

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 22 September 2022

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The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 30 June 2022 at 4pm

Present: Provost McKenzie, Councillors Armstrong, Brennan, Brooks, Cassidy, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Daisley, Jackson, Law, McCabe, McCormick, McCluskey, McGuire, McVey, Moran, Nelson, Reynolds, Robertson and Wilson.

Chair: Provost McKenzie presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance, Interim Director Environment & Regeneration, Interim Director (Chief Officer) Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Mr C MacDonald, Ms D Sweeney and Ms K MacVey (Legal & Democratic Services), Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications, Service Manager Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety and Mr PJ Coulter (Corporate Communications).

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

At the commencement of proceedings it was agreed unanimously to suspend Standing Orders to allow for consideration of a Written Notice of Motion (Universal Play Schemes During the School Summer Holidays 2022) from Cllr Clocherty and Agenda Item 4 (Review of Political Decision-Making Arrangements).

319 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 319

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Quinn.

No declarations of interest were intimated but there was an intimation by Councillor Law of a connection, for the purposes of transparency in respect of:

Agenda Item 7 (Request to use the Watt Institution Trust Fund for Collections Improvements at the Watt Institution).

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328	Education & Communities Committee – 14 June 2022	328
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333	Audit Committee (Annual Accounts) – 28 June 2022	333
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334	Financial Strategy 2022/32 - Update	334

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance

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seeking approval for the updated Financial Strategy 2022/32.

Decided:

- (1) that (a) the latest revision of the Financial Strategy be approved and (b) the estimated 2023/26 Revenue Budget funding gap based on the latest information from the Scottish Government and assessments by the Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance, supported by the Corporate Management Team, be noted; and
- (2) that it be noted that as part of the 2023/26 Budget all funding models will be reviewed to ensure their sustainability and that any opportunities to generate one-off or recurring savings will be reported back to the Council.

The Provost being of the opinion that the undernoted motion 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 Councillor Clocherty's motion relating to Universal Play Schemes during the School Summer Holidays 2022. This was agreed unanimously.

335 Universal Play Schemes During the School Summer Holidays 2022 - Written Notice of Motion by Councillor Clocherty

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There was submitted a motion by Councillor Clocherty, seconded by Councillor Brennan, in the following terms:

“Council notes the current cost of living crisis, and in light of this agrees that no charge be made for Universal Play schemes operated by Inverclyde Leisure or directly funded by the Council (including the Play4all out of school care provision) during the school summer holidays 2022. These play schemes are:

Newark, Kilmacolm, St Patricks, Aileymill, Moorfoot, Inverkip and Auchmountain run by Inverclyde Leisure; and

“This decision also includes:- Youth Connections, Craigend, Branchton and Play4all (including the Play4all out of school care provision) which receive funding from the Council.

“This decision only relates to universal play schemes and not pre-booked childcare places (extended play schemes) which are already offered free of charge at Aileymill, Newark, St. Patricks and Wellington.

“The anticipated cost of this to the Council will be in the region of £20,000, which will be funded through the Ear marked reserves allocated to the Year of the Young People Legacy fund.

“The Council delegates full authority to the Corporate Director of Education, Communities and Organisational Development to implement this decision.”

The Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance provided a verbal update, advising the Committee of the current position relative to the Year of the Young Persons Earmarked Reserve, indicating that should £20,000 be used from the reserve to implement the Summer Play Scheme proposals, then £10,000 would be the remaining balance.

Decided:

- (1) that the current cost of living crisis be noted;
- (2) that it be agreed that no charge will be made for Universal Play Schemes operated by Inverclyde Leisure or directly funded by the Council during the summer holidays 2022, these play schemes being: Newark, Kilmacolm, St. Patricks, Aileymill, Moorfoot, Inverkip and Auchmountain run by Inverclyde Leisure, in addition to Youth Connections, Craigend, Branchton and Play4all (including the Play4all out of school care provision) which receive funding from the Council, this decision only relating to

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universal play schemes and not pre-booked childcare places (extended play schemes) which are already offered free of charge at Aileymill, Newark, St. Patricks and Wellington;

(3) that it be agreed that the anticipated cost of this will be in the region of £20,000, which will be funded through the earmarked reserves allocated to the Year of the Young People Legacy fund; and

(4) that full authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Education, Communities and Organisational Development to implement this decision.

336 Review of Political Decision-Making Arrangements

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services seeking approval for a number of changes to the Council's political decision-making arrangements and its associated Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration.

Decided:

(1) that (a) the proposed changes to the Council's political decision-making arrangements as detailed in the report, including the proposed changes to the Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration, and the terms of reference for both the Strategic Leadership Forum and the Members Budget Working Group be approved and (b) authority be delegated to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to make any consequential changes to other constitutional documents of the Council as might be required to give effect to the decision of the Council in respect of this report; and

(2) that the proposal of no changes to be made to the current arrangements for the Education & Communities Committee, save the start time of the Committee meeting, be noted.

337 Administrative Arrangements: Cycle of Council, Committee, Sub-Committee and Board Meetings to June 2023

337

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services seeking approval for the schedule of Council, Committee, Sub-Committee and Board meetings for the period to June 2023.

The Head of Legal & Democratic Services advised the Council of a typographical error in Appendix 1 of the report, and accordingly the references to the Licensing Board being held on "Thursday 3 March – 10am" and "Thursday 2 June 2023 – 10am" should read "Thursday 2 March 2023 – 10am" and "Thursday 1 June 2023 – 10am" respectively.

Decided: that the proposed cycle of Council, Committee, Sub-Committee and Board meetings for the year to June 2023 as detailed in the report and appendix be approved subject to the correction of the typographical error which the Council had been verbally advised of.

338 Definition of Islamophobia – Request by Councillor McCabe on behalf of Muslim Engagement and Development

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on a request received from Councillor McCabe on behalf of Muslim Engagement and Development in the following terms:

"Open Letter Urging Scottish Councils to Adopt the APPG Definition of Islamophobia
23 February 2022

"We, the undersigned, are calling on all city councils in Scotland to adopt the APPG

definition of Islamophobia and the accompanying guidelines put forward by the Coalition Against Islamophobia.

