

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 7 DECEMBER 2023

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 7 December 2023 at 4pm

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

Chair: Provost McKenzie presided.

In attendance:

Louise Long	Chief Executive
Alan Puckrin	Chief Financial Officer
Ruth Binks	Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development
Kate Rocks	Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership
Stuart Jamieson	Director Environment & Regeneration
Iain Strachan	Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services
Jonathan Hinds	Chief Social Work Officer
Hugh Scott	Service Manager, Community Learning & Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport
Peter MacDonald	Principal Solicitor
Sarah Christie	Cultural Services Manager
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer
Lindsay Carrick	Senior Committee Officer
Karen MacVey	Members' & Committee Services Team Leader
PJ Coulter	Corporate Communications Officer (Media Relations)

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

630 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

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No apologies for absence were intimated.

Councillor McCluskey declared an interest in Agenda Item 16 (Response to Consultation on GP Out of Hours Provision in Inverclyde – Notice of Motion by Councillor Clocherty).

Certain connections were intimated for the purposes of transparency as follows:

Agenda Item 10 (Future Delivery of Internal Audit Shared Services) – Councillor Brooks and Curley

Agenda Item 13 (Greenock Morton Football Club 150th Anniversary – Request by Councillor Crowther) - Councillors Crowther and Curley

Agenda Item 14 (Royal National Lifeboat Institution – Request by Councillor Crowther) – Councillor Crowther

Agenda Item 17 (Better Buses for Strathclyde – Notice of Motion by Councillor Cassidy) – Councillors Brooks and Wilson

Before the first item of business was considered, the Provost intimated their intention to amend the agenda to take Items 15 and 18 consecutively, after Item 17. All Elected Members were in agreement with this proposal.

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633	Appointment Panel – Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications (Shortlisting) - 9 October 2023	633
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
634	General Purposes Board – 11 October 2023	634
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.	
635	Audit Committee – 24 October 2023	635
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Nelson.	
636	Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel – 31 October 2023	636
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Brennan.	
637	Planning Board – 1 November 2023	637
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638	Local Review Body – 1 November 2023	638
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639	Environment & Regeneration Committee (Special) – 2 November 2023	639
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
640	Environment & Regeneration Committee – 2 November 2023	640
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
641	Education & Communities Committee – 7 November 2023	641
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
642	General Purposes Board – 8 November 2023	642
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.	

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643	Environment & Regeneration Committee – 9 November 2023	643
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
644	Appointment Panel – Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications (Interviews) – 13 November 2023	644
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Brennan.	
645	Inverclyde Council (Special) – 16 November 2023	645
	Approved on the motion of Provost McKenzie.	
646	Policy & Resources Committee – 21 November 2023	646
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
647	Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Panel – 23 November 2023	647
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
648	Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report 2022-23	648
	There was submitted a report by the Chief Social Work Officer (1) appending the Annual Report 2022-2023 for noting, and (2) seeking approval for its submission to the Office of the Chief Social Work Advisor to the Scottish Government.	
	Decided: that (a) the content of the Annual Report be noted, and (b) approval be given for its submission to the Office of the Chief Social Work Advisor to the Scottish Government.	
649	Finance Strategy 2023/33 – 6 Month Update	649
	There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer presenting the updated Financial Strategy for review and approval.	
	Decided:	
	(1) that (a) the latest update to the Council's Financial Strategy be approved, including the updated funding models as detailed in the appendices to the report, and (b) the continued significant challenges arising from the UK economic position and reflected in the Scottish Government's Medium Term Financial Strategy be noted;	
	(2) that the remaining mid-range estimated 2024/27 funding gap of £15.4million, as detailed at table 4a of the Financial Strategy, be noted;	
	(3) that (a) the estimated further £3.5million increase in Internal Resources Interest over 2023/27 be noted, and (b) the use of £3.0million of this sum to generate a recurring loans charges saving of £500,000 per year from 2025/26 be approved; and	
	(4) that the transfer of the Energy Efficiency element of the Repairs & Renewal Fund to the Net Zero earmarked reserve be agreed.	
650	2024/26 Budget Update	650
	There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing an update on the latest position of the planned 2024/26 Revenue Budget and the imminent Scottish Government Draft Budget for 2024/25.	

