

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 (a) 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; and (b) it be agreed that the definition of the Port Glasgow Lower Quarter include the quadrant of land between Huntly Terrace and the Church, limited by Huntly Place.

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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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

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

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

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