“The APPG definition states that: ‘Islamophobia is rooted in racism and is a type of racism that targets expressions of Muslimness or perceived Muslimness.’

“This definition has been adopted by all political parties in the Scottish Parliament.

“The 2021 report, ‘Scotland’s Islamophobia’, by the Scottish Parliament’s Cross-Party Group (CPG) on Tackling Islamophobia found that 83.4% of Scottish Muslim respondents have experienced Islamophobia directly. Islamophobic attacks in Scotland are becoming increasingly common and serious; for example, in December of last year, a neo-Nazi was imprisoned on charges of terrorism for threatening to burn down Fife Islamic Centre.

“As per the Public Sector Equality Duty enshrined in the 2010 Equality Act, public bodies such as councils have a duty to advance equality of opportunity for members of communities with a protected characteristic. This includes Muslims, who should be able to participate in society on an equal footing with their non-Muslim counterparts.

Sadly, Islamophobia is one of the principal barriers to Muslim participation in public, economic, political, and social spheres of life and it must be urgently addressed. Without a definition of Islamophobia, policy-makers cannot identify how Islamophobia manifests itself and functions, and thus, they cannot devise meaningful strategies to address it. As such, a definition is essential.

“We therefore call on all councils in Scotland to adopt the APPG definition of Islamophobia with accompanying guidelines. We firmly believe that this is a fundamental first step all councils must take to tackle the critical issue of Islamophobia in a targeted and effective manner.

“Signed: MEND (Muslim Engagement and Development), Edinburgh Central Mosque, The Mosque of The Custodian of The Two Holy Mosques and Islamic Centre Of Edinburgh, Blackhall Mosque, Amal Charity (Dar Al-Arqam) Edinburgh, Masjid Salah-Aldin, Annandale Mosque, Ahl Al Bait Society Scotland, Iqra Academy Edinburgh, Idara Taleem Ul Quran Trust, Dundee Al-Makhtoum Mosque, Portobello Islamic Education Centre & Mosque, Church of Scotland, AMINA Muslim Women’s Resource Centre, Colourful Heritage, CEMVO Scotland, Interfaith Scotland, Interfaith Edinburgh, West of Scotland Regional Equality Council, Central Scotland Regional Equality Council, Edinburgh and Lothian Regional Equality Council, Central Scotland Islamic Centre, Gilded Lily, Al Masaar, My Online School, 8th Braid Salaam Scouts, Scottish Muslim Media, Radio Ramadan Edinburgh, Vibrant Scottish Mosques, North Lanarkshire Muslim Women and Family Alliance, Active Life Club.”

Decided: that it be agreed to adopt the UK Parliament All Party Parliamentary Group on British Muslim’s definition of Islamophobia and the accompanying guidelines as detailed in appendices 1 and 2 of the report, respectively.

339 **Request to use the Watt Institution Trust Fund for Collections Improvements at the Watt Institution**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking the Council’s approval, as Trustee of the Watt Institution Trust Fund, to use funds from the Watt Institution Trust Fund to improve the safety and security of the archival collection and the taxidermy collection at the Watt Institution.

Councillor Law declared a connection as a volunteer at the Watt Institution. She advised that she had applied the Objective Test and did not consider that she had an interest to declare, given the nature of her connection and of the item of business and she was

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declaring this for transparency.

Decided: that the use of £25,500 from the Watt Institution Trust Fund to improve the safety and security of collections at the Watt Institution be approved by the Council as the Trustee of the Watt Institution Trust Fund.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that it contained exempt information as defined in the respective paragraphs of Part I of schedule 7(A) of the Act as detailed in the relevant minute.

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340	Appointment Panel – Chief Officer Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership – 23 March 2022	340
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
341	Appointment Panel – Chief Officer Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership – 12 April 2022	341
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
342	General Purposes Board – 13 April 2022	342
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Brooks.	
343	General Purposes Board – 15 June 2022	343
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.	
344	Environment & Regeneration Committee – 16 June 2022	344
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 20 JULY 2022

General Purposes Board

Wednesday 20 July 2022 at 10am

Present: Councillors Armstrong, McCabe (for Brennan), Cassidy, Crowther, McCluskey, Moran, Quinn, Reynolds and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

In attendance: Mr D Keenan (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Ms D Sweeney and Ms S MacMaster (Legal & Democratic Services) and Sergeant Robertson, (Police Scotland).

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

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

345 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 345

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

No declarations of interest were 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 item 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.

346 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence 346

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services requesting the Board to uphold the suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence and consider whether or not to further suspend the licence as the Board may determine, to which the Board agreed, all as detailed in the Appendix.

PLANNING BOARD – 3 AUGUST 2022

Planning Board

Wednesday 3 August 2022 at 3pm

Present: Provost McKenzie, Councillors, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Jackson, Law, McVey, Moran (for McCabe) and Wilson (for Brooks).

Chair: Councillor McVey presided.

In attendance: Interim Director Environment & Regeneration, Mr G Leitch and Ms E Provan (Roads and Transportation), Mr J Kerr (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Mr C MacDonald and Ms L Carrick (Legal & Democratic Services) and Mr P Coulter (for Service Manager, Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety).

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillor Crowther attending by video-conference.

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

349 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 349

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Brooks with Councillor Wilson substituting, Councillor McCabe, with Councillor Moran substituting, Councillor Daisley and Councillor McGuire.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

350 PLANNING APPLICATION 350

- (a) **Erection of two storey extension, erection of one and a half storey detached building accommodating garage and gym on the ground floor with workshop on the first floor:
Ardfruch, Glenmosston Road, Kilmacolm (22/0061/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration on an application for planning permission by Mr Richard McFadzean for the erection of a two storey extension, erection of a one and a half storey detached building accommodating garage and gym on the ground floor with workshop on the first floor at Ardfruch, Glenmosston Road, Kilmacolm (22/0061/IC).

