

**REGENERATION COMMITTEE - 12 MARCH 2009**

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**Regeneration Committee**

**Thursday 12 March 2009 at 3.00 pm**

**Present:** Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair, Clocherty, Grieve (for Ferguson), Loughran, McCallum, McCabe, McKenzie, MacLeod, Osborne and White.

**Chair:** Councillor Clocherty presided.

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

**Apologies:** Councillor Ferguson.

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

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| <b>191</b> | <b>Revenue Budget 2008/09 - Period 9</b>   | <b>191</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Resources on the position of the Revenue Budget 2008/09 as at Period 9 (31 December 2008) which showed a projected underspend of £21,000.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b></p> <p>(1) that the current projected underspend of £21,000 for 2008/09, as at 31 December 2008, be noted; and</p> <p>(2) that the virement request totalling £1,000 as detailed in paragraph 7.1 and appendix 4 of the report be approved and that the Policy &amp; Resources Committee be requested to approve the virement.</p> |            |
| <b>192</b> | <b>Building Services Trading Account 2008/09 - Period 9</b>  | <b>192</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Resources on the position of the Building Services Trading Account as at Period 9 (31 December 2008) which showed a projected cash surplus of £118,000.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>   |            |
| <b>193</b> | <b>Capital Programme 2008/09 to 2010/11 - Progress</b>   | <b>193</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></p> <p>(1) that the Committee note the progress of the specific projects detailed in the appendix to the report; and</p> <p>(2) that the SNP Group be invited to nominate a Member to serve on the Central Gourock Redevelopment Working Group.</p>   |            |

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| <b>194</b> | <b>Regeneration &amp; Resources Directorate Performance Report</b>  | <b>194</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>195</b> | <b>Consultant Framework Agreements - Permission to Tender</b>   | <b>195</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Resources seeking approval to procure the services of appropriate consultants to supplement the in-house resource to address peaks in demand as required on a "call off" Framework Agreement basis.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b> that approval be given to the issue of tender documents pursuant to Consultant Framework Agreements as set out in section 5 of the report and to accept the most economically advantageous tenders.</p>   |            |
| <b>196</b> | <b>Loan Request - Sculpture of Robert Thom</b>  | <b>196</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Resources on a request for the loan of a sculpture of Robert Thom from the collection of the McLean Museum and Art Gallery.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b> that approval be given to the loan of the sculpture of Robert Thom to the Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park for a period of five years, subject to matters of transport, security and insurance being arranged to the satisfaction of the Head of Economic &amp; Social Regeneration.</p>   |            |
| <b>197</b> | <b>External Funding Seminar on Local Fund Raising Awareness Initiatives</b>   | <b>197</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Resources on (1) the outcome of the Scottish External Funding Seminar held in Inverclyde on 5 December 2008 and (2) options to promote and develop the maximisation of external funding into the local economy.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b></p> <p>(1) that the Committee approve the report; and</p> <p>(2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Resources to consider a range of opportunities to raise awareness of external funding to the wider Inverclyde community and voluntary sector.</p> |            |
| <b>198</b> | <b>Closure of Kilmacolm Village Centre</b>  | <b>198</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Resources seeking approval for the closure of Kilmacolm Village Centre to allow preparatory work to begin prior to the refurbishment of the facility.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b> that it be agreed to close Kilmacolm Village Centre from 5 April 2009.</p>  |            |
| <b>199</b> | <b>Corporate Asset Management Strategy</b>  | <b>199</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Resources</p>  |            |

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seeking approval of the draft Corporate Asset Management Strategy and Action Plan, previously circulated, which had been the subject of an Elected Members' briefing. The report advised that the intended disposals list would be amended to take account of the Council's budget decisions.

**Decided:** that the Committee approve the Corporate Asset Management Strategy: Property, Land and Buildings and relative Action Plan and that the relevant appendices be made available to the public.

