

INVERCLYDE COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meetings of the Inverclyde Council,
Committees, Sub-Committees, Panels and Boards to be
submitted
to the Meeting of The Inverclyde Council on**

Thursday 26 September 2024

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 12 JUNE 2024

General Purposes BoardWednesday 12 June 2024 at 3.00pm

Present: Provost McKenzie, Councillors Armstrong, Brennan, Cassidy, Crowther, Curley, Moran, McCluskey, Nelson (for Wilson), Quinn and Reynolds.

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

In attendance:

David Keenan	Solicitor (for Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services)
Anne Sinclair	Legal Services Manager (Licensing, Litigation & Committees)
Emma Peacock	Solicitor
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer

In attendance also: Sergeant I Robertson, Superintendent S Glasgow and PC S Deane (Police Scotland).

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

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

304 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 304

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Wilson with Councillor Nelson substituting.

Councillor McCluskey declared an interest in Agenda Items 2 (Notification by County Grand Lodge of Ayrshire Renfrewshire & Argyll to hold annual Boyne Celebration Procession on 29 June 2024 through parts of Greenock/Gourock) and 3 (Notification by Gourock Defenders of the Faith L.O.L. 345 to hold annual parade on 22 June 2024 through parts of Gourock).

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 item 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.

305 Application for Renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence 305

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

Following consideration of this item the Board returned to public session.

306 Notification by County Grand Lodge of Ayrshire Renfrewshire & Argyll to hold 306

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annual Boyne Celebration Procession on 29 June 2024 through parts of Greenock/Gourock

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services requesting the Board to consider the notification by the County Grand Lodge of Ayrshire Renfrewshire & Argyll to hold a public procession through parts of Greenock and Gourock on Saturday 29 June 2024 for the Annual Boyne Celebration Parade. Councillor McCluskey declared an interest in this and the following item as he had made a public comment on the applications and left the meeting for the remainder of the business.

The Board heard Mr J Wallace, Mr J MacLean and Mr D Walter on behalf of the County Grand Lodge of Ayrshire Renfrewshire & Argyll, Ms E McKnight as an objector to the procession, and Superintendent Glasgow and PC Deane from Police Scotland.

PC Deane advised the Board of a typographical error within the Police Scotland Procession Summary, which formed appendix 1 to the report, and accordingly the Risk to Public Safety observation should be ticked as 'low risk' only, and not both 'high risk' and 'low risk'.

The members then retired to consider the matter before returning to public session.

Councillor Moran moved that it would not be appropriate to impose a prohibition order preventing the holding of the procession and/or any additional conditions beyond the Council's standard conditions regarding parades and processions.

As an amendment, Councillor Reynolds moved that a prohibition notice should be imposed preventing the holding of the procession.

Following a roll-call vote, 1 Member, Councillor Reynolds, voted for the amendment, and 8 Members, Provost McKenzie, Councillors Armstrong, Brennan, Cassidy, Crowther, Curley, Moran and Nelson voted for the motion, which was declared carried. Councillor Quinn abstained from voting.

Decided: that neither a prohibition order be made nor additional conditions beyond the Council's standard conditions be imposed on the public procession organised by County Grand Lodge of Ayrshire Renfrewshire & Argyll through parts of Greenock and Gourock on Saturday 29 June 2024 for the Annual Boyne Celebration Parade.

Councillor Cassidy, having removed himself from the Chambers prior to the vote on the above item but having remained connected to the meeting remotely, left the meeting at this juncture.

307 Notification by Gourock Defenders of the Faith L.O.L. 345 to hold annual parade on 22 June 2024 through parts of Gourock 307

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services requesting the Board to consider the notification by the Gourock Defenders of the Faith L.O.L. 345 to hold a public procession through parts of Gourock on Saturday 22 June 2024, this being an annual parade.

Councillor McCluskey was not in attendance for consideration of this item of business, having declared an interest in this and the preceding item as he had made a public comment on the applications.

The Board heard Mr J Wallace, Mr J MacLean and Mr D Walter on behalf of the Gourock Defenders of the Faith L.O.L. 345, and PC Deane from Police Scotland.

Decided: that neither a prohibition order be made nor additional conditions beyond the Council's standard conditions be imposed on the public procession organised by the Gourock Defenders of the Faith L.O.L. 345 through parts of Gourock on Saturday 22 June 2024 for the annual parade.

POLICY & RESOURCES EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE – 13 JUNE 2024

Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee

Thursday 13 June 2024 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Curley, McCabe, McCluskey, McVey, Robertson and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance:

Louise Long	Chief Executive
Alan Puckrin	Chief Financial Officer
Ruth Binks	Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development
Stuart Jamieson	Director Environment & Regeneration
Lynsey Brown	Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services
Lorna Coote	Service Manager (Educational Resources & Facilities Management)
Colin MacDonald	Senior Committee Officer
Lindsay Carrick	Senior Committee Officer

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

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

308 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

308

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Councillor McVey declared an interest in Agenda Item 2 (Award of contracts for the Provision of Transport for Children with Additional Support/Medical Needs for 2024/25 and 2025/26).

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 item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 8 & 9 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

309 Award of contracts for the Provision of Transport for Children with Additional Support/Medical Needs for 2024/25 and 2025/26

309

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval to (1) allocate funding from the Budget Delivery Reserve, and (2) thereafter to accept tenders for transport facilities for children with additional support and/or medical needs for school sessions 2024/2025 and 2025/2026.

Councillor McVey declared an interest in this item due to a commercial relationship with an operator mentioned in the report and left the meeting.

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

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The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 13 June 2024 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
Lynsey Brown	Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services
Alan Puckrin	Chief Financial Officer
Stuart Jamieson	Director Environment & Regeneration
Ruth Binks	Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development
Allan MacDonald	Digital & Customer Service Manager
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer
Lindsay Carrick	Senior Committee Officer
Rhoda Braddick	Corporate Policy, Performance and Communications Manager

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Armstrong, Daisley, Jackson, Law, McCluskey, McCormick, McGuire, Quinn and Reynolds attending remotely.

Reverend Jonathan Fleming opened proceedings with a reflection and prayer.

310 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 310

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Certain connections were intimated for the purposes of transparency as follows:
Agenda Item 8 (Inverclyde Council Byelaws for the Regulation of the Cleaning of Common Property) – Councillors Brooks and Curley.

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The Inverclyde Council, Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards**

311 The Inverclyde Council – 25 April 2024 311

Approved on the motion of Provost McKenzie.

312 Planning Board – 1 May 2024 312

Approved on the motion of Councillor McVey.

313 Audit Committee – 7 May 2024 313

Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.

314 General Purposes Board – 8 May 2024 314

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Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.

315 Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel 315

Approved on the motion of Councillor Brennan.

316 Environment & Regeneration Committee – 16 May 2024 316

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.

317 Education & Communities Committee – 21 May 2024 317

Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.

318 Policy & Resources Committee – 4 June 2024 318

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.

319 Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Panel – 6 June 2024 319

Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.

320 Scheme of Administration – Political Balance 320

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services advising of the necessary requirements to ensure, as far as practicable, political balance on Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies, where appropriate, following the resignation from the SNP Group of Councillor Innes Nelson, who has entered into an affiliation with the Conservative Group, and the resignation of Councillor Lynne Quinn from the Internal Independent Coalition. The report also requested the Council nominate an Elected Member to be appointed by the Scottish Ministers to Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board following the resignation of Councillor Martin McCluskey from the Board.

The Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services advised the Council that the Elected Member appointments as set out in the Appendix document which had been shared with all Elected Members prior to the meeting did not achieve complete political balance but was as close as is practicable at present.

The Appendix was moved by Provost McKenzie and seconded by Councillor McVey. There being no amendments to this, the motion was unanimously agreed.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms and content of the report and separately circulated Appendix with regard to the re-balancing of Committees be noted and approved;
- (2) that it be noted a report will be presented to a future meeting of the Council following a review of the appropriateness of Council nominations to the Boards of organisations which tender for Council contracts;
- (3) that Councillor Robert Moran be nominated to be appointed by the Scottish Ministers to Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board; and
- (4) that the membership of Inverclyde Council's Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards, together with Convenors and Vice-Convenors, be as follows:

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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| 1. Councillor McCabe | 7. Councillor Law |
| 2. Councillor McCluskey | 8. Councillor Armstrong |
| 3. Councillor McCormick | 9. Councillor McVey |
| 4. Councillor McGuire | 10. Councillor Wilson |
| 5. Councillor Robertson | 11. Councillor Nelson |
| 6. Councillor Curley | |

Convenor: Councillor McCabe
Vice-Convenor: Councillor McCluskey

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE

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| 1. Councillor McCormick | 7. Councillor Robertson |
| 2. Councillor Cassidy | 8. Councillor Crowther |
| 3. Councillor Clocherty | 9. Provost McKenzie |
| 4. Councillor Jackson | 10. Councillor Quinn |
| 5. Councillor McCabe | 11. Councillor Brooks |
| 6. Councillor Curley | |

Convenor: Councillor McCormick
Vice-Convenors: Councillor Cassidy (Environment)
 Councillor Clocherty (Regeneration)

EDUCATION & COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

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| 1. Councillor Clocherty | 7. Councillor Law |
| 2. Councillor Brennan | 8. Councillor Nelson |
| 3. Councillor McGuire | 9. Councillor Quinn |
| 4. Councillor Moran | 10. Councillor McVey |
| 5. Councillor Robertson | 11. Councillor Wilson |
| 6. Councillor Armstrong | |

Church Representatives: Rev D Burt, Rev F Donaldson, Mr J Docherty

Parent Representative: Ms F MacDonald

Teacher Representative: Ms P McEwan

Convenor: Councillor Clocherty

Vice-Convenor: Councillor Brennan (Education)
 Councillor McGuire (Communities)

SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL

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| 1. Councillor Jackson | 7. Councillor Armstrong |
| 2. Councillor McCluskey | 8. Councillor Daisley |
| 3. Councillor Brennan | 9. Councillor Reynolds |
| 4. Councillor Cassidy | 10. Provost McKenzie |
| 5. Councillor Clocherty | 11. Councillor Brooks |
| 6. Councillor Robertson | |

Convenor: Councillor Brennan
Vice-Convenor: Councillor McCluskey

AUDIT COMMITTEE

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| 1. Councillor McCabe | 7. Councillor Curley |
| 2. Councillor McGuire | 8. Councillor Reynolds |
| 3. Councillor McCluskey | 9. Councillor McVey |

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| 4. Councillor McCormick | 10. Councillor Nelson |
| 5. Councillor Robertson | 11. Councillor Wilson |
| 6. Councillor Crowther | |

Convener: Councillor Wilson

Vice-Convener: Councillor Curley

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD

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| 1. Councillor Brennan | 7. Councillor Armstrong |
| 2. Councillor McCluskey | 8. Councillor Reynolds |
| 3. Councillor Cassidy | 9. Councillor Quinn |
| 4. Councillor Moran | 10. Provost McKenzie |
| 5. Councillor Curley | 11. Councillor Wilson |
| 6. Councillor Crowther | |

Chair: Councillor Moran

Vice-Chair: Councillor Curley

PLANNING BOARD

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| 1. Councillor McCabe | 7. Councillor Curley |
| 2. Councillor McGuire | 8. Councillor Law |
| 3. Councillor Clocherty | 9. Provost McKenzie |
| 4. Councillor Jackson | 10. Councillor McVey |
| 5. Councillor Armstrong | 11. Councillor Brooks |
| 6. Councillor Crowther | |

Chair: Councillor McVey

Vice-Chair: Councillor Curley

HUMAN RESOURCES APPEALS BOARD

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| 1. Councillor Brennan | 4. Councillor Daisley |
| 2. Councillor Clocherty | 5. Councillor Quinn |
| 3. Councillor Law | |

Convener: Councillor Brennan

Vice-Convener: Councillor Clocherty

POLICY & RESOURCES EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE

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| 1. Councillor McCabe | 4. Councillor Curley |
| 2. Councillor McCluskey | 5. Councillor McVey |
| 3. Councillor Robertson | 6. Councillor Wilson |

Convener: Councillor McCabe

Vice-Convener: Councillor McCluskey

GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE

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| 1. Councillor Brennan | 4. Councillor Reynolds |
| 2. Councillor McGuire | 5. Provost McKenzie |
| 3. Councillor Crowther | 6. Councillor Brooks |

Chair: Councillor Brooks

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LOCAL REVIEW BODY

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| 1. Councillor Clocherty | 5. Councillor Curley |
| 2. Councillor McCabe | 6. Councillor McVey |
| 3. Councillor McGuire | 7. Councillor Brooks |
| 4. Councillor Crowther | |

Chair: Councillor McVey
Vice-Chair: Councillor Curley

LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE SCRUTINY PANEL

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| 1. Councillor Brennan | 7. Councillor Law |
| 2. Councillor Clocherty | 8. Councillor Reynolds |
| 3. Councillor Moran | 9. Councillor Quinn |
| 4. Councillor McGuire | 10. Provost McKenzie |
| 5. Councillor Crowther | 11. Councillor Wilson |
| 6. Councillor Daisley | |

Chair: Councillor Wilson
Vice-Chair: Provost McKenzie

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

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| 1. Councillor Cassidy | 4. Councillor Daisley |
| 2. Councillor McCabe | 5. Provost McKenzie |
| 3. Councillor Curley | 6. Councillor Brooks |

Convener: Councillor Curley
Vice-Convener: Provost McKenzie

321 Decision of the Standards Commission Hearing

321

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services advising the Council of the decision of the Standards Commission for Scotland following a hearing into a complaint against Councillor Innes Nelson held on 10 April 2024. **Decided:** that the decision of the Standards Commission's hearing relative to Councillor Nelson be noted.