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

- (1) that development shall not commence until samples of materials to be used on all external surfaces of the development hereby approved have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the development is acceptable in appearance and the external materials are appropriate for the Conservation Area. Thereafter the development shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details; and
- (2) that for the avoidance of doubt the rooflights on the detached building shall be of traditional form and/or 'conservation style'. Development shall not commence until details of the rooflights have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the development is acceptable in appearance. Thereafter the rooflights shall be implemented as approved.

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(b) **Proposed formation of patio (in retrospect):
1 Levan Point, Gourock (22/0111/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration on an application for planning permission by Mr Terry Hamilton for the proposed formation of patio (in retrospect) at 1 Levan Point, Gourock (22/0111/IC).

After discussion, Councillor Wilson moved that planning permission be refused as the proposal affects the amenity of neighbours.

As an amendment, Councillor Curley moved that planning permission be granted.

Following a roll call vote, 2 Members, Councillors Jackson and Wilson voted in favour of the motion and 7 Members, Provost McKenzie, Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Law, McVey and Moran voted in favour of the amendment which was declared carried.

Decided: that planning permission be granted.

LOCAL REVIEW BODY – 3 AUGUST 2022

Local Review Body

Wednesday 3 August 2022 at 4pm

Present: Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, McVey, Moran (for McCabe) and Wilson (for Brooks)

Chair: Councillor McVey presided.

In attendance: Ms M Pickett (Planning Adviser), Mr J Kerr (Legal Adviser), Mr C MacDonald and Ms L Carrick (Legal & Democratic Services) and Mr P Coulter (for Service Manager, Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety).

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillor Crowther attending by video-conference.

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

351 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 351

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Brooks, with Councillor Wilson substituting, Councillor McCabe with Councillor Moran substituting, and Councillor McGuire.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

352 PLANNING APPLICATION FOR REVIEW 352

**(a) Proposed new build 4-storey block of flats:
13 Kelly Street, Greenock (21/0243/IC)**

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review for a proposed new build 4-storey block of flats at 13 Kelly Street, Greenock (21/0243/IC) to enable the Local Review Body to consider the matter afresh.

Ms Pickett acted as Planning Adviser relative to this case.

Following discussions, Councillor Wilson moved that (1) sufficient information had not been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and (2) in terms of Regulation 16 of the Town and Country Planning (Schemes of Delegation and Local Review Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, consideration of the application for review be continued for an unaccompanied site inspection to be arranged by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair.

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

1. the proposal fails to accord with the principles set out in paragraph 29 of Scottish Planning Policy and it cannot be concluded that the proposal constitutes sustainable development and is the right development in the right place;
2. the proposal by virtue of the detail of the design approach and use of materials at this location fails to preserve or enhance the Greenock West End Conservation Area

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contrary to the requirements of Policy 28 of both the 2019 adopted Inverclyde Local Development Plan and the 2021 proposed Inverclyde Local Development Plan;

3. by developing the original rear curtilage of the existing building fronting Union Street the proposal would be to the detriment of the setting of the listed building it is also not supported by Policy 29 of both the 2019 adopted Inverclyde Local Development Plan and the 2021 proposed Inverclyde Local Development Plan;

4. the proposal fails to have regard to the six qualities of successful places as required by Policy 1 of both the 2019 Inverclyde Local Development Plan and 2021 proposed Inverclyde Local Development Plan, specifically as it fails to reflect local architecture and urban form and contribute positively to historic places under the 'Distinctive' heading and fails to avoid conflict in respect of window to window privacy under the 'Safe and Pleasant' heading;

5. no off-street parking is provided and the proposal does not therefore meet with the requirements of Policy 11 of the 2019 adopted Inverclyde Local Development Plan and Policy 12 of the 2021 proposed Inverclyde Local Development Plan; and

6. the proposal fails to follow the advice and guidance within paragraph 8.2 of the Greenock West End Conservation Area Appraisal which highlights a presumption against development within the original plots in the Conservation Area.

Following a roll call vote, 2 members, Councillors Moran and Wilson, voted in favour of the motion and 4 members, Councillors Clocherty, Crowther, Curley and McVey, voted in favour of the amendment which was declared carried.

Decided:

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

(2) that the application for review be dismissed and that planning permission be refused (upholding the Appointed Officer's determination) for the following reasons:

1. the proposal fails to accord with the principles set out in paragraph 29 of Scottish Planning Policy and it cannot be concluded that the proposal constitutes sustainable development and is the right development in the right place;

2. the proposal by virtue of the detail of the design approach and use of materials at this location fails to preserve or enhance the Greenock West End Conservation Area contrary to the requirements of Policy 28 of both the 2019 adopted Inverclyde Local Development Plan and the 2021 proposed Inverclyde Local Development Plan;

3. by developing the original rear curtilage of the existing building fronting Union Street the proposal would be to the detriment of the setting of the listed building it is also not supported by Policy 29 of both the 2019 adopted Inverclyde Local Development Plan and the 2021 proposed Inverclyde Local Development Plan;

4. the proposal fails to have regard to the six qualities of successful places as required by Policy 1 of both the 2019 Inverclyde Local Development Plan and 2021 proposed Inverclyde Local Development Plan, specifically as it fails to reflect local architecture and urban form and contribute positively to historic places under the 'Distinctive' heading and fails to avoid conflict in respect of window to window privacy under the 'Safe and Pleasant' heading;

5. no off-street parking is provided and the proposal does not therefore meet with the requirements of Policy 11 of the 2019 adopted Inverclyde Local Development Plan and Policy 12 of the 2021 proposed Inverclyde Local Development Plan; and

6. the proposal fails to follow the advice and guidance within paragraph 8.2 of the Greenock West End Conservation Area Appraisal which highlights a presumption against development within the original plots in the Conservation Area.