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Decided:

- (1) that the latest update in relation to the 2024/26 Budget be noted and it be agreed that a Special Council meeting will take place no later than 8 February 2024, the date to be agreed by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Provost, to consider the implications of the Scottish Government Draft Budget and take further decisions including the Council Budget setting date;
- (2) that (a) the update from the CMT in relation to Savings Workstreams, as detailed in appendix 1 to the report, be noted, and (b) the proposal to increase fees and charges by 5% in 2024/25 and 2025/26 plus the addition of the CLD review to the 2024/26 Savings Workstream programme be agreed;
- (3) that the adjustment/savings as detailed in appendix 2 to the report be agreed, including the Loans Charge funding model saving reported as part of the Financial Strategy update earlier in the agenda;
- (4) that it be agreed that the £2.5million income previously planned to be raised from increased Council Tax in 2024/25 be factored into the 2024/26 Budget as a minimum figure via the use of Scottish Government Council Tax Freeze grant and, if required, the use of further reserves; and
- (5) that the latest estimated 2024/26 funding gap based on all the proposals contained in this report be noted.

651 Budget Consultation**651**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy and Communications seeking agreement on the approach to the public consultation on the Council Budget 2024/26 savings proposals.

Decided: that the following public engagement actions be agreed (a) an online Smart Survey, (b) targeted engagement in relation to equality groups with support from an external partner, and (c) targeted engagement appropriate to individual proposals.

652 SNP Group – Proposed Changes to Committee Membership**652**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services requesting that the Council consider changes proposed by the SNP Group to its membership of the Audit Committee and Planning Board.

Decided: that agreement be given to the following changes to the SNP Group representation on the Audit Committee and Planning Board:

Audit Committee: Councillor Curley to be replaced by Councillor Robertson
 Planning Board: Councillor Daisley to be replaced by Councillor Armstrong

653 Review of the Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration**653**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services requesting that the Council consider proposed amendments to the Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration following a recent review which included Elected Members, Extended Corporate Management team and relevant officers. The proposed changes were detailed in the revised Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration document appended to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the proposed amendments, all as detailed at paragraphs 3.3 to 3.18 of the report and shown in the tracked changes at appendix 1, be approved; and
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services to make amendments to the Council's Standing Orders and Scheme

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of Administration, including taking account of any other decisions taken by the Council at this meeting.

654 Amendments to the Scheme of Delegation (Officers)

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services requesting that the Council (a) note amendments made to the Scheme of Delegation (Officers) in the implementation of recent Council decisions, and (b) approve a small number of other amendments to the Scheme of Delegation (Officers). The proposed changes were detailed in the revised Scheme of Delegation (Officers) document appended to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the amendments made to the Scheme of Delegation (Officers) by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services under authority delegated from several recent Council decisions, as detailed in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.4 of the report and shown in the tracked changes at appendix 1, be noted; and
- (2) that the other amendments, as detailed at paragraphs 3.5 to 3.13 of the report and shown in the tracked changes at appendix 1, be approved; and
- (3) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services to make amendments to the Scheme of Delegation (Officers), including taking account of any other decisions taken by the Council at this meeting.

655 Future Delivery of Internal Audit Shared Services

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive seeking a decision in respect of the future delivery of Internal Audit within the Council.

Councillors Brooks and Curley declared a connection as members of the Shared Services Joint Committee. They also 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 were declaring for transparency.