322 Administrative Arrangements: Cycle of Council, Committee, Sub-Committee, Panel and Board meetings to June 2025

322

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services setting out for approval the schedule of Committee cycles for the period to June 2025.

Decided:

- (1) that the proposed cycle of Council, Committee, Sub-Committee, Scrutiny Panel and Board meetings for the year to June 2025 as detailed in the report and appendix be approved; and
- (2) that it be noted that a private meeting of the Audit Committee will be arranged with the Council's Chief Internal Auditor and external auditors, further to the Audit Committee improvement plan approved by that Committee at its meeting on 25 April 2023, and that this meeting will be arranged in advance of the Council's consideration of its audited accounts following the 2024 summer recess.

323 Finance Strategy 2024/34 – 6 monthly update

323

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, including the updated funding models in the appendices, be approved, and (b) the continued significant financial challenges for both the UK and Scottish Governments be noted;
- (2) that the remaining mid-range estimated 2025/28 funding gap of £13.8million after assuming a 7% increase in Council Tax in 2025/26, as detailed at table 4a of the Financial Strategy, be noted;
- (3) that it be noted that, whilst the Council approved a 2-year Revenue Budget on 29 February 2024, there will be the need to review all reserves and financial models to take account of prevailing interest and inflation forecasts as part of the December Financial Strategy; and
- (4) that agreement be given to (a) the transfer of £800,000 from the Capital Fund to Loans Charges in 2027/28 to largely offset a short-term deficit in the Loans Charges model, and (b) the transfer £646,000 from the Budget Development earmarked reserve to the Internal Resources Interest (IRI) funding model as part of the 2023/24 Year End Accounts to reflect the full over-recovery of IRI in 2022/23.

324 Review of Health and Social Care Integration Scheme

324

It was noted that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

325 Inverclyde Council Byelaws for the Regulation of the Cleaning of Common Property

325

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services requesting that the Council considers the proposal to revoke the Inverclyde Council Byelaws for the regulation of the Cleaning of Common Property.

Decided:

- (1) that a proposed resolution to revoke the Byelaws in terms of section 202C of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 be agreed;
- (2) that the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services be authorised to take all action which is required to advertise the proposed resolution to revoke the Byelaws; and
- (3) that the intention of the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services to report back to the Council on the outcome of the statutory consultation in connection with the proposed resolution be noted, and that thereafter authority will subsequently be sought from the Council to pass the resolution to revoke the Byelaws.

326 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive (Emergency Powers) in respect of (a) livestreaming of committee meetings; (b) postponement of electrical testing contract, Greenock Municipal Buildings, Greenock, and (c) amendment of polling scheme

326

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services advising of the use of Emergency Powers by the Chief Executive to (a) approve the temporary cessation of relevant committee and board livestreaming in the period leading up to the UK Parliamentary General Election, (b) note the emergency postponement of the contract for electrical survey work in the Greenock Municipal Buildings, Greenock, and, (c) note the use of the discretionary powers granted to the

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Chief Executive as Returning Officer to amend the 2024 Polling Scheme to delete premises that have become unavailable for use and to substitute premises nearby at the Sommerville and Weir Building, Faith Avenue, Quarriers Village, Bridge of Weir.

Decided: that it be noted that the Chief Executive used their powers under the Council's Scheme of Delegation (Officers) to approve the actions as detailed in the report.

327 Further Education Colleges Lecturer's Pay Dispute – Notice of Motion by Councillor Brennan 327

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 Brennan, countersigned by Councillor McCluskey, in the following terms:

“Council notes with deep concern the ongoing national pay dispute involving college lecturers across Scotland and the resultant industrial action by members of EIS-FELA (Further Education Lecturers' Association) who have now waited almost two years for an increase in pay.

Council further notes the significant detrimental impact that this dispute has had on the learning of Inverclyde students attending West College Scotland and other further education colleges across Scotland over the past two academic years.

Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills and the Minister for Higher and Further Education seeking their urgent intervention in this dispute with the aim of securing a resolution as soon as possible in the interests of Inverclyde's further education students.”

Decided:

- (1) that the Notice of Motion by Councillor Brennan as set out above be agreed, and
- (2) that it be agreed that the Chief Executive write to the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills and the Minister for Higher and Further Education seeking their urgent intervention in this dispute with the aim of securing a resolution as soon as possible in the interests of Inverclyde's further education students.

Private Appendices to Minutes

328 General Purposes Board – 8 May 2024 328

Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.

329 Environment & Regeneration Committee – 16 May 2024 329

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 27 JUNE 2024

Audit Committee

Thursday 27 June 2024 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Crowther, Curley, McCabe, McCluskey, McCormick, McGuire, McVey, Robertson and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance:

Louise Long	Chief Executive
Anne Sinclair	Legal Services Manager (for Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services)
Stuart Jamieson	Director Environment & Regeneration
Alan Puckrin	Chief Financial Officer
Matt Thomson	Finance Manager (Environment & Technical)
Gerard Smith	Capital Assets Principal Accountant
Angela Edmiston	Finance Manager (Corporate Services & Strategic Finance)
Craig Given	Head of Finance, Planning & Resources (Inverclyde HSCP) (for Chief Officer, Inverclyde HSCP)
Lindsay Carrick	Senior Committee Officer
Colin MacDonald	Senior Committee Officer

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

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

330 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 330

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Nelson and Councillor Reynolds.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

331 Internal Audit Annual Report and Assurance Statement 2023-2024 331

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services presenting the Internal Audit Annual Report and Assurance Statement for 2023-2024, which forms part of the Council's Annual Governance Statement.

Decided:

(1) that based on reports received and reviewed by the Audit Committee, Members are in agreement with the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services annual report and assurance statement which confirmed an overall opinion of Generally Satisfactory such that reasonable assurance can be placed upon the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's internal control system in 2023-2024 and are satisfied that active monitoring and follow up of agreed action plans is in place; and

(2) that it be noted that a summary of the External Quality Assessment and associated Action Plan of the Internal Audit Service will be presented to Committee later this year.

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 27 JUNE 2024

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- 332 Annual Report on the Audit Committee 2023-2024 332**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services providing Members with the Annual Report on the Audit Committee for 2023-2024.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Annual Report on the Audit Committee for 2023-2024 be approved; and
 - (2) that it be agreed to present the report to a future meeting of the Council in line with best practice guidance.
- 333 Review of Local Code of Governance and Interim Annual Governance Statement 2023-2024 333**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services advising Members of the outcome of the annual self-evaluation exercise undertaken of the Council's compliance with its Local Code of Governance; and inviting Members to consider the Interim Annual Governance Statement that will be included in the 2023-2024 Unaudited Accounts.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the outcome of the recent self-evaluation exercise in considering how the Council currently meets the agreed Local Code of Governance, together with the issues identified and improvement actions be noted; and
 - (2) that the actions identified by management to improve the internal control environment of the Interim Annual Governance Statement 2023-2024 be approved.
- 334 Internal Audit Annual Strategy and Plan 2024-2025 334**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services presenting for approval the Internal Audit Annual Strategy and Plan for 2024-2025.
- Decided:**
- (1) that approval be given to the Internal Audit Annual Strategy and Plan for 2024-2025, and that a proposed further audit be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.
- 335 Unaudited Annual Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 335**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer requesting the Committee to review the unaudited Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 and approve their onward transmission to Audit Scotland by the statutory deadline of 30 June 2024. The Committee heard a short presentation on the key matters within the accounts by Matt Thomson, Finance Manager.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee, having reviewed the unaudited Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024, approve their submission to Audit Scotland;
 - (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Financial Officer to amend the Annual Account to reflect any matters intimated at the meeting; and
 - (3) that it be noted that the External Auditor's Annual Report to Members for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2024 is scheduled to be reported to the Council on 26 September 2024.

PLANNING BOARD – 7 AUGUST 2024

Planning Board

Wednesday 7 August 2024 at 3:15pm

Present: Councillors Armstrong, Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Jackson, Law, McCabe, McGuire and McVey.

Chair: Councillor McVey presided.

In attendance:

Neale McIlvanney	Head of Service - Regeneration, Planning & Public Protection
Daniel Henderson	Planning and Building Standards Service Manager
Gordon Leitch	Team Leader (Consultancy) – Roads and Transportation
Jim Kerr	Solicitor (for Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services)
Colin MacDonald	Senior Committee Officer
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer

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

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

Prior to the commencement of proceedings, the Chair indicated that the starting time would be delayed until 3:15pm to allow Councillor Jackson, who had been experiencing technical difficulties, to join the meeting.

336 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

336

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Provost McKenzie.

There were no declarations of interest.

337 CONTINUED PLANNING APPLICATION

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- (a) Erection of two and a half storey detached dwellinghouse (amendment to previous planning permission 23/0067/IC to increase footprint and height of house as well as elevational alterations):
Plot 6, Leperstone Avenue, Kilmacolm (24/0036/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Director Environment & Regeneration for the erection of a two and a half storey detached dwellinghouse (amendment to previous planning permission 23/0067/IC to increase footprint and height of house as well as elevational alterations) at Plot 6, Leperstone Avenue, Kilmacolm (24/0036/IC), consideration of which had been continued from the meeting on 5 June 2024 for a site visit.

Not having participated in consideration of both this item of business, and item 2(b) on the agenda, at either the meeting of 5 June 2024 or the site visit, Councillors Brooks, Crowther and Law were not entitled to take part in consideration of these items and left the meeting.

After discussion, Councillor McCabe moved that planning permission be refused on the grounds of the application having an unacceptably dominant impact on the surrounding properties.

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As an amendment, Councillor McVey moved that planning permission be granted subject to the conditions contained in the report.

Following a roll call vote, 1 Member, Councillor McCabe, voted in favour of the motion and 5 Members, Councillors Armstrong, Clocherty, Jackson, McGuire and McVey voted in favour of the amendment which was declared carried.

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

(1) that the development to which this permission relates must be begun within 3 years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended);

(2) that for the avoidance of doubt, all facing materials to be used in the construction of the dwellinghouse shall accord with the terms of Design Statement V7 of planning permission 14/0409/IC. Samples of all facing materials shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to their use. The approval materials shall thereafter be used unless a variation is approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the dwellinghouse reflects the character of the surrounding area in the interests of visual amenity;

(3) that for the avoidance of doubt, all hard and soft landscaping within the site boundary shall accord with the terms of Design Statement V7 of planning permission 14/0409/IC. Samples of all materials shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to their use. The approved materials shall thereafter be used unless a variation is approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure continuity of development in the interests of visual amenity;

(4) that the dwellinghouse hereby approved shall be designed to ensure that at least 25% of the carbon dioxide emissions reduction standard set by Scottish Building Standards is met through the installation and operation of low and zero carbon energy generating technologies. Details showing how this shall be achieved shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to the construction of the dwellinghouse, to comply with the requirements of Section 72 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009;

(5) that the dwellinghouse hereby approved shall be designed to include at least one trickle charging point made accessible for the charging of electric vehicles. Details of the charging point shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to the formation of the driveway and the charging point shall be installed prior to the first occupation of the dwellinghouse, to ensure adequate provision is made to encourage the use of electric vehicles;

(6) that the dwellinghouse hereby approved shall not be occupied until the approved driveway shown on drawing number 191_IC101_SP02, Rev. B has been fully constructed within the site, to ensure suitable parking provision for the new development in the interests of road safety;

(7) that for the the avoidance of doubt, the driveway shall have a gradient of 10% or less and shall be fully paved. A sample of the paving stones which are to be used for surfacing the driveway shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to the formation of the driveway, in the interests of road safety and to ensure a suitable finish is provided which ensures continuity of development in the interests of visual amenity;

(8) that for the avoidance of doubt, all surface water flows are to be contained and managed within the site and any run-off from the site shall be limited to not exceed greenfield run-off rates, to ensure the development does not increase the risk of flooding to adjoining sites;

(9) that full details of the boundary fence design shall be submitted to and approved in writing prior to being installed on site. The approved boundary fencing shall be erected on site to the heights specified in drawing number 191_IC101_SP02, Rev. B prior to the occupation of the dwellinghouse. The approved fencing shall be retained at all times

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thereafter, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, in the interests of privacy and to prevent overlooking of neighbouring properties;

(10) that for the avoidance of doubt, opaque glazing shall be fitted to the ground floor shower room window, the first floor ensuite windows and the second-floor walk-in wardrobe window as shown on drawing number 191_IC101_PP05, Rev. A prior to the occupation of the dwellinghouse. Development shall not commence until details of the opaque glazing have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. These windows shall be retained with opaque glazing at all times thereafter, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, in the interests of privacy and to prevent overlooking of neighbouring properties;

(11) that the discovery of Japanese Knotweed or any previously unrecorded contamination that becomes evident during site works shall be brought to the attention of the Planning Authority and a Remediation Scheme shall not be implemented unless it has been submitted to and approved, in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that all contamination and Japanese Knotweed concerns are managed appropriately; and

(12) that for the avoidance of doubt, all imported topsoil shall meet the British Standard BS3882:2015 Specification for Topsoil. Verification of the quality of topsoil shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to being imported on site, to ensure that no contaminated materials are imported to the site.