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 9 AUGUST 2022

Policy & Resources Committee

Tuesday 9 August 2022 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Armstrong, Clocherty (for Moran), Curley, Law, McCabe, McCormick, McCluskey, McGuire, McVey, Robertson and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance, Interim Director Environment & Regeneration, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Corporate Director (Chief Officer) Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnership, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications, Mr C MacDonald, Ms L Carrick and M Hughes (Legal & Democratic Services), Ms M Rae (Corporate Policy Officer), Ms P Ramsay (Organisational Development, Policy and Communications), Ms A Edmiston and M Thomson (Finance Services), and Service Manager Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety.

This meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors McCormick and McGuire attending by video-conference.

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

353 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 353

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

354 Revenue Budget Outturn 2021/22 354

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance (1) advising the Committee of the unaudited outturn of Service Committee Budgets for the year ending 31 March 2022; and (2) highlighting any significant variances between revised budgets, Period 9/10 Revenue Budget reports and outturn per the 2021/22 Unaudited Accounts.

Decided:

(1) that the following be noted (a) the underspend per the unaudited accounts for 2021/22 of £1,361,000; (b) the reasons for the material variances from budget; and (c) the movement of £930,000 (0.49%) from Period 10 to the unaudited outturn; and
(2) that it be noted that officers will identify where there are any matters which will impact on the 2023/26 Budget development.

355 2021/22 Capital Programme Out-Turn & Impact of Material Shortages on the Delivery & Cost of the 2022/25 Capital Programme 355

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance advising of the delivery of the 2021/22 Capital Programme and highlighting issues

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relating to the availability and supply of materials which will potentially impact upon the delivery of the 2022/25 Capital Programme.

The Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance advised the Committee of a typographical error in the report and, accordingly, at paragraph 3.4 the reference to 'overall advancement' should read 'overall slippage'.

Decided:

- (1) that the 2021/22 Capital Out-Turn be noted; and
- (2) that the pressure being experienced in relation to the availability and cost of materials and the impact this could have on the delivery and cost of the 2022/25 Capital Programme be noted.

356 Treasury Management – Annual Report 2021/22

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There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance (1) advising of the operation of the treasury function and its activities for 2021/22 as required under the terms of the Treasury Management Practice 6 (TMP6) on 'Reporting Requirements and Management Information Arrangements'; and (2) requesting that the report is remitted to the Inverclyde Council for approval.

Decided:

- (1) that (a) the contents of the annual report on Treasury Management for 2021/22 be noted; and (b) the ongoing work seeking to ensure the delivery of financial benefits for the Council during the current uncertainty and beyond be noted;
- (2) that the report be remitted to the Inverclyde Council for approval; and
- (3) that it be noted that an Elected Member training session on Treasury Management has been arranged for 6 September 2022.

357 Budget Strategy 2023/26

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There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance (1) seeking agreement for the approach to the next Budget period in the context of the unprecedented financial challenges which Inverclyde Council is forecasted to experience; and (2) seeking approval for an initial batch of proposed adjustments/efficiencies.

Decided:

- (1) that it be agreed that the forthcoming Budget covers the period 2023/26 for both Revenue and Capital with the intention that proposals will be approved no later than March 2023, which will financially balance the Revenue Budget for the period 2023/25;
- (2) that it be noted that this report is written on the basis that the Inverclyde Council budget process will exclude budget decisions relating to the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board (IJB) on which a formal decision by the Council and IJB is due in September;
- (3) that the current estimated 2023/26 Revenue Budget funding gap and the actions taken to date to develop savings options for Members to consider over the coming months be noted;
- (4) that the adjustments/efficiencies as detailed in appendix 1 of the report and the Budget timetable as detailed in appendix 2 of the report be approved;
- (5) that the intention to agree the first £4.0million of savings for the 2023/25 Budget prior to the Christmas break, in order to address the use of one off Reserves approved as part of the 2022/23 Budget, be confirmed; and
- (6) that it be noted that (a) there will be updates on the forthcoming Budget presented to each meeting of the Committee until the Budget is formally approved; and (b) proposals for Budget Consultation will be presented to the next meeting of the

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Committee.

358 Corporate Health and Safety Policy 358

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications seeking approval for the reviewed Corporate Health and Safety Policy.

Decided: that the reviewed Corporate Health and Safety Policy for signing by the Chief Executive be approved.

359 Inverclyde Council and Inverclyde Licensing Board Records Management Plan – Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011 359

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance seeking approval for the submission of the Council's Records Management Plan to the Keeper of the Records of Scotland.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to (a) the proposed Records Management Plan (RMP) on behalf of the Council; and (b) its submission to the Keeper of the Records of Scotland;
- (2) that authority be delegated to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to make any minor changes to the RMP that might be needed following submission, in order to have the Keeper of the Records of Scotland agree the plan;
- (3) that it be noted that the RMP will also be submitted on behalf of the Inverclyde Licensing Board; and
- (4) that it be noted that the Council's information Governance Steering Group will oversee delivery of the RMP once agreed by the Keeper of the Records of Scotland.

360 Co-operative Council's Innovation Network 360

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services advising that the Council has received an invitation to join the Co-operative Council's Innovation Network.

Decided:

- (1) that the invitation received by the Council to join the Co-operative Council's Innovation Network be noted; and
- (2) that it be noted that officers will arrange a briefing for elected members from the Network in advance of bringing a report back to the next meeting of the Committee to consider whether or not the Council should join the network.

361 Inverclyde Gaelic Language Plan Implementation Report 2021/22 361

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing the annual update on the Inverclyde Gaelic Language Plan Implementation Report prior to the Report's submission to Bòrd na Gàidhlig.

Decided:

- (1) that it be noted that an Inverclyde Council Gaelic Language Plan Implementation Report, relating to the period 8 March 2021 to 8 March 2022, has been produced; and
- (2) that it be noted that the Implementation Report will be submitted to Bòrd na Gàidhlig on 10 August 2022.

