

**POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 9 FEBRUARY 2010**

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**Policy & Resources Committee**

**Tuesday 9 February 2010 at 4 pm**

**Present:** Councillors Blair, Brooks, Clocherty, Fyfe, McCabe, McIlwee, McKenzie, MacLeod, Moran, Nelson and Ahlfeld (for Wilson).

**Chair:** Councillor McCabe presided.

**In attendance:** Chief Executive, Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection, Corporate Director Improvement & Performance, Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director Community Health & Care Partnership, Acting Director of Education, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Administration, Head of Safer Communities, Head of Organisational Development & Human Resources, Head of ICT & Business Transformation, Legal Services Manager (Procurement, District Court & Administration) and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications & Public Affairs).

**Apologies:** Councillor Wilson.

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

**95 Revenue Budget 2010/11 and Capital Programme 2010/14**

**95**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing information to allow consideration of the 2010/11 General Fund Revenue Budget and the 2010/14 Capital Programme.

Councillor Clocherty declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a Member of the Board of Riverside Inverclyde. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision making process.

After discussion, Councillor McCabe moved:

- (1) that the proposals in respect of the 2010/11 Revenue Budget be as detailed in the Coalition Administration's submission (Appendix 1 to the minute);
  - (2) that the proposals from the Corporate Management Team in respect of the 2010/14 Capital Programme as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report be approved;
  - (3) that the latest School Estate Management Plan Funding Model contained in Appendix 3 to the report be noted;
  - (4) that the proposals in respect of the General Fund Reserves be as detailed in the Coalition Administration's submission (Appendix 1 to the minute);
  - (5) that the proposals in respect of the Common Good Fund be as detailed in the Coalition Administration's submission (Appendix 1 to the minute);
  - (6) that agreement be given to the savings workstreams outlined in Appendix 6 to the report and that it be remitted to Officers to progress the workstreams whilst reporting back to the appropriate Committees on progress throughout 2010/11 and beyond;
  - (7) that the Risk Analysis set out in Appendix 7 to the report be noted;
  - (8) that the Equality Impact Assessment set out in Appendix 8 to the report be noted;
- and
- (9) that it be noted that the appropriate resolution in respect of the level of Council Tax for the financial year 2010/11 will be made at the meeting of The Inverclyde Council on 18 February 2010.

As an amendment, Councillor MacLeod moved:

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- (1) that the proposals in respect of the 2010/11 Revenue Budget be as detailed in the SNP Group's submission (Appendix 2 to the minute);
- (2) that the proposals from the Corporate Management Team in respect of the 2010/14 Capital Programme as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report be approved;
- (3) that the latest School Estate Management Plan Funding Model contained in Appendix 3 to the report be noted;
- (4) that the proposals in respect of the General Fund Reserves be as detailed in the SNP Group's submission (Appendix 2 to the minute);
- (5) that the proposals from the Corporate Management Team in respect of the Common Good Fund as detailed in Appendix 5 to the report be approved;
- (6) that agreement be given to the savings workstreams outlined in Appendix 6 to the report and that it be remitted to Officers to progress the workstreams whilst reporting back to the appropriate Committees on progress throughout 2010/11 and beyond;
- (7) that the Risk Analysis set out in Appendix 7 to the report be noted;
- (8) that the Equality Impact Assessment set out in Appendix 8 to the report be noted; and
- (9) that it be noted that the appropriate resolution in respect of the level of Council Tax for the financial year 2010/11 will be made at the meeting of The Inverclyde Council on 18 February 2010.

As a further amendment, Councillor Blair moved:

- (1) that the proposals in respect of the 2010/11 Revenue Budget be as detailed in the Liberal Democrat Group's submission (Appendix 3 to the minute);
- (2) that the proposals from the Corporate Management Team in respect of the 2010/14 Capital Programme as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report be approved;
- (3) that the latest School Estate Management Plan Funding Model contained in Appendix 3 to the report be noted;
- (4) that the proposals in respect of the General Fund Reserves be as detailed in the Liberal Democrat Group's submission (Appendix 3 to the minute);
- (5) that the proposals from the Corporate Management Team in respect of the Common Good Fund as detailed in Appendix 5 to the report be approved;
- (6) that agreement be given to the savings workstreams outlined in Appendix 6 to the report and that it be remitted to Officers to progress the workstreams whilst reporting back to the appropriate Committees on progress throughout 2010/11 and beyond;
- (7) that the Risk Analysis set out in Appendix 7 to the report be noted;
- (8) that the Equality Impact Assessment set out in Appendix 8 to the report be noted; and
- (9) that it be noted that the appropriate resolution in respect of the level of Council Tax for the financial year 2010/11 will be made at the meeting of The Inverclyde Council on 18 February 2010.

