

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 4 MAY 2023

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 4 May 2023 at 2pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

In attendance:

Stuart Jamieson	Director Environment & Regeneration
Gail MacFarlane	Shared Head of Roads & Environmental Services
Eddie Montgomery	Interim Head of Property Services
Martin McNab	Public Protection Manager
Matt Thomson	Finance Manager (Environment & Technical)
Julie Ann Wilson	Principle Accountant
Gerard Smith	Technical Accountant
Peter MacDonald	Solicitor (for Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services)
Colin MacDonald	Senior Committee Officer
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer
Allan McDonald	ICT and Customer Services Manager
George Barbour	Service Manager, Communication, Tourism and Health & Safety

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

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

261 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 261

No apologies for absence were intimated.

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

Agenda Item 6 (Proposed 20mph Speed Limits Around Schools) – Councillor Brooks.

Agenda Item 8 (Contract Awards 1 October 2022 – 31 March 2023) – Councillors Cassidy and Robertson.

Agenda Item 13 (Property Asset Management – Private) – Councillors Clocherty and Jackson.

262 2022/23 Environment & Regeneration Revenue Budget as at 28 February 2023 262

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Director Environment & Regeneration advising the Committee of the 2022/23 Revenue Budget projected position at 28 February 2023.

Decided: that it be noted that the Revenue Budget is currently projected to underspend in 2022/23 by £197,000 based on figures as at 28 February 2023.

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| 263 | <p>Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2023/26 - Progress</p> <p>There was submitted a report by the Director Environment & Regeneration and the Chief Financial Officer providing an update on the status of the projects within the 2023/26 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the current position and progress on the specific projects of the 2023/26 Capital Programme and City deal, as detailed in the report and appendices, be noted; and</p> <p>(2) that the allocation of £57,000 of funding from the Property Assets Covid Pressures Allowance to the Crosshill Children’s Home completion works project, as detailed in paragraph 3.40 of the report, be noted.</p> | 263 |
| 264 | <p>Environment and Regeneration Committee Delivery and Improvement Plan 2023/26</p> <p>There was submitted a report by the Director Environment & Regeneration presenting the Environment & Regeneration Committee Delivery and Improvement Plan 2023/26 to the Committee for approval.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the Environment & Regeneration Committee Delivery and Improvement Plan 2023/26, as detailed in appendix 1 of the report, be approved;</p> <p>(2) that it be noted that progress reports on the delivery of the Plan and its key performance indicators will be brought to this Committee, as detailed in paragraph 3.4 of the report; and</p> <p>(3) that it be noted that as this is the first iteration of the Committee Plan, it may be subject to further refinement going forward.</p> | 264 |
| 265 | <p>Fore Street Car Parking Charges Petition</p> <p>There was submitted a report by the Director Environment & Regeneration requesting consideration of a petition on car parking charges at the Fore Street Car Park, Port Glasgow, fulfilling a remit from the Petitions Committee of 10 November 2022.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the contents of the report in relation to the petition be noted;</p> <p>(2) that it be agreed that the current parking tariff remains in place at the Fore Street Car Park, Port Glasgow;</p> <p>(3) that it be noted that there is a process in place which allows the NHS to formally request that Inverclyde Council regulates their car park via a Traffic Regulation Order and offer to agree associated costs; and</p> <p>(4) that it be noted that each of the three doctors’ surgeries will be entitled to apply as businesses for permits under the proposed Business Parking Permit scheme should that scheme be implemented.</p> | 265 |
| 266 | <p>Proposed 20mph Speed Limits Around Schools</p> <p>There was submitted a report by the Shared Head of Roads & Environmental Services presenting recommendations in relation to the implementation of 20mph speed limits around schools.</p> <p>The Director Environment & Regeneration advised the Committee that the green circles that appear in the appendix, on the map titled ‘St Michael’s & Newark Primary School, Port Glasgow, Proposed 20mph Speed Limit’, are the result of a drafting error and should be disregarded.</p> <p>Councillor Brooks declared a connection as the owner of a property on a street</p> | 266 |

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mentioned in the report subject to the proposed 20mph speed limit. 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 (a) the proposed extents of the Speed Limit Orders be agreed, and (b) it be remitted to the Shared Head of Roads & Environmental Services and the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services to arrange for the promotion and implementation of the Speed Limit Order in accordance with the new Speed Limit Order procedure; and

(2) that it be agreed that officers of Roads and Environmental Services and Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services phase the Speed Limit Orders, prioritising areas with highest volumes and speeds using identified roads around schools and on available funds.

