

**REGENERATION COMMITTEE - 3 SEPTEMBER 2009**

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**Regeneration Committee**

**Thursday 3 September 2009 at 3.00 pm**

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

**Chair:** Councillor Clocherty presided.

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

**Apologies:** Councillors Blair and MacLeod.

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

**The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted item was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Committee to consider the matter at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.**

**520      Myths and Legends Festival - "Big Man Walking"      520**

Mr W Wilson, Community Services Manager, and Ms C Henderson, Arts Development Officer, were present together with Mr S McIntyre and Mr J Clarke, the Puppet Lab. Mr McIntyre made a presentation on proposals to hold a community event "Big Man Walking" as part of the Myths and Legends Festival on 6 and 7 November 2009 and answered a number of questions from Members.

**Decided:** that approval be given to the "Big Man Walking" community event as part of the Myths and Legends Festival.

Mr Wilson, Ms Henderson, Mr McIntyre and Mr Clarke departed from the meeting at this juncture.

**521      Revenue Budget 2009/10 - Period 3      521**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on (1) the Revenue Budget 2008/09 outturn and (2) the position of the Revenue Budget 2009/10 as at Period 3 (30 June 2009) which showed a projected underspend of £64,000.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the outturn for 2008/09 and the current projected underspend of £64,000 as at 30 June 2009 be noted; and
- (2) that the virement requests totalling £55,000 as detailed in paragraphs 8.1 and 8.2 and appendix 4 of the report be approved.

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| <b>522</b> | <b>Building Services Trading Account Revenue Budget Outturn 2008/09 and Revenue Budget 2009/10 - Period 3</b>   | <b>522</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Resources on (1) the Building Services Trading Account 2008/09 outturn and (2) the position of the Trading Account 2009/10 as at Period 3 (30 June 2009) which showed a projected surplus of £118,000.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b></p> <p>(1) that the outturn for 2008/09 and the current projected surplus of £118,000 as at 30 June 2009 be noted; and</p> <p>(2) that the virement requests totalling £815,000 as detailed in paragraph 7.2 and appendix 3 of the report be approved.</p>   |            |
| <b>523</b> | <b>Capital Programme 2009/10 to 2011/12 - Progress</b>  | <b>523</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 2009/10 to 2011/12.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>   |            |
| <b>524</b> | <b>Regeneration and Resources Directorate Performance Report</b>  | <b>524</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 and Resources Directorate Plan 2008-2011 and how they have contributed to the achievement of key corporate priorities.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b> that the Committee endorse the performance information contained in the report and note that further reports on performance will be presented to future meetings of the Committee.</p>  |            |
| <b>525</b> | <b>Area Renewal Fund Update</b>   | <b>525</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Resources (1) advising of progress made in relation to the establishment of Area Renewal Task Groups and (2) seeking approval of funding proposals.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b></p> <p>(1) that the Committee note the progress being made by the Area Renewal Strategy Group regarding the re-establishment of Area Renewal Task Groups;</p> <p>(2) that the current budget position of the Area Renewal Fund be noted;</p> <p>(3) that approval be given to the provision of funding of £100,000 from the Area Renewal Fund for the Gibshill Community Centre project, subject to (a) a bid to the BIG Lottery Fund being successful and (b) approval of the business plan by the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Resources and the Chief Financial Officer;</p> <p>(4) that approval in principle be given to the provision of funding of £75,000 from the Area Renewal Fund for the Clune Park Community Centre project subject to (a) the conditions set out in section 5.3 of the report and (b) approval of the business plan by the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Resources and the Chief Financial Officer; and</p> <p>(5) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Resources to report to a future meeting of the Committee on the position relating to the conditions imposed in respect of the Clune Park Community Centre project as set out in section 5.3 of the report.</p> |            |

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**526 Future Jobs Fund****526**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources advising that the partnership bid led by the Council for £1.56M from the DWP's Future Jobs Fund to employ a total of 240 people over 18 months had been successful.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note that external funding has been secured from the Future Jobs Fund for Inverclyde in the amount of £1.56M to assist young people into employment and that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to accept the funding;
- (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to form a strategic alliance with Inverclyde Community Development Trust for the purposes of the delivery of the programme;
- (3) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer to submit grant applications to funding sources which, when used in conjunction with the Future Jobs Fund, may enhance the products available to project recipients during the life of the programme; and
- (4) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to the appropriate staff in securing funding from the Future Jobs Fund.

**527 European Structural Funds Update****527**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources (1) advising the Committee, as part of the regular reporting regime, of the performance of the Inverclyde Community Partnership European Bid, and (2) advising of an application for further European Funding to support employability services.

