

**POLICY AND RESOURCES EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE - 3 MARCH 2008**

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**Policy and Resources Executive Sub-Committee**

**Monday 3 March 2008 at 2 pm**

**Present:** Councillors Blair, Brooks, Moran (for Clocherty), McCabe and Wilson.

**Chair:** Councillor McCabe presided.

**In attendance:** Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education & Social Care, Corporate Director Improvement & Performance, Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Administration), Head of Property Resources & Facilities Management, Head of ICT & Business Transformation, Head of Economic & Social Regeneration and Head of Corporate Communications & Public Affairs.

**Apologies:** Councillors Clocherty and McKenzie.

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

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| <b>154</b> | <b>Response to Consultation on Scottish Futures Trust</b>  | <b>154</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Improvement &amp; Performance seeking approval for a response by the Council to the consultation currently being undertaken by the Scottish Government on the role of a Scottish Futures Trust (SFT) in infrastructure investment in Scotland.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b></p> <p>(1) that the Sub-Committee approve the proposed response by the Council to the consultation being undertaken by the Scottish Government on the role of a Scottish Futures Trust (SFT) in infrastructure investment in Scotland as detailed in Appendix A to the report; and</p> <p>(2) that the Sub-Committee note the implications for the Council of the new approach to delivering infrastructure investment to be adopted by the Scottish Government and the likely impact on funding options for the Schools Estate Programme.</p> |            |
| <b>155</b> | <b>Single Status Update</b>  | <b>155</b> |
|            | <p>It was noted that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda and would be considered by the Strategic Leadership Forum the following day.</p>   |            |
| <b>156</b> | <b>Fairer Scotland Fund - Support Arrangements</b>   | <b>156</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Resources seeking authority to engage consultant support to manage the procurement process for the Fairer Scotland Fund following consideration of this issue by the Inverclyde Alliance Board on 27 February 2008.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b></p> <p>(1) that the Sub-Committee note the wish of Inverclyde Alliance for the Council, as accountable body, to engage external support for procurement for the Fairer Scotland Fund; and</p> <p>(2) that delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Resources to produce a tender list of suitable consultants, tender the contract, evaluate the tenders and award the contract for consultant support for procurement related</p>  |            |

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activities for the Fairer Scotland Fund in consultation with appropriate Officers.

**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 paragraphs 6, 8 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Act.**

**157 Implementation of IP Telephony****157**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Improvement & Performance seeking approval for the upgrading of the Council's telephony system by implementing IP Telephony across the whole Council.

**Decided:** that approval be given to the proposed project to implement IP Telephony across the whole Council as set out in the report.

**The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Head of Property Resources & Facilities Management was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration to allow the Sub-Committee to consider the request for additional funding at the earliest opportunity. This was unanimously agreed in terms of the relevant Standing Order.**

**158 Approval of Additional Funding - Birkmyre Park Pavilion****158**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Property Resources & Facilities Management on the requirement for additional non-capital funding to fund the cost of additional works arising from the refurbishment of Birkmyre Park Pavilion, Kilmacolm which is an asset of the Birkmyre Trust. The Sub-Committee (1) approved the cost increase of £138,445 and the use of Reserves to fund revenue in the amount of £138,445 to allow the project to be completed, (2) noted the current position in relation to the contract and (3) remitted it to the Head of Property Resources & Facilities Management to submit a report on the condition of the existing play area, any works required to bring this up to an acceptable standard and possible sources of funding, all as detailed in the appendix.