transparency.
- Decided:** that the contracts awarded by the Council during the period 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022 be noted.
- 291 Virement – Rankin Park, Greenock 291**
- There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration seeking approval to vire £15,740 from Grounds Services to Education and Communities in respect of Rankin Park.
- Decided:** that the virement of £15,740 from Grounds Services to Education and Communities in respect of Rankin Park be agreed.
- 292 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No.2 2022 292**
- There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration (1) informing the Committee of the outcome of the consultation procedure undertaken for the Traffic Regulation Order entitled 'The Inverclyde Council Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No.2 2022' and (2) seeking a decision on whether the Committee will hear the objection relating to the TRO themselves or appoint an independent reporter.
- Ms E Peacock advised the Committee of a typographical error in the report and, accordingly, at paragraph 3.1(a) the reference to "Head of Shared Services Roads" should read "Head of Roads and Environmental Shared Services".
- Decided:**
- (1) that the requirement to hold a public hearing to consider the maintained objection be noted; and
 - (2) that it be remitted to the Head of Roads and Environment Shared Services and the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to make the necessary arrangements for a public hearing to be heard before a special meeting of the Committee.
- 293 Regeneration of Shore Street, Gourock – Request by Councillor McCluskey 293**
- There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services advising of a request received from Councillor McCluskey in the following terms:
- "Residents of Gourock have raised concerns regarding the disrepair of Shore Street and several historic buildings on the street. Gourock contains a quarter of all listed buildings in Inverclyde and Shore Street alone contains three.
- "Shore Street is a key entrance to Gourock town centre. It contains many residential and retail properties, and its future is crucial to the future success of the town. The street is ranked 497 out of 6976 SIMD data zones in Scotland, meaning that residents are among the 10% most deprived in Scotland.
- "Organisational Priority 7 of the Council's Corporate Plan is to 'protect and enhance our

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natural and built environment' and with the launch of Historic Scotland's People and Place fund in March 2022, there is a strong case to be made in seeking external funding for the regeneration of Shore Street.

"Therefore, the Committee asks the Interim Director, Environment & Regeneration to bring a report to a future meeting of the committee on the options available for the regeneration of Shore Street, Gourrock, including feasibility of applying for external funding from Historic Scotland's People and Place programme and any other potential external funding stream."

Decided: that it be remitted to the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration to bring a report to a future meeting of the Committee on the options available for the regeneration of Shore Street, Gourrock, including feasibility of applying for external funding from Historic Scotland's People and Place programme and any other potential external funding stream.

294 Property Assets Management – Public Report

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

Decided:

(1) that (a) the outcome of the Common Good consultation at Caddlehill Street, Greenock, in relation to the proposal to use the site to facilitate an inclusive, community led group to improve the habitat and usability of the space be noted and (b) it be agreed to further consider the terms of a proposed lease as detailed in Agenda Item 14 (Property Assets Management – Private Report);

(2) that it be noted that officers have received proposals for the gap site at Kempock Street, Gourrock, as shown hatched in appendix 2 of the report, and that a report will be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee to allow consideration of any responses received in the consultation and of detailed officer recommendations on the proposals; and

(3) that it be noted that officers have received proposals for the site at Market Place, Kilmacolm, as shown hatched in appendix 3 of the report, and that a report will be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee to allow consideration of any responses received in the consultation and of detailed officer recommendations on the proposals.

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
Clune Park Acquisitions - Update	8 & 9
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	9

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	Advertising Hoarding Site, Dalrymple Street, Greenock	6 & 9
	John Wood Street, Port Glasgow – Variation of Permitted Use and Lease Extension	2, 6 & 9
	Inverkip Street, Greenock – Lease Renewal	2, 6 & 9
	Retail Unit, Dubbs Road, Port Glasgow – Lease Renunciation and Renewal	2, 6 & 9
295	Property Assets Management – Private Report	295
	<p>There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Environment & Regeneration making recommendations in respect of a number of property assets.</p> <p>Decided: Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the actions recommended all as detailed in the Appendix.</p>	
296	Clune Park Acquisitions - Update	296
	<p>There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration providing an update with respect to the Clune Park Estate.</p> <p>Decided: Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the actions recommended, all as detailed in the Appendix.</p>	
297	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	297
	<p>There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration seeking approval to enter into a path agreement with Peel Land & Property (Greenock Harbours) Limited.</p> <p>Decided: Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the actions recommended, all as detailed in the Appendix.</p>	
298	Advertising Hoarding Site, Dalrymple Street, Greenock	298
	<p>There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration seeking authority to grant a lease for an advertising hoarding site at Dalrymple Street, Greenock.</p> <p>Decided: Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the actions recommended, all as detailed in the Appendix.</p>	
299	John Wood Street, Port Glasgow – Variation of Permitted Use and Lease Extension	299
	<p>There was submitted a report by the Interim Director, Environment & Regeneration seeking authority for the variation and extension of an existing lease for premises at John Wood Street, Port Glasgow.</p> <p>Decided: Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the actions recommended,</p>	

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all as detailed in the Appendix.

300 Inverkip Street, Greenock – Lease Renewal 300

There was submitted a report by Interim Director Environment & Regeneration seeking authority to grant a new lease for premises at Inverkip Street, Greenock.

Decided: Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the actions recommended, all as detailed in the Appendix.

301 Retail Unit, Dubbs Road, Port Glasgow – Lease Renunciation and Renewal 301

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration seeking authority for the renunciation of an existing lease and then granting of a new lease for premises at Dubbs Road, Port Glasgow.

Decided: Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the actions recommended, all as detailed in the Appendix.