362 National Care Service (Scotland) Bill – Call for Views 362

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There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance advising the committee of the publication of the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill and the Call for Views from the Scottish Parliament.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted;
- (2) that approval be given to the convening of a special meeting of the Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee to review and approve the submission of the Council response to the Call for Views on the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill, with the draft response having first been considered by the Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel.

SOCIAL WORK & SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL - 18 AUGUST 2022

Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel

Thursday 18 August 2022 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Armstrong, Brooks, Cassidy, Daisley, Jackson, McCabe (for Brennan) McCluskey, McKenzie, Quinn and Robertson.

Chair: Councillor Jackson presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Head of Health & Community Care, Ms A Glendinning (for Head of Children, Families & Criminal Justice), Head of Homelessness, Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Recovery Service, Head of Finance, Planning & Resources (HSCP), Ms M Keirs (Finance Services), Mr A Best and Ms A Mailey (HSCP), Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Ms L Carrick and Mr C MacDonald (Legal & Democratic Services), Ms M Rae (Education, Communities & Organisational Development) and Mr PJ Coulter (Corporate Communications).

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Daisley, McCabe, Quinn and Robertson attending by video-conference.

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

363 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 363

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Brennan with Councillor McCabe substituting and Councillor Reynolds.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

364 Revenue & Capital Budget Report – Outturn 2021/22 and 2022/23 Revenue Outturn Position as at 30 June 2022 364

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 outturn of the 2021/22 revenue budget and the projected outturn on revenue and capital for 2022/23 as at 30 June 2022.

Decided:

- (1) that the 2021/22 revenue budget outturn underspend of £221,000 be noted;
- (2) that the projected current year revenue outturn of £975,000 underspend at 30 June 2022 be noted;
- (3) that the current projected capital position be noted; and
- (4) that the current earmarked reserves position be noted.

365 Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership Draft Refreshed Strategic Plan 2019-2024 365

There was submitted a report by the Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer),

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Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership presenting the Draft Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership Refreshed Strategic Plan 2019-2024.

Decided:

- (1) that the final draft of the 2022-2024 Strategic Plan be noted; and
- (2) that it be remitted to officers to submit a report on the Final Plan.

366 Inverclyde Adult Support and Protection Partnership – Adult Support and Quality Improvement Plan 2021-22 366

There was submitted a report by the Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising the Panel of the progress to date of the Adult Support and Protection Quality Improvement Plan 2021/22.

Decided:

- (1) that the content of the report be noted; and
- (2) that it be remitted to officers to submit a report on the findings following an audit of the Improvement Plan scheduled for 2023.

367 Primary Care – Update on Vaccination Transformation Programme and General Dental Services 367

There was submitted a report by the Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on the Vaccination Transformation Programme and General Dental Services.

Decided:

- (1) that the content of the report be noted;
- (2) that the Panel note the ongoing work which is underway with NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde to improve local access to vaccinations and primary dental services and;
- (3) that the Chair of the Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel write to the Chair of the Health Board and Cabinet Secretary in relation to these matters.

368 Alcohol and Drug Partnership – Naloxone Project Phase 2 368

There was submitted a report by the Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on the Alcohol and Drug Partnership Naloxone project and outlining a proposed second phase.

Decided:

- (1) that the content of the report be noted;
- (2) that approval be given for Naloxone training to be delivered to both Health & Social Care Partnership and Inverclyde Council staff on a voluntary basis, including supplying staff with Naloxone kits for emergency use only; and
- (3) that it be noted that a supply of Naloxone will be available as part of existing first aid kits in Health & Social Care Partnership and customer facing Council premises.

369 Refugee Resettlement and Wider Dispersal in Inverclyde 369

There was submitted a report by the Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on the ongoing work and future plans for refugee resettlement and wider dispersal within Inverclyde.

Decided: that the ongoing work and future plans for refugee resettlement and wider dispersal within Inverclyde be noted.

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370 Parole Board Scotland – ‘Victims Safe Space’ Initiative 370

There was submitted a report by the Interim Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an outline of a request to Scottish Local Authorities from Parole Scotland in respect of the ‘Victim Safe Space’ initiative.

Decided: that the Panel (a) note the content of the report and (b) support the approval of local authority accommodation for the Victim Safe Space Initiative.

371 National Care Service (Scotland) Bill – Call for Views 371

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval from the Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel of the draft Inverclyde Council response to the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill.

Decided: that approval be given to the Council’s response to the Call for Views on the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill, subject to its further consideration at a special meeting of the Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee.

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

Item	Paragraph(s)
Reporting by Exception – Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations	6 & 9

372 Reporting by Exception – Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations 372

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 Health & Social Care Partnership governance processes for Externally Commissioned Social Care Services.

Decided:

- (1) that the governance report for the period 30 April to 15 July 2022 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.

Policy and Resources Executive Sub-CommitteeTuesday 23 August 2022 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Curley, McCabe, McCluskey, McVey, Robertson and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance, Interim Director Environment & Regeneration, Chief Officer Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Ms M Rae (Education, Communities & Organisational Development), Mr C MacDonald and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Democratic Services).

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Curley, McCluskey and McVey attending by video-conference.

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

373 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 373

No apologies or declarations of interest were intimated.

374 National Care Service (Scotland) Bill – Call for Views 374

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval of the draft Inverclyde Council response to the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill.

Decided: that the Council's response to the Call for Views on the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill, as detailed in appendix of the report, be approved.

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 25 AUGUST 2022

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 25 August 2022 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Armstrong (for Nelson) Brooks, Cassidy, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Jackson, McCabe, McCormick, 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, Public Protection Manager, Mr P MacDonald, Mr C MacDonald and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Democratic Services), Mr M Thomson (for Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance), Ms J Horn (Regeneration & Planning), Ms J Wilson (Finance Services) and Service Manager Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety.

This meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors 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.

375 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 375

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

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

Agenda Item 3 (Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2022/25 – Progress) – Councillor Curley.

