

GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE – 11 SEPTEMBER 2023

Grants Sub-Committee

Monday 11 September 2023 at 2pm

Present: Provost McKenzie, Councillors Brennan, Brooks, Crowther, McGuire and Reynolds.

Chair: Councillor Brooks presided

In attendance:

Tony McEwan	Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources
Hugh Scott	Service Manager, Community Learning Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport
Peter MacDonald	Principal Solicitor, Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services
Jackie Fallon	Community Learning & Development
Mary McCabe	Finance Manager
Lindsay Carrick	Senior Committee Officer
Colin MacDonald	Senior Committee Officer

This meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock.

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

445 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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No apologies for absence were intimated.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 2 – application number 3 (George Wyllie Foundation (The Wyllieum))

Councillor McGuire declared a non-financial interest in this application as a Member of the Board and left the meeting for the consideration of this application.

Agenda Item 2 - application number 6 (Inverclyde Music Festival)

Provost McKenzie declared a connection in that he is the Honorary President of Inverclyde Music Festival. 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.

Agenda Item 2 – application number 9 (Riverside Youth Band)

Councillor Brennan declared a non-financial interest in this application in that a family member is a member of Riverside Youth Band and left the meeting for the consideration of this application.

Agenda Item 2 – application number 26 (Inverclyde Voluntary Council of Social Service (IVCSS))

Councillor Crowther declared a connection in that he previously held the role of a Member of the Executive Committee of the organisation. He also formed the view that the nature of his connection and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in

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the meeting or his participation in the decision making process and he was declaring for transparency.

Agenda Item 2 – application number 34 (Campaign to Save Inchgreen Dry Dock)

Councillor Crowther declared a connection in that he is known to the organiser of the Campaign to Save Inchgreen Dry Dock. 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.

Agenda Item 2 – application number 38 (Greenock Southwest Community Council)

Councillor Crowther and Councillor McGuire both declared a connection in that they attend meetings of the Greenock Southwest Community Council. Both Members formed the view that the nature of their connection and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the meeting or their participation in the decision making process and they were declaring for transparency.

Agenda Item 2 – application number 39 (Greenock Torpedo Factory Club)

Councillor Crowther declared a non-financial interest in this application as a Member of the Greenock Torpedo Factory Club and left the meeting for the consideration of this application.

Agenda Item 2 – application number 40 (Grieve Road Community Centre)

Councillor Crowther and Councillor McGuire declared a connection in that they attend meetings of the Grieve Road Community Centre. Both Members formed the view that the nature of their connection and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the meeting or their participation in the decision making process and they were declaring for transparency.

Agenda Item 2 – application number 45 (Inverclyde Vineyard Church)

Councillor McGuire declared a non-financial interest in this application as a Member of Inverclyde Vineyard Church and left the meeting for the consideration of this application.

Agenda item 2 – application number 48 (Lyle Gateway)

Councillor Crowther declared a connection in that a close family member was a member of the Lyle Kirk Church. 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.

Agenda Item 2 – application number 55 (Trade Rights International CIC)

Councillor McGuire declared a non-financial interest in this application as a former employee of the organisation and left the meeting for the consideration of this application.

Agenda Item 2 – application number 74 (Greenock Cricket Club)

Councillor Brennan declared a non-financial interest in this application in that a family member is a member of Greenock Cricket Club and left the meeting for the consideration of this application.

Agenda Item 2 – application number 80 (Inverclyde Amateur Swimming Club)

Councillor Brennan declared a non-financial interest in that a family member is a member of Inverclyde Amateur Swimming Club and left the meeting for the consideration of this application.

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Agenda Item 2 – application number 84 (Inverclyde Sport Council)

Councillor Reynolds declared a connection in that she attends meetings of the Inverclyde Sport Council. She also formed the view that the nature of her connection and of the item of business did not preclude her continued presence in the meeting or her participation in the decision making process and she was declaring for transparency.

Agenda Item 2 – application number 108 (Inverclyde Youth for Christ

Councillor McGuire declared a non-financial interest in this application as the Chairperson of the organisation and left the meeting for the consideration of this application.

446 Community Grants Fund 2023/24 – Round 1

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing details of the applications received for consideration for funding from the Community Grants Fund Budget in 2023/24.

Councillor Reynolds moved in relation to application number 2 for Crow Cottage Arts that £6,0000 be awarded. As an amendment Councillor McGuire moved that £2,250 be awarded as per the recommendation.

On a vote two Members, Councillors Brennan and McGuire voted for the amendment and four Members, Provost McKenzie and Councillors Brooks, Crowther and Reynolds voted for the motion which was declared carried.

Provost McKenzie moved in relation to application number 3 for the George Wyllie Foundation (The Wyllieum) that the application be rejected. As an amendment Councillor Brennan moved that £1,500 be awarded as per the recommendation.

On a vote two Members, Councillors Brennan and Crowther voted for the amendment and three Members, Provost McKenzie and Councillors Brooks and Reynolds voted for the motion which was declared carried.

Councillor McGuire left the meeting during consideration of this item prior to the commencement of the voting process.