**(b) Sub-division of rear garden and erection of detached dwellinghouse:
Redgates, Castlehill Road, Kilmacolm (24/0022/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Director Environment & Regeneration for the sub-division of rear garden and erection of detached dwellinghouse at Redgates, Castlehill Road, Kilmacolm (24/0022/IC), consideration of which had been continued from the meeting on 5 June 2024 for a site visit.

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

(1) that the development to which this permission relates must be begun within 3 years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended);

(2) that prior to the commencement of any construction works on site, the applicant/developer shall submit for the written approval of the Planning Authority, full details of all facing materials to be used on the proposed dwelling, retaining walls and hard surfacing within the site. Only the approved materials shall be used thereafter unless a variation is approved in writing by the Planning Authority, in the interests of visual amenity;

(3) that development shall not commence until details and location of all walls and fences to be erected on the site have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Thereafter the development shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details, to ensure the development is acceptable in appearance;

(4) that development shall not commence until detailed levels, diagrams and sections, showing the existing and proposed levels throughout the site and finished floor levels in relation to a fixed datum point have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Thereafter the development shall be constructed in accordance with the approved levels, diagrams and sections, to ensure that the levels are acceptable at this location;

(5) that prior to the commencement of any development works on site, the applicant/developer shall provide for the written approval of the Planning Authority, the full specification of all opaque glazing to be installed at first floor level on the side elevations as indicated on drawing AL(0)51 Rev C. Thereafter and for the lifetime of the development, the opaque glazing to the finally approved specification shall be installed and retained in position, in the interests of privacy;

(6) that for the avoidance of doubt no further windows shall be installed on the side

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elevations above ground floor level, other than those shown on drawing AL(0)51 Rev C, without planning permission being granted, in the interests of privacy;

(7) that prior to the commencement of development, confirmation of connection to Scottish Water's Network shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure Scottish Water's acceptance of the drainage regime for the application site and in the interests of the provision of a satisfactory drainage regime;

(8) that for the avoidance of doubt the dwellinghouse shall be designed to ensure that at least 25% of the carbon dioxide emissions reduction standard set by Scottish Building Standards is met through the installation and operation of low and zero carbon generating technologies, details of which shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of any construction works on site. Thereafter the approved low and zero carbon generating technologies shall be implemented in their approved form before the occupation of the dwellinghouse, to comply with the requirements of Section 72 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009;

(9) that for the avoidance of doubt the dwellinghouse shall have an Electric Vehicle Charging Point. Development shall not commence until the details have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority relating to the proposed Electric Vehicle Charging Point. Thereafter the approved details shall be implemented on site in their approved form before the first occupation of the dwellinghouse, in the interests of sustainable development and to accord with the Inverclyde Council Supplementary Guidance on Energy;

(10) that in the event of any suspected contamination being discovered, site works shall cease with immediate effect and the matter brought to the attention of the Planning Authority. Thereafter, site works may not recommence until a Remediation Scheme has been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority, to ensure that all contamination issues are recorded and dealt with appropriately;

(11) that development shall not commence until full details of all soft landscaping within the application site has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Any planting that is damaged, removed, becomes diseased or dies within 5 years of planting shall be replaced within the following planting season with others of a similar size and species, to ensure the provision and retention of an appropriate landscaping scheme;

(12) that any vegetation/tree removal and tree pruning to be carried out in association with the construction of the dwellinghouse hereby approved shall take place outwith the bird breeding season (March to August inclusive), in the interests of wildlife protection;

(13) that prior to occupation of the dwellinghouse hereby approved, the applicant/developer shall provide a visibility splay of 2.4m x 20.0m x 1.05m at the vehicular access into the site. Thereafter the visibility splay shall be retained for the lifetime of the development, in the interests of pedestrian and traffic safety; and

(14) that for the avoidance of doubt, the driveway shall be fully paved and the gradient shall not exceed 10%, in the interests of road safety.

LOCAL REVIEW BODY – 7 AUGUST 2024

Local Review Body

Wednesday 7 August 2024 at 4pm

Present: Councillors Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, McCabe, McGuire and McVey.

Chair: Councillor McVey presided.

In attendance:

Margaret Pickett	Senior Planner (Planning Adviser)
Daniel Henderson	Planning and Building Standards Manager
Jim Kerr	Solicitor, Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services (Legal Adviser)
Colin MacDonald	Senior Committee Officer
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillor McGuire attending remotely.

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

338 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 338

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

339 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW 339

- (a) Erection of two storey replacement dwellinghouse incorporating basement level following demolition of existing dwellinghouse; refurbishment and alterations of stables; alterations and conversion of barn to form a visitor/guest accommodation; erection of agricultural building; enlargement of equestrian area following demolition of existing barn and stable block; and alterations to layout of visitor parking area:
Slates Farm, Blacksholm Road, Kilmacolm (24/0015/IC)**

There was submitted papers relative to the application for review for the erection of a two storey replacement dwellinghouse incorporating basement level following demolition of existing dwellinghouse; refurbishment and alterations of stables; alterations and conversion of barn to form a visitor/guest accommodation; erection of agricultural building; enlargement of equestrian area following demolition of existing barn and stable block; and alterations to layout of visitor parking area at Slates Farm, Blacksholm Road, Kilmacolm (24/0015/IC) to enable the Local Review Body to consider the matter afresh.

Prior to the commencement of discussion on this item, Mr Kerr referred to a new matter raised by the applicant's agent, namely, letters from members of the public addressed to the applicant. He asked the Local Review Body whether it wished to have regard to the new matter in determining the application for review. Following discussion, the Local Review Body agreed that it would take regard of the new matter.

Ms Pickett acted as Planning Adviser relative to this case.

After discussion, Councillor Brooks moved that (1) sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure;

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and (2) the application for review be upheld and that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

1. that the development to which this permission relates must have commenced within 3 years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended);
2. that prior to the commencement of any development works on site, the applicant shall provide for the written approval of the Planning Authority a phasing plan for the development. This plan should ensure that the equestrian facility is constructed in the first phase of development, to define the permission and allow the Planning Authority to retain effective control;
3. that development shall not commence until details/samples of all external finishes on the buildings have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. For the avoidance of doubt this relates to the type, finish and colour of all external materials on each new building. Following approval these shall be implemented in their approved form, in the interests of visual amenity;
4. that development shall not commence until detailed specification of the type and colour of all hard surfacing to be used on hardstanding areas have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Following approval these shall be implemented in their approved form, in the interests of visual amenity;
5. that development shall not commence until details/plans of the proposed finished floor levels of each of the buildings hereby approved, as well as any changes to ground levels within the site, have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The details to be submitted shall relate to a fixed datum point. Following approval these shall be implemented in their approved form, in the interests of visual amenity;
6. that prior to the commencement of any development works on site, the applicant shall submit for the written approval of the Planning Authority, a survey for the presence of Japanese Knotweed. For the avoidance of doubt; this shall contain a methodology and treatment statement where any is found. Development shall not proceed until appropriate control measures are implemented. Any significant variation to the treatment methodology shall be submitted for approval, in writing by the Planning Authority prior to implementation, to ensure the remediation scheme meets regulatory requirements and all contamination and Japanese Knotweed concerns are managed appropriately;
7. that development shall not commence until details of bin stores/containers to be used to store waste materials and recyclable materials as well as specific details of the areas where these are to be located have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Following approval these shall be implemented in their approved form before first occupation of the dwellinghouse or first use of the livery stables, to protect the amenity of the immediate area, prevent the creation of nuisance due to odours, insects, rodents or birds;
8. that the dwellinghouse shall be designed to ensure that at least 25% of the carbon dioxide emissions reduction standard set by Scottish Building Standards is met through the installation and operation of low and zero carbon generating technologies. Development shall not commence until details have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority relating to the proposed low and zero carbon generating technologies to be installed in the dwellinghouse. Thereafter the approved low and zero carbon generating technologies shall be implemented in their approved form before the first occupation of the dwellinghouse, to comply with the requirements of Section 72 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009;
9. that for the avoidance of doubt the dwellinghouse shall have an Electric Vehicle Charging Point. Development shall not commence until the details have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority relating to the proposed Electric Vehicle Charging Point. Thereafter the approved details shall be implemented on site in

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their approved form before the first occupation of the dwellinghouse, in the interests of sustainable development and to accord with the Inverclyde Council Supplementary Guidance on Energy;

10. that prior to the commencement of development, confirmation of connection to Scottish Water's Network shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure Scottish Water's acceptance of the drainage regime for the application site and in the interests of the provision of a satisfactory drainage regime;

11. that the development hereby permitted shall not commence until an Environmental Investigation and Risk Assessment, including any necessary Remediation Scheme with timescale for implementation, of all pollutant linkages has been submitted to and approved, in writing by the Planning Authority. The investigations and assessment shall be site-specific and completed in accordance with current codes of practice. The submission shall also include a Verification Plan. Any subsequent modifications to the Remediation Scheme and Verification Plan must be approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to implementation, to satisfactorily address potential contamination issues in the interests of human health and environmental safety;

12. that before the development hereby permitted is occupied the applicant shall submit a report for approval, in writing by the Planning Authority, confirming that the works have been completed in accordance with the agreed Remediation Scheme and supply information as agreed in the Verification Plan. This report shall demonstrate that no pollutant linkages remain or are likely to occur and include (but not limited to) a collation of verification/validation certificates, analysis information, remediation lifespan, maintenance/aftercare information and details of all materials imported onto the site as fill or landscaping material. The details of such materials shall include information of the material source, volume, intended use and chemical quality with plans delineating placement and thickness, to ensure contamination is not imported to the site and confirm successful completion of remediation measures in the interests of human health and environmental safety;

13. that for the avoidance of doubt, the presence of any previously unrecorded contamination or variation to anticipated ground conditions that becomes evident during site works shall be brought to the attention of the Planning Authority and a Remediation Scheme shall not be implemented unless it has been submitted to and approved, in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that all contamination issues are recorded and dealt with appropriately;

14. that prior to commencement of use of the development hereby permitted the applicant shall provide an access of 4.8m for the first 10m to allow vehicles to pull off of Blacksholm Road when a vehicle is exiting the access. The access should be fully paved for a minimum of 10m and the gradient should not exceed 10%. Thereafter this access shall remain in situ for the lifetime of the development, in the interests of traffic and pedestrian safety;

15. that for the avoidance of doubt, the existing visibility splay at the existing access should be kept clear in perpetuity, in the interests of traffic and pedestrian safety; and

16. that for the avoidance of doubt, all surface water should be managed within the site to prevent flooding to surrounding properties and the public road network, in the interests of sustainable development and to avoid flooding outwith the site.

As an amendment, Councillor McVey moved that (1) sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and (2) the application for review be dismissed and that planning permission be refused (upholding the Appointed Officer's determination) for the following reason:

1. the proposal presents an unacceptable departure from the Development Plan as no specific locational requirement for the proposed house or visitor accommodation has been demonstrated. Furthermore, the proposed house is not considered to be appropriately scaled or designed to be in keeping with the character of this rural area. The

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proposal is therefore contrary to Policies 8, 9, 14, 17 and 29 of National Planning Framework 4; Policies 1 and 14 of the adopted Inverclyde Local Development Plan and Policies 1, 15 and 19 of the proposed Local Development Plan. It is also not supported by the design principles of both adopted and draft PAAN 8.

Following a roll call vote, 3 Members, Councillors Brooks, Clocherty and Crowther voted in favour of the motion, and 4 Members, Councillors Curley, McCabe, McGuire and McVey voted in favour of the amendment which was declared carried.

Decided:

(1) that sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and

(2) that application for review be dismissed and that planning permission be refused (upholding the Appointed Officer's determination) for the following reason:

1. the proposal presents an unacceptable departure from the Development Plan as no specific locational requirement for the proposed house or visitor accommodation has been demonstrated. Furthermore, the proposed house is not considered to be appropriately scaled or designed to be in keeping with the character of this rural area. The proposal is therefore contrary to Policies 8, 9, 14, 17 and 29 of National Planning Framework 4; Policies 1 and 14 of the adopted Inverclyde Local Development Plan and Policies 1, 15 and 19 of the proposed Local Development Plan. It is also not supported by the design principles of both adopted and draft PAAN 8.

(b) Alterations to ground floor of existing outbuilding to convert garage to form habitable accommodation with associated external alterations; erection of detached garage:

North Dennistoun House, North Dennistoun, Bridge of Weir Road, Kilmacolm (24/0010/IC)

There was submitted papers relative to the application for review for alterations to ground floor of existing outbuilding to convert garage to form habitable accommodation with associated external alterations; erection of detached garage at North Dennistoun House, North Dennistoun, Bridge of Weir Road, Kilmacolm (24/0010/IC) to enable the Local Review Body to consider the matter afresh.

Ms Pickett acted as Planning Adviser relative to this case.

Decided:

(1) that sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and

(2) that the application for review be dismissed and that planning permission be refused (upholding the Appointed Officer's determination) for the following reasons:

1. the proposal does not comply with Policy 8 of NPF4, Policy 14 of the adopted Local Development Plan nor Policy 15 of the proposed Local Development Plan. The development also fails to comply with Policies 16 and 17 of NPF4 and Policy 19 of the proposed Local Development Plan. The proposal is not considered to be appropriately designed in terms of being in effect a dwellinghouse in the Green Belt.

