

SAFE, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 1 MAY 2008

Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee

Thursday 1 May 2008 at 3.00 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection, Ms L Bairden (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr R Graham (for Head of Environmental Services), Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Administration), Head of Planning, Housing & Transportation, Mr W Rice (Planning, Housing & Transportation), Head of Safer Communities and Ms L McIntyre (for Head of Corporate Communications & Public Affairs).

Apologies: Councillor Grieve.

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

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| 328 | Capital Programme 2008/11 - Progress | 328 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection and the Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Capital Programme 2008/11. An updated position statement with regard to Community Investment Fund projects was circulated.</p> <p>Decided: that the Committee note the progress of the specific projects as detailed in the appendices to the report and the Community Investment Fund position statement.</p> | |
| 329 | Environmental Services (Roads) - Grant Aided Roads Related Projects (2008/09) | 329 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection seeking approval to proceed with a programme of projects to be undertaken in 2008/09 using grant offers of funding by the Scottish Executive for Cycling, Walking and Safer Street projects.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the Committee approve the programme of projects listed in paragraph 5.1 of the report;</p> <p>(2) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental Services to proceed to tender (or in terms of the Best Value regime to issue to the Environmental Services (Roads) Trading Operation) for the projects listed in paragraph 5.1 of the report and that approval to accept the tenders be granted in terms of the Council's Financial Regulations and Standing Orders relating to Contracts; and</p> <p>(3) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental Services to apply appropriate variances to the programme as specified in paragraph 4.3 of the report.</p> | |
| 330 | Environmental Services (Roads) - Capital Programme (2008/09) | 330 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection seeking approval to proceed with a programme of projects funded from the Environmental Services (Roads) Capital Budget 2008/09.</p> | |

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Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the projects listed in paragraph 5.1 of the report in respect of the Capital Programme 2008/09;
- (2) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental Services to proceed to tender (or in terms of the Best Value regime to issue to the Head of Environmental Services (Roads) Trading Operation) for the projects listed in paragraph 5.1 of the report and that approval to accept the tenders be granted in terms of the Council's Financial Regulations and Standing Orders relating to Contracts;
- (3) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental Services to apply appropriate variances as specified in paragraph 4.4 of the report; and
- (4) that approval be granted to the Head of Environmental Services to evaluate and accept, in terms of the Council's Financial Regulations and Standing Orders relating to Contracts, negotiated tenders to a total value of £100,000 from Colas and Kiely as single suppliers of proprietary treatment for appropriate carriageways and footways contained within paragraph 6.1 of the report.

331 Environment & Community Protection Performance Report 331

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection providing details of performance statistics relating to absence management requested by the Committee at the meeting held on 6 March 2008.

Decided: that the Committee note the contents of the report and agree that absence management statistics be included in future performance management reports.

332 Report on the Scottish Building Standards Agency Verification Audit of Inverclyde Council's Building Standards Service 332

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on the Scottish Building Standards Agency verification of the Council's building standards function and advising of action being taken in response.

Decided: that the Committee note the audit report findings and endorse action being taken to protect the Council's role as Building Standards verifier for Inverclyde.

333 Inverclyde Core Paths Plan 333

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection seeking approval of the proposed Inverclyde Core Paths Plan for formal consultation.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the proposals set out in paragraph 5.1 of the report in relation to the content of the Core Paths Plan;
- (2) that approval be given to the approach to consultation set out in paragraph 5.2 of the report;
- (3) that authority be delegated to the Head of Planning, Housing and Transportation to finalise the Environmental Report associated with the Core Paths Plan in consultation with the Convener and Vice-Convener;
- (4) that it be noted that, should no objections to the Core Paths Plan be received during the formal consultation period, the necessary arrangements will be made to formally adopt the Plan without further reference to the Committee; and
- (5) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to those groups involved in the development of the Core Paths Plan.

