

**REGENERATION COMMITTEE - 8 MAY 2008**

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**Regeneration Committee**

**Thursday 8 May 2008 at 3.00 pm**

**Present:** Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair, Clocherty, Ferguson, Fyfe, Loughran, McCallum, McCabe, McKenzie, MacLeod and Osborne.

**Chair:** Councillor Clocherty presided.

**In attendance:** Chief Executive, Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources, Mr M Thomson (for Chief Financial Officer), Head of Economic & Social Regeneration, Head of Property Resources & Facilities Management, Head of Corporate Communications & Public Affairs, Community Services Manager, Libraries Manager, Physical Investment Services Manager and Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Administration).

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

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| <b>374</b> | <b>Capital Programme 2008/09 to 2010/11 - Progress</b>   | <b>374</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Resources and the Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Capital Programme 2008/09 to 2010/11.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b> that the Committee note the progress of the specific projects detailed in the appendix to the report.</p>   |            |
| <b>375</b> | <b>Community Investment Fund - Regeneration Issues</b>   | <b>375</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Resources providing an update on the Community Investment Fund projects delivered by Services within the Regeneration &amp; Resources Directorate.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b> that the Committee note the progress of Community Investment Fund projects being delivered by the Regeneration &amp; Resources Directorate and that the Head of Economic &amp; Social Regeneration apprise the Committee of developments relative to Port Glasgow town centre during that part of the meeting held following exclusion of the public and press.</p> |            |
| <b>376</b> | <b>Regeneration &amp; Resources Directorate Performance Report</b>   | <b>376</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Resources on the performance of Property Resources &amp; Facilities Management and Economic &amp; Social Regeneration in achieving their key objectives as set out in the Regeneration &amp; Resources Directorate Plan and how they have contributed to the achievement of key corporate priorities.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>   |            |
| <b>377</b> | <b>Transfer of Business Gateway and Regeneration Functions</b>   | <b>377</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Resources apprising the Committee of the current position with regard to the transfer of the Scottish Enterprise Business Gateway programme and regeneration function to local authorities.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b></p>  |            |



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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources proposing amendments to the current arrangements for the allocation of the Grants to Voluntary Organisations fund.

**Decided:**

- (1) that approval be given to the allocation of £250,000 from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations budget to allow three year funding to appropriate groups subject to funds being available at the start of each financial year;
- (2) that it be remitted to the Grants Sub-Committee to administer these arrangements on behalf of the Committee; and
- (3) that it be remitted to the Head of Economic & Social Regeneration to report to the Grants Sub-Committee with recommendations for the first tranche of groups to be given three year funding.

**384 Summer Playschemes 2008**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the programme of activities in relation to the summer playschemes 2008. During the course of discussion on this matter, the Head of Economic & Social Regeneration advised that the special needs playscheme will operate at Highholm Primary School, not Newark Primary School as indicated in the report.

**Decided:**

- (1) that approval be given to the programme of activities being organised for the summer playschemes 2008 within the Regeneration & Resources Service; and
- (2) that approval be given to the entry fee for playschemes remaining at the same level as 2007, £1 per child per session.

**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.**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Paragraph(s)</b>
<b>Inverclyde Farms - Garvocks and Dowries Farm, Killochend Farm and Hardridge Farm, Greenock</b>	<b>2, 6 &amp; 9</b>
<b>Whinhill Golf Club - Use of Whinhill Golf Course</b>	<b>2 &amp; 6</b>
<b>Wellington Park Bowling Club</b>	<b>2 &amp; 6</b>
<b>Land at Bellhaven Street, Port Glasgow</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Land at Mansion Avenue, Port Glasgow</b>	<b>2, 6 &amp; 9</b>
<b>Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive - Appointment of Sole</b>	<b>6 &amp; 8</b>

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**Supplier (Workforce Plus)**

**385 Inverclyde Farms - Garvocks and Dowries Farm, Killochend Farm and Hardridge Farm, Greenock 385**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources providing further information requested by the Committee at the meeting held on 13 March 2008 (para 218) with regard to Garvocks and Dowries Farm, Killochend Farm and Hardridge Farm, Greenock and making a number of recommendations and there was circulated an addendum report by the Chief Executive updating the Committee on the position. After consideration, the Committee agreed to take action, all as detailed in the appendix.

**386 Whinhill Golf Club - Use of Whinhill Golf Course 386**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on a request from Whinhill Golf Club relative to the use of Whinhill Golf Course.

**Decided:**

- (1) that approval be given to the use of Whinhill Golf Course by Whinhill Golf Club for open fixture competitions on the basis outlined in option 1 set out in paragraph 5.1 of the report up to a maximum of 7 days per annum; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to formalise an agreement with Whinhill Golf Club regarding their future use of Whinhill Golf Course as soon as practicable.

**387 Wellington Park Bowling Club 387**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the progress of developments at Wellington Park Bowling Club.

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

After consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

**388 Land at Bellhaven Street, Port Glasgow 388**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking approval in principle to a proposal in respect of land at Bellhaven Street, Port Glasgow.

During consideration of this item of business, the Head of Economic & Social Regeneration apprised the Committee of developments relative to Port Glasgow town centre, as agreed earlier in the meeting during consideration of the item on Community Investment Fund - Regeneration Issues, and also discussions with developers regarding an area in Greenock.

(Councillor McKenzie returned to the meeting and Councillor Ferguson left during this item of business).

After consideration, the Committee agreed to take action, all as detailed in the appendix.

**389 Land at Mansion Avenue, Port Glasgow 389**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources

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seeking consent to declare a site at Mansion Avenue, Port Glasgow surplus to requirements and recommending action in connection therewith.

(Councillor Osborne left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

After consideration, the Committee agreed to take action, all as detailed in the appendix.

**390 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive - Appointment of Sole Supplier (Workforce Plus) 390**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive since the last ordinary meeting of the Committee to negotiate with and approve the appointment of a sole supplier to support the development of management information within Inverclyde's Workforce Plus partnership.

**Noted**