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 13 AUGUST 2024

Policy & Resources Committee

Tuesday 13 August 2024 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance:

Louise Long	Chief Executive
Alan Puckrin	Chief Financial Officer
Ruth Binks	Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development
Stuart Jamieson	Director Environment & Regeneration
Lynsey Brown	Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services
Morna Rae	Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications
Matt Thomson	Finance Manager (Environment & Technical)
Angela Edmiston	Finance Manager (Corporate Services & Strategic Finance)
Colin MacDonald	Senior Committee Officer
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer
Karen MacVey	Members' & Committee Services Team Leader
Rhoda Braddick	Corporate Policy, Performance and Communications Manager

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

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

340 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 340

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Armstrong with Councillor Crowther substituting, Councillor McCluskey with Councillor Brennan substituting and Councillor McGuire with Councillor Cassidy substituting.

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

Agenda Item 6 (Allocation of funding for events and projects to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Port Glasgow becoming a burgh) – Councillor Law

341 Revenue Budget Outturn 2023/24 341

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer advising the Committee of (1) the unaudited outturn of Service Committee Budgets for the year ending 31 March 2024 (2) Period 11 Revenue Budget reports, and (3) the outturn per the 2023/24 Unaudited Accounts.

Decided:

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(1) that the Service Committee overspend per the Unaudited Accounts for 2023/24 of £545,000, the reasons for the material variances from budget, and the movement of £50,000 from Period 11 to the unaudited outturn be noted;

(2) that it be noted that officers will identify where there are any matters which will impact on the delivery of the 2024/26 Budget; and

(3) that it be noted that further details on the 2023/24 outturn will be submitted to individual Committees as part of the first 2024/25 Revenue Budget Monitoring Reports.

342 Capital Programme Outturn 2023/2024

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer advising on the delivery of the 2023/24 Capital Programme and highlighting issues which are expected to continue to impact upon the delivery of the Capital Programme.

Decided: that (a) the improved 2023/24 Capital Outturn position be noted, and (b) it be noted that officers continue to take account of the on-going challenges in delivering capital projects when estimating the planned 2024/25 expenditure levels approved by the Council in March 2024.

343 Treasury Management – Annual Report 2023/24

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) advising of the operation of the treasury function and its activities for 2023/24 as required under the terms of Treasury Management Practice 6 (TMP6) on 'Reporting Requirements and Management Information Arrangements', and (2) requesting that the report be remitted to the Full Council for approval.

Decided:

(1) that the contents of the annual report on Treasury Management for 2023/24 and the impact of higher than forecast interest rates in 2023/24 be noted; and

(2) that the report be remitted to the Full Council for approval.

344 2024/25 Budget Update

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) providing an initial update on the position of the 2024/25 Budget, (2) highlighting new pressures not factored into the approved budget and (3) providing CMT recommendations as to next steps.

Decided:

(1) that the potential 2024/25 Budget pressures identified in the report and the proposals from the CMT be noted; and

(2) that it be agreed (a) to delegate to the Chief Executive the progression of targeted Voluntary Early Release trawls to assist in the development of savings proposals to address the recurring impact from 2025/26 on the understanding that the focus will be on service redesigns with limited impact on service delivery and that no employee would be released without the agreement of the Committee/Council.

345 Allocation of funding for events and projects to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Port Glasgow becoming a burgh

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking authority to allocate £40,000 from the Common Good fund to create a number of events to mark the 250th anniversary of Port Glasgow becoming a burgh.

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Councillor Law declared a connection as an employee of Historic Scotland who is engaged in work to prepare Newark Castle for the Port Glasgow 250th anniversary event. 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.

Decided: that the use of £40,000 from the Common Good fund to develop a number of events to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Port Glasgow becoming a burgh be approved.

346 Corporate Self-Assessment of Best Value Performance**346**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications providing an update on the recent corporate self-assessment, which focused on the Council's Best Value performance.

Decided:

- (1) that the development of a 'Corporate Self-Assessment of Best Value Performance' report be noted; and
- (2) that it be noted that six monthly progress reports on the delivery of the Improvement Plan will be brought to the Committee.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 14 AUGUST 2024

General Purposes Board

Wednesday 14 August 2024 at 3.00pm

Present: Provost McKenzie, Councillors Brennan, Cassidy, Crowther, Curley, Moran, McCabe (for McCluskey), Nelson (for Wilson), Quinn, Reynolds and Robertson (for Armstrong).

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

In attendance:

David Keenan	Solicitor (for Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services)
Fiona Denver	Senior Paralegal 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 Quinn attending remotely.

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

347 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 347

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Armstrong, with Councillor Robertson substituting, Councillor McCluskey, with Councillor McCabe substituting, and Councillor Wilson, with Councillor Nelson substituting.

Councillors Crowther, Curley and Robertson declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 (Application for Renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence).

Prior to the commencement of business, the Board was advised that Councillor Reynolds was experiencing connectivity issues joining remotely. Councillor Reynolds subsequently joined the meeting during consideration of agenda item 3 and the Chair advised that she could not participate in the meeting as she had no microphone.

348 Taxi Fares Review 2024/25 348

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services advising the Board of the commencement of the statutory review of the Council's Taxi Fare Scale and Charges which includes requesting the views of representatives of the taxi trade.

Decided:

- 1) that the commencement of the Council's statutory review of Taxi Fare Scale and Charges be noted; and
- 2) that it be noted that a report will be submitted to the Board for consideration with a provisional view on such a review following the consultation with representatives of the taxi trade.

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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.

349 Application for Grant of a Taxi Driver’s Licence 349

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services requesting the Board to consider an application for the grant of a Taxi Driver’s Licence which was refused, all as detailed in the Private Appendix.

350 Application for Grant of a Taxi Driver’s License 350

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services requesting the Board to consider an application for the grant of a Taxi Driver’s Licence which was refused, all as detailed in the Private Appendix.

351 Application for Renewal of a Taxi Driver’s Licence 351

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services requesting the Board to consider an application for the renewal of a Taxi Driver’s Licence which was refused.

Councillors Crowther, Curley and Robertson declared an interest in this item and left the meeting for consideration of this item, all as detailed in the Private Appendix

352 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver’s Licence 352

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services requesting the Board to consider (1) the immediate suspension of a Taxi Driver’s Licence, and (2) whether to further suspend the licence as the Board may determine, to which the Board decided, after a vote, to (1) uphold the immediate suspension and (2) continue the suspension for the unexpired portion of the licence or until the acquittal of all criminal charges against the applicant and in that event delegated authority be granted to the Legal Services Manager to lift the suspension, all as detailed in the Private Appendix.

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 20 AUGUST 2024

Audit Committee

Tuesday 20 August 2024 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Crowther, Curley, McCabe, McCluskey, McCormick, McVey, Reynolds, Robertson and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance:

Lynsey Brown	Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services
Vicky Pollock	Legal Services Manager
Stuart Jamieson	Director Environment & Regeneration
Ruth Binks	Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development
Alan Puckrin	Chief Financial Officer
Matt Thomson	Finance Manager (Environment & Technical)
Gerard Smith	Capital Assets Principal Accountant
Samantha White	Principal Accountant (for Chief Officer Inverclyde HSCP)
Francis Scott	Senior Audit Manager, Glasgow City Council
Lindsay Carrick	Senior Committee Officer
Colin MacDonald	Senior Committee Officer
Karen McVey	Members' & Committee Services Team Leader

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

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

353 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 353

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor McGuire and Councillor Nelson.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

354 Internal Audit Progress Report – 31 March to 30 June 2024 354

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services appending the monitoring report in respect of Internal Audit activity for the period 31 March to 30 June 2024.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress made by Internal Audit in the period from 31 March to 30 June 2024 be noted; and
- (2) that it be noted that a proposal to utilise the unallocated 25 days within the 2024/25 Audit Plan will be presented to the next meeting of the Committee.

355 External Audit Action Plans – Current Actions 355

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services on the status of current actions from External Audit Action Plans as at 30 June 2024.

Decided: that the progress made in the implementation of External Audit actions be noted.

356 Internal Audit – External Quality Assessment 356

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services advising of the outcome of the recent External Quality Assessment (EQA) of the Council's Internal Audit Service.

Decided:

- (1) that the summary of the External Quality Assessment be noted; and
- (2) that an action plan to address the matters raised by 31 March 2025 has been developed by officers.

SOCIAL WORK & SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL – 27 AUGUST 2024

Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel

Tuesday 27 August 2024 at 3pm

Present: Provost McKenzie, Councillors Armstrong, Brennan, Cassidy, Clocherty, Daisley, Jackson, McCluskey, Reynolds and Robertson.

Chair: Councillor Brennan presided.

In attendance:

Kate Rocks	Chief Officer (Inverclyde HSCP)
Craig Given	Head of Finance, Planning & Resources (Inverclyde HSCP)
Vicky Pollock	Legal Services Manager (for Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services)
Jonathan Hinds	Chief Social Work Officer and Head of Children & Families and Criminal Justice Services (Inverclyde HSCP)
Alan Best	Interim Head of Health & Community Care (Inverclyde HSCP)
Lesley Ellis	Senior Social Worker, I Promise Programme Manager (Inverclyde HSCP)
Arlene Mailey	Service Manager, Quality & Development Service (Inverclyde HSCP)
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer
Lindsay Carrick	Senior Committee Officer
Karen MacVey	Members' & Committee Services Team Leader
Alison Ramsey	Corporate Communications Officer (Media Relations)

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillor Reynolds attending remotely.

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

357 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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

No declarations of interest were intimated, but certain connections were intimated for the purposes of transparency as follows:

Agenda item 9 (Reporting by Exception – Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations) – Councillor Cassidy

358 Revenue & Capital Budget Report – Outturn 2023/24 and 2024/25 Revenue Position as at 30 June 2024

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership and the Head of Finance, Planning & Resources, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, on the outturn of the 2023/24 revenue budget and the projected outturn on revenue and capital for 2024/25 as at 30 June 2024, it being noted that the 2023/24 outturn was provisional subject to the audit of annual accounts.

Decided:

- (1) that the 2023/24 revenue budget outturn overspend of £0.434million be noted;
- (2) that the transfers to earmarked reserves, as detailed at paragraph 3.2 of the

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report, and the allocation of the final 2023/24 overspend of £0.434million to reserves, as detailed at paragraph 3.2.9 of the report, be noted;

(3) that the projected current year revenue outturn of £0.216million overspend at 30 June 2024 be noted;

(4) that the current projected capital position be noted; and

(5) that the current reserves position be noted.

359 National Care Service Update 359

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, providing an update on the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill and national developments in this regard.

Decided: that the update on national activity around the proposed National Care Service Bill be noted.

360 Presentation – Connected to Care Conference 360

The Panel heard a presentation, with PowerPoint slides, by Ms Lesley Ellis, I Promise Programme Manager, on the recent Connected to Care conference held on 19 June 2024. Ms Ellis thereafter answered a number of questions from Members.

Decided: that the content of the presentation be noted.

361 Inspection of Inverclyde Fostering, Adoption and Continuing Care Services 361

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising the Panel of the publication of three reports by the Care Inspectorate following the recent inspection of adoption, fostering and continuing care services in Inverclyde.

Decided:

(1) that the Panel note the publication of the three inspection reports and the improvement work that is underway; and

(2) that it be noted that an Improvement Action Plan will be presented to the next meeting of the Panel.

362 National Review of Social Work Governance and Assurance 362

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising of the Care Inspectorate's intention to undertake a national review of social work governance and assurance between July and December 2024 with the aim of understanding the role, remit, effectiveness and current challenges facing social work services nationally.

Decided: that the planned review of social work governance and assurance be noted.

363 Supported Living Service Care Inspectorate Inspection - 8 May 2024 363

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership (1) providing an update on the gradings received after the recent inspection of Inverclyde's Supported Living Team and Care at Home Service (Adult Learning Disability), and (2) advising of the development of an Improvement Plan, a copy of which was appended to the report.

Decided:

(1) that the Care Inspectorate inspection of the Supported Living Team and Care at

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Home Service (Adult Learning Disability) be noted; and

(2) that the Panel notes the content of the Improvement Plan and the actions to be completed within the agreed timescales, all as detailed in appendix 1 to the report.

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)	
364 HSCP Senior Management Team Structure	1	364
<p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising of improved governance and strategic oversight arrangements as part of a revised HSCP senior management team structure, which had previously been considered at a meeting of the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board on 24 June 2024.</p> <p>Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.</p>		
365 Reporting by Exception – Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations	6 & 9	365
<p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on matters relating to the Health & Social Care Partnership governance processes for Externally Commissioned Social Care Services. Councillor Cassidy declared a connection in this item as a relative is a member of a Board mentioned within the report. 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.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the governance report for the period 13 April 2024 to 19 July 2024 be noted; and</p> <p>(2) that Members acknowledge that officers regard the control mechanisms in place through the governance meetings and managing poorly performing services guidance within the Contract Management Framework is sufficiently robust to ensure ongoing quality and safety and the fostering of a commissioning culture of continuous improvement.</p>		

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 29 AUGUST 2024

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 29 August 2024 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

In attendance:

Stuart Jamieson	Director Environment & Regeneration
Eddie Montgomery	Head of Physical Assets
Neale McIlvanney	Head of Service - Regeneration, Planning & Public Protection
Matt Thomson	Finance Manager (Environment & Technical)
Julie Ann Wilson	Principal Accountant
Peter MacDonald	Principal Solicitor
Emma Peacock	Solicitor
Colin MacDonald	Senior Committee Officer
Lindsay Carrick	Senior Committee Officer
Karen MacVey	Members' and Committee Services Team Leader
Rhoda Braddick	Corporate Policy, Performance and Communications Manager

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

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

366 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 366

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

367 2024/25 Environment & Regeneration Revenue Budget and 2023/24 Out-turn 367

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and Director Environment & Regeneration advising the Committee of (1) the Environment & Regeneration Revenue Budget outturn for 2023/24, and (2) the 2024/25 projected position including details of actions being taken to reduce the projected overspend.