Decided:

- (1) that the continued sharing of Internal Audit services with West Dunbartonshire Council in the short term to medium term, subject to a service level agreement being put in place between the two authorities to regularise this arrangement, be agreed;
- (2) that the Council agree to the winding up of the Shared Services Joint Committee, the associated Minute of Agreement and the cancellation of the Inverclyde Council Elected Member appointments to the same, all with immediate effect;
- (3) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services to take all necessary actions to (a) finalise the terms of the service level agreement referred to above, and enter into the same on behalf of the Council, and (b) update the Council's governance documents, including the Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration, to give effect to the winding up of the Shared Services Joint Committee; and
- (4) that it be noted that wider discussions will continue with other local authorities on possible options for a more sustainable delivery model for Internal Audit/Fraud shared services over the longer term.

656 Treasury Management – Mid-Year Report 2023/24 – Remit from the Policy & Resources Committee

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services requesting that the Council consider a remit from the Policy & Resources

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Committee of 21 November 2023 regarding the Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2023/24.

Decided: that the Mid-Year Report on Treasury Management for 2023/24 as required under the terms of the Treasury Management Practice 6 (TMP6) on 'Reporting Requirements and Management Information Arrangements' be approved.

657 Greenock Wanderers Rugby Football Club 150th Anniversary – Request by Councillor Crowther 657

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services advising of a request received from Councillor Crowther in the following terms: "Council notes that Greenock Wanderers Rugby Football Club (GWRFC), founded in 1873, celebrate their 150th anniversary this year, commends officers for engaging with GWRFC in recognition of this magnificent milestone in the club's history and notes further that a civic reception for GWRFC will take place next year to mark this historical achievement.

GWRFC is an asset to the community, and Council acknowledges the sterling work of the GWRFC management committee plus players whose engagement with the community within Inverclyde and beyond is recognised herewith and Council wishes GWRFC continued success in future years."

Decided: that the Council supports Councillor Crowther's request.

658 Greenock Morton Football Club 150th Anniversary – Request by Councillor Crowther 658

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services advising of the receipt of a request received from Councillor Crowther in the following terms:

"On 4th October 1874 Morton Football Club was formed making it one of the oldest senior football clubs in Scotland.

In 1994 Morton Football Club officially changed its name to Greenock Morton Football Club (GMFC).

Council notes that GMFC celebrate their 150th anniversary next year, commends officers for engaging with GMFC in recognition of this magnificent milestone in the club's history and notes further that a civic reception for GMFC will take place next year to mark this historical achievement.

GMFC is an asset to the community, and Council acknowledges the sterling work of the GMFC management committee plus players whose engagement with the community within Inverclyde and beyond is recognised herewith and Council wishes GMFC continued success in future years."

Councillor Crowther declared a connection as a Greenock Morton Football Club supporter and previous holder of a season ticket and Councillor Curley declared a connection as a shareholder in Greenock Morton Football Club and member of Morton Club Together. They also 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 were declaring for transparency.

Decided: that the Council supports Councillor Crowther's request.

659 Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) 200th Anniversary - Request by Councillor Crowther 659

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services advising of the receipt of a request received from Councillor Crowther in the following terms:

“As we countdown to 2024, Council is requested to celebrate the RNLI who will shortly be celebrating their 200th Anniversary of saving lives at sea.

Council recognises and applauds the RNLI staff and heroic volunteers who put to sea around the coasts of the UK, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, in all sea conditions whenever there is a call for assistance, whether it be a Pan-Pan call or a Mayday shout. The estuarial and inshore coastal waters around Inverclyde are the home to many sailors who moor their vessels in the sheltered waters or berth them at the local harbours or marinas and whilst Inverclyde has no RNLI station, we are amply served by RNLI stations at Largs or Rhu (Helensburgh).

The Council wishes the RNLI continued success for many years to come.

The history of the RNLI can be read at <https://rnli.org/about-us/our-history>”

Councillor Crowther declared a connection as a classified supporter of RNLI due to donations made to 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 the meeting or his participation in the decision-making process and was declaring for transparency.

