

SAFE, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 6 MARCH 2008

Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee

Thursday 6 March 2008 at 3.00 pm

Present: Councillors Dorrian, Ferguson, Loughran (for McIlwee), MacLeod, McCabe, McCallum, Moran, Rebecchi, Wilson and White.

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection, Mr M Thomson and Ms L Bairden (for Chief Financial Officer), Head of Environmental Services, Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Administration), Head of Planning, Housing & Transportation, Head of Safer Communities and Head of Corporate Communications & Public Affairs.

Apologies: Councillors Grieve and McIlwee.

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

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| 168 | Revenue Budget 2007/08 - Period 9 | 168 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on the position of the Revenue Budget 2007/08 as at Period 9 (31 December 2007) which showed a projected overspend of £10,000.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the Committee note the current projected overspend of £10,000 for 2007/08, as at 31 December 2007, and that Officers have been instructed to incur only essential expenditure until the end of the financial year in order to bring the budget back on target; and</p> <p>(2) that approval be given to the virement of £30,000 between Burial Grounds, Manual Employee costs and Burial/Cremation income.</p> | |
| 169 | Trading Account Revenue Budget 2007/08 - Period 9 | 169 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on the position of the Roads and Vehicle Maintenance Trading Accounts as at Period 9 (31 December 2007) which showed a projected cash surplus of £150,000 and a projected surplus of £98,000 respectively.</p> <p>Decided: that the current position of the Roads and Vehicle Maintenance Trading Accounts 2007/08, as at 31 December 2007, be noted.</p> | |
| 170 | Capital Programme 2007/09 - Progress | 170 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on the position of the Capital Programme 2007/09.</p> <p>Decided: that the Committee note the progress of the specific projects as detailed in the appendices to the report.</p> | |

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171 Area Renewal Update

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There was submitted revised report, together with replacement appendix 1, by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection updating the Committee on the expenditure and progress of the Area Renewal Strategy for the period to January 2008. Councillors Ferguson and Wilson declared an interest in this matter as Board Members of River Clyde Homes. They also formed the view that the nature of their interest and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision making process.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress made to date on the Early Action Fund grand-aided projects for the Area Renewal Strategy;
- (2) that the financial position of the projects detailed in appendices 2 and 3 to the report be noted; and
- (3) that approval be given to the increased costs for the contracts for regeneration demolitions phase 15 and phase 31 as detailed in appendix 4 to the report.

172 Community Investment Fund - Update

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on the current status of the Community Investment Fund including the prioritisation of upgraded pitches at Lady Octavia and Ravensraig Stadium which had been approved by the Regeneration Committee at the meeting on 17 January 2008 and the Policy & Resources Committee at the meeting on 7 February 2008.

The Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection advised the Committee that the date referred to at appendix 1, item 7, should be 08/09 rather than 07/08.

Decided:

- (1) that the current status of the Community Investment Fund be noted and the proposal that the priorities under the Support for Play section be the provision of upgraded pitches at Lady Octavia and Ravensraig Stadium, in support of the Council's Sports & Pitches Strategy, be agreed; and
 - (2) that approval be given to vire underspends in Support for Sport and Support for the Environment to Support for Play to make up the shortfall of £252,000 as detailed in the report and that it be remitted to the relevant Officers to progress the matter.
- (Councillors White and Rebecchi left the meeting following consideration of this item of business).

173 Greenock West End Outstanding Conservation Area: Proposed Article 4 Direction

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection (1) on the outcome of the public consultation exercise carried out on the proposed Article 4 Direction for the Greenock West End Outstanding Conservation Area and (2) seeking approval for the submission of the proposed Article 4 Direction and supporting information to the Scottish Ministers for approval.

Decided: that the content of the report be noted and that it be agreed to submit the proposed Article 4 Direction and supporting information to the Scottish Ministers for approval.

(Councillor McCabe left the meeting following consideration of this item of business).

174 Strategic Housing Function: Update and Work Programme 2008-09

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection (1) on the integration of the strategic housing function into the Planning, Housing & Transportation Service, (2) outlining outstanding staffing issues and (3) seeking endorsement of the proposed work programme 2008-09 as set out in the report. (Councillor Rebecchi returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

- (1) that the successful integration of the strategic housing function into the Planning, Housing & Transportation Service with effect from 3 December 2007 be noted; and
- (2) that the Committee endorse the preparation of a phased work programme, including the funding necessary to commission the required consultancy and research over the financial year 2008/09, in order to meet the Council's statutory obligations to prepare and update the Local Housing Strategy and other associated plans and strategies.

175 The Planning (Scotland) Act 2006 and Local Development Plans and Update on the Planning Policy Work Programme 2008-09

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection (1) updating the Committee on the issues that will determine the work programme for the Planning Policy Team in the Planning, Housing & Transportation Service and (2) seeking endorsement of the proposals and priorities identified in the report required to undertake the Council's statutory responsibilities and in particular the next review of the Local Plan.