376 Environment and Regeneration 2021/22 Revenue Out-Turn and 2022/23 Revenue Budget as at 30 June, 2022 376

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance and the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration advising the Committee of the 2021/22 Revenue Budget out-turn and the 2022/23 Revenue Budget projected position at 30 June 2022.

Decided:

(1) that the out-turn for 2021/22 and the current projected overspend for 2022/23 of £283,00 as at 30 June 2022 be noted; and

(2) that it be noted that the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration and Heads of Service will review areas where non-essential spend can be reduced in order to reduce the projected overspend with progress against this and other proposals to bring the budget back on track being reported to the next meeting of the Committee.

377 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2022/25 – Progress 377

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There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration and Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance providing an update on the status of the projects within the 2022/25 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme.

Councillor Curley declared a connection as a Director of Inchgreen Marine Park. 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 he was declaring for transparency.

Decided:

(1) that the current position of the 2022/25 Capital Programme and City Deal and the progress on the specific projects detailed in the report be noted; and

(2) that the agreement of the final account for the Greenock Municipal Buildings District Court Restoration and the allocation of funding from existing model resources (complete on site allocation) to contain the projected over expenditure be noted.

378 UK Government Shared Prosperity Fund: Inverclyde Proposals and Glasgow City Region Investment Plan 378

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration (1) providing an update on Inverclyde Council and Glasgow City Region's progress with the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund; and (2) seeking approval for the project proposals for Inverclyde and for Glasgow City Region to submit the Investment Plan based on these proposals.

During consideration of this item Councillors Crowther and McCabe lost connectivity, at which time the Convenor paused proceedings and called a recess at 3:38pm to allow Members to rejoin the meeting. Councillors Crowther and McCabe subsequently rejoined the meeting and proceedings resumed at 3:46pm.

Decided: that delegated authority be granted to the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration to complete the final preparation of the Investment Plan and submission of the Investment Plan to the UK Government.

379 Port Glasgow Lower Quarter 379

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration providing an update on the Port Glasgow Lower Quarter and seeking agreement on utilising funds for project development in order that a project can be prepared in consideration for external funding bids.

Decided: that the use of up to £30,000 from the existing unallocated budget to develop a Port Glasgow Lower Quarter funding bid for consideration with external funding sources be agreed.

380 Place Based Funding 380

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration outlining proposals for the use of funding allocated by the Scottish Government as part of the Place Based Funding.

The Interim Director Environment & Regeneration advised the Committee of a typographical error in paragraph 5.2 of the report, and accordingly the reference to "£579" should read "£584,000".

Decided:

(1) that it be agreed to use the £584,000 Place Based Funding as follows:

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- (a) Kilmacolm Village Centre Phase 2 St James Footpath improvements £100,000,
- (b) Port Glasgow Town Centre Property Improvement Scheme £85,000,
- (c) Port Glasgow Town Centre Regeneration Forum £40,000,
- (d) Greenock Well Park lighting pilot £88,000,
- (e) Greenock Town Centre Regeneration Forum £40,000,
- (f) Gourock Town Centre pressure washing £35,000,
- (g) Gourock Town Centre signage £40,000,
- (h) Gourock Town Centre Regeneration Forum £40,000,
- (i) Coastal footpath improvements £116,000; and
- (2) that is be delegated to the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration to bring a report to a future meeting of the Committee summarising the various funding schemes available to the Council for the regeneration of town centres.

381 Omicron Business Support Intervention

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There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration outlining proposals for the use of funding allocated to business support following the prevalence of the COVID-19 Omicron Variant.

The Interim Director Environment & Regeneration advised the Committee of a typographical error in paragraph 4.1 of the report, and accordingly the reference to “£579,---” should read “£579,000”.

Decided:

- (1) that the use of the Omicron Business Support earmarked reserve as detailed in paragraph 4.1 of the report be agreed; and
- (2) that it be delegated to the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration to bring a report to a future meeting of the Committee outlining what financial support the Council is making available to local businesses.

382 Food Service Plan

382

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration presenting the Food Service Plan for consideration and approval.

Decided: that the Food Service Plan be approved.

383 Property Assets Management – Public

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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) it be agreed to declare the former Neil Street Children’s Home surplus to requirements; (b) that delegated authority be granted to the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration to place the same on the open market for sale, thereafter to set a closing date when the level of interest justifies it; and (c) it be noted that a further report will be brought before the Committee with a recommendation to accept whichever offer is deemed to provide the greatest economic benefit to the Council; and
- (2) that it be agreed that a decision on the future of the Glenbrae Children’s Centre be delayed to the next meeting of the Committee.

384 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) – Inverclyde Council Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No.2 2022 The Local Authorities’ Traffic Orders

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(Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services advising that in relation to Traffic Regulation Order No.2 2022 that the person who had, as part of the public consultation, objected to the proposed TRO has now withdrawn their objection and that further to the Committee's decision of 16 June 2022 to hold a special meeting of the Committee in order to hear the objection, such special meeting is no longer required.

Decided: that it be noted that the Objector has withdrawn their Objection to TRO No.2 2022 and therefore there shall be no Special Meeting of the Committee to hear the Objection. The proposed TRO has now been approved by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services. Once made, the TRO may not be implemented until the making of the Order has been advertised to allow any persons who so wish a period of six weeks to question the validity of the Order in terms of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended (the Act).

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	6 & 9
Clune Park	8 & 9
West Blackhall Street Regeneration - August 2022 Update	8
Landfill Waste Disposal Contract	6, 8 & 9

385	Property Assets Management – Private	385
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There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Environment & Regeneration making recommendations in respect of a number of property assets.

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

386	Clune Park	386
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There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration providing an update with respect to the Clune Park Estate.

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

387	West Blackhall Street Regeneration - August 2022 Update	387
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There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration

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providing an update on the West Blackhall Street public realm improvement project.

