

**SAFE, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 1 SEPTEMBER 2009**

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**Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee**

**Tuesday 1 September 2009 at 3.00 pm**

**Present:** Councillors Ahlfeld, Dorrian, Grieve, MacLeod, McCabe, McIlwee, McKenzie (for Moran), Nelson, Wilson and White.

**Chair:** Councillor Wilson presided.

**In attendance:** Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection, Ms M McCabe (for Chief Financial Officer), Head of Environmental Services, Head of Safer Communities, Head of Planning & Housing, Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Administration), Mr M Bingham (for Head of Corporate Communications and Public Affairs), Mr R Lee and Mr W Rice (Housing Team), Mr K Lang, Mr R Graham and Mr D Greenslade (Environmental Services).

**Apologies:** Councillors Moran and Rebecchi.

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

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| <b>499</b> | <b>Revenue Budget 2009/10 - Period 3</b>   | <b>499</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment &amp; Community Protection on (1) the 2008/09 Revenue Budget outturn and (2) the position of the Revenue Budget 2009/10 as at Period 3 (30 June 2009) which projected an underspend of £40,000.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>  |            |
| <b>500</b> | <b>Trading Account Revenue Budget 2009/10 - Period 3</b>   | <b>500</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment &amp; Community Protection on (1) the 2008/09 Roads and Vehicle Management Trading Accounts Revenue Budget outturn and (2) the position of the Revenue Budget 2009/10 as at Period 3 (30 June 2009).</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>   |            |
| <b>501</b> | <b>Capital Programme 2009/12 - Progress</b>  | <b>501</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment &amp; Community Protection and the Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Capital Programme 2009/12.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>   |            |
| <b>502</b> | <b>Private Sector Housing Grant: 2008/09 Outturn and 2009/10 Update</b>  | <b>502</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment &amp; Community Protection (1) on the outturn of the 2008/09 Private Sector Housing Grant (PSHG) budget and (2) seeking approval for the revised 2009/10 budget following confirmation of the final 2008/09 outturn and the subsequent carry forward of this budget into 2009/10.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b></p> <p>(1) that the Committee note the outturn of the 2008/09 budget;</p> |            |

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- (2) that the revised budget for 2009/10 as detailed in the report be approved; and
- (3) that a report be submitted to the Committee on the utilisation of the Support for Owners Fund.

**503 River Clyde Homes - Annual Monitoring Return**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection providing monitoring information in relation to River Clyde Homes (RCH) as agreed in the Stock Transfer Agreement of December 2007.

**Decided:**

- (1) that it be noted that River Clyde Homes has submitted an Annual Monitoring Return for 2008/09 as set out in the Stock Transfer Agreement of December 2007;
- (2) that the key points of the second Annual Monitoring Return supplied by River Clyde Homes, as detailed in paragraphs 4.1 - 4.11 of the report, be noted;
- (3) that it be noted that River Clyde Homes will be subject to scrutiny by the Scottish Housing Regulator during the 2009/10 reporting period; and
- (4) that future monitoring reports include information on customer satisfaction.

**504 Inverclyde Flood Plan**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on the development of a Flood Plan for Inverclyde Council.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the report be noted;
- (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection to establish and chair a Flood Risk Management Working Group consisting of representatives from the various agencies and riparian owners as outlined in the report and that this Group address the issue of collective responsibility for flood risk management within Inverclyde; and
- (3) that an action plan be developed on the issues raised in the report including timescales and resources.

Councillor McKenzie left the meeting at this juncture.

**505 Lighting Maintenance Term Contract 2010 - 2014(15)**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection seeking approval (1) to issue a tender for the period 2010 - 2014(15) covering all aspects of road and stairlighting maintenance within the responsibility of Environmental Services (Roads) and (2) to advertise the contract in the Official Journal of the European Union.

During the course of discussion on this item, the Head of Environmental Services was requested to investigate any opportunities for shared services in the tender process and this was agreed.

**Decided:**

- (1) that approval be given to the issue of the tender for road lighting maintenance commencing in June 2010 for a period of four years with an option to extend by a further year;
- (2) that approval be given to the placing of an advertisement in the Official Journal of the European Union as required under the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts; and
- (3) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental Services in conjunction with the Head of Legal & Administration, Chief Financial Officer and Head of Performance

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Management & Procurement to process the tender in accordance with the Council's policies.

**506 Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 506**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection advising the Committee of the duties imposed on Local Authorities as a result of the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009.