On a vote between the two amendments, two Members voted for the amendment by Councillor Blair and three for the amendment by Councillor MacLeod. Councillor Blair's amendment then fell.

On a vote between the amendment by Councillor MacLeod and the motion by Councillor McCabe, three Members voted for the amendment and six for the motion which was declared carried.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the proposals in respect of the 2010/11 Revenue Budget be as detailed in the Coalition Administration's submission (Appendix 1 to the minute);
- (2) that the proposals from the Corporate Management Team in respect of the 2010/14 Capital Programme as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report be approved;
- (3) that the latest School Estate Management Plan Funding Model contained in Appendix 3 to the report be noted;

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- (4) that the proposals in respect of the General Fund Reserves be as detailed in the Coalition Administration's submission (Appendix 1 to the minute);
- (5) that the proposals in respect of the Common Good Fund be as detailed in the Coalition Administration's submission (Appendix 1 to the minute);
- (6) that agreement be given to the savings workstreams outlined in Appendix 6 to the report and that it be remitted to Officers to progress the workstreams whilst reporting back to the appropriate Committees on progress throughout 2010/11 and beyond;
- (7) that the Risk Analysis set out in Appendix 7 to the report be noted;
- (8) that the Equality Impact Assessment set out in Appendix 8 to the report be noted; and
- (9) that it be noted that the appropriate resolution in respect of the level of Council Tax for the financial year 2010/11 will be made at the meeting of The Inverclyde Council on 18 February 2010.

**The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Committee to consider the matters raised at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.**

**96 Inverkip Community Facility - Request by Councillors Blair and Rebecchi**

**96**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on a request from Councillors Blair and Rebecchi (1) that, in addition to the £600,000 to be paid by Stewart Milne Homes in accordance with the Section 69 Agreement between the developer and the Council, a further sum of £600,000 be committed to a community facility or facilities for the benefit of the people of Inverkip and (2) that a consultation process be undertaken relative to the use of the land for community benefit.

**Decided:**

- (1) that in the light of the budget decisions taken in the foregoing item, the Committee note the funding request made by Councillors Blair and Rebecchi; and
- (2) that it be noted that any proposals for a community facility in Inverkip will be progressed through the Regeneration Committee in due course.

(1) 2010/11 REVENUE BUDGET PROPOSAL

	<u>£000</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>£000</u>
Projected contribution to reserves ( Appendix 1)			757
<u>Add: Cost Reduction/Savings Proposal</u>			
Education Concordat funding ( savings are part year 2010/11)	405	(a)	
Freeze Members' Remuneration 2010/11	10		415
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<u>Less: Recurring Spend Proposals</u>			
5 Extra Primary 1-3 teachers (part year costs 2010/11)	118	(a)	
Expand availability of Breakfast Clubs (part year costs 2010/11)	27	(a)	
Increase Standard Clothing Grant from £60 to £63.50 (5.8%)	10		
Free pitch hire for under 16 teams at Battery Park 3G pitch	9		
Reduce hire charges for outdoor synthetic pitches	36	(b)	
Subsidised indoor lets for uniformed organisations	20	(b)	
Subsidised indoor lets for under 16 sports teams	20	(b)	
Subsidised indoor lets for CLD Services	20	(b)	
Free gym access for medical referrals	5	(b)	
	<hr/>		265
<b>Proposed Surplus 2010/11</b>			<hr/> <hr/> 907

(2) GENERAL FUND RESERVES PROPOSAL

	<u>£000</u>		<u>£000</u>
Initial available balance (Appendix 4)			950
<u>Add: Proposed Surplus less £757,000</u>			150
Projected Available Balance			1,100
<u>Less: Proposed One-off Spend Proposals</u>			
Double Pot Hole Repair budget 2010/11	400		
Transfer part of Aids & Adaptations spend to Capital	-400		
Play Area Strategy	350	(c)	
Support for community facilities	750	(d)	
<b>Unallocated Surplus Reserves</b>			<hr/> 1100
			<hr/> 0

(3) 2010/14 CAPITAL PROGRAMME

	<u>£000</u>		<u>£000</u>
<u>Additions to Capital Programme</u>			
None			0
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<u>Reductions to Capital Programme</u>			
None			0
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(4) COMMON GOOD FUND BUDGET

			<u>£000</u>
<u>Revenue Budget Amendments</u>			
None			0
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<u>Common Good Fund Reserves Amendments</u>			
Fitzgerald Centre garden project		(b)	10
Additional funding for 2011 Tall Ships event		(b)	12
			<hr/> 22

**Notes**

- (a) The Administration is proposing to allocate £215,000 (£145,000 part year in 2010/11) towards the Concordat Education commitments. £175,000 will be used in respect of class sizes to employ an additional 5 Primary 1 to 3 teachers from August 2010 and to target these on the basis of need as measured by free school meal entitlement. It is envisaged that this will result in a further 120 pupils being educated in class sizes of 18 or under and represents an increase of 35% in the number of Primary 1 to 3 classes with a pupil teacher ratio of 18 or under. £40,000 will be used to provide breakfast clubs for 5 days a week in primary schools with the highest free school meal entitlement.
- (b) Subject to reports to relevant Committee.
- (c) Additional funding to support Play Area Strategy. Use to be agreed by Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee.
- (d) Challenge fund to support new community facilities. Use to be agreed by Regeneration Committee.