Decided:

(1) that the following be noted, (a) the outturn for 2023/24, (b) the Committee's Revenue Budget projected overspend in 2024/25 of £168,000, and (c) the actions being taken by the Director to reduce the projected overspend; and

(2) that it be noted that on-going reviews are being progressed by the Director and that where appropriate, updates will be provided to future meetings of the Committee.

368 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2024/28 – Progress 368

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 2024/28 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme.

Decided:

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(1) that the current position and the progress on the specific projects of the 2024/28 Capital Programme and externally funded projects as outlined in the report and appendices be noted;

(2) that the use of powers delegated to the Chief Executive to issue a compensation event for the works forming phase 2 of the West Blackhall Street Scape project which was authorised by Councillors McCormick, Clocherty, Cassidy and Robertson; the Chief Financial Officer; Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services; and the Chief Executive be noted;

(3) that the on-going work in respect of the further identification of priority projects relating to core asset condition and allocation of funds from Core Property budget be noted; and

(4) that the on-going work in respect of the further identification of projects relating to Net Zero and allocation of funds from the Net Zero Capital budget be noted.

369 Non-Domestic Rates Income – Support to Local Businesses 369

There was submitted a report by the Director Environment & Regeneration seeking approval for the introduction of the Empty Property Assistance Grant.

Decided: that the introduction of the Empty Property Assistance Grant be approved.

370 Shared Prosperity Update 370

There was submitted a report by the Director Environment & Regeneration providing an update on Inverclyde Council and Glasgow City Region's progress with the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund.

Decided:

(1) that (a) the progress on the Shared Prosperity Fund be noted, and (b) the re-allocation of funding as detailed in the report be approved; and

(2) that it be remitted to the Director Environment & Regeneration to bring a report to a future meeting of the Committee providing further detail on the individual projects funded by the Shared Prosperity Fund.

371 Greenock – Levelling Up Fund 371

There was submitted a report by the Director Environment & Regeneration providing an update on the Greenock Levelling Up Fund Project.

Decided:

(1) that the progress on the report be noted;

(2) that the revised timescales for project completion be noted; and

(3) that it be noted that formal decisions on demolitions associated with the project will be presented to a future meeting of the Committee.

372 Glasgow City Deal: Inverkip Final Business Case Submission 372

There was submitted a report by the Director Environment & Regeneration seeking approval for the submission of the Final Business Case for the City Deal project at Inverkip.

Decided:

(1) that the submission of the Final Business Case to the City Deal Programme Management Office be approved; and

(2) that following City Deal approvals, delegated authority be granted to the Director Environment & Regeneration, in consultation with the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital and Customer Services, and the Chief Financial Officer to conclude the required statutory

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approvals, conclude the construction contracts and secure the increased City Deal grant contribution to allow delivery of the project.

373 Infrastructure Levy for Scotland – Planning 373

There was submitted a report by the Planning and Building Standards Service Manager seeking approval for the proposed response to the current public consultation undertaken by the Scottish Government on the proposed new Infrastructure Levy for Scotland.

Decided: that (a) the contents of the report be noted, and (b) the draft consultation response as detailed in appendix A of the report, be approved.

374 Self-Build Plots Leperstone Avenue, Kilmacolm 374

There was submitted a report by the Director Environment & Regeneration (1) providing an update on the current position in terms of availability of plots, and (2) seeking approval to proceed to reduce the valuations of the self-build housing plots at Leperstone Avenue, Kilmacolm.

Decided:

(1) that (a) the update on current plot availability be noted, and (b) the revised indicative plot value for the available self-build plots at Leperstone Avenue, Kilmacolm, on the terms set out in paragraph 3.4 of the report, be approved; and

(2) that it be remitted to the Director Environment & Regeneration to bring a report back to the Committee in 12 months' time detailing (a) the results of the revised marketing strategy, and (b) potential alternative arrangements for the site should the self-build plots remain unsold.

375 Nature Restoration Fund Proposed Projects 375

There was submitted a report by the Director Environment & Regeneration (1) providing information on the proposals relating to funding for Nature Restoration Fund projects and (2) seeking approval to progress the projects identified.

The Director Environment & Regeneration provided a verbal update to the report, advising that the Scottish Government has withdrawn the grant in respect of the Nature Restoration Fund, and it is hoped this funding will be made available next year.

Decided:

(1) that the proposals identified be noted and approved;

(2) that it be agreed that officers will progress the projects identified should future Nature Restoration funding or alternative funding become available; and

(3) that it be noted that further reports on proposed projects will be presented to the Committee.

376 Firework Control Zone Update 376

There was submitted a report by the Director Environment & Regeneration providing an update on the development of processes for consultation on Firework Control Zones and discussions with partners on whether it was appropriate to propose development of a zone for 2024.

Decided: that the contents of this report, including the fact that this matter will be considered by officers on an annual basis, be noted.

377 Inverclyde Council Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Village Centre (20mph Speed Limit) Orders 2022 – Reporter's Recommendations 377

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Physical Assets informing the Committee of the recommendations of the independent Reporter concerning the Speed Limit Orders relating to proposed 20mph speed limits in Inverkip and Wemyss Bay.

Decided:

- (1) that the recommendations of the independent Reporter in relation to the proposed Speed Limit Orders (Inverkip and Wemyss Bay of 2022) be noted;
- (2) that the Reporter's recommendations be accepted in full for both Speed Limit Orders; and
- (3) that (a) the making of "The Inverclyde Council Inverkip Village Centre (20mph Speed Limit) Order 2022" and The Inverclyde Council Wemyss Bay Village Centre (20mph Speed Limit) Order 2022" be agreed, and (b) it be remitted to the Head of Physical Assets and the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services to arrange for the implementation of the Speed Limit Orders.

378 Management Rules for Parks in Inverclyde**378**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services (1) advising the Committee that no objections or representations were received in respect of the proposed management rules during the statutory consultation period, and (2) seeking approval for the Parks Management Rules for 2024-2034, as detailed in appendix 2 of the report, in order that the proposed plan be remitted to the next meeting of the Inverclyde Council.

Decided: that (a) the Parks Management Rules, as detailed in appendix 2 of the report, and taking into consideration minor amendments proposed at the Committee, be approved, and (b) that the said Management Rules be remitted to the next meeting of the Inverclyde Council with a recommendation that they be formally approved and that officers be authorised to formally make the rules in accordance with statutory procedure.

379 Strathclyde Partnership for Transport Annual Report 2023/24**379**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Physical Assets providing the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) annual report and highlighting some of the associated funding streams and work being undertaken across Inverclyde.

Decided:

- (1) that the SPT Annual Report for 2023/24 be noted; and
- (2) that the capital investment from SPT across Inverclyde in 2023/24 be noted.

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 item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6, 8 & 9 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

380 Property Asset Management Private Report – Proposed Disposal of (1) former community hall, 80 Leven Road Greenock; (2) land at Mearns Street, Greenock; (3) update on sale of the former Garvel School for the Deaf, Greenock; (4) Variation of lease of Gourock Park Bowling Club, Gourock; (5) new lease at 10 Custom House Way, Greenock; (6) transfer of obligations at land at Campbell Street, Greenock and (7) lease extension at 1-3 Cardwell Road, Gourock**380**

There was submitted a report by the Director Environment & Regeneration (1) advising the Committee of activities relating to the management of the Council's property assets and (2) making recommendations in this regard.

The Director Environment & Regeneration advised of a typographical error in the title of the report, and accordingly the reference to “lease extension at 1-3 Cardwell Road, Greenock” should read “lease extension at 1-3 Cardwell Road, Gourock”.

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

GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE – 2 SEPTEMBER 2024

Grants Sub-Committee

Monday 2 September 2024 at 1pm

Present: Provost McKenzie, Councillors Armstrong (for Reynolds), Brennan, Brooks and Crowther.

Chair: Councillor Brooks presided except for application number 11 (Kilmacolm Dramatic Society) for which Provost McKenzie presided.

In attendance:

Tony McEwan	Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources (for Corporate Director Education, Communities and Organisational Development)
Hugh Scott	Service Manager, Community Learning Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport
Peter MacDonald	Principal Solicitor (for Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services)
Jackie Fallon	Development Officer (Community Learning & Development)
Mary McCabe	Principal Accountant (Education & Communities)
Lindsay Carrick	Senior Committee Officer
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer

The 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.

381 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors McGuire and Reynolds, with Councillor Armstrong substituting for Councillor Reynolds.

Declarations of Interest and certain connections were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 2 – application number 4 (Greenock Burns Club)

Provost McKenzie declared a connection in that he previously held the role of Honorary President of the Greenock Burns Club. 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 8 (Inverclyde Music Festival Association)

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.

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Agenda Item 2 – application number 11 (Kilmacolm Dramatic Society)

Councillor Brooks declared a non-financial interest in this application in that a close family member is a member of Kilmacolm Dramatic Society and left the meeting for consideration of this item. Provost McKenzie assumed the Chair.

Agenda Item 2 – application number 13 (Riverside Youth Band)

Councillor Brooks returned to the meeting at this juncture and resumed the Chair.

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

Agenda Item 2 – application number 23 (Inverclyde Voluntary Council of Social Service (IVCSS))

Councillor Armstrong declared a non-financial interest in this application in that she is a Board Member of Inverclyde Voluntary Council of Social Service (IVCSS) and left the meeting for consideration of this item.

Councillor Crowther declared a non-financial interest in this application in that he was previously a representative of Inverclyde Voluntary Council of Social Service (IVCSS). 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 24 (Man On! Inverclyde)

Councillor Brennan declared a non-financial interest in this application in that she is a Board Member of Man On! Inverclyde and left the meeting for consideration of this item.

Agenda Item 2 – application number 36 (Greenock Southwest Community Council)

Councillor Crowther declared a non-financial interest in this application in that he attends meetings of the Greenock Southwest Community Council. 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 37 (Greenock Southwest Hub Committee - Grieve Road Community Centre)

Councillor Crowther declared a non-financial interest in this application in that he attended meetings of the Greenock Southwest Community Council. 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.

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Agenda Item 2 – application number 38 (Greenock Torpedo Factory Club)

Councillor Crowther declared a non-financial interest in this application in that he is a member of Greenock Torpedo Factory Club and left the meeting for consideration of this item.

Agenda Item 2 – application number 55 (Carers Gateway Inverclyde - Unity Enterprise)

Councillor Crowther declared a connection in that he is the Carer Champion for Carers Gateway Inverclyde – Unity Enterprise. 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 61 (Greenock IBM Retirees)

Councillor Crowther declared a non-financial interest in this application in that he was previously employed as a contractor for IBM. 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 80 (Inverclyde Amateur Swimming Club)

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

Agenda Item 2 – application number 88 (Newark Angling Club)

Provost McKenzie declared a connection in that his business is a sponsor of Newark Angling Club. 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 92 (Port Glasgow Junior Football Club)

Provost McKenzie declared a connection in that his business is a sponsor of Port Glasgow Junior Football Club. 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.

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 item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 7 (A) of the Act.

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Community Grants Fund 2023/24 – Round 1

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director, Education, Communities and Organisational Development providing details of the applications received for consideration for funding from the Community Grants Fund Budget in 2024/25.

Councillor Armstrong moved in relation to application number 3 for Crow Cottage Arts that £5,000.00 be awarded. As an amendment Councillor Brennan moved that £3,750.00 be awarded as per the recommendation.

Following a roll call vote, one Member, Councillor Brennan voted for the amendment and four Members, Provost McKenzie, Councillors Armstrong, Brooks and Crowther voted for the motion which was declared carried.

Councillor Crowther moved in relation to application number 23 for Inverclyde Voluntary Council of Social Service (IVCSS) that £10,000.00 be awarded. As an amendment Councillor Brooks moved that £7,500.00 be awarded as per the recommendation. Following a roll call vote, one Member, Councillor Crowther voted for the motion and three Members, Provost McKenzie, Councillors Brennan and Brooks voted for the amendment which was declared carried.

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

Councillor Crowther moved in relation to application number 26 Port Glasgow Voluntary Transport that £10,000.00 be awarded. As an amendment Councillor Brooks moved that £7,500.00 be awarded as per the recommendation. Following a roll call vote, one Member, Councillor Crowther voted for the motion and four Members, Provost McKenzie, Councillors Armstrong, Brennan and Brooks voted for the amendment which was declared carried.