Councillor Brennan moved in relation to application number 8 RIG Arts that £6,735 be awarded. As an amendment Councillor Reynolds moved that £3,000 be awarded. On a vote one Member, Councillor Brennan voted for the motion and five Members, Provost McKenzie and Councillors Brooks, Crowther, McGuire and Reynolds voted for the amendment which was declared carried.

Provost McKenzie moved in relation to application number 10 Ardgowan Club Bowling Section that the application be rejected. As an amendment, Councillor Brooks moved that £2,500 be awarded as per the recommendation. As a further amendment, Councillor McGuire moved that £1,000 be awarded. On a vote between the two amendments two Members, Councillors Brennan and Brooks voted for Councillor Brooks' amendment and four Members, Provost McKenzie and Councillors Crowther, McGuire and Reynolds voted for Councillor McGuire's amendment. Councillor Brooks' amendment, having received fewer votes then fell. On a vote between the motion and Councillor McGuire's amendment, one Member, Provost McKenzie voted for the motion and five Members, Councillors Brennan, Brooks, Crowther, McGuire and Reynolds voted for the amendment which was declared carried.

Councillor McGuire moved in relation to application number 11 Fort Matilda Bowling Club that the application be rejected. As an amendment Councillor Brooks moved that £2,250 be award as per the recommendation. On a vote one Member, Councillor McGuire voted for the motion and five Members, Provost McKenzie and Councillors, Brennan, Brooks, Crowther and Reynolds voted for the amendment which was declared carried.

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Provost McKenzie moved in relation to application number 12 Gourock Bowling Club that the application be rejected. As an amendment Councillor McGuire moved that £1,000 be awarded. On a vote, one Member, Provost McKenzie voted for the motion and five Members, Councillors Brennan, Brooks, Crowther, McGuire and Reynolds voted for the amendment which was declared carried.

Councillor McGuire moved in relation to application number 13 Gourock Park Bowling Club that £1,000 be awarded. As an amendment Provost McKenzie moved that the £2,250 be awarded as per recommendation. On a vote one Member, Councillor McGuire voted for the motion and five Members, Provost McKenzie and Councillors Brennan, Brooks, Crowther and Reynolds voted for the amendment which was declared carried.

Provost McKenzie moved in relation to application number 14 Grosvenor Bowling Club that the application be rejected. As an amendment Councillor Brooks moved that £2,250 be awarded as per the recommendation. On a vote, three Members, Provost McKenzie and Councillors McGuire and Reynolds voted for the motion and three Members, Councillors Brennan, Brooks and Crowther voted for the amendment. There being equality in voting, the Chair exercised his casting vote in favour of the amendment which was declared carried.

Provost McKenzie moved in relation to application number 15 Hillend Bowling Club that £2,250 be awarded as per the recommendation. As an amendment Councillor McGuire moved that £1,000 be awarded. On a vote one Member, Councillor McGuire voted for the amendment and five Members, Provost McKenzie and Councillors Brennan, Brooks, Crowther and Reynolds for the motion which was declared carried.

Councillor McGuire moved in relation to application number 16 Inverkip Bowling Club that £1,000 be awarded. As an amendment Councillor Brooks moved that £2,250 be awarded as per the recommendation. On a vote, two Members, Provost McKenzie and Councillor McGuire voted for the motion and four Members, Councillors Brennan, Brooks, Crowther and Reynolds voted for the amendment which was declared carried.

Councillor McGuire moved in relation to application number 18 Port Glasgow Bowling Club that £1,000 be awarded. As an amendment Councillor Brooks moved that £2,250 be awarded as per the recommendation. On a vote, one Member, Councillor McGuire voted for the motion and five Members, Provost McKenzie and Councillors Brennan, Brooks, Crowther and Reynolds for the amendment which was declared carried.

Councillor McGuire moved in relation to application number 19 Rankin Park Bowling Club that £1,000 be awarded. As an amendment Councillor Brooks moved that £2,250 be awarded as per the recommendation. On a vote, two Members, Councillors McGuire and Reynolds voted for the motion and four Members, Provost McKenzie and Councillors Brennan, Brooks and Crowther for the amendment which was declared carried.

Councillor McGuire moved in relation to application number 20 Victoria Bowling Club that £1,000 be awarded. As an amendment Councillor Brooks moved that £2,250 be awarded as per the recommendation. On a vote, two Members, Councillors Brennan and Brooks voted for the amendment and four Members, Provost McKenzie and Councillors Crowther, McGuire and Reynolds voted for the motion which was declared carried.

Councillor Crowther moved in relation to application number 26 Inverclyde Voluntary Council of Social Service (IVCSS) that £10,000 be awarded. As an amendment Councillor Brennan moved that £7,500 be awarded as per the recommendation. On a vote, two Members, Councillors Crowther and Reynolds voted for the motion and four Members, Provost McKenzie and Councillors Brennan, Brooks and McGuire voted for the amendment which was declared carried.

Councillor Crowther moved in relation to application number 29 Port Glasgow Voluntary Transport that £10,000 be awarded. As an amendment Councillor Brennan moved that £7,500 be awarded as per the recommendation. On a vote, two Members, Councillors Crowther and Reynolds voted for the motion and four Members, Provost McKenzie and

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Councillors Brennan, Brooks and McGuire voted for the amendment which was declared carried.

