

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.