

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 4 MAY 2023

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 4 May 2023 at 4pm

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

Chair: Provost McKenzie presided.

In attendance:

Louise Long	Chief Executive
Stuart Jamieson	Director Environment & Regeneration
Ruth Binks	Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development
Alan Puckrin	Chief Financial Officer
Iain Strachan	Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services
Gail MacFarlane	Shared Head of Roads & Environmental Services
Steven McNab	Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications
Allan McDonald	ICT & Customer Services Manager
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer
Colin MacDonald	Senior Committee Officer
Peter MacDonald	Solicitor, Legal Services
George Barbour	Service Manager Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety

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

275 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

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An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor McGuire.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

276 Shared Services

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There was submitted a report by the Director Environment & Regeneration seeking approval to dissolve Roads, Grounds, Waste and Fleet Shared Services following (1) a decision of the Shared Services Joint Committee on 18 April 2023 to dissolve the current Shared Service arrangement for Roads, Grounds, Waste and Fleet subject to the approval of both West Dunbartonshire Council and Inverclyde Council, and (2) a decision of West Dunbartonshire Council on 26 April 2023 to (a) dissolve the current Shared Service arrangement for Roads, Grounds, Waste and Fleet with effect from 1 June 2023, and (b) continue the arrangement for Internal Audit services pending a further report.

Decided:

- (1) that the jointly commissioned independent evaluation of Shared Services by MKA Economics, as detailed at appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the decision of the Shared Services Joint Committee on 18 April 2023 be noted;

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(3) that Inverclyde Council agree to (a) dissolve the Shared Service arrangement for Roads, Grounds, Waste and Fleet services between West Dunbartonshire Council and Inverclyde Council with a planned implementation date of 1 June 2023, and (b) continue the Shared Service arrangement for Internal Audit services between West Dunbartonshire Council and Inverclyde Council pending a further report which will in the first instance be considered at a future meeting of the Shared Services Joint Committee on a future model;

(4) that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive to take all actions necessary to implement the dissolution of the Shared Service arrangement for Roads, Grounds, Waste and Fleet services between West Dunbartonshire Council and Inverclyde Council;

(5) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services to make any adjustments to the Council's governance documents to reflect the decisions taken, including the Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration and the Scheme of Delegation (Officers); and

(6) that it be noted that a special meeting of the Council would be arranged for 4pm on Thursday 18 May 2023 to consider the second phase of the senior management restructure for Inverclyde Council.

277 Ms Gail MacFarlane and Mr Kenny Lang

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At the conclusion of business the Provost thanked Ms MacFarlane and Mr Lang for their work within the Shared Service arrangement, and wished them well in their future posts.