Decided: that the Council supports Councillor Crowther’s request.

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Response to Consultation on GP Out of Hours Provision in Inverclyde – Notice of Motion by Councillor Clocherty

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services advising of the receipt of a Notice of Motion received from Councillor Clocherty, countersigned by Councillor McVey, in the following terms:

“Council notes:

1. That on 16th February, council adopted a motion expressing its opposition to Health Board plans not to return a full GP Out of Hours service to Inverclyde.
2. That the motion called on a full consultation to be conducted on any future plans on the GP out of hours service.
3. That following guidance from Health Improvement Scotland, Greater Glasgow and Clyde launched a public consultation in October on changes to GP Out of Hours.
4. The Health Board’s plans would centralise out of hours centres at RAH in Paisley and Stobhill and the New Victoria in Glasgow. Face to face appointments would only be available in Inverclyde on Saturdays from 10-1 and public holidays, meaning that at all other times there would be no dedicated out of hours centre in Inverclyde.
5. 6000 people have signed a petition opposing these changes.

Council believes:

1. The consultation is a welcome opportunity for people across Inverclyde to express their views on this issue.
2. It is unacceptable that services should be consolidated away from Inverclyde and that our area will be left without an out of hours centre for most of each week.

Council resolves:

1. To submit the following response to the public consultation on behalf of Inverclyde Council before the end of the consultation period on 11th December:

We welcome the opportunity to respond to the consultation on the future of GP out of hours services in the Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board areas.

At meetings of the council on 16th February and 7th December, the Council expressed its opposition to health board plans to permanently reduce the GP out of hours provision in Inverclyde.

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We do not believe that NHSGGC's proposal to make the current arrangement permanent meets the needs of patients in Inverclyde. It is unacceptable that services are to be consolidated on three sites that are very close to each other, while patients in Inverclyde face round trips of up to fifty miles in order to access out of hours treatment.

In proposing this new arrangement, we do not believe that Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board have adequately addressed the inequalities of access. Permanently reducing the GP out of hours centre in Inverclyde – one of the most deprived areas in the Health Board region – is not in line with the Health Board's aim of reducing health inequalities.

Opposition to the Board's proposals are widespread in the community with over 6,000 people signing a petition opposing them.

We ask that the Board reinstates a GP out of hours centre seven days a week in Inverclyde to ensure equality of access across the Board area."

Councillor McCluskey declared an interest in this item as a Board Member of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board and left the meeting for the consideration of this Item.

Decided:

- (1) that the Notice of Motion by Councillor Clocherty as set out above be agreed, and
- (2) that it be remitted to officers to submit the response detailed in the motion by way of a letter to the Chair and Chief Executive of NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health Board and via the consultation website so far as practicable.

Councillor McCluskey returned to the meeting following the conclusion of this Item.

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Better Buses for Strathclyde – Notice of Motion by Councillor Cassidy

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services advising of the receipt of a Notice of Motion received from Councillor Cassidy, countersigned by Councillor McCluskey, in the following terms:

"This Council notes:-

- The 'Strathclyde Regional Bus Strategy and Delivery Plan: Case for Change' report presented to Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Board on 29 September 2023.
- That the evidence-based report has found that bus use is in 'sustained, long-term decline' in Strathclyde, with bus patronage, the size of bus networks, bus service frequency and network coverage all falling.
- That despite decline in bus networks, bus fares continue to rise in Strathclyde at a higher rate than inflation and at a higher rate than the cost of travelling by other modes of transport.
- That the current model of bus service has failed to deliver integrated London-style ticketing or an integrated approach to public transport planning.
- That in 2021/22 public sector support represented 56 per cent of bus operator revenues in Scotland.
- The new powers available to transport authorities under the 2019 Transport Act.
- The calls from the 'Better Buses for Strathclyde' campaign for the SPT Board to ensure its Bus strategy sets out clear plans to use these new powers to improve bus services in Strathclyde.
- The recently published Centre for Cities report 'Miles Better: Improving public transport in the Glasgow City Region', which calls for the franchising of the bus network supported by a 10-year funding deal from the Scottish Government.