Decided: (1) that Grants to Community Organisations 2024/25 be made as follows:

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

No	Group	Award (see end note re headings A, B and C)
1	Allegria Choir	A: £997.50 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £997.50
2	Bridge of Weir Choral Society	A: £562.50 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £562.50
3	Crow Cottage Arts	A: £5,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £5,000.00 subject to the condition that the applicant provides officers with satisfactory evidence of

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		the consent of the Head Teachers of the schools that the applicant intends to use to the applicant's proposals.
4	Greenock Burns Club	A: 0 B: £1,500.00 C: 0 Total: £1,500.00
5	Greenock Light Opera Club	A: 0 B: £810.00 C: 0 Total: £810.00
6	Greenock Players	A: 0 B: £1,500.00 C: 0 Total: £1,500.00
7	Inverclyde Heritage Network	A: 0 B: £1,500.00 C: 0 Total: £1,500.00
8	Inverclyde Music Festival Association	A: £3,562.50 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £3,562.50
9	Inverclyde Youth Theatre (Kayos)	A: £1,500.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £1,500.00 subject to the additional condition detailed on the appendix to the report.
10	Kilmacolm Art Class	A: £675.00 B: £ C: 0 Total: £675.00
11	Kilmacolm Dramatic Society	A: £3,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £3,000.00 subject to the additional condition detailed on the appendix to the report. Councillor Brooks left during consideration of this item.
12	RIG Arts	A: 0 B: £.3,375.00 C: 0 Total: £3,375.00

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13	Riverside Youth Band	A: £2,040.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £2,040.00 subject to the additional condition detailed on the appendix to the report. Councillor Brennan left during consideration of this item.
14	Fort Matilda Bowling Club	A: £2,250.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £2,250.00 subject to the additional conditions detailed on the appendix to the report.
15	Gourock Bowling Club	A: £2,250.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £2,250.00
16	Grosvenor Bowling Club	A: £2,250.00 B: £ C: 0 Total: £2,250.00
17	Inverkip Bowling Club	A: £2,250.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £2,250.00
18	Lady Alice Bowling Club	A: £2,250.00 B: £ C: 0 Total: £2,250.00 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.
19	Port Glasgow Bowling Club	A: £2,250.00 B: 0 C: £ Total: £2,250.00
20	Rankin Park Bowling Club	A: £2,250.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £2,250.00 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.
21	Wellington Park Bowling Club	A: £2,250.00 B: 0 C: £

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		Total: £2,250.00 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.
22	Inverclyde Family Contact Centre	A: 0 B: £1,732.50 C: 0 Total: £1,732.50 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.
23	Inverclyde Voluntary Council of Social Service (IVCSS)	A: £7,500.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £7,500.00 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report. Councillor Armstrong left during consideration of this item.
24	Man On! Inverclyde	A: 0 B: 0 C: 0 Total: 0 Councillor Brennan left during consideration of this item.
25	Moving on Inverclyde	A: 0 B: £2,250.00 C: 0 Total: £2,250.00
26	Port Glasgow Voluntary Transport	A: £7,500.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £7,500.00
27	Access Technology Scotland CIC	A: 0 B: £2,250.00 C: 0 Total: £2,250.00
28	Ambassador Church	A: £2,250.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £2,250.00 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.
29	Auchmountain Community Resource Centre	A: 0 B: 0 C: 0 Total: 0

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30	Auchmountain Glen Project	A: 0 B: 0 C: £1,500.00 Total: £1,500.00 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.
31	Belville Community Gardens Trust	A: £3,525.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £3,525.00 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.
32	Branchton Community Centre	A: 0 B: 0 C: 0 Total: 0
33	Gibshill Community Centre	A: £ B: £2,025.00 C: 0 Total: £2,025.00 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.
34	Gourock Garden Party (Gourock Community Council)	A: £2,250.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £2,250.00 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.
35	Green Tangerine CIC	A: 0 B: £750.00 C: 0 Total: £750.00
36	Greenock Southwest Community Council	A: 0 B: £1,500.00 C: 0 Total: £1,500.00
37	Greenock Southwest Hub Committee (Grieve Road Community Centre)	A: £ B: £1,687.50 C: 0 Total: £1,687.50 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.
38	Greenock Torpedo Factory Club	A: 0 B: 0 C: 0 Total: 0

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		Councillor Crowther left during consideration of this item.
39	Inverclyde Across to Lourdes Group	A: £675.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £675.00
40	Inverclyde Community Care Forum (Your Voice)	A: 0 B: 0 C: 0 Total: 0
41	Inverclyde Vineyard Church	A: 0 B: £1,125.00 C: 0 Total: £1,125.00 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.
42	Inverclyde Woodturning Club	A: 0 B: £675.00 C: 0 Total: £675.00 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.
43	Inverkip Community Initiative	A: £3,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £3,000.00 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.
44	Inverkip Scottish Women's Institute	A: £160.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £160.00
45	Kidron Project	A: £1,500.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £1,500.00
46	Kilmacolm & Port Glasgow Agricultural Society Ltd	A: 0 B: £1,500.00 C: 0 Total: £1,500.00
47	Kilmacolm Playgroup & Toddlers	A: £562.50 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £562.50

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		subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.
48	Larkfield Community Hall	A: 0 B: 0 C: 0 Total: 0 It was decided to defer the application to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.
49	Lyle Gateway	A: 0 B: £2,000.00 C: 0 Total: £2,000.00 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.
50	Parklea Association Branching Out	A: 0 B: £3,000.00 C: 0 Total: £3,000.00 subject to additional conditions detailed in the appendix of the report.
51	Port Glasgow New Parish Church	A: £1,500.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £1,500.00
52	Rise Against Abuse CIC	A: 0 B: 0 C: 0 Total: 0
53	The Country Club	A: 0 B: £450.00 C: 0 Total: £450.00 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.
54	Wemyss Bay Community Association	A: £3,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £3,000.00
55	Carers Gateway Inverclyde (Unity Enterprise)	A: £3,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £3,000.00
56	Cycling without Age Scotland Gourock	A: £740.00 B: £136.75

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		C: 0 Total: £876.75
57	Parkinsons Inverclyde Support Group	A: £708.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £708.00
58	Quarriers	A: 0 B: £3,000.00 C: 0 Total: £3,000.00
59	Victim Support Inverclyde	A: £3,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £3,000.00 subject to additional conditions detailed in the appendix of the report.
60	Beacon Arts Centre (Dance for Parkinsons)	A: 0 B: £2,250.00 C: 0 Total: £2,250.00
61	Greenock IBM Retirees	A: £750.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £750.00
62	Silverline Dancers	A: 0 B: £400.00 C: 0 Total: £400.00 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.
63	St Marys Episcopal Church (Heartland Circle)	A: £800.00 B: £812.50 C: 0 Total: £1,612.50 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.
64	The Tuesday Club	A: 0 B: £750.00 C: 0 Total: £750.00
65	WISHES Group (Women's Initiative for Social Health & Educational Skills)	A: £900.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £900.00 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.

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66	Ardgowan Thistle Football Club	A: 0 B: 0 C: £4,950.00 Total: £4,950.00 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.
67	Birkmyre Rugby Club	A: 0 B: 0 C: £3,000.00 Total: £3,000.00 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.
68	BOUNCE Basketball Inverclyde	A: 0 B: 0 C: £1,500.00 Total: £1,500.00
69	Bridge of Weir Angling Club	A: 0 B: £1,125.00 C: 0 Total: £1,125.00
70	Clyde Netball	A: 0 B: 0 C: £3,750.00 Total: £3,750.00
71	Greenock & District Rifle Club	A: 0 B: £1,500.00 C: 0 Total: £1,500.00
72	Greenock & District Welfare Football League	A: 0 B: 0 C: £3,750.00 Total: £3,750.00
73	Greenock Cricket Club	A: 0 B: £1,169.00 C: £724.00 Total: £1,893.00 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.
74	Greenock Glenpark Harriers	A: 0 B: 0 C: £3,750.00 Total: £3,750.00
75	Greenock Golf Club	A: 0 B: 0 C: 0 Total: 0

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76	Greenock Juniors FC	A: 0 B: 0 C: £3,000.00 Total: £3,000.00 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.
77	Greenock Model Yacht & Power Boat Club	A: £1,500.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £1,500.00
78	Greenock Wanderers RFC	A: 0 B: 0 C: £5,025.00 Total: £5,025.00 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.
79	Hibernian Community Foundation - Team United Programme	A: 0 B: £3,000.00 C: 0 Total: £3,000.00 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.
80	Inverclyde Amateur Swimming Club	A: 0 B: 0 C: £7,472.16 Total: £7,472.16 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of 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 additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.
82	Inverclyde Athletics Club	A: 0 B: 0 C: £7,500.00 Total: £7,500.00
83	Inverclyde Cricket Club	A: 0 B: 0 C: £1,782.00 Total: £1,782.00

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		subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.
84	Inverclyde Masters Swimming Club	A: £2,325.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £2,325.00
85	Inverclyde Sport Council	A: £1,500.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £1,500.00 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.
86	Lady Octavia Badminton Club	A: £350.00 B: 0 C: £1,000.00 Total: £1,350.00
87	Morton in the Community	A: 0 B: 0 C: £7,500.00 Total: £7,500.00 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.
88	Newark Angling Club	A: £600.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £600.00
89	Ocean Youth Trust Scotland	A: 0 B: £1,125.00 C: 0 Total: £1,125.00
90	Port Glasgow Boat Club	A: £2,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £2,000.00 subject to additional conditions detailed in the appendix of the report.
91	Port Glasgow Boys Club	A: 0 B: 0 C: £7,500.00 Total: £7,500.00 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.
92	Port Glasgow Junior Football Club	A: 0 B: 0 C: £3,000.00

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		Total: £3,000.00
93	Port Glasgow Juniors Community Sports Club	A: 0 B: 0 C: £7,500.00 Total: £7,500.00 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.
94	Port Glasgow Otters	A: £325.00 B: 0 C: £2,000.00 Total: £2,325.00 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report.
95	St Andrews Boys Club	A: 0 B: 0 C: £7,500.00 Total: £7,500.00
96	10th Greenock & District Scout Group	A: £1,134.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £1,134.00
97	32nd Greenock & District Scouts	A: £3,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £3,000.00
98	47th/97th Greenock & District Scout Group	A: £803.25 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £803.25
99	73rd Greenock & District Scout Group	A: £874.13 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £874.13
100	85th Greenock & District Scout Group	A: £1,142.25 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £1,142.25
101	Girl Guiding Greenock Division	A: £3,750.00 B: 0 C: £3,750.00 Total: £7,500.00 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report
102	Greenock & District Scout Council	A: £3,750.00 B: 0 C: 0

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		Total: £3,750.00
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: £3,625.00 B: 0 C: £2,500.00 Total: £6,125.00 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report
105	Inverclyde Tourist Group	A: £2,000.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £2,000.00
106	World Walking	A: £1,312.50 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £1,312.50
107	Inverclyde Youth for Christ	A: £1,125.00 B: 0 C: 0 Total: £1,125.00 subject to additional condition detailed in the appendix of the report
<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 equalities monitoring information detailed in appendix C be noted.

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Education and Communities Committee

Tuesday 3 September 2024 at 2pm

Present: Councillors Armstrong, Brennan, Clocherty, Law, McCabe (for McGuire), McVey, Moran, Quinn, Robertson and Wilson, and Rev D Burt, Rev F Donaldson and Mr J Docherty, Church Representatives, and Ms P McEwan, Teacher Representative.

Chair: Councillor Clocherty presided.

In attendance:

Ruth Binks	Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development
Michael Roach	Head of Education
Anne Sinclair	Managing Solicitor (for Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services)
Hugh Scott	Service Manager, Community Learning & Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport
Eddie Montgomery	Head of Physical Assets
Mary McCabe	Finance Manager (Education & Communities)
Sarah Christie	Cultural Services Manager
Lorna Coote	Service Manager – Educational Resources & Facilities Management
Yvonne Gallacher	Quality Improvement Manager – Early Years
Adam Stephenson	Education Officer
Jennifer McDonald	Head Teacher, St Stephen's High School
Nicola Devine	Head Teacher, St Columba's High School
Martin Craig	Head Teacher, St John's Primary School and Nursery Class
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer
Colin MacDonald	Senior Committee Officer
Karen MacVey	Members' & Committee Services Team Leader
PJ Coulter	Corporate Communications Officer (Media Relations)
Rhoda Braddick	Corporate Policy, Performance & Communications Manager

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Law, McCabe, Moran and Wilson, Rev Burt, Rev Donaldson and Ms McEwan attending remotely.

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

383 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

383

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor McGuire, with Councillor McCabe substituting, and Ms F MacDonald, Parent Representative.

No declarations of interest were intimated, but certain connections were intimated for the purposes of transparency as follows:

Agenda Item 10 (Education Scotland Inspection Report – St Columba's High School) – Councillor Quinn

384 2024/25 Communities Revenue Budget and 2023/24 Out-turn

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising Committee of the outturn for 2023/24 and the 2024/25 projected position, including details of action being taken to reduce the projected overspend.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee notes (a) the outturn for 2023/24, (b) that the Revenue Budget is currently projected to overspend in 2024/25 by £64,000, and (c) the action being taken to address the projected overspend; and
- (2) that it be noted that an update report will be provided to the next meeting detailing progress in reducing the overspend.

385 Communities Capital Programme Progress and Asset Related Items

385

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and Chief Financial Officer (1) providing performance information for the Communities part of the Education & Communities Committee, and (2) providing an update in respect of the status of the projects which form the Communities Capital Programme and Asset related items.

Councillor Wilson joined the meeting during consideration of this item.