Councillor McKenzie moved in relation to application number 34 Campaign to Save Inchgreen Dry Dock that the application be rejected. As an amendment Councillor Crowther moved that £1,125.00 be awarded as per recommendation. On a vote one Member, Councillor Crowther voted for the amendment and five Members, Provost McKenzie and Councillors Brennan, Brooks, McGuire and Reynolds voted for the motion which was declared carried.

Councillor McGuire moved in relation to application number 40 Grieve Road Community Centre that £4,250 be awarded. As an amendment Councillor Reynolds moved that £3,000 be awarded. On a vote, three Members, Councillors Brennan, Crowther and McGuire voted for the motion and three Members, Provost McKenzie and Councillors Brooks and Reynolds voted for the amendment. There being equality in voting, the Chair exercised his casting vote in favour of the amendment which was declared carried.

Provost McKenzie moved in relation to application number 53 The Celtic FC Supporters Club that the application be rejected. As an amendment Councillor Brennan moved that £2,250 be awarded as per the recommendation. On a vote, two Members, Provost McKenzie and Councillor Reynolds voted for the motion and four Members, Councillors Brennan, Brooks, Crowther and McGuire voted for the amendment which was declared carried.

Councillor Brennan moved in relation to application number 71 Greenock & District Rifle Club that the application be rejected. As an amendment Councillor Crowther moved that £1,500 be awarded as per the recommendation. On a vote, three Members, Councillors Brennan, McGuire and Reynolds voted for the motion and three Members, Provost McKenzie and Councillors Brooks and Crowther voted for the amendment. There being equality in voting, the Chair exercised his casting vote in favour of the amendment which was declared carried.

Provost McKenzie moved in relation to application number 85 Morton in the Community that £7,483.44 be awarded as per the recommendation. As an amendment Councillor McGuire moved that the application be rejected. On a vote, one Member, Councillor McGuire voted for the amendment and five Members, Provost McKenzie and Councillors Brennan, Brooks, Crowther and Reynolds voted for the motion which was declared carried.

Provost McKenzie moved in relation to application number 89 Port Glasgow Boat Club that £2,000 be awarded with a condition that this amount be match funded. As an amendment Councillor Crowther moved that the application be awarded £3,750 as per recommendation. As a further amendment Councillor McGuire moved that the application be awarded £1,500. On a vote between the two amendments two Members, Councillors Brooks and Crowther voted for Councillor Crowther's amendment and four Members, Provost McKenzie and Councillors Brennan, McGuire and Reynolds voted for Councillor McGuire's amendment. Councillor Crowther's amendment, having received fewer votes then fell. On a vote between the motion and Councillor McGuire's amendment, two Members, Councillors Crowther and McGuire voted for the amendment and four Members, Provost McKenzie, and Councillors Brennan, Brooks and Reynolds voted for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided:

(1) that Grants to Community Organisations 2023/24 be made as follows:

All the awards are subject to the standard conditions of the Community Grants Fund Scheme.

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No	Group	Award (see end note re headings A, B and C)
1	Brass Sounds Inverclyde	A:0 B: £1,125.00 C: 0 Total: £1,125.00
2	Crow Cottage Arts	A: £6,000 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £6,000.00 subject to the additional condition detailed in the appendix to the report.
3	George Wyllie Foundation (The Wyllieum)	Reject Councillor McGuire left during consideration of this item.
4	Greenock Light Opera Club	A: 0 B: £750.00 C: 0 Total: £750.00
5	Greenock Players	A: 0 B: £1,500.00 C: Total: £1,500.00
6	Inverclyde Music Festival	A: £3,562.50 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £3,562.50
7	Inverclyde Youth Theatre (Kayos)	A: 0 B: £1,500.00 C: 0 Total: £1,500 subject to the additional condition detailed in the appendix to the report.
8	RIG Arts	A: £3,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £3,000.00
9	Riverside Youth Band	A: £1,870.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £1,870.00 subject to the additional condition detailed in the appendix to the report. Councillor Brennan left during consideration of this item.

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10	Ardgowan Club Bowling Section	A: £1,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £1,000.00 subject to the additional condition detailed in the appendix to the report.
11	Fort Matilda Bowling Club	A: 0 B: £2,250.00 C: 0 Total: £2,250 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
12	Gourock Bowling Club	A: £1,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £1,000.00
13	Gourock Park Bowling Club	A: £1,715.00 B: £535.00 C: 0 Total: £2,250.00
14	Grosvenor Bowling Club	A: £2,250.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £2,250.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
15	Hillend Bowling Club	A: £2,250.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £2,250.00
16	Inverkip Bowling Club	A: 0 B: £2,250.00 C: 0 Total: £2,250.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
17	Lady Alice Bowling Club	A: £2,250.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £2,250.00
18	Port Glasgow Bowling Club	A: £2,000.00 B: £250.00 C: 0 Total: £2,250.00
19	Rankin Park Bowling Club	A: £2,250.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £2,250.00

