

SAFE, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 27 OCTOBER 2009

Safe, Sustainable Communities CommitteeTuesday 27 October 2009 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Dorrian, MacLeod, McCabe, McIlwee, Moran, Nelson, Rebecchi, White and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

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

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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| 665 | Revenue Budget 2009/10 - Period 5 | 665 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on the position of the 2009/10 Revenue Budget as at period 5 (31 August 2009) which projected an overspend of £74,000.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the Committee note the current projected overspend of £74,000 as at 31 August 2009; and</p> <p>(2) that the Committee approve the virement requests totalling £347,000 as detailed in appendix 4 of the report.</p> | |
| 666 | Trading Account Revenue Budget 2009/10 - Period 5 | 666 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on the position of the Roads and Vehicle Maintenance Trading Accounts as at period 5 (31 August 2009). The report advised that (1) the Roads Trading Account was currently projecting a surplus of £109,000 which represented an over-recovery of £3,000 against the cash target; and (2) that the Vehicle Management Trading Account was currently projecting a surplus of £19,000 which is on target.</p> <p>Noted</p> | |
| 667 | Capital Programme 2009/12 - Progress | 667 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection and Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Capital Programme 2009/12.</p> <p>Noted</p> | |
| 668 | Directorate Performance Report | 668 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community</p> | |

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Protection advising the Committee of progress made by Environment & Community Protection in achieving its key objectives as set out in its Directorate Plan for 2009/11 and performance in relation to key performance indicators.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee endorse the performance information contained in the report; and
- (2) that it be noted that further reports on the performance of the Environment & Community Protection Directorate will be submitted to future meetings of the Committee.

669 Environmental Services (Roads) - Renewal of Weather Forecast Partnership 669

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection seeking the Committee's approval to enter into another four year contract in partnership with eleven other Councils for the provision of a Weather Forecast Service for the West of Scotland.

Decided: that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental Services to renew the partnership with the eleven other West of Scotland Councils for the provision of a Weather Forecast Service from 16 May 2010 to 15 May 2014.

670 Environmental Services Consultancy Services - Term Commission Professional Consultants Call Off Contract 2010 - 2013 670

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection (1) seeking the Committee's approval to issue a Term Commission Professional Consultants Call Off Contract for the period 2010-2013 and (2) seeking approval to advertise the contract in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the placing of an advert in the Official Journal of the European Union as required under Standing Orders relating to Contracts;
- (2) that the Committee approve the issue of tender documents to approved Professional Consultants Engineering Firms for a period of one year with an option to extend the period for two further extensions of one year each; and
- (3) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Environmental Services in conjunction with the Head of Legal & Administration, the Chief Financial Officer and the Head of Performance Management & Procurement to process the tender in accordance with Council policy.

671 Lighting Maintenance Term Contract 2010 - 2014 (5) Partnership 671

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection seeking the approval of the Committee to prepare a tender in partnership with North and South Ayrshire Councils for the period 2010 - 2014(5) to cover all aspects of road and stair lighting maintenance within the relative responsibilities of the three Council areas.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the preparation of the tender for road lighting maintenance, in conjunction with North and South Ayrshire Councils, incorporating Inverclyde Council's specific requirements, commencing July 2010 for a period of four years with an option to extend for a further 1 year; and
- (2) that approval be granted for South Ayrshire to act as lead authority for tendering purposes.

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- 672 Vehicle, Plant and Equipment Replacement Programme - Procurement Approval of Single Source Suppliers 672**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection seeking the approval of the Committee (1) for the procurement of vehicles, plant and equipment groups valued in excess of £250,000 from single source suppliers and (2) the procurement method(s) to be adopted.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee approve the procurement of vehicles, plant and equipment as detailed in the report which have an estimated value in excess of £250,000 and which may be procured from a single source supplier; and
- (2) that approval be given for the method(s) of procurement as outlined in paragraph 5.2 of the report.
- 673 Provision of Street Names 673**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection requesting that the Committee assign a street name for (a) the new cul-de-sac off Earnhill Road, Greenock; (b) five cul-de-sacs within areas 6 and 7 of the Hill Farm site, Inverkip; and (c) an existing cul-de-sac off Craigbet Road, Quarriers Village, Bridge of Weir.
- Decided:**
- (1) that it be delegated to the Ward Councillors to agree a recommendation for the street name of the new cul-de-sac off Earnhill Road, Greenock within one week and remit their decision to the Head of Planning & Housing;
- (2) that it be delegated to the Ward Councillors to agree a recommendation for the street name for the five cul-de-sacs within areas 6 and 7 at the Hill Farm site, Inverkip within one week and remit their decision to the Head of Planning & Housing; and
- (3) that the Members assign the street name Lawview Road to the cul-de-sac off Craigbet Road, Quarriers Village, Bridge of Weir.
- 674 Wemyss Bay Woodland - Local Nature Reserve Designation 674**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection requesting authority to formally designate the area known as Wemyss Bay Woodlands as a local nature reserve.
- Decided:** that authority be granted to the Head of Planning & Housing (a) to produce an appropriate management plan for the site, establish partnership working and identify membership of an LNR (Management Group), and (b) thereafter request the Committee to formally approve the management plan and legally designate the area known as Wemyss Bay Woods as a local nature reserve.
- 675 Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 - Scheme of Assistance (Section 72 Statement) 675**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection seeking the Committee's approval of the scheme of assistance which sets out the Council's approach in providing home owners in Inverclyde with relevant information, advice and assistance in line with the requirements of section 72 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the requirements of Section 72 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006;

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- (2) that the Committee approve the scheme of assistance (Section 72 Statement) set out in annex 1 of the report; and
- (3) that it be remitted to the Head of Planning & Housing to arrange a briefing for all Members on the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 to be held on 6 November 2009 at 2 pm.

676 Support for Owners Fund**676**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection providing the Committee with an update on the current position of the Support for Owners Fund in relation to River Clyde Homes planned investment programme.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current financial position of the Support for Owners Fund; and
- (2) that the projections for the future Support for Owners Fund be noted.

677 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - On-Street Parking Places (Without Charges) Order No 2 2009**677**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order to accompany the provision of parking bays for the disabled.

Decided: that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - On Street Parking Places (Without Charges) Order No 2 2009 and remit it to the Head of Environmental Services and the Head of Legal & Administration to arrange for its implementation.

678 Food Hygiene Information System**678**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection seeking approval for Inverclyde Council to implement the Food Hygiene Information Scheme (FHIS) to provide information to consumers about the standard of hygiene at food business premises.

Decided: that the Committee approve the implementation of the Food Hygiene Information Scheme with a launch date of 1 October 2010.

The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection was relevant, competent and urgent moved his consideration to allow the Committee to be advised of the Private Sector Housing Grant: Adaptations - Revised Budget at the relevant opportunity. This was unanimously agreed in terms of the relevant Standing Order.

679 Private Sector Housing Grant: Adaptations - Revised Budget**679**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection advising the Committee of an unexpected increase in demand for adaptations grants and proposing a revised Private Sector Housing Grant (PSHG) budget for 2009/10, with temporary changes to the adaptation policy to ensure that the Council continues to meet its obligations to provide financial assistance for adaptations in accordance with the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current pressures on the adaptations budget;

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- (2) that the Committee approve the revised 2009/10 budget; and
- (3) that the issue be remitted to the Corporate Management Team to be considered as part of the budget process.

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 paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

680 Improvement Orders - Fort Matilda Terrace, Greenock**680**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection seeking approval to make improvement orders in respect of properties in Fort Matilda Terrace, Greenock which was agreed, all as detailed in the appendix.