

POLICY AND RESOURCES EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE - 30 JULY 2008

Policy and Resources Executive Sub-Committee

Wednesday 30 July 2008 at 2 pm

Present: Councillors Blair, Brooks, Clocherty, McCabe, McKenzie and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection, Corporate Director Improvement & Performance, Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Corporate Communications & Public Affairs, Head of Economic & Social Regeneration, Head of ICT & Business Transformation, Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Administration) and Head of Organisational Development & Human Resources.

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

494 Comet Festival Gala Day

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources providing an update on the plans to hold the Port Glasgow Comet Festival during 2008.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to funding of up to £13,500 being allocated from the Common Good Fund towards the 2008 Port Glasgow Comet Festival;
- (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to instruct the Events Team to organise this year's Comet Festival Gala Day on Saturday 23 August 2008; and
- (3) that a report be submitted to the Regeneration Committee in due course on the arrangements and funding for the Festival in 2009.

495 ERDF URBAN II Funding Issues - Park Farm, Port Glasgow

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection informing the Sub-Committee of the outcome of a recent monitoring visit by the Scottish Government in relation to URBAN II funded projects which had raised an issue regarding works carried out in Oronsay Avenue, Port Glasgow in 2003/04.

(Councillor McKenzie entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business.)

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to expenditure of £60,644 Early Action Fund Grant to repay the sum due in respect of the URBAN II project "Creating open space in Oronsay";
- (2) that it be remitted to the Head of Planning, Housing & Transportation and the Chief Financial Officer to make appropriate arrangements for payment; and
- (3) that the Sub-Committee acknowledge that the works to be undertaken by River Clyde Homes in the Park Farm area, Port Glasgow will increase the supply of affordable social rented housing in line with agreed Council policy.

Councillor Blair asked that his concerns regarding the above course of action be minuted.

496 Greenock Custom House

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources providing information on the proposals of HM Revenue & Customs to amalgamate Custom Offices within the UK which could potentially have an impact on Greenock Custom House.

Decided:

- (1) that the Sub-Committee agree to support the retention of Greenock Custom House given its prominent location, symbolism and significance; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to respond to HM Revenue & Custom's consultation process indicating support for the retention of the Custom House and the safeguarding of 80 skilled jobs.

The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration to allow the Sub-Committee to consider the urgent applications for grants from voluntary organisation at the earliest possible opportunity. This was unanimously agreed in terms of the relevant Standing Order.

497 Grants to Voluntary Organisations - Urgent Applications

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources requesting the Sub-Committee to consider two applications to the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Fund which required to be considered prior to the next meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee later in 2008.

Decided:

- (1) that a grant of £3,000 be made to Port Glasgow Old People's Welfare Council; and
- (2) that a grant of £500 be made to Port Glasgow Juniors Boys' Club.

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.

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498 Procurement of an Integrated HR/Payroll Solution - Report on Tenders

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Improvement & Performance (1) informing the Sub-Committee of the outcome of the tender process to procure an Integrated HR/Payroll Solution for the Council and (2) seeking approval to award the contract and agree the ongoing support and maintenance costs.

Decided:

- (1) that agreement be given to award the Integrated HR/Payroll contract to Frontier

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for the Chris 21 solution; and

(2) that the proposal to fund the ongoing support and maintenance costs for the Integrated HR/Payroll Solution be approved.

499 Release of an Employee under the Council's Severance Scheme 499

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development & Human Resources requesting the Sub-Committee to approve the release of an employee under the Council's Severance Scheme and this was agreed, all as detailed as in the appendix.

500 Waterfront Leisure Centre - Court Action 500

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources (1) advising of the outcome of the mediation process in relation to the Court Action raised by the Council in respect of the Waterfront Leisure Centre Project and (2) seeking authority to take further action which was agreed, all as detailed in the appendix.