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		subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
20	Victoria Bowling Club	A: £1,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £1,000.00
21	Wellington Park Bowling Club	A: £2,750.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £2,750.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
22	Ardgowan Hospice	A: £600.00 B: £900.00 C: Total: £1,500.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
23	Inverclyde Enable	A: £2,250.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £2,250.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
24	Inverclyde Faith in Throughcare	A: £3,750.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £3,750.00
25	Inverclyde Family Contact Centre	A: £2,000.00 B: £1,750.00 C: 0 Total: £3,750.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
26	Inverclyde Voluntary Council of Social Service (IVCSS)	A: £7,500.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: 7,500.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
27	Man On! Inverclyde	A: £3,750.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £3,750.00

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		subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
28	Moving On Inverclyde	A: 0 B: £2,250.00 C: 0 Total: £2,250.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
29	Port Glasgow Voluntary Transport	A: £7,500.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £7,500.00
30	Access Technology Scotland CIC	A: B: £1,500.00 C: Total: £1,500.00 subject to the additional condition that there will require to be exhibited to the Head of Culture, Communities and Educational Resources evidence to his reasonable satisfaction that the grant awarded will not be used for core salary costs.
31	Auchmountain Glen Project	A: 0 B: 0 C: £1,500.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
32	Belville Community Gardens Trust	A: £3,750.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total £3,750.00
33	Caddlehill Allotment	A: £1,500.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £1,500.00
34	Campaign to Save Inchgreen Dry Dock	A: 0 B: 0 C: 0 Total: 0
35	Financial fitness	A: £1,500.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £1,500.00 appendix to the report.

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		subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report and the further condition that that there will require to be exhibited to the Head of Culture, Communities and Educational Resources evidence to his reasonable satisfaction that the grant awarded will not be used for core salary costs.
36	Gibshill Community Centre	A: 0 B: £2,250.00 C: 0 Total: £2,250.00
37	Gourock Garden Party (Gourock Community Council)	A: £2,250.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £2,250.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
38	Greenock Southwest Community Council	A: 0 B: £2,250.00 C: 0 Total: £2,250.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
The Committee adjourned at 3.55pm and reconvened at 4pm.		
39	Greenock Torpedo Factory Club	A: 0 B: £1,700.00 C: 0 Total: £1,700.00 Councillor Crowther left during consideration of this item.
40	Grieve Road Community Centre	A: 0 B: £750.00 C: £2,250.00 Total: £3,000.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
41	Inverclyde Across to Lourdes	A: £450.00 B: 0

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		C: 0 Total: £450.00
42	Inverclyde Association for Mental Health	A: 0 B: £1,875.00 C: 0 Total: £1,875.00
43	Inverclyde Christian Initiative	A: 0 B: 0 C: 0 Total: 0
44	Inverclyde Muslim Centre	A: 0 B: £1,875.00 C: 0 Total: £1,875.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
45	Inverclyde Vineyard Church	A: 0 B: £1,125.00 C: 0 Total: £1,125.00 Councillor McGuire left during consideration of this item.
46	Kidron Project	A: £1,500.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £1,500.00
47	Legal Services Agency	A: 0 B: 0 C: 0 Total: 0
48	Lyle Gateway	A: 0 B: £3,000.00 C: 0 Total: £3,000.00
49	Parklea Association Branching Out	A: 0 B: £3,750.00 C: 0 Total: £3,750.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
50	Port Glasgow New Parish Church	A: £1,500.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £1,500.00
51	Port Glasgow United Reformed Church Angels Project (Foodbank)	A: 0 B: £3,000.00 C: 0 Total: £3,000.00

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52	St Johns Church, Gourrock	A: 0 B: £800.00 C: 0 Total: £800.00
53	The Celtic FC Supporters Club	A: 0 B: £2,250.00 C: 0 Total: £2,250.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
54	The Whisky Chairman Ltd	A: 0 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £0
55	Trade Rights International CIC	A: 0 B: £1,125.00 C: 0 Total: £1,125.00 Councillor McGuire left during consideration of this item.
56	Wemyss Bay Community Association	A: £3,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £3,000.00
57	Home Start Inverclyde	A: £2,812.50 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £2,812.50 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
58	Parkinsons Inverclyde Support Group	A: £490.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £490.00
59	Victim Support Inverclyde	A: £3,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £3,000.00
60	Greenock IBM Retirees	A: 0 B: 0 C: 0 Total: 0
61	Silverline Dancers	A: £600.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £600.00
62	St Marys Episcopal Church (Heartland Circle)	A: £1,100.00 B: £400.00 C: 0

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		Total: £1,500.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
63	The Tuesday Club	A: 0 B: £750.00 C: 0 Total: £750.00
64	WISHES Group (Women's Initiative for Social Health & Educational Skills)	A: £750.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £750.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
65	WOOPI Singers	A: £375.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £375.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
66	AR26 Charity	A: £2,830.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £2,830.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
67	Ardgowan Thistle Football Club	A: 0 B: 0 C: £4,500.00 Total: £4,500.00
68	BOUNCE Basketball Inverclyde	A: 0 B: 0 C: £1,482.00 Total: £1,482.00
69	Clyde Netball	A: 0 B: 0 C: £3,750.00 Total: £3,750.00
70	Gourock Golf Club	A: 0 B: 0 C: 0 Total:0
71	Greenock & District Rifle Club	A: 0 B: £1,500.00 C: 0 Total: £1,500.00
72	Greenock & District Welfare League	A: 0 B: 0 C: £3,750.00