- 334 Inverclyde Local Plan (2005): Town Centres and Retail Development Issues 334**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection seeking (1) approval of the Planning Policy Position Statement on Town Centres and Retail Development Issues and (2) endorsement of proposed modifications to the Town Centres and Retail Development Alteration to the Inverclyde Local Plan (2005) and approval to progress this to adoption, including authority to hold a Local Plan Inquiry.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee endorse the decision that issues concerning the relationship between Inverclyde's Town Centres remain the subject of a Planning Policy Position Statement, rather than part of the Town Centres and Retail Development Alteration;
- (2) that it be agreed to adopt the Planning Policy Position Statement attached to the report at annex 1; and
- (3) that approval be given to the Town Centres and Retail Development Alteration, incorporating proposed modifications as set out at annex 2 to the report, and that this progress to adoption, with referral to the Scottish Government along with any outstanding objections to enable arrangements to be made for a Local Plan Inquiry should this be necessary.
- 335 Private Sector Housing Grant: 2007/08 Update and 2008/09 and 2009/10 Proposals 335**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection (1) providing updated information on the outputs and outturns of the 2007/08 Private Sector Housing Grant (PSHG) budget and (2) outlining a proposed programme of expenditure for 2008/09 and 2009/10.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the outputs and outturn positions of the 2007/08 budget, services, grants and projects;
- (2) that the 2008/09 proposed budget, with the exception of the proposal in relation to John Street, Gourock considered during that part of the meeting held following exclusion of the public and press, the draft proposed budget for 2009/10 and the related performance monitoring framework be approved; and
- (3) that the current charge of £20 for the Property Inspection Service be removed to increase accessibility to those households most in need of its assistance as set out in paragraph 5.1.1 of the report.
- 336 Environment and Community Protection Directorate Plan 2008-11 336**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection presenting the Environment and Community Protection Directorate Plan for 2008-11 for consideration and approval.
- Decided:** that the Committee adopt the Environment and Community Protection Directorate Plan for 2008-11.
- 337 Safer Communities Service Plan 2008/09 337**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection (1) informing the Committee of the service planning priorities for Safer Communities for the coming year and (2) seeking approval of the service plan for 2008/09, a copy of which was appended to the report.

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Decided: that the Committee approve the Safer Communities service plan for 2008/09.

- 338 Environmental Health - Customer Satisfaction Survey 338**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on the benchmarking customer satisfaction survey of the Environmental Health function of the Safer Communities Service.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the favourable outcome of the customer satisfaction survey and the development of an action plan to improve future performance.
- 339 Future of Public Space Surveillance CCTV 339**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection (1) on the use of closed circuit television (CCTV) within Inverclyde and (2) recommending the development of a CCTV strategy.
- Decided:** that approval be given to the development of a strategy for CCTV in Inverclyde, in consultation with the Inverclyde Alliance Safe and Sustainable Thematic Group.
- 340 Tackling Environmental Crime - Clean Up or Pay Up 340**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection seeking approval for a long term strategy and campaign to tackle environmental crime including littering, fly tipping, graffiti and dog fouling.
- Decided:** that the Committee approve the proposed actions of the Clean Up or Pay Up strategy and campaign as set out in the report.
- 341 Delegated Powers: Authorisation of Officers 341**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection requesting the Committee to renew and update the delegated powers of the Head of Safer Communities with respect to the authorisation of Officers.
- Decided:** that the Head of Safer Communities be granted delegated powers to authorise officers under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.
- 342 Environmental Services Business Plan 342**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on the proposed development of a business plan covering the activities carried out by Environmental Services.
- Decided:**
- (1) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental Services to produce a business plan which consolidates the individual business plans within Environmental Services in line with corporate priorities and objectives; and
- (2) that the draft business plan be reported to the Committee prior to adoption by Environmental Services.
- 343 Commercial Waste Charging 343**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection advising of increasing landfill costs outwith the Council's control which impact on the Council's commercial waste services.