This Council believes: -

- The current deregulated model of bus provision is inadequate and that there is now a compelling case for changing the model of bus provision across Strathclyde.

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•A new model of bus provision will enable bus services and public transport across Strathclyde to contribute more towards a healthier environment, inclusive economic growth and an improved quality of life for the people and communities of Strathclyde.

This Council agrees to write to SPT and the Scottish Government to communicate its view that: -

•A new model of bus provision for Strathclyde must be developed that is integrated and democratically accountable.

•A new model of bus provision must contribute towards Regional Transport Strategy objectives and policies set out by SPT.

•The Scottish Government must support local authorities and transport authorities seeking to replace deregulated bus models with models of regulation or common ownership, with fair funding and regulation that respects the autonomy and democratic wishes of Scotland’s communities and regions.”

Councillor Wilson declared a connection as Vice Chair of Strathclyde Passenger Transport (SPT) and Chair of their Operating Committee, and Councillor Brooks declared a connection as Councillor Wilson’s named substitute for SPT. They also 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 were declaring for transparency.

Following discussion, Councillor Cassidy seconded by Councillor McCluskey moved that the terms of the Motion be approved.

As an amendment, Councillor Wilson seconded by Councillor Brooks moved that the Council does not write to SPT and the Scottish Government to communicate the views expressed in the motion.

Following a roll call vote, 2 Members, Councillor Brooks and Wilson voted in favour of their amendment, and 20 Members, Provost McKenzie, Councillors Armstrong, Brennan, Cassidy, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Daisley, Jackson, Law, McCabe, McCluskey, McCormick, McGuire, McVey, Moran, Nelson, Quinn, Reynolds and Robertson voted in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

Decided:

- (1) that the Notice of Motion by Councillor Cassidy as set out above be agreed;
- (2) that it be remitted to officers to write to SPT and the Scottish Government to communicate the terms of the motion; and
- (3) it be remitted to officers to provide a report on the strategic issues raised in this motion to a future meeting of the Environment & Regeneration Committee.

It was agreed that discussion on the following two Notices of Motion be combined.

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Gaza - Israel Conflict – Notice of Motion by Councillor Reynolds

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services advising of the receipt of a Notice of Motion received from Councillor Reynolds, countersigned by Councillor Armstrong, in the following terms:

Council is asked to follow the lead of the Scottish Government, the Irish Teoiseach, organisations of all faiths and none in:

unequivocally condemning the horrific killings by Hamas and the taking of hostages; reaffirming that there must be an end to the collective punishment of the Palestinian people;

calling for the urgent release of all hostages and an end to the siege of Gaza to allow vital supplies of food, fuel, medicine and water to reach the civilian people;

noting the growing calls for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire from the United Nations

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and its aid agencies;

and therefore calling on the UK Government to uphold international law and protect all civilians in Israel and Palestine and to join with the international community in urgently pressing all parties to agree to an immediate ceasefire.

Following discussion, Councillor Reynolds seconded by Councillor Armstrong moved that the terms of the Motion be approved.

As an amendment, Councillor Wilson seconded by Councillor Brooks moved that the Council does not support the call for an immediate ceasefire.

Following a roll call vote, 2 Members, Councillor Brooks and Wilson voted in favour of their amendment, and 20 Members, Provost McKenzie, Councillors Armstrong, Brennan, Cassidy, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Daisley, Jackson, Law, McCabe, McCluskey, McCormick, McGuire, McVey, Moran, Nelson, Quinn, Reynolds and Robertson voted in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that the notice of motion by Councillor Reynolds be agreed.