267 Pedestrian Crossing, Lochwinnoch Road, Kilmacolm Petition 267

There was submitted a report by the Shared Head of Roads & Environmental Services requesting consideration of a petition on a pedestrian crossing at Lochwinnoch Road, Kilmacolm, fulfilling a remit from the Petitions Committee of 16 March 2023.

Decided: that it be remitted to the Shared Head of Roads & Environmental Services to submit a further report on options for pedestrian safety enhancements at Lochwinnoch Road, Kilmacolm.

268 Contract Awards – 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023 268

There was submitted a report by the 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 2022 to 31 March 2023.

Councillor Cassidy declared a connection as a relative sits on the board of an organisation mentioned in the report, and Councillor Robertson declared a connection as a member of the board of an organisation mentioned in the report. 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: that the contracts awarded by the Council during the period 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023 be noted.

269 Greater Glasgow & Clyde Joint Health Protection Plan 269

There was submitted a report by the Director Environment & Regeneration seeking approval for the 2023-25 Joint Health Protection Plan agreed jointly with Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health Board.

Decided: that the Joint Health Protection Plan be approved, subject to the approval of NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde.

270 Food Service Plan and Food Standards Scotland Audit 270

There was submitted a report by the Director Environment & Regeneration (1) providing an update on the final audit report from Food Standards Scotland and (2) seeking approval for the Food Service Plan.

Decided:

(1) that the Food Service Plan be agreed; and

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(2) that the final audit report from Food Standards Scotland be noted.

271 Housing Update

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There was submitted a report by the Director Environment & Regeneration providing an update on (1) progress on the Local Housing Strategy, (2) progress to date in Inverclyde on the Energy Efficient Scotland Area Based Scheme (formally known as HEEPS), and (3) the high-level findings of the private sector Local House Condition Survey.

Decided:

(1) that (a) the update on the Local Housing Strategy be noted, and (b) it be noted that the Committee will receive a final draft of the Local Housing Strategy for approval upon completion of the Peer Review process.

(2) that the progress on energy efficiency measures provided through the Area Based Schemes in Inverclyde be noted; and

(3) that the high-level findings of the Local House Condition Survey be noted.

272 The Stopping Up of Road and Footpath, Inverclyde (Arthur Street, Greenock) Order 2022

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There was submitted a report by the Director Environment & Regeneration (1) requesting consideration of the order 'The Stopping Up of Road and Footpath, Inverclyde (Arthur Street, Greenock) Order 2022', which was made on 25 October 2022 in terms of Sections 207 and 208 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, and (2) remitting the Order to the Inverclyde Council for approval and confirmation.

Decided: that (a) the 'The Stopping Up of Road and Footpath, Inverclyde (Arthur Street, Greenock) Order 2022' be approved, and (b) the Order be remitted to the Inverclyde Council for confirmation and thereafter delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital and Customer Services to take all necessary action in connection with the confirmation of the Order.

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 Asset Management – Private	6 & 9
Commercial and Industrial Portfolio Management Report	6 & 9

273 Property Asset Management – Private

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There was submitted a report by the Director Environment & Regeneration making recommendations in respect of a number of property assets.

Councillors Clocherty and Jackson declared connections as members of the board of an organisation mentioned in the report. 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: following consideration, the Committee agreed to the actions recommended, all as detailed in the private appendix.

274 Commercial and Industrial Portfolio Management Report**274**

There was submitted a report by the Director Environment & Regeneration making recommendations in respect of the management of Inverclyde Council's commercial and industrial portfolio.

Decided: following consideration, the Committee agreed to the actions recommended, all as detailed in the private appendix.