**Decided:** that the performance of the Inverclyde Integrated Employability Programme be noted and that agreement be given in retrospect to the submission of applications to the European Social Fund and European Regional Development Fund to continue delivery of employability services within Inverclyde.

**528 Deprived Area Fund****528**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to contribute to a consortium bid to the Deprived Area Fund to deliver deprived area outreach services provision in Ayrshire, Dumfries & Galloway and Inverclyde.

**Decided:** that approval be given to the submission of a consortium bid to the Deprived Area Fund, to be led by East Ayrshire Council.

**529 Coronation Park - Heritage Lottery Fund Bid****529**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to submit a bid for the development of Coronation Park, Port Glasgow to the Parks for People element of the Heritage Lottery Fund.

**Decided:**

- (1) that approval in principle be given to the submission of a bid to develop Coronation Park, Port Glasgow to the Parks for People Fund; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to explore match funding opportunities to assist the bid and that authority be delegated to him to progress the bid to submission stage once match funding has been secured.

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- 530 Libraries and Museum Service Plan 530**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking endorsement of the Libraries and Museum Service Plan 2009-12.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Libraries and Museum Service Plan 2009-12 appended to the report be adopted; and
  - (2) that the Committee's congratulations be conveyed to the appropriate staff in achieving the Investors in People status with an additional bronze award.
- 531 Inverclyde Community Engagement Strategy - Implementation Plan 531**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of the Community Engagement Strategy Implementation Plan prior to its submission to the Inverclyde Alliance Board.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Community Engagement Strategy Implementation Plan appended to the report be approved;
  - (2) that it be remitted to the Council's Corporate Directors to appoint Community Engagement Champions from within each service area; and
  - (3) that the Head of Economic & Social Regeneration submit a progress report on the Implementation Plan to the Committee, following the Plan's review date of May 2010.
- 532 Inverclyde's Tourism Action Plan 532**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of the action plan arising from the Inverclyde Tourism Strategy 2009-2016.
- Decided:** that the Inverclyde Tourism Action Plan appended to the report be approved as a companion document to the Inverclyde Tourism Strategy 2009-2016.
- 533 Strategic Leisure Sites 533**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources (1) on the progress of the strategic leisure sites programme and (2) providing a revised cost model for year 1.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the progress of the strategic leisure sites programme be noted;
  - (2) that approval be given to the allocation of funds to the pitches set out in paragraph 4.4 of the report from the approved budget and the re-profiling of the indicative profile set out in appendix 1 of the report;
  - (3) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to select appropriate tenderers and issue tender documents for the delivery of:-
    - the track and stadium upgrade and associated shielding works in respect of the Ravenscraig Stadium proposal and acceptance of the lowest or most economically advantageous tender in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and European Procurement Directives;
    - the 1<sup>st</sup> synthetic football pitch in respect of the Parklea enabling works and acceptance the lowest or most economically advantageous tender in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations;
    - the community stadium, pavilion, drainage improvements and associated

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infrastructure works in respect of the main Parklea works and acceptance of the lowest or most economically advantageous tender in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and European Procurement Directives;

- the sport centre, pitches, drainage improvements and associated infrastructure works in respect of the Rankin Park works and acceptance of the lowest or most economically advantageous tender in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and European Procurement Directives;
- the upgrading and development improvements and associated infrastructure works in respect of the Gourock Park amphitheatre works and acceptance of the lowest or most economically advantageous tender in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and European Procurement Directives;
- the upgrading and development improvements and associated infrastructure works in respect of the Gourock Pool works and acceptance of the lowest or most economically advantageous tender in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and European Procurement Directives;

(4) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration and Resources to present update reports on the programme delivery to every second meeting of the Committee; and

(5) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to the relevant staff in Economic & Social Regeneration and Property Resources & Facilities Management for the work involved in progressing the strategic leisure sites programme.

(Councillors White and Ahlfeld left the meeting following consideration of this item of business).

**534 Port Glasgow Roundabout Update**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the current position on a request from the Port Glasgow Traders' Association regarding the construction of a spur road from the existing A8 roundabout connecting the A8 with Brown Street.

(Councillors White and Ahlfeld returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

**Decided:** that it be noted that Transport Scotland is not supportive of the proposal to extend the access/egress provision on the existing A8 roundabout and that Gallaghers be encouraged to fulfil their development proposals for their development site.

**535 Report on the Use of Contractor for Emergency Works**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking homologation of actions taken by officers to instruct the term contractor, Alba Engineering Company, to carry out emergency remedial works to the heating and plumbing installations at St Stephen's High School to ensure the school was in a safe and functional condition to re-open in August 2009 for the new school term.