Decided:

- (1) that the current position of the 2024/28 Capital Programme be noted;
- (2) that the progress on the following projects be noted (a) Leisure Pitches Asset Management Plan/Lifecycle Fund, (b) Community Hub King George VI, (c) Parklea Branching Out, (d) the Asset Transfer Working Group updates on (i) Gourrock Park Walled Garden, (ii) Wellington Allotments, (iii) KGV Bowling Club, (iv) Coppermine (Scouts), (v) Larkfield Waste Ground (Larkfield Guerilla Gardens), and (vi) Broomhill Way shop unit (Broomhill Beats);
- (3) that it be noted there is a report later in the agenda seeking an extra £22,000 Council contribution to the Parklea Branching Out project; and
- (4) that it be remitted to officers to provide (a) a report to the next meeting on the King George VI Community Hub project detailing expenditure and funding, and (b) a further report once the project has been completed detailing how officers expect the building to be utilised.

386 Communities Update Report – Overview of Local and National Initiatives

386

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the Communities aspects of the service.

Decided: that the updates on the following be noted (a) Locality Plan Progress and Review, (b) Bikeability, (c) Food Growing, (d) Early Adopter Community for Affordable Childcare, (e) Child Poverty Accelerator Funding, (f) Inverclyde Libraries updates on (i) Inverclyde Libraries Team Leader – Scotland's Library and Information Professional of the Year Award, (ii) SLIC Small Business Support Fund, and (iii) CILIPS Green Library Funding, (g) Culture and Heritage updates on (i) NLHF Connecting Inverclyde Heritage Project, and (ii) Culture Collective Legacy Funding, and (h) Youth Music Initiative.

387 Parklea Branching Out Community Garden Hub – Funding Gap

387

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking agreement to provide an additional £21,522 from the Capital Projects Contingency to support the completion of Parklea Branching Out Community Garden Hub project.

Decided:

- (1) that the content of the report and the previously approved funding by the Scottish Government and Inverclyde Council in respect of the Parklea Branching Out project be noted; and
- (2) that it be agreed that a report be submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee requesting additional funding to Parklea Branching Out totalling £21,522 to address the overall funding shortfall.

388 School Crossing Patrol (SXP) Site Survey Results 388

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) detailing the results of school crossing patrol site surveys, and (2) requesting approval to use this data to evaluate the current and future placement of patrol sites.

Decided:

- (1) that the updates provided in the report be noted; and
- (2) that approval be granted to officers to continually assess and adjust school crossing patrol site locations in consultation with the school community to ensure that they are in optimal locations.

389 Education Scotland Community Learning and Development Progress Visit Report 389

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising Committee of the recent Education Scotland progress report on Inverclyde's Community Learning and Development Partnership, which was presented to the Inverclyde Alliance on 17 June 2024 and a copy of which was appended to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the positive outcome of the progress visit be noted;
- (2) that the inspector's recognition of national good practice on youth New Scots engagement be noted;
- (3) that the improvement actions recommended by Education Scotland be noted; and
- (4) that the thanks and appreciation of the Committee be conveyed to all staff at the Community Learning and Development Partnership for the positive Education Scotland progress report.

390 Clyde Conversations 6 Report 390

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising Committee of the Clyde Conversations 6 report, which was presented to the Inverclyde Alliance on 17 June 2024 and a copy of which was appended to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the success of Clyde Conversations be noted and the participation of young people at all levels of planning be acknowledged; and
- (2) that it be noted that the key actions, as detailed in the event report at appendix 1 to the report, will be taken forward by young people and partners.

The Communities business concluded at 3.15pm. The Committee commenced consideration of the Education items of business at 4pm, with Rev Burt, Rev Donaldson and Ms McEwan joining the meeting remotely and Mr Docherty attending the Municipal Buildings.

391 Education Scotland Inspection Report – St Stephen’s High School 391

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development informing the Committee of the recent Education Scotland full inspection of St Stephen’s High School.

The report outlined four key strengths including the highly effective leadership of the Head Teacher which supports the culture of improvement within the school and raises the aspirations of staff and young people, with four areas highlighted for improvement.

Ms McDonald, the Head Teacher, was present and addressed the Committee in relation to the findings.

Decided:

- (1) that the Education Scotland full inspection report on St Stephen’s High School be noted; and
- (2) that the thanks and appreciation of the Committee be extended to all staff at St Stephen’s High School for the successful Education Scotland inspection outcomes recently received.

392 Education Scotland Inspection Report – St Columba’s High School 392

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development informing the Committee of the recent Education Scotland short inspection of St Columba’s High School.

The report outlined four key strengths including that the Head Teacher, senior leaders and staff have worked very successfully to develop a common approach to planning learning, teaching and assessment which has resulted in young people building on their prior learning, with tasks and activities being set at the right level of difficulty for young people, with two areas highlighted for improvement.

Ms Devine, the Head Teacher, was present and addressed the Committee in relation to the findings.

Councillor Quinn declared a connection as her son was Head Boy at St Columba’s High School and as such participated in the Pupil Leadership Group involved in the inspection, and she is part of the St Columba’s community. 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 was declaring for transparency.

Decided:

- (1) that the Education Scotland short inspection report on St Columba’s High School be noted; and
- (2) that the thanks and appreciation of the Committee be extended to all staff at St Columba’s High School for the successful Education Scotland inspection outcomes recently received.

393 Education Scotland and Care Inspectorate Inspection Report – St John’s Primary School and Nursery Class 393

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development informing the Committee of the recent joint Education Scotland and Care Inspectorate full inspection of St John’s Primary School and Nursery Class.

The report outlined four key strengths including that the strong leadership of the Head Teacher which has led to the creation of a caring, respectful learning environment in the school and nursery class, with all children being known and nurtured as individuals and staff being valued and empowered to lead change, with two areas highlighted for

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improvement.

Mr Craig, the Head Teacher, was present and addressed the Committee in relation to the findings.

Decided:

(1) that the Education Scotland and Care Inspectorate full inspection report on St John's Primary School and Nursery Class be noted; and

(2) that the thanks and appreciation of the Committee be extended to all staff at St John's Primary School and Nursery Class for the successful joint Education Scotland and Care Inspectorate inspection outcomes recently received.

394 2024/25 Education Revenue Budget and 2023/24 Out-turn 394

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising Committee of the Education Revenue Budget outturn for 2023/24 and the 2024/25 projected position, including details of action being taken to reduce the projected overspend.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee notes (a) the outturn for 2023/24, (b) that the Revenue Budget is currently projected to overspend in 2024/25 by £460,000, and (c) the action proposed to address the projected overspend;

(2) that it be noted that proposals will be presented to the next meeting of the Committee to address the transportation and Partner Provider pressures; and

(3) that the virement detailed at paragraph 3.7 and appendix 5 to the report be approved.

395 Education Capital Programme 2024/28 - Progress 395

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and Chief Financial Officer (1) providing performance information for the Education part of the Education & Communities Committee, and (2) providing an update in respect of the status of the projects which form the Education Capital Programme.

Decided:

(1) that the current position of the 2024/28 Capital Programme be noted; and

(2) that the progress on the following projects be noted (a) general lifecycle works, (b) Public Private Partnership (PPP) Schools, (c) Estate Lifecycle Programme 2024/25, (d) Artificial Pitches Asset Plan, (e) Active Panel Refresh, and (f) Net Zero.

396 Education Services Improvement Plan 2024-25 396

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development presenting the Education Services Improvement Plan for session 2024-25 for approval, a copy of which was appended to the report.

Decided: that approval be given to the content and publication of the Education Services Improvement Plan for session 2024-25.

397 Education Update Report – Overview of Local and National Initiatives 397

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on local and national projects and initiatives linked to education.

Decided: that the updates on the following be noted (a) Care Inspectorate inspection outcomes for local childminder Ms A Hutchinson, (b) national qualifications outcomes

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2023/24 diet, (c) Digital Education Strategy consultation, (d) Education Bill consultation, (e) post school education and skills reform legislation consultation, (f) independent review of qualifications and assessment, (g) Education and Skills reform, (h) national response to improving maths/national maths specialist advisor, (i) outdoor learning, (j) secondary Gaelic Medium Education progress, (k) introduction of Stay and Play sessions for ASN and review of admission for Play4All service, (l) closure of Cedars School of Excellence, (m) commitment to maintain teacher numbers, and (n) admissions for 2024/25 and placing requests, a private appendix to this item forming agenda item 21.

398 Increase of Sustainable Rate for Early Learning and Childcare Funded Provision 398

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) providing an update on a further review of the sustainable rate paid to Funded Providers for the provision of Early Learning and Childcare (ELC), and (2) seeking agreement for a new payment rate to be backdated to 1 April 2024.

Decided:

- (1) that an increase in the hourly rate paid to all Early Years Funded Providers including Childminders from the current rate of £5.87 per child to £6.32 per child be approved;
- (2) that it be agreed this new rate be backdated to 1 April 2024; and
- (3) that it be agreed the new rate will be implemented for all eligible children aged two to five years who are accessing ELC within a funded provider setting.

399 3-Year-Old Provision Early Years Admissions – Eligibility for ELC Term after Second/Third Birthday 399

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) providing information on current early learning and childcare provision within Inverclyde, (2) providing detail on a recommendation to change the current provision to the statutory requirement, and (3) seeking agreement to consult with relevant stakeholders on this matter as part of an already planned consultation for admissions.

Ms Gallacher, the Quality Improvement Manager – Early Years, advised the Committee of a typographical error in the report, and accordingly the first line of the Finance Implication at paragraph 5.2 should read ‘As reported earlier in the agenda the Committee is projecting a £524,000 overspend with £155,000 attributable to early years.’

Rev Burt left the meeting during consideration of this item.

Decided:

- (1) that it be agreed that officers consult stakeholders on the proposed change to process for starting dates for two/three-year-old eligible children, from the month after the child’s second/third birthday to the term after the birthday, as part of the upcoming consultation on the early years admission process; and
- (2) that it be agreed that a final recommendation will be brought back to the Education & Communities Committee in November.

400 Senior Phase Curriculum Consultation 400

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) providing information on the senior phase within Inverclyde secondary schools, (2) advising that a working group has been established

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to examine the current curriculum offer and senior phase in Inverclyde in order to explore more flexible timetabling and identify potential improvements to the learner journey, and (3) seeking approval for the working group to consult with stakeholders on the senior phase curriculum model.

Councillor Moran left the meeting during consideration of this item.

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to a consultation with stakeholders on the senior phase curriculum model; and

(2) that it be agreed a further report on the outcome of the consultation and any identified changes will be brought back to a future meeting of the Education & Communities Committee prior to being implemented.

401 Inverclyde Wellbeing Service – Annual Report 2023/24 401

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development presenting the annual governance report for 2023/24 from Action for Children who deliver the Inverclyde Wellbeing service which includes the school aged counselling service.

Decided: that the content of the annual governance report be noted.

402 School Term Dates – Session 2025 / 2026 402

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking Committee approval for the setting of school term dates for the session 2025/26.

Decided: that the school term dates for 2025/26, as detailed at appendix 1 and 2 to the report, be approved.

The documentation relative to the following item has been treated as exempt information in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, the nature of the exempt information being that set out in paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

403 Appendix relative to agenda item 15 providing additional information on placing requests 403

There was submitted a private appendix providing additional information on placing requests by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development.

Decided: that the appendix be noted.

PLANNING BOARD – 4 SEPTEMBER 2024

Planning Board

Wednesday 4 September 2024 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Armstrong, Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Jackson, Law, McCabe, McVey and Moran (for McGuire).

Chair: Councillor McVey presided.

In attendance:

Neale McIlvanney	Head of Service - Regeneration, Planning & Public Protection
Daniel Henderson	Planning and Building Standards Service Manager
Gordon Leitch	Team Leader (Consultancy) – Roads and Transportation
Elaine Provan	Supervisory Engineer – Traffic & Transportation
Jim Kerr	Solicitor (for Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services)
Colin MacDonald	Senior Committee Officer
Lindsay Carrick	Senior Committee Officer
Rhoda Braddick	Corporate Policy, Performance and Communications Manager

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

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

404 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 404

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

There were no declarations of interest.

405 CONTINUED PLANNING APPLICATION 405

**(a) Change of use to wine bar (sui generis):
2 Octavia Buildings, Bridge of Weir Road, Kilmacolm (24/0151/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Director Environment & Regeneration for a change of use to wine bar (sui generis) at 2 Octavia Buildings, Bridge of Weir Road, Kilmacolm (24/0151/IC).

The Head of Service - Regeneration, Planning & Public Protection advised the Board that should planning permission be granted, Members would be entitled to attach an advisory note to any permission concerning disabled access.

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions and advisory note:-

Conditions

- (1) that the development to which this permission relates must be begun within 3 years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;
- (2) that notwithstanding the permission hereby granted, there shall be no live music or

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karaoke played in the premises at any time for the lifetime of the approved development, to protect the amenities of occupiers of premises from unreasonable noise and vibration levels; and

(3) that prior to commencement of the use approved the applicant shall provide details of the containers to be used to store waste materials and recyclable materials produced on the premises as well as where the containers are to be located have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The approved containers shall be implemented on site before the first use/occupation of the use of the development and thereafter retained in position, to protect the amenity of the immediate area, prevent the creation of nuisance due to odours, insects, rodents, or birds.

Advisory Note

(1) that the operator ensures adequate disabled access to the premises whilst the operation is in use.

