

POLICY AND RESOURCES EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE - 25 JUNE 2008

Policy and Resources Executive Sub-Committee

Wednesday 25 June 2008 at 4 pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education & Social Care, Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection, Corporate Director Improvement & Performance, Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Administration, Head of Organisational Development & Human Resources, Head of Corporate Communications & Public Affairs and School Estate Manager.

Apologies: Councillors McKenzie and Wilson.

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

490 Local Income Tax Consultation

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) advising of the key issues arising from the consultation currently being undertaken by the Scottish Government on the proposed introduction of a Local Income Tax and (2) seeking guidance on the proposed response to the consultation by the Council.

Decided:

- (1) that the response from the Council to the consultation paper issued by the Scottish Government on the proposed introduction of a Local Income Tax should focus on two specific areas: the principles agreed by COSLA which should underpin any system of local taxation and technical issues, as set out in appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) that individual political groups respond directly on any specific issues they may have in relation to the consultation paper, it being noted that officers will make themselves available to meet with political groups to assist with individual responses; and
- (3) that the response from the Council to the consultation paper be sent to the Scottish Government by 18 July 2008.

The Convener, being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Head of Organisational Development & Human Resources was relevant, competent and urgent, moved its consideration to allow progress to be made should the Sub-Committee agree to the action recommended. This was unanimously agreed in terms of the relevant Standing Order.

491 Introduction of the Revised Flexible Working Hours Scheme

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development & Human Resources seeking agreement to change the date of implementation of the revised Flexible Working Hours Scheme agreed by The Inverclyde Council at the meeting on 17 April 2008.

Decided: that, subject to the suspension of Standing Orders, the Sub-Committee agree that the revised Flexible Working Hours Scheme be introduced when technically possible

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following testing of the system but, in any event, no later than the end of the financial year 2008/2009.

The Convener, being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care was relevant, competent and urgent, moved its consideration to allow action to be taken at the earliest opportunity should the Sub-Committee agree to the action recommended. This was unanimously agreed in terms of the relevant Standing Order.

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 I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

492 Cumberland Road/Auchmead Road Junction Works

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care (1) advising of a significant potential over expenditure on the contract for the Cumberland Road/Auchmead Road junction works and (2) seeking approval for action proposed to contain the cost of the works within existing budgets.

Decided:

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the increased cost of the Cumberland Road/Auchmead Road junction works project and approve the increased allowance required, the cost of the works to be contained within the overall School Estates Management Plan budget;
- (2) that the proposals to revise the projects to be carried out at St Stephen's High School and Port Glasgow High School as set out in the report be approved; and
- (3) that it be noted the Chief Executive has instructed that a review be undertaken to establish the lessons which can be learned for the future and report back, where appropriate.