**Noted**

**536 Kilmacolm New Village Centre**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources (1) providing an update on the progress of the Kilmacolm New Village Centre project and (2) seeking agreement in relation to the naming of the Centre.

**Decided:**

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- (1) that the Committee note the progress to date with regard to the Kilmacolm New Village Centre; and
- (2) that it be agreed the centre be named the Cargill Centre and that the name be displayed at the centre in a manner satisfactory to the Cargill Trust.

**537 Audit Scotland: Asset Management in Local Government**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the results of the publication by Audit Scotland of the report on Asset Management in Local Government undertaken on behalf of the Accounts Commission.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the outcome of the Audit Scotland report on Asset Management in Local Government be noted;
- (2) that the checklist for Elected Members set out in appendix 2 to the report be approved; and
- (3) that the Committee confirm that a formally agreed action plan for meeting the report's recommendations be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources for development and for consideration at the Corporate Management Team.

**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	Paragraphs(s)
<b>Community Facilities/Outdoor Leisure - Efficiency Review Update</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Gourock Central Development</b>	<b>2, 6 and 9</b>
<b>Ground at Upper Bow, Greenock</b>	<b>2, 6 and 9</b>
<b>Play Area at Auchmountain Hall, Maukinhill</b>	<b>2, 6 and 9</b>
<b>Ground at Kempock Street, Gourock</b>	<b>2, 6 and 9</b>
<b>Proposed Demolition - Gourock Cemetery Lodge, Gourock</b>	<b>2, 6 and 9</b>
<b>Horticultural Facility - Parklea, Port Glasgow</b>	<b>2, 6 and 9</b>
<b>Lease of Premises: McLeod Street, Greenock</b>	<b>2, 6 and 9</b>

**538 Community Facilities/Outdoor Leisure - Efficiency Review Update**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources (1) updating the Committee in respect of the efficiency reviews carried out on community facilities and outdoor leisure and (2) advising of progress with discussion with experienced Leisure Trusts regarding the management of community and outdoor leisure

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facilities.

Councillors Ahlfeld, McKenzie and White declared an interest in this item as Board members of Inverclyde Leisure. 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.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the recommendations set out in the report and to take action, all as detailed in the appendix.

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

**539 Gourock Central Development 539**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the progress with development options at the Central Gourock area and the Committee agreed to take action, all as detailed in the appendix.

(Councillor McCabe returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business and Councillor McKenzie left following its consideration).

**540 Ground at Upper Bow, Greenock 540**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for the transfer of an area of ground at Upper Bow, Greenock and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

**541 Play Area at Auchmountain Hall, Maukinhill 541**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to transfer the play area at Auchmountain Hall, Maukinhill to support the upgrading proposals and planning solution within the area and the Committee agreed to take action, all as detailed in the appendix.

**542 Ground at Kempock Street, Gourock 542**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to re-advertise a site at Kempock Street, Gourock for sale on the open market.

Councillor White expressed the view that consideration of the matter was not competent in terms of Standing Orders as six months had not elapsed since the decision of the Committee at the meeting held on 12 March. Following discussion, however, it was agreed that further consideration of the matter would not be contrary to the decision of the Committee at its meeting on 12 March and that the Committee consider the report. Councillor White requested that his dissatisfaction at the item being considered be recorded.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to continue consideration of the matter, all as detailed in the appendix.

(Councillor Rebecchi left the meeting at this juncture).

**543 Proposed Demolition - Gourock Cemetery Lodge, Gourock 543**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for the demolition of Gourock Cemetery Lodge as the property is in a dilapidated and unusable condition.

**Decided:**

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- (1) that Gourock Cemetery Lodge, Gourock be declared surplus to requirements; and
- (2) that approval be given to the demolition of Gourock Cemetery Lodge and the buildings at the cemetery entrance, that the solum be graded and landscaped to enhance the entrance area and that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to act accordingly.

**544 Horticultural Facility - Parklea, Port Glasgow****544**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the outcome of the tendering exercise for the proposed sub-lease of the horticultural facility at Parklea, Port Glasgow.

**Decided:**

- (1) that approval be given to entering into sub-leasing arrangements with Parklea Branching Out in respect of the horticultural facility at Parklea, Port Glasgow; and
- (2) that, if necessary, authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to seek appropriate permissions from the Scottish Government to proceed to enter into sub-leasing arrangements with Parklea Branching Out.

**545 Lease of Premises: McLeod Street, Greenock****545**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking consent to renew and extend the lease of land at McLeod Street, Greenock and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.