**(b) Erection of detached dwellinghouse:
Land adjacent to Langhouse Mews (opposite The Langhouse), Inverkip (23/0293/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Director Environment & Regeneration for the erection of a detached dwellinghouse at land adjacent to Langhouse Mews (opposite The Langhouse), Inverkip (23/0293/IC).

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

(1) that the development to which this permission relates must be begun within 3 years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended);

(2) that notwithstanding the provision of Classes 1A, 1C, 2B, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 3E of Part 1 and Class 7A of Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Order 1992 (as amended), an application for planning permission will be required in respect of:

(a) the enlargement, improvement or other alteration of the dwellinghouse;

(b) the formation of any new window openings or the alteration of any existing windows or rooflights on the dwellinghouse;

(c) the provision within the curtilage of the dwellinghouse, of any building or enclosure, swimming or other pool required for purposes incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse, or alteration of such a building or enclosure;

(d) the provision within the curtilage of the dwellinghouse, of any hard surface required for purposes incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse, or the replacement in whole or in part of such a surface;

(e) the erection, construction or alteration of any deck or other raised platform within the curtilage of the dwellinghouse;

(f) the erection, construction or alteration of a gate, fence, wall or other means of enclosure within the curtilage of the dwellinghouse; and

(g) the painting of the exterior of the dwellinghouse;

to enable the Planning Authority to retain control over works otherwise permitted to ensure the setting of The Langhouse is protected from unsympathetic development;

(3) that the development shall not commence until an Environmental Investigation and Risk Assessment, including any necessary Remediation Scheme with timescale for implementation, of all pollutant linkages has been submitted to and approved, in writing by the Planning Authority. The investigations and assessment shall be site-specific and completed in accordance with current codes of practice. The submission shall also include a Verification Plan. Any subsequent modifications to the Remediation Scheme and Verification Plan must be approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to implementation, to satisfactorily address potential contamination issues in the interests of human health and environmental safety;

(4) that before the development hereby permitted is occupied the applicant shall submit

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a report for approval, in writing by the Planning Authority, confirming that the works have been completed in accordance with the agreed Remediation Scheme and supply information as agreed in the Verification Plan. This report shall demonstrate that no pollutant linkages remain or are likely to occur and include (but not limited to) a collation of verification/validation certificates, analysis information, remediation lifespan, maintenance/aftercare information and details of all materials imported onto the site as fill or landscaping material. The details of such materials shall include information of the material source, volume, intended use and chemical quality with plans delineating placement and thickness, to ensure contamination is not imported to the site and confirm successful completion of remediation measures in the interest of human health and environmental safety;

(5) that the presence of any previously unrecorded contamination or variation to anticipated ground conditions that becomes evident during site works shall be brought to the attention of the Planning Authority and a Remediation Scheme shall not be implemented unless it has been submitted to and approved, in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that all contamination issues are recorded and dealt with appropriately;

(6) that the dwellinghouse hereby approved shall be designed to ensure that at least 25% of the carbon dioxide emissions reduction standard set by Scottish Building Standards is met through the installation and operation of low and zero carbon energy generating technologies. Details showing how this shall be achieved shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to the construction of the dwellinghouse, to comply with the requirements of Section 72 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009;

(7) that the dwellinghouse hereby approved shall be designed to include at least one trickle charging point made accessible for the charging of electric vehicles. Details of the charging point shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to commencement of development and the charging point shall be implemented prior to first occupation of the dwellinghouse, to ensure adequate provision is made to encourage the use of electric vehicles;

(8) that with the exception of the feature window on the north-east corner of the building and the single window on the rear elevation at ground floor level, all windows on the dwellinghouse hereby permitted shall be of a stepped profile sash and case design. Full details of the window specification and type of window to be installed in each window opening shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to being installed on site, to ensure an appropriate finish to the building with respect to the setting of the listed building;

(9) that the dwellinghouse hereby approved shall not be occupied until the boundary hedge shown on drawing 02 PL Revision E has been planted within the site. Development shall not commence until details of the type and number of plants which are to form the hedge shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The approved details shall subsequently be implemented on site, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure an appropriate setting is provided for the dwellinghouse in the interests of visual amenity;

(10) that any plants within the approved boundary hedge which die, are removed, damaged or become diseased within five years of completion of the planting shall be replaced within the following year with others of a similar size and shape, to allow the establishment of the boundary hedge in the interests of visual amenity;

(11) that the dwellinghouse hereby approved shall not be occupied until the approved driveway shown on drawing 02 PL Revision E has been fully constructed within the site, to ensure suitable parking provision for the new development in the interests of road safety;

(12) that for the avoidance of doubt, the driveway shall meet the road at 90 degrees,

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shall have a gradient of 10% or less and shall be fully paved. Details of the surfacing materials for the driveway shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to the formation of the driveway. Development shall then proceed in accordance with the approved details, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, in the interests of road safety and to prevent any loose material from being carried onto the adjoining road;

(13) that the visibility splay shown on drawing 02 PL Revision E shall be cleared of all obstruction prior to the occupation of the dwellinghouse hereby permitted and shall remain free from obstruction at all times thereafter, in the interests of road safety;

(14) that for the avoidance of doubt, all surface water flows are to be contained and managed within the site and any run-off from the site shall be limited to not exceed greenfield run-off rates, to ensure the development does not increase the risk of flooding to adjoining sites or the public road network;

(15) that for the avoidance of doubt, the tree marked for retention on drawing 02 PL Revision E shall be protected by fencing and/or ground protection in accordance with British Standards Recommendations for trees in Relation to Construction, currently BS5837:2012. Details of protection measures for the tree shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority before development commences. The approved protection measures shall be erected prior to the commencement of any works and shall not be removed during the course of construction work, to ensure the retention of an avoidance of damage to the tree during development;

(16) that for the avoidance of doubt, no movement of machinery, stockpiling of materials, or changes in existing ground levels shall take place within the area protected by fencing or ground protection under Condition 15 above during the course of construction work, to ensure the tree to be retained is not accidentally damaged by construction machinery, stockpiling of materials or changes to ground levels during development; and

(17) that where new surfacing is to be installed within the area protected by fencing or ground protection under Condition 15 above, precautions shall be taken to minimise disturbance to tree root systems, in accordance with BS5837:2012, Section 7.4, to ensure the new access path is formed in a manner which minimises disturbance to tree root systems.

**(c) Formation of hardstanding, including two EV charging parking bays, erection of substation and EV charging point:
Land adjacent and to the north of 164 Auchmead Road, Greenock (24/0090/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Director Environment & Regeneration for the formation of a hardstanding, including two EV charging parking bays, erection of substation and EV charging point at land adjacent and to the north of 164 Auchmead Road, Greenock (24/0090/IC).

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

(1) that the development to which this permission relates must be commenced within 3 years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended);

(2) that prior to the commencement of any development works on site details of the hardsurfacing materials to be used shall be submitted for the approval in writing by the Planning Authority together with a percolation test result confirming the chosen finishing materials can provide the necessary positive drainage. Thereafter, following acceptance of the percolation test result, the finally approved finishing material shall be installed in accordance with the approved details, to ensure the hardsurfacing materials are acceptable and to avoid surface water run-off from the site in the interests of avoiding flooding;

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- (3) that for the avoidance of doubt, the hardstanding area hereby approved shall meet the road at 90 degrees and the gradient shall not exceed 10%, in the interest of traffic and pedestrian safety;
- (4) that for the avoidance of doubt visibility splays of 2.4m x 43.0m x 1.05m shall be provided and retained at the site entrance onto Auchmead Road for the lifetime of the development, in the interest of traffic and pedestrian safety;
- (5) that for the avoidance of doubt, all surface water run-off associated with the development shall be contained within the site and be limited to that of greenfield run-off rates for the lifetime of the development, to avoid surface water run-off from the site in the interests of avoiding flooding; and
- (6) that for the avoidance of doubt the white lining/markings within the site as shown on drawing ZST-000-03 shall be provided before the first use of the development and thereafter shall be retained in position for the lifetime of the development, in the interest of traffic and pedestrian safety.

LOCAL REVIEW BODY – 4 SEPTEMBER 2024

Local Review Body

Wednesday 4 September 2024 at 4pm

Present: Councillors Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, McCabe, McVey and Moran (for McGuire).

Chair: Councillor McVey presided.

In attendance:

Margaret Pickett	Senior Planner (Planning Adviser)
Katrine Dean	Planning Officer (Planning Adviser)
Daniel Henderson	Planning and Building Standards Manager
Peter MacDonald	Principal Solicitor (Legal Advisor)
Colin MacDonald	Senior Committee Officer
Lindsay Carrick	Senior Committee Officer

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillor Crowther attending remotely.

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

406 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 406

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

There were no declarations of interest.

407 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW 407

(a) Erection of two storey detached dwellinghouses with detached double garages: Former garden grounds at the western end of Knockbuckle Road immediately adjacent to Torwood, Kilmacolm (24/0008/IC)

There was submitted papers relative to the application for review for the erection of a two storey detached dwellinghouses with detached double garages at former garden grounds at the western end of Knockbuckle Road immediately adjacent to Torwood, Kilmacolm (24/0008/IC) to enable the Local Review Body to consider the matter afresh.

Prior to the commencement of discussion on this item, Mr P MacDonald referred to a new matter raised by the applicant's agent, namely, a statement from the Chief Planner and Minister for Public Finance. He asked the Local Review Body whether it wished to have regard to the new matter in determining the application for review. Following discussion, the Local Review Body agreed that it would take regard of the new matter.

Ms Dean acted as Planning Adviser relative to this case.

Decided:

- (1) that sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and
- (2) that application for review be dismissed and that planning permission be refused (upholding the Appointed Officer's determination) for the following reasons:
 1. that the proposed dwellinghouses are located outwith the established settlement of

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Kilmacolm and fail to accord with Policy 8 of NPF4 which broadly confines support for residential development in the Green Belt to that constructed for the occupancy of key workers. The proposal also fails to comply with Policy 16 of NPF4 as it does not meet the key criteria for the establishment of new dwellinghouses in the Green Belt. A locational justification has not been demonstrated in order to approve the development against Policies 8 and 16 of NPF4;

2. that the proposed dwellinghouses do not accord with Policy 14 of the adopted Local Development Plan nor Policy 15 of the proposed Local Development Plan as they are not associated with agriculture, horticulture, woodland or forestry nor for a tourism or recreational use that requires a countryside location. A locational justification has not been demonstrated in order to approve the development against Policy 14 of the adopted Local Development Plan or Policy 15 of the proposed Local Development Plan; and

3. that the proposed dwellinghouses are not considered to be appropriately designed to be in keeping with the character of this area in that they do not reflect the rural local architecture. They therefore fail to accord with the quality of being “Distinctive” in Policy 1 of both the adopted and proposed Inverclyde Local Development Plans. The proposed dwellinghouses do not comply with the design criteria in the adopted and draft Planning Application Advice Note 8 as the proposals are considered to have unsympathetic design features for houses in the Green Belt.

**(b) Erection of outbuilding/garden room at rear:
20 Castle Wemyss Drive, Wemyss Bay (23/0294/IC)**

There was submitted papers relative to the application for review for the erection of an outbuilding/garden room at rear at 20 Castle Wemyss Drive, Wemyss Bay (23/0294/IC) to enable the Local Review Body to consider the matter afresh.

Ms Pickett acted as Planning Adviser relative to this case.

Decided:

(1) that sufficient information had not been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and

(2) that, in terms of Regulation 16 of the Town & Country Planning (Schemes of Delegation and Local Review Body Procedure) (Scotland) Regulation 2013, consideration of the application for review be continued for an unaccompanied site inspection to be arranged by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services in consultation with the Chair.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 11 SEPTEMBER 2024

General Purposes Board

Wednesday 11 September 2024 at 3.00pm

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

Chair: Councillor Curley presided.

In attendance:

David Keenan	Solicitor (for Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services)
Fiona Denver	Senior Paralegal Officer
Kenny Lang	Service Manager, Grounds, Fleet & Waste Services, Environmental Services
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer

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

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408 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 408

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Moran and Wilson.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

409 Taxi Fares Review 2024/25 409

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services requesting the Board to consider the annual review of the taxi fare scales following the statutory consultation with all Taxi Operators, including the Operators Liaison Group and other members of the trade.

The Board heard Mr Henry Glasgow representing Inverclyde Taxis Ltd and Mr Lang representing the Head of Service, Regeneration, Planning & Public Protection.

Mr Keenan confirmed that the response received from the Head of Service, Regeneration, Planning & Public Protection, as referred to at paragraph 5.1 of the report, had been distributed to members of the Board prior to the meeting. Mr Keenan further advised that a representation received on the day of the meeting from a Taxi Operator had also been distributed to members of the Board prior to the meeting.

Members then retired to consider the matter before returning to public session.

Whilst in private session a typographical error was noticed in the report at paragraph 3.6 and accordingly the reference to the Scottish Government's Taxi and Private Hire Cars Licensing Best Practice was noted as being issued in November 2023 and not April 2012.

Decided:

1) that it be remitted to the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services to publicly advertise the fare scales tariff as determined by the Board, with (a) an increase of 7% on the flag fall on all four tariffs, (b) a further increase of 7% on the running mile, and (c) that these increases not be in 10 pence increments; and

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2) that it be remitted to the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services to submit a further report to the Board on the outcome once the statutory period for representations has lapsed.