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		Total: £3,750.00
73	Greenock Boxing Club	A: £4,875.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £4,875.00
74	Greenock Cricket Club	A: 0 B: £1,695.75 C: 0 Total: £1,695.75 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report. Councillor Brennan left during consideration of this item.
75	Greenock Glenpark Harriers	A: 0 B: 0 C: £3,750.00 Total: £3,750.00
76	Greenock Golf Club	A: 0 B: 0 C: 0 Total: 0
77	Greenock Juniors FC	A: 0 B: 0 C: £3,000.00 Total: £3,000.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
78	Greenock Wanderers	A: 0 B: 0 C: £3,750.00 Total: £3,750.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
79	Inverclyde Amateur Football Club	A: 0 B: 0 C: £3,750.00 Total: £3,750.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
80	Inverclyde Amateur Swimming Club	A: 0 B: 0 C: £7,429.92. Total: £7,429.92 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the

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		appendix to the report. Councillor Brennan left during consideration of this item.
81	Inverclyde American Community Football Club	A: 0 B: 0 C: £3,000.00 Total: £3,000.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
82	Inverclyde Athletics Club	A: 0 B: 0 C: £7,500.00 Total: £7,500.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
83	Inverclyde Cricket Club	A: 0 B: 0 C: £1,920.00 Total: £1,920.00
84	Inverclyde Sport Council	A: £1,500.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £1,500.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
85	Morton in the Community	A: 0 B: 0 C: £7,483.44 Total: £7,483.44
86	Newark Angling Club	A: £600.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £600.00
87	Ocean Youth Trust Scotland	A: 0 B: £1,125.00 C: 0 Total: £1,125.00
88	Paisley & District Schools Football Association	A: £900.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £900.00
89	Port Glasgow Boat Club	A: £2,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £2,000.00 subject to the condition that this be match funded.

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90	Port Glasgow Boys Club	A: 0 B: 0 C: £7,500.00 Total: £7,500.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
91	Port Glasgow Junior Football Club	A: 0 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £3,000.00
92	Port Glasgow Juniors Community Sports Club	A: 0 B: 0 C: £7,500.00 Total: £7,500.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
93	Port Glasgow Victoria Boxing Club	A: £3,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £3,000.00
94	St Andrews Boys Club	A: 0 B: 0 C: £7,500.00 Total: £7,500.00
95	Team United	A: £3,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £3,000.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
96	10 th Greenock & District Scout Group	A: £1,080.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £1,080.00
97	32 nd Greenock & District Scout Group	A: £3,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £3,000.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
98	47 th /97 th Greenock & District Scout Group	A: £892.50 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £892.50
99	73 rd Greenock & District Scout Group	A: £1,050.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £1,050.00

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100	85 th Greenock & District Scout Group	A: £1,282.50 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £1,282.50 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
101	Girl Guiding Greenock Division	A: £3,750.00 B: £1,000.00 C: £3,750.00 Total: £8,500.00
102	Greenock & District Scout Council	A: £5,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £5,000.00
103	Greenock & District Sea Cadet Corps	A: £3,750.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £3,750.00
104	Inverclyde & District Battalion The Boys Brigade	A: £3,750.00 B: 0 C: £3,100.00 Total: £6,850.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
105	Children in Poverty Inverclyde	A: £3,750.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £3,750.00
106	World Walking	A: £2,175.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £2,175.00
107	Friends4Ever	A: £2,000.00 B: £1,750.00 C: 0 Total: £3,750.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report.
108	Inverclyde Youth for Christ	A: £1,125.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £1,125.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed in the appendix to the report. Councillor McGuire left during consideration of this item.

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109	Youth Connections	A: 0 B: £3,375.00 C: 0 Total: £3,375.00
110	Park Farm Residents Association	A: 0 B: £1,500.00 C: 0 Total: £1,500.00
<p>END NOTE - The grants awarded above are subdivided into the following headings namely: A – facilities/core costs; B – project/event costs; and C – fee waiver, all as more fully detailed in the report to the Sub Committee.</p>		

- (2) that the dates for Round 2 applications be noted, and
(3) that the equalities monitoring information detailed in appendix C be noted.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD –13 SEPTEMBER 2023

General Purposes Board

Wednesday 13 September 2023 at 3pm

Present: Provost McKenzie, Councillors Armstrong, Brennan, Cassidy, Crowther, Curley, McCluskey, Quinn, Reynolds and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Curley presided.

In attendance:

David Keenan	Solicitor (for Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services)
Anne Sinclair	Legal Services Manager (Licensing, Litigation & Committees)
Fiona Denver	Senior Paralegal Licensing Officer
Siobhan MacMaster	Solicitor
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer

In attendance also: Sergeant I Robertson (Police Scotland).