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

388 Landfill Waste Disposal Contract**388**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director, Environment & Regeneration providing an update with regards to the Council's Landfill Waste Disposal contract.

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

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 30 AUGUST 2022

Education and Communities Committee

Tuesday 30 August 2022 at 2.05pm

Present: Councillors Armstrong, Brennan, Clocherty, Daisley, Law, McGuire, McVey, Moran, Quinn, Robertson and Wilson (for Education business only), Mr J Docherty and Rev F Donaldson, Church Representatives and Ms P McEwan, Teacher Representative.

Chair: Councillor Clocherty presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources, Head of Education, Service Manager, Community Learning and Development, Community Safety and Resilience & Sport, Mr I Cameron (for Interim Director, Finance & Corporate Governance), Finance Manager (Education & Communities), Ms A Sinclair (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Interim Head of Property Services, Ms D Sweeney and Ms L Carrick (Legal & Democratic Services), Ms E McLoughlin and Ms Y Gallacher (Education Services) and Mr PJ Coulter (Corporate Communications).

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Brennan, Daisley, McGuire, McVey, Quinn, Robertson and Wilson attending by video-conference and Councillor Moran attending the Communities business at the Municipal Buildings and the Education business by video-conference.

The Committee commenced at 2.05pm as Councillor McVey had experienced connectivity issues.

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

389 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Wilson for Communities business only, and Rev D Burt.

No declarations of interest were intimated, but certain connections were intimated for the purposes of transparency as follows:

Agenda Item 2 (Communities Revenue Budget Report – Final Outturn 2021/22 and 2022/23 Projected Outturn at 30 June 2022) – Councillors Clocherty and Quinn

Agenda Item 3 (Communities Capital Programme Progress and Asset Related Items) – Councillors Clocherty, Law and Quinn

Agenda Item 4 (Communities Update Report) – Councillors Clocherty and Quinn

Agenda Item 6 (Statement on Exercise of Functions for the Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021) - Councillors Clocherty and Quinn

390 Communities Revenue Budget Report – Final Outturn 2021/22 and 2022/23 Projected Outturn at 30 June 2022

390

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance

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and the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising Committee of the 2021/22 Communities Revenue Budget final outturn and the 2022/23 Revenue Budget position at 30 June 2022.

Councillors Clocherty and Quinn declared connections in this item as members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure. Both Councillors also formed the view that the nature of their connections and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the meeting or their participation in the decision making process and were declaring for transparency.

Decided:

(1) that the final outturn for the 2021/22 Communities Revenue Budget and the current projected overspend for 2022/23 of £83,000 as at 30 June 2022 be noted; and

(2) that it be noted that the Corporate Director Education, Communities and Organisational Development and Heads of Service will review areas where non-essential spend can be reduced in order to reduce the projected overspend, with progress against this and other proposals to bring the budget back on track being reported to the next meeting of the Committee if required.

391 Communities Capital Programme Progress and Asset Related Items

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

Councillors Clocherty and Quinn declared connections in this item as members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure and Councillor Law declared a connection as a family member is involved with Caddlehill Gardens. They also formed the view that the nature of their connections and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the meeting or their participation in the decision making process and were declaring for transparency.

Decided:

(1) that the current position of the 2022/25 Capital Programme be noted;

(2) that the work of the Asset Transfer Working Group on the following projects be noted; (a) Caddlehill Community Green Space, and (b) Drumshantie Road Scout Hall; and

(3) that the progress on the following projects be noted (a) Lady Alice Bowling Club, (b) Indoor Sports Facility for Tennis, (c) Leisure Pitches Asset Management Plan/Lifecycle Fund, (d) Waterfront Leisure Centre Training Pool Moveable Floor, (e) Community Hub King George VI, (f) Craighend Resource Centre, (g) Inverclyde Shed Meet, Make + Share, and (h) Parklea Branching Out.

392 Communities Update Report

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

Councillors Clocherty and Quinn declared connections in this item as members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure. Both Councillors also formed the view that the nature of their connections and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the meeting or their participation in the decision making process and were declaring for transparency.

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Decided:

- (1) that the updates on the following be noted (a) Cultural Services Annual Report, (b) Culture Collective, (c) Inverclyde Pipes and Drums, (d) Outstanding Remit – Grass Playing Pitches, (e) Free Swimming for Under 16s - budget pressure, and (f) projected deficit due to utility costs – Inverclyde Leisure;
- (2) that it be agreed that a report will be brought to the next meeting of the Committee on under 16s swimming;
- (3) that it be remitted to the Policy and Resources Committee to consider funding the net increase in Inverclyde Leisure utility costs in 2022/23 totalling £278,000; and
- (4) that it be remitted to officers to provide information on ‘warm spaces’, the cost of living implications and the use of Inverclyde Leisure facilities by the community in a future report.

393 Public Space, Activity & Women’s Safety Survey Action Plan**393**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) providing an update on the Public Space, Activity & Women’s Safety Survey, and (2) seeking approval for the resulting action plan appended to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the updated headline results of the public survey be noted; and
- (2) that the Public Space, Activity & Women’s Safety Survey action plan be approved.

394 Statement on Exercise of Functions for the Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021**394**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking the agreement of the Committee for the appended Inverclyde Council Statement of Intent setting out how the Council will meet the requirements of the Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021.

Councillors Clocherty and Quinn declared connections in this item as members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure. Both Councillors also formed the view that the nature of their connections and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the meeting or their participation in the decision making process and were declaring for transparency.

Decided:

- (1) that the Inverclyde Council Statement of Intent be approved; and
- (2) that it be noted that the Statement of Intent will be submitted to the Scottish Government and published on the Council’s website.

The Communities business concluded at 2.55pm. The Committee commenced consideration of the Education items of business at 4pm with Councillor Moran, Mr Docherty, Rev Donaldson and Ms McEwan joining the meeting by video conference.

Prior to commencement of the Education business the Convenor welcomed Ms McEwan to the meeting as the re-appointed Education Representative.