Decided:

- (1) that the significance of the changes being introduced by the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006 for the preparation of the Development Plan (Strategic Development Plan and Local Development Plan) for Inverclyde be noted;
- (2) that the Committee endorse the broad outlines of the work programme 2008/09 and beyond to deliver a new Local Development Plan for Inverclyde within the Government's expected timescale;
- (3) that approval be given to the establishment of a Member/Officer Group for Local Development Plan preparation, as outlined in paragraph 5.2 of the report, Councillors Moran, McCallum, MacLeod, Wilson and either Rebecchi or White to serve on the Group; and
- (4) that a further report be submitted to the Committee once the Member/Officer Group has assessed the likely costs of the work programme, as outlined in paragraph 5.9 of the report, and given consideration as to how it will be funded.

176 National Planning Framework for Scotland 2: Discussion Draft

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection (1) on the discussion draft of the second National Planning Framework for Scotland published in January 2008 and (2) seeking approval to prepare a response on behalf of the Council.

Decided: that authority be delegated to the Head of Planning, Housing & Transportation to prepare an appropriate response, in consultation with the Convener and Vice-Convener, to the Scottish Government's discussion draft of a second National Planning Framework for Scotland on behalf of Inverclyde Council, based on the issues summarised in paragraph 8 of the report.

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- 177 Scottish Planning Policy 3 - Planning for Housing 177**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection (1) on the publication and content of the Consultative Draft Scottish Planning Policy 3 - Planning for Housing and (2) seeking endorsement of the Council's response to the Scottish Government.
- Decided:** that authority be delegated to the Head of Planning, Housing & Transportation to prepare an appropriate response, in consultation with the Convener and Vice-Convener, to the Scottish Government's Consultative Draft, Scottish Planning Policy 3 - Planning for Housing, based on the comments set out in paragraph 5.8 of the report.
- 178 Provision of Street Names 178**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on the proposed naming of the cul-de-sac serving 16 houses, part of the development comprising 22 houses, being constructed for Cloch Housing Association at Glenbrae Road, Greenock.
- Decided:** that it be remitted to the Convener in consultation with the Head of Planning, Housing & Transportation and following consultation with the community to agree a name for the cul-de-sac at the development at Glenbrae Road, Greenock.
- 179 Food Waste Trial (2007/08 - 2008/09) 179**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on proposals to introduce a food waste trial for the period 2007/08 to 2008/09, following a successful bid to the Scottish Government for funding, based on a weekly collection to 5000 households.
- Decided:**
- (1) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection to accept the most advantageous tenders for the supply of containers, liners and vehicle to enable the food waste trial to meet the agreed milestones;
 - (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection to implement the food waste trial in accordance with the award conditions as detailed by the Scottish Government; and
 - (3) that approval be given to the virement of £18,837 from Landfill Tax to the food waste trial.
- 180 National Waste Strategy - Government Announcement 24/01/08 180**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection (1) updating the Committee on the recent announcement by the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment on the future of Scotland's Waste Strategy and the development of a Zero Waste Strategy for Scotland and (2) setting out the implications for the Council.
- Decided:**
- (1) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection to enter into discussions with officials of the Scottish Government on the conclusion of the financial assessment work being carried out by Re-Made Scotland to clarify the position in respect of strategic waste funding;
 - (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection to make active representation in terms of the newly announced Zero Waste Fund and Landfill Allowance Scheme or amendments thereto; and

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(3) that the Council support the position adopted by COSLA in ensuring fair settlement and treatment of local authorities in terms of the development of Scotland's Waste Strategy.

181 Disabled Parking - The Current Legal Process and Alternative Methods 181

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources setting out the current process undertaken by the Council when introducing disabled persons' parking bays together with the implications of introducing non-statutory methods of implementing such bays.

Decided: that the Traffic Regulation Order procedure for implementing disabled persons' parking bays be continued until such time as a decision is made by the Scottish Government on the draft Disabled Persons Parking (Scotland) Bill.

182 Brown Street Update 182

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection advising of the impact of the development adjacent to Port Glasgow Town Centre on the local road network as requested by the Committee at the meeting held on 10 January 2008 (Para 26(2)).

Noted

183 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - On-Street Parking Places (Without Charges) Order No 3 2007 183

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order to restrict parking within designated parking places at various locations within Port Glasgow, Greenock, Gourock and Inverkip to disabled persons displaying a badge under the appropriate Regulations only.

Decided: that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make a Resolution under the Road Traffic Regulation (Scotland) Act 1984 in relation to a Traffic Regulation Order to restrict parking within designated parking places at various locations within Port Glasgow, Greenock, Gourock and Inverkip to disabled persons displaying a badge under the appropriate Regulations only and thereafter that it be remitted to the Head of Planning, Housing & Transportation and the Head of Legal & Administration to arrange for implementation of the Order.

184 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive 184

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to (1) confirm the Diversion of Footpaths, Inverclyde (Oronsay Avenue and Kilmacolm Road, Port Glasgow) Order 2007 to allow the construction of a nursery and family centre at the site to proceed without delay and (2) appoint a specialist supplier for two mobile CCTV vehicles.

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 and 8 of Part I of

Schedule 7(A) of the Act.**185 Appendix Relative to Agenda Item 17 (Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive) 185**

There was submitted appendix 2 relative to Agenda Item 17 (Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive) providing details relating to the appointment of a specialist supplier for the provision of two mobile CCTV vehicles.

Noted