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Brennan and McCluskey attending remotely.

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

447 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 447

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

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 paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

448 Application for Grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence 448

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services on an application for the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence which was granted, all as detailed in the private appendix.

449 Application for Grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence 449

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services on an application for the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence. This item was continued to a future meeting, all as detailed in the private appendix. There was no Member debate on this item of business.

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- 450 Application for Grant of a Taxi Driver’s Licence 450**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services on an application for the grant of a Taxi Driver’s Licence which was refused, all as detailed in the private appendix.
- 451 Application for Grant of a Taxi Driver’s Licence 451**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services on an application for the grant of a Taxi Driver’s Licence which was refused following a vote, all as detailed in the private appendix.
- Councillors Crowther and Wilson left the meeting at this juncture.
- 452 Application for Grant of a Taxi Driver’s Licence 452**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services on an application for the grant of a Taxi Driver’s Licence which was refused, all as detailed in the private appendix.
- Following consideration of these items of business, the Board returned to public session.
- The Chair being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services was relevant, competent and urgent, moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order, due to the 1 October 2023 deadline for existing hosts and operators.**
- 453 Review of the Short-Term Lets Policy Statement 453**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services (1) providing an update regarding the progress of the Council’s Short-Term Let Licencing Scheme, and (2) seeking approval of the Board to accept applications for Short-Term Lets in circumstances where planning permission has not yet been granted.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the update in relation to the Council’s Short-Term Let Licensing Scheme be noted;
- (2) that the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services be authorised to approve the commencement of the public consultation in relation to the Short-Term Let Policy Statement;
- (3) that the approach, as detailed at paragraph 4.1 of the report, be approved and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services to make the necessary adjustment to the Council’s Short-Term Let Policy Statement and authorise offers in the Licensing Section to accept and register for consideration valid Short-Term Let applications pending an application for planning permission, if required; and
- (4) that the intention of officers to submit a further report to the Board providing an update in relation to the volume of applications received and any subsequent resourcing issues, be noted.

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 19 SEPTEMBER 2023

Policy & Resources Committee

Tuesday 19 September 2023 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance:

Louise Long	Chief Executive
Alan Puckrin	Chief Financial Officer
Stuart Jamieson	Director Environment & Regeneration
Ruth Binks	Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development
Kate Rocks	Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership
Iain Strachan	Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services
Morna Rae	Interim Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications
Matt Thomson	Finance Manager (Environment & Technical)
Angela Edmiston	Finance Manager (Corporate Services & Strategic Finance)
Craig Given	Head of Finance, Planning & Resources (Inverclyde HSCP)
Tracy Bunton	Revenues and Benefits Manager
Carol	Information Governance & Complaints Officer
Craig-McDonald	
Karen MacVey	Members' & Committee Services Team Leader
Colin MacDonald	Senior Committee Officer
Lindsay Carrick	Senior Committee Officer
PJ Coulter	Corporate Communications Officer (Media Relations)

This meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors McCormick and McGuire attending remotely.

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

454 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 454

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Law, with Councillor Crowther substituting and Councillor Moran, with Councillor Cassidy substituting.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

455 2023/24 Policy & Resources Committee and General Fund Revenue Budget Update as at 31 July 2023 455

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and Chief Executive advising the Committee of (1) the Policy & Resources Revenue Budget outturn for 2022/23, (2) the 2023/24 projected position as at 31 July 2023, (3) the overall General Fund Revenue Budget projection, and (4) the position of the General Fund Reserve at the same date.

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Decided:

- (1) that (a) the final outturn for the 2022/23 Policy & Resources Budget, and (b) the current projected overspend for 2023/24 of £124,000 as at 31 July 2023, be noted;
- (2) that (a) the projected overspend of £443,000 for the General Fund, and (b) the projected surplus reserves of £3.031million as at 31 July 2023, be noted;
- (3) that it be noted that officers are reviewing the adequacy of both the pay and non-pay inflation allowances and that an update will be provided at the next meeting;
- (4) that (a) the projected 2023/24 surplus of £5,120 for the Common Good Budget, as detailed in appendix 6 of the report be noted, and (b) the actions required to keep the Common Good and General Fund budgets in equilibrium as detailed in appendix 5 of the report be approved; and
- (5) that the virements as detailed in appendix 5 of the report be approved.

456 Policy & Resources Capital Budget and Council 2023/26 Capital Programme 456

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing an update on (1) the latest position of the Policy & Resources Capital Programme, and (2) the 2023/26 Capital Programme.

Decided:

- (1) that (a) the 2023/26 Policy & Resources Capital Budget, and (b) the current position of the 2023/26 Capital Programme, be noted;
- (2) that it be noted that there are reports elsewhere on the agenda seeking funding from the 2023/26 Capital Programme contingency in relation to Dunrod Road and Inverkip City Deal.

457 Finance Update 457

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing an update on various matters being progressed by the Finance Service relating to (1) debt recovery 2022/23 performance, (2) welfare benefits, (3) Scottish Government consultations, (4) Treasury activity, (5) audit of the Annual Accounts, (6) finance system – future, and (7) accountancy – service survey.