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Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report and the impact of increases in costs outwith the Council's control on the Council's commercial waste services be noted; and
- (2) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection in conjunction with Finance Services to determine reasonable commercial charges for the commercial waste service.

344 Litter Bins and Dog Waste Bins: Locations 344

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection providing details of the numbers, types and locations of litter and dog waste bins throughout the district.

Noted**345 White Light Roadlighting in Inverclyde 345**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on the current position with regard to the installation of white light roadlighting throughout Inverclyde.

Decided: that the Committee note and endorse the contents of the report and the efforts to achieve sustainable, energy neutral improvements to roadlighting, whilst striving to reduce the fear of crime and improve the night time environment.

346 Environmental Services (Roads) - Transport (Scotland) Act 2005 346

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection updating the Committee on the detailed implications of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005 with particular regard to the requirement to register all work on public roads, footways and footpaths commencing 1 April 2008 and the implementation of a Fixed Penalty Notice scheme with effect from 1 October 2008.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted;
- (2) that the implementation of Fixed Penalty Notices be agreed;
- (3) that authority be delegated to the Head of Environmental Services to apply Fixed Penalty Notices in accordance with paragraph 5.1 of the report; and
- (4) that authority be delegated to the Head of Environmental Services to register road works in advance of the capital budget allocation being set for 2009/10 and subsequent financial years to enable compliance with legislation and to provide a seamless programme of works for the roads network.

347 Modernising the Planning System: Consultation on Development Management 347

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on proposed changes to the system of processing planning applications in Scotland and seeking endorsement of the consultation response to the Scottish Government's consultation paper on development management.

Decided: that the Committee endorse the consultation response to the Scottish Government on the Modernising the Planning System: Development Management consultation paper as set out in the paper attached to the report.

348 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - The A78 Trunk Road, Greenock Schools (Part Time 20 MPH Speed Limit) Order 2008 348

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce a part time 20 MPH speed limit on sections of Flatterton Road, Auchmead Road, Gateside Avenue, Aileymill Gardens and Dunlop Street, Greenock.

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 introduce a part time 20 MPH speed limit on sections of Flatterton Road, Auchmead Road, Gateside Avenue, Aileymill Gardens and Dunlop Street, Greenock and thereafter that it be remitted to the Head of Planning, Housing and Transportation and the Head of Legal & Administration to arrange for implementation of the 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 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.

| Item | Paragraph(s) | |
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| Appendix II Relative to Agenda Item 7 | 6 | |
| Waste Management Contracts | 6 & 8 | |
| Lady Octavia Pitch Improvements | 6 & 8 | |
| 349 Appendix II Relative to Agenda Item 7 | | 349 |
| <p>There was submitted appendix II relative to agenda item 7 (Private Sector Housing Grant: 2007/08 Update and 2008/09 and 2009/10 Proposals) providing details of proposals relative to John Street, Gourrock.</p> <p>Decided: that consideration of the matter be continued to allow the Head of Planning, Housing and Transportation to meet with the owners of the property and thereafter that a detailed report be submitted to a special meeting of the Committee by the end of June.</p> | | |
| 350 Waste Management Contracts | | 350 |
| <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on the proposed procurement exercise to be undertaken for the management of the Council's waste.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection to commence a procurement exercise identifying the various options for managing Inverclyde's waste; and</p> <p>(2) that the decision of the Sustainability Sub-Committee at the meeting on 25 March 2008 to notify Glasgow City Council of its interest in participating in a joint waste treatment procurement programme be ratified.</p> | | |
| 351 Lady Octavia Pitch Improvements | | 351 |
| <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources</p> | | |

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seeking authority to (1) invite and accept tenders in respect of Lady Octavia pitch improvements and (2) negotiate with the supplier detailed in the report.

Decided: that approval be given to invite and accept tenders and to negotiate with the supplier detailed in the report in respect of Lady Octavia Pitch Improvements.