(Councillors McIlwee, Dorrian and Nelson left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

**Decided:**

(1) that the obligations placed upon the Council by the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 be noted;

(2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection to carry out a survey to determine the number of advisory Disabled Persons Parking Places (DPPPs) requiring Traffic Regulation Orders within the Council's estate along with the associated costs of promoting these Orders and to report the findings to a future meeting of the Committee;

(3) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection to promote the proper use of parking places for disabled persons vehicles;

(4) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection to promote TROs for DPPPs, at a cost agreed with the Chief Financial Officer, on request from other public bodies or private land owners who provide parking facilities for the public; and

(5) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection to prepare an annual report detailing performance of the Council's functions in relation to parking places for disabled persons vehicles, to publish the report and to forward this to the Scottish Ministers.

**507 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Millhouse Road Bridge, Inverkip (24 Tonne Weight Restriction Revocation) Order 2009 507**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order to revoke the existing Inverclyde Council Millhouse Road, Inverkip (24 Tonne Weight Restriction) Order 2000 which is no longer required.

**Decided:** that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make a Traffic Regulation Order - Millhouse Road Bridge, Inverkip (24 Tonne Weight Restriction Revocation) Order 2009 and that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental Services and Head of Legal & Administration to arrange for implementation of the Order.

**508 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Belhaven Street Bridge, Port Glasgow (7.5 Tonne Weight Restriction Revocation) Order 2009 508**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order to revoke the existing Inverclyde Council Belhaven Street Bridge, Port Glasgow (7.5 Tonne Weight Restriction) Order 2002 which is no longer required.

**Decided:** that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make a Traffic Regulation Order - Belhaven Street Bridge, Port Glasgow (7.5 Tonne Weight Restriction Revocation) Order 2009 and that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental Services and Head of Legal & Administration to arrange for implementation of the Order.

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- 509 Draft Housing (Scotland) Bill: A Consultation 509**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection informing the Committee of the Right to Buy and Scottish Housing Regulator proposals contained within the "Draft Housing (Scotland) Bill: A Consultation" published by the Scottish Government in April 2009 and of the response made by Inverclyde Council.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the publication of the "Draft Housing (Scotland) Bill: A Consultation" by the Scottish Government; and
  - (2) that approval be given to the officer response submitted on behalf of Inverclyde Council as detailed in the appendix to the report.
- 510 Retaining Social Rented Housing through Pressured Area Status 510**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on the implications of applying for and securing Pressured Area Status (PAS) for the settlements of Kilmacolm, Inverkip, Wemyss Bay and Gourrock.  
(Councillor Nelson returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the case made for and against applying for Pressured Area Status particularly in terms of the numbers that would be affected at present and the lack of supporting evidence currently held by Inverclyde Council; and
  - (2) that the Committee endorse the option of waiting until the results of the Housing Needs and Demand Assessment are available and the outcome of consultation on the Draft Housing (Scotland) Bill is known next year to assess whether PAS is a viable and appropriate mechanism for retaining more social rented housing in the settlements of Kilmacolm, Inverkip, Wemyss Bay and Gourrock.
- 511 Inverclyde Local Plan 2005: Proposed Supplementary Planning Guidance on Wind Farms 511**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection (1) on the preparation of supplementary planning guidance on wind farm developments and (2) seeking endorsement of the consultative draft and approval of its publication for targeted consultation, in accordance with the Planning Act.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee endorse the preparation of the consultative draft supplementary guidance subject to the inclusion of the word "some" before "scientists" in line 3 of the introduction; and
  - (2) that approval be given for the publication of the guidance for targeted consultation.
- 512 Dog Kennelling - Approval to Negotiate and Enter into a Contract with a Unique Supplier 512**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to grant approval to negotiate and enter into a contract with the SSPCA for the kennelling and re-homing of unclaimed stray dogs.
- Noted**

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- 513 Real Nappy Promotion 513**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection (1) providing an update on the short life Real Nappy Promotion and (2) seeking approval for extension of the scheme.
- Decided:** that the Committee endorse the Real Nappy Promotion as an ongoing campaign.
- 514 Zero Waste Fund - Proposed Spending Profile 514**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection advising the Committee of the proposed expenditure from the Zero Waste Fund.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the report and the targets for waste diversion and recycling; and
- (2) that the options identified for utilising the sums allocated be progressed and that the diversion performance be monitored.
- 515 Food Waste Trial and Proposed Future Delivery 515**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection (1) providing an update on the food waste trial funded by the Scottish Government for one year and (2) advising of options for continuation of a food waste collection service.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the report be noted;
- (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection to advise participants of the termination of the trial scheme; and
- (3) that a further report be submitted to the Committee with detailed costs of any future service options for the collection of food waste.
- 516 Compost to Go Scheme 516**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection (1) on the "Compost to Go" service which provides compost to residents of Inverclyde and (2) seeking approval for implementation of the scheme.
- Decided:** that the Committee endorse a "Compost to Go" scheme for residents who live within the Inverclyde area.