Decided:

- (1) that the various updates provided in relation to the activity within the Finance Service be noted; and
- (2) that it be agreed that no single response from the Council should be submitted to the “Fairer Council Tax” consultation and that individual political groupings may respond if they so wish.

458 Corporate Policy and Performance Update: May-September 2023 458

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on Corporate Policy and Performance matters relating to (1) the Inverclyde Council Gaelic Language Plan 2023/28, (2) Corporate awards, (3) New Deal with Local Government – the Verity House Agreement, (4) the Scottish Parliament’s Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee report on community planning, (5) the Local Government Benchmarking Framework 2021/22 (Refresh), and (6) the Programme for Government 2023 – 2024.

Decided:

- (1) that the latest update in relation to Corporate Policy and Performance be noted;

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(2) that it be noted that a more detailed report on the Verity House Agreement will be submitted to the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee on 21 November 2023; and

(3) that it be noted that additional information on the Programme for Government will be presented to the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee on 21 November 2023.

459 2024/26 Budget Update

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) providing an update on developments in respect of the 2024/26 Budget, and (2) seeking approval for the first savings/adjustments in addition to the creation of a Savings Workstream programme.

Decided:

(1) that the work being progressed in relation to the 2024/26 Budget be noted;

(2) that (a) the creation of a Savings Workstream programme be supported, (b) the 2024/26 target of £2.5million for the programme, as detailed in appendix 1 of the report, be approved, and (c) it be noted that progress on delivery will be reported to the Committee on a regular basis;

(3) that the initial savings/adjustments, as detailed in appendix 2 of the report, be approved;

(4) that the latest 2024/26 Revenue Budget funding gap of £9.65million, as detailed in appendix 3 of the report, be noted; and

(5) that it be agreed that the consultation in respect of the 2024/26 Budget takes place in January 2024.

460 Non-Domestic Rates Empty Property Relief Policy - Consultation

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer seeking Committee views on the proposed consultation questionnaire, which raises the areas for potential changes to existing policy.

Decided: that (a) the use of the questionnaire, as detailed in appendix 1 of the report, be confirmed, and (b) it be noted that a further report incorporating the proposed Empty Property Relief Policy and financial implications will be brought back to the February 2024 meeting of the Committee.

461 Update – Supporting Employee Recruitment and Retention

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There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications (1) providing an update on recent activity to support employee recruitment and retention, and (2) seeking approval on a number of related proposals.

Decided:

(1) that the work being progressed to support employee recruitment and retention across the Council be noted;

(2) that the revised Flexible Working Policy, as detailed in appendix 1 of the report, be approved;

(3) that the Positive Conversations Scheme, as detailed in appendix 2 of the report, be approved;

(4) that it be agreed that there is no longer a requirement for performance appraisals to be reported as a KPI; and

(5) that it be remitted to officers to bring a report to a future meeting of the Committee on the outcomes of staff leadership and training initiatives.

462 External Care at Home Service – Change of Cost/Quality Weighting

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership outlining (1) the need to change the cost/quality weightings for external care at home service provision in favour of a qualitative weighting as part of the Care at Home review, and (2) requesting approval to change the tender weightings as per Contract Standing Order 16.3.

Decided: that it be agreed to change the tender weightings for the Care at Home Services Framework Tender to 30% cost and 70% quality of service to ensure the required quality of service can be procured, in terms of Contract Standing Order 16.3.

463 Complaint Handling Annual Report 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023 463

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services providing details of the annual performance of all complaints received and handled by Inverclyde Council, Health and Social Care Partnership, and both arms-length organisations, Inverclyde Leisure and Riverside Inverclyde, for the period from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

Decided:

- (1) that the annual performance of Inverclyde Council's complaint handling procedure be noted; and
- (2) that the publication of the Annual Complaint Handling Report on the Council's website be approved.

464 Organisational Development, Policy & Communications Management Arrangements 464

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) providing an update on the management arrangements within the Organisational Development, Policy & Communications Service, and (2) seeking approval to make changes to the remits of Service Manager posts.

Decided:

- (1) that it be agreed that the post of Service Manager – Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety be deleted;
- (2) that it be agreed that the remit of the Service Manager – Corporate Policy, Performance and Partnerships post be extended to include that of the Service Manager – Communications, Tourism and Health and Safety (with the exception of Health and Safety management responsibility);
- (3) that the creation of an additional Service Manager post, which will have responsibility for Organisational Development, Human Resources Support and Payroll, be agreed; and
- (4) that it be agreed that the remit of the Service Manager – Human Resources and Organisational Development be changed to cover Human Resources Operations and Health & Safety.

465 Inverkip Project Update – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 465

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services to consider a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee regarding the City Deal project at Inverkip.

Decided: that the funding request of £0.3million from the 2023/26 Capital Programme contingency allocation be agreed.

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466 Dunrod Road – Closure and Landslip – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee**466**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services to consider a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee regarding the closure and landslip at Dunrod Road.

Decided: that the funding request of £1.5million from the 2023/26 Capital Programme contingency be approved.