**200 Pitches Strategy Update**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources (1) seeking approval of an updated Sports Pitches Action Plan in the light of the Council's recent budget decision to invest £3M in sports pitches over the next five years and (2) advising that the Scottish Government was allowing local authorities to bring forward expenditure from 2010/11 into 2009/10.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee endorse the approach taken in terms of pitch prioritisation;
- (2) that the Sports Pitches Action Plan update which recommends that the first tranche of funding of £500,000 for 2009/10 be used to upgrade the Broomhill blaes pitch to a 3G Fieldturf Pitch with appropriate floodlighting and fencing be approved, it being noted that changing accommodation will be provided as funds become available;
- (3) that approval be given to the acceleration into 2009/10 of a second 3G Fieldturf Pitch at George Road, Gourock to be funded by the Scottish Government's Capital Acceleration Grant and that the financial implications be remitted to the next Policy & Resources Committee;
- (4) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to select appropriate tenderers and issue tender documents for the delivery of two synthetic football pitches and to accept the lowest or most economically advantageous tender in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations; and
- (5) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to bring forward proposals as soon as practicable for the allocation of the remaining funding for sports pitches for 2010-2014 in line with the approach endorsed in (1) above.

**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>Environmental Works by Riverside Inverclyde</b>	<b>6 and 9</b>
<b>Wellington Park Bowling Club</b>	<b>2 and 6</b>
<b>Non-Operational Property Portfolio Information Scheme of Delegation Register</b>	<b>2, 6 and 9</b>
<b>Proposed Demolition of Cemetery Lodge, Kilmacolm</b>	<b>2, 6 and 9</b>
<b>Lease - Old Largs Road, Greenock</b>	<b>2, 6 and 9</b>

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	<b>Lease - Hillend Drive, Greenock</b>	<b>2, 6 and 9</b>	
	<b>Proposed Disposal of Ground - Gibshill Road, Greenock</b>	<b>2, 6 and 9</b>	
	<b>Proposed Disposal of Ground - Kempock Street, Gourock</b>	<b>2, 6 and 9</b>	
<b>201</b>	<b>Environmental Works by Riverside Inverclyde</b>		<b>201</b>
	<p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Resources (1) on proposals for the procurement of environmental works jointly with Riverside Inverclyde and (2) seeking approval to enter into a Framework Agreement as set out in the appendix to the report.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b> that the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Resources be authorised to negotiate and enter into a Framework Agreement with Riverside Inverclyde to undertake a range of environmental works on the Council's behalf in order to mitigate VAT.</p>		
<b>202</b>	<b>Wellington Park Bowling Club</b>		<b>202</b>
	<p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Resources on the progress of developments at Wellington Park Bowling Club with regard to the redevelopment of the clubhouse following fire damage.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b> that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Resources to award the contracts for the completion of the project, within the agreed financial allocation.</p>		
<b>203</b>	<b>Non-Operational Property Portfolio Information Scheme of Delegation Register</b>		<b>203</b>
	<p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Resources providing information relative to non-operational property for the period September 2008 to February 2009.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>		
<b>204</b>	<b>Proposed Demolition - Cemetery Lodge, Kilmacolm</b>		<b>204</b>
	<p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Resources seeking approval for the demolition of Cemetery Lodge, Kilmacolm as the property is considered to be life expired and is not in a sound wind and watertight and habitable condition.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b></p> <p>(1) that Cemetery Lodge, Kilmacolm be declared surplus to requirements; and</p> <p>(2) that approval be given to the demolition of Cemetery Lodge, Kilmacolm and the buildings at the Cemetery entrance and that the solum be graded and landscaped to enhance the entrance area and that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Resources to act accordingly.</p>		
<b>205</b>	<b>Lease - Old Largs Road, Greenock</b>		<b>205</b>
	<p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Resources seeking approval to grant leasehold interests in premises at Old Largs Road, Greenock and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.</p>		

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- 206 Lease - Hillend Drive, Greenock 206**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to grant leasehold interests in premises at Hillend Drive, Greenock and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.
- 207 Proposed Disposal of Ground - Gibshill Road, Greenock 207**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking consent to declare ground at Gibshill Road, Greenock surplus to requirements and the Committee agreed to take action, all as detailed in the appendix.
- 208 Proposed Disposal of Ground - Kempock Street, Gourock 208**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on offers to purchase the gap site at 38 Kempock Street, Gourock.  
**Decided:** that no action be taken with regard to the sale of the site at 38 Kempock Street, Gourock and that the site be included within the Corporate Asset Management Strategy and considered further in due course.