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Palestine/Israel – Notice of Motion by Councillor McCabe

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services advising of the receipt of a Notice of Motion received from Councillor McCabe, countersigned by Councillor McGuire, in the following terms:

“This Council:

- unequivocally condemns in the strongest possible terms Hamas’s barbaric and unjustifiable terrorist attacks against Israeli citizens on 7 October 2023, and demands the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages;
- while recognising Israel’s right to defend itself, believes that civilians must never be targeted and innocent lives must be protected, and deplores actions that have led to the death of thousands of innocent Palestinian men, women and children;
- agrees that all human life is equal, abhors the loss of innocent lives, and affirms the right of all Israelis and Palestinians to live in peace and security; and further agrees that the killing of innocent civilians in Gaza must stop;
- expresses its solidarity with Scotland’s Jewish, Muslim, Israeli and Palestinian communities and condemns antisemitism, Islamophobia or any other form of hatred;
- believes that a credible, lasting and sustainable peace can only be based on the two-state solution through reinvigorated diplomatic and political efforts in a Middle East peace process;
- recognises the agreement of a humanitarian ceasefire between Israel and Hamas to enable the release of some hostages, the release of prisoners and the admission of significantly more humanitarian aid;
- recognises that, in order for any permanent ceasefire to be achieved, it requires all sides to comply;
- is horrified by the Hamas statement that it would repeat the 7 October attacks and continue rocket fire;
- is appalled that the Israeli Prime Minister has stated that he will not even consider a permanent ceasefire;
- calls, therefore, on the international community to use every form of diplomacy to try and create the conditions on the ground to make a full and permanent ceasefire a reality;
- further calls on the International Criminal Court to investigate the conduct of all parties in this conflict, and affirms the commitment to a lasting peace with the end of illegal occupation, siege and settlements, and a two-state solution where a sovereign, independent and viable Palestinian state exists alongside a safe and secure Israel.”

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Following discussion, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor McGuire moved that the terms of the Motion be approved.

As an amendment, Councillor Wilson seconded by Councillor Brooks moved that the Council does not support the call for an immediate ceasefire.

Following a roll call vote, 2 Members, Councillor Brooks and Wilson voted in favour of their amendment, and 20 Members, Provost McKenzie, Councillors Armstrong, Brennan, Cassidy, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Daisley, Jackson, Law, McCabe, McCluskey, McCormick, McGuire, McVey, Moran, Nelson, Quinn, Reynolds and Robertson voted in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that the notice of motion by Councillor McCabe be agreed.

664 Trust Funds Annual Accounts 2022-23

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There was submitted a report by the Honorary Treasurer requesting the Council as sole trustee to adopt the examined Annual Accounts of the Birkmyre Trust and the Watt Institution Trust Fund for 2022/23.

The Chief Financial Officer provided a verbal update on the report and requested that Members consider approving the use of up to £40,000 from the Birkmyre Trust revenue Reserves to undertake work to the pavilion and shelter including the provision of CCTV within Birkmyre Park.

Decided: that the Council as sole trustee-

(1) approve the Annual Accounts for the Birkmyre Trust and Watt Institution Trust Fund for the year ended 31 March 2023 included in the attached appendices; and

(2) approve the use of up to £40,000 from the Birkmyre Trust revenue Reserves to undertake work to the pavilion and shelter including the provision of CCTV within Birkmyre Park.

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 for the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Act as detailed in the relevant minute.

Private Appendices to Minutes

Inverclyde Council – 28 September 2023

Approved on the motion of Provost McKenzie.

665 Appointment Panel – Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications (Shortlisting) – 9 October 2023

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Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.

666 General Purposes Board – 11 October 2023

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Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.

667 Environment & Regeneration Committee– 2 November 2023

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Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.

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668	Education & Communities Committee – 7 November 2023	668
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	Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.	
670	Environment & Regeneration Committee – 9 November 2023	670
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
671	Appointment Panel – Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications (Interviews) – 13 November 2023	671
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Brennan.	
672	Policy & Resources Committee – 21 November 2023	672
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	