LOCAL POLICE & FIRE SCRUTINY PANEL – 21 SEPTEMBER 2023

Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Panel

Thursday 21 September 2023 at 3pm

Present: Provost McKenzie, Councillors Brennan, Cassidy (for McGuire), Clocherty, Crowther, Daisley, Law, Moran, Quinn, Reynolds and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance:

Tony McEwan	Head of Culture, Communities and Educational Resources (for Corporate Director, Education, Communities & Organisational Development)
Hugh Scott	Service Manager Community Learning & Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport
Martin McNab	Public Protection Manager
Anne Sinclair	Legal Services Manager (for Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services)
Lindsay Carrick	Senior Committee Officer
Colin MacDonald	Senior Committee Officer
Siobhan MacMaster	Solicitor, Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services

In attendance also:

Laura Waddell	Chief Superintendent, Local Police Commander Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Division, Police Scotland
Damian Kane	Chief Inspector, Area Commander, Inverclyde, Police Scotland
Gary Sergeant	Detective Inspector, Renfrewshire & Inverclyde, Police Scotland
Derek Middleton	Intelligence Support Analysis and Performance, Renfrewshire and Inverclyde, Police Scotland
David McCarrey	Area Commander, Service Delivery, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, East Renfrewshire, Renfrewshire and Inverclyde
Rod Anderson	Group Commander, Prevention & Protection, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, East Renfrewshire, Renfrewshire and Inverclyde

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Brennan and Quinn attending remotely.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Convener welcomed the representatives from Police Scotland and Scottish Fire & Rescue Services to the meeting.

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

467 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor McGuire, with Councillor Cassidy substituting.

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No declarations of interest were intimated.

468 Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Performance Report 468

There was submitted a report on the performance and activities of the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service during the reporting period 1 April 2023 to 30 June 2023. During discussion on this item reference was made to the increase in deliberate fire setting particularly in relation to refuse and grassland fires being the main contributors. Group Commander Anderson advised that the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Community Action Team are working with partners across Inverclyde taking a targeted approach to reducing deliberate fire settings. Area Commander McCarrey provided assurance that there are plans in place should there be a major incident following concerns raised by Members in relation to deliberate fire settings throughout Inverclyde and the recent fire at the derelict school at Robert Street, Port Glasgow.

Decided: that the information contained in the report be noted.

469 Police Scotland Performance Report 469

Prior to the discussion on this item Chief Superintendent Waddell provided Members with a further update on the national picture in relation to the reduction in police officer numbers and the challenges of the service. She further advised that a report had been submitted to Scottish Government by Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority regarding the impact if Police Scotland are continually underinvested. Members were advised that the link to the paper would be circulated. Thereafter, Chief Superintendent Waddell answered a number of questions from Members.

There was submitted a report on the performance and activities of Police Scotland during the reporting period 1 April 2023 to 31 July 2023. During discussion of this item Chief Inspector Kane made reference to missing person reports in Inverclyde during the reporting period. It was noted that 84 missing person reports were recorded, an increase of 20% on the same reporting period in 2022. Chief Inspector Kane informed Members that missing persons reports have been particularly significant amongst people under the age of 19. It was noted that repeat missing person reports continue to be an issue of concern, particularly in relation to Looked After and Accommodated Children. He further advised that Police Scotland colleagues are working with partner agencies in order to address this issue. Chief Inspector Kane advised Members that road casualties have increased in the reporting period with more people seriously or slightly injured on Inverclyde's roads. It was noted that the Road Policing unit has contributed to a rise of 19.8% in the recording of road traffic offences which include speeding, mobile phone, licence and insurance offences. Chief Inspector Kane reported that six suspected drug deaths occurred in Inverclyde in the reporting period. He informed Members that 108 officers deployed in Inverclyde have completed Naloxone training. It was noted that intelligence led policing resulted in 14 drug supply detection cases during the reporting period and that organised criminals in Renfrewshire & Inverclyde were deprived of £808,553 in cash and assets through use of the Proceeds of Crime Act.

Decided:

- (1) that the information contained in the report be noted; and
- (2) that it be agreed that the Convener write to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice expressing the Panel's concerns in relation to the proposed budget cuts.

470 Chief Superintendent Laura Waddell 470

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The Convener conveyed his appreciation and thanks on behalf of the Panel to Chief Superintendent Waddell on her last Panel Meeting. The Convener wished Superintendent Waddell well for the future.

471 Firework Control Zones**471**

There was submitted a report by the Director Environment & Regeneration providing information on the considerations and relevant timescales when developing firework control zones as contained in the guidance as detailed in appendix 1 of the report.

Decided: that the Committee notes the proposals and development of Firework Control Zones.

472 Local Police and Fire Scrutiny Panel Update Report**472**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities and Organisational Development providing an update on current and emerging issues relating to Police Scotland and Scottish Fire & Rescue Services.

Decided:

(1) that the updates on the following matters be noted (a) the Police Chief Constable's Retirement, (b) Strategic Partnership Agreement for policing, (c) 'Don't Feed Hate' Campaign, (d) His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) Annual Report 2022-23, (e) SFRS – Strategic Service Review Programme and (f) SFRS – Unwanted False Alarms.