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395 Election of Teacher Representative to the Education Part of the Education & Communities Committee 395

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising the Committee of the results of nominations for a Teacher Representative to the Education & Communities Committee.

Decided: that the appointment of Paula McEwan as Teacher Representative on the Education part of the Committee be noted.

396 Education Revenue Budget Report – Final Outturn 2021/22 and 2022/23 Projected Outturn at 30 June 2022 396

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance and the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising Committee of the 2021/22 Education Revenue Budget final outturn and the 2022/23 Revenue Budget position at 30 June 2022.

Decided:

(1) that the final outturn for the 2021/22 Education Revenue Budget and the current projected overspend for 2022/23 of £126,000 as at 30 June 2022 be noted; and

(2) that it be noted that the Corporate Director Education, Communities and Organisational Development and Heads of Service will review areas where non-essential spend can be reduced in order to reduce the projected overspend with progress against this and other proposals to bring the budget back on track being reported to the next meeting of the Committee if required.

397 Education Capital Programme 2022/25 - Progress 397

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

Decided:

(1) that the current position of the 2022/25 Capital Programme be noted; and

(2) that the progress on the following projects be noted (a) Gourock Primary School extension, (b) general lifecycle works, and (c) 1140 Hours Expansion – various establishments minor works.

398 Education Update 398

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on national and local projects and initiatives linked to education.

Prior to discussion of this item the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development provided the Committee with a verbal update on the impact of proposed Trade Union strike action on Inverclyde Council education establishments including the use of Emergency Powers to pay a daily amount of £3 to pupils entitled to free school meals. The Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development then answered a number of questions from Members.

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Decided:

(1) that the verbal update on impact of the proposed Trade Union strike action be noted; and

(2) that the updates on the following be noted (a) placing requests for August 2022, (b) Gaelic secondary education, (c) report from the Education and Young People Committee on the Scottish Attainment Challenge, (d) Covid-19 Education Recovery Group, (e) Education and Qualifications reform, (f) Learning for Sustainability, (g) Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Strategy, and (h) Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2022.

399 Pre-Consultation Process – Future Model for Blairmore Nursery 399

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking agreement for the pre-consultation process regarding the operating model of Blairmore Nursery School.

Decided:

(1) that the commencement of a pre-consultation process about the future operating model of Blairmore Nursery School be approved; and

(2) that it be noted that a further report will be brought to the January 2023 Education and Communities Committee detailing the next steps.

400 Inverclyde Education Services: Parental Engagement Strategy 2022-2025 400

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval for the reviewed Parental Engagement Strategy 2022-25, as appended to the report, to be used across all areas of Education.

Decided: that the reviewed Parental Engagement Strategy 2022-25 be approved.

PLANNING BOARD – 7 SEPTEMBER 2022

Planning Board

Wednesday 7 September 2022 at 3pm

Present: Provost McKenzie, Councillors, Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Daisley, Jackson, Law, McCabe, McGuire and McVey.

Chair: Councillor McVey presided for agenda item 1 and Councillor Curley for agenda item 2(a).

In attendance: Interim Director Environment & Regeneration, Mr G Leitch and Ms E Provan (Roads and Transportation), Mr J Kerr (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Mr C MacDonald and Ms L Carrick (Legal & Democratic Services) and Service Manager, Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety.

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

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

401 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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No apologies for absence were intimated.

Councillor Curley intimated a connection in Agenda Item 2(a) (Proposed new build 4 storey flatted development including associated roads, drainage and landscaping at land at Bay Street, Port Glasgow (21/0056/IC)).

Councillor McVey declared an interest in Agenda Item 2(a) (Proposed new build 4 storey flatted development including associated roads, drainage and landscaping at land at Bay Street, Port Glasgow (21/0056/IC)).

402 PLANNING APPLICATION

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**(a) Proposed new build 4 storey flatted development including associated roads, drainage and landscaping:
Land at Bay Street, Port Glasgow (21/0056/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director Environment & Regeneration on an application for planning permission by Advance Construction (Scotland) Limited and Merchant Homes Limited for a proposed new build 4 storey flatted development including associated roads, drainage and landscaping at land at Bay Street, Port Glasgow (21/0056/IC).

Councillor Curley declared a connection as a Director on the Board of River Clyde Homes. 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 he was declaring for transparency.

Councillor McVey declared an interest in this matter by virtue of a business relationship with a Director of one of the applicant companies and left the meeting. Councillor Curley assumed the Chair.

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

LOCAL REVIEW BODY – 7 SEPTEMBER 2022

Local Review Body**Wednesday 7 September 2022 at 4pm**

Present: Councillors Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, McCabe, McGuire and McVey.

Chair: Councillor McVey presided.

In attendance: Ms M Pickett (Planning Adviser), Mr J Kerr (Legal Adviser), Mr C MacDonald and Ms L Carrick (Legal & Democratic Services) and Service Manager, Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety.

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

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

403 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 403

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

404 PLANNING APPLICATION FOR REVIEW 404

**(a) Proposed plot for new detached dwellinghouse (in principle):
Woodlands, West Glen Road, Kilmacolm (21/0210/IC)**

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review for a proposed plot for a new detached dwellinghouse (in principle) at Woodlands, West Glen Road, Kilmacolm (21/0210/IC) to enable the Local Review Body to consider the matter afresh. Ms Pickett acted as Planning Adviser relative to this case.

Decided:

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

(2) that the application for review be dismissed and that planning permission be refused (upholding the Appointed Officer's determination) for the following reason:

1. The proposal cannot be supported against Policy 34 of the adopted Inverclyde Local Development Plan and Policy 35 of the proposed Inverclyde Local Development Plan as: the removal of the trees to accommodate the development will erode the integrity of the Tree Preservation Order; the removal of the trees will have an adverse visual impact on the setting of this part of Kilmacolm and on this approach into the settlement; the condition of the trees, except tree tag 309, is such that their removal for arboricultural reasons has not been justified.