(1) <u>2010/11 REVENUE BUDGET PROPOSAL</u>	Notes	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>
Projected contribution to reserves ( Appendix 1 )			757
<u>Add: Cost Reduction/Savings Proposal</u>			
Education Concordat Funding Review - Part Year Saving 2010/11	190	(a)	
Freeze Members Remuneration 2010/11	10		
20% Reduction in Civic Hospitality Budget	4		
		_____	204
<u>Less: Recurring Spend Proposal</u>			
Provide further Pod for Community Use	100		
Expand free pitch use to U16 Teams	20		
50 extra Grit Bins- Servicing Costs (30 refills/ year)	27		
Prudential Funding - £10 million Multi Storey Car Park Cathcart St	200	(b)	
		_____	347
<b>Proposed Surplus 2010/11</b>			_____ <u>614</u>
(2) <u>GENERAL FUND RESERVES PROPOSAL</u>		<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>
Initial available balance (Appendix 4)			950
<u>Add: Proposed Surplus less £757,000</u>			(143)
Projected Available Balance			807
<u>Less: Proposed One-off Spend Proposals</u>			
Extra Funding for Flooding Fund	300		
Community Facility Refurbishment Fund (3 years at £100k/year)	450		
Extra Funding for Pot Hole Repairs - 2010/11	100		
Finance Pot Holes Spend from the Insurance Fund	-100		
Inverkip Community Facility - Feasibility Study	35		
Purchase of 50 extra Grit Bins	7		
One - Off Costs associated with extra Pod	15		
Unallocated Surplus Reserves			_____ <u>807</u>
			_____ <u>0</u>
(3) <u>2010/14 CAPITAL PROGRAMME</u>		<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>
<u>Additions to Capital Programme</u>			
	0		
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		_____	0
<u>Reductions to Capital Programme</u>			
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			_____ <u>0</u>
(4) <u>COMMON GOOD FUND BUDGET</u>			
Revenue Budget Amendments			<u>£000</u>
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			_____
			<u>£000</u>
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			_____
Common Good Fund Reserves Amendments			
<u>Notes</u>			
a) 8 extra P1-3 teachers and expanded Breakfast Club provision			
b) High level estimate is that the carpark will cost £10 million requiring £800k prudential funding to be set aside by 2013/14.			

(1)	<u>2010/11 REVENUE BUDGET PROPOSAL</u>	Notes	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>
	Projected contribution to reserves ( Appendix 1)			757
	<u>Add: Cost Reduction/Savings Proposal</u>			
	Education Concordat Funding Review - 2010/11 Part Year Saving	(a)	305 0 <u>0</u>	305
	<u>Less: Recurring Spend Proposal</u>			
	Increased Cleaner/Greener Funding		240	
	£1million extra Flooding Spend- Prudential Borrowing Cost		80	
	Free under 16 Ice Skating		80	
	Free under 16 access to Whinhill Golf Course		<u>5</u>	405
	<b>Proposed Surplus 2010/11</b>			<u><u>657</u></u>
(2)	<u>GENERAL FUND RESERVES PROPOSAL</u>		<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>
	Initial available balance (Appendix 4)			950
	<u>Add: Proposed Surplus less £757,000</u>			(100)
	Projected Available Balance			850
	<u>Less: Proposed One-off Spend Proposals</u>			
	Create a Community Development Fund		700	
	Increased Lighting Investment		150	
	<b>Unallocated Surplus Reserves</b>			<u><u>850</u></u> <u>0</u>
(3)	<u>2010/14 CAPITAL PROGRAMME</u>		<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>
	<u>Additions to Capital Programme</u>		0 0 <u>0</u>	0
	<u>Reductions to Capital Programme</u>		0 0 <u>0</u>	<u>0</u> <u>0</u>
(4)	<u>COMMON GOOD FUND BUDGET</u>			<u>£000</u>
	Revenue Budget Amendments			<u>£000</u>
	Common Good Fund Reserves Amendments			<u>£000</u>

NOTES

- (a) Proposed to provide 5 day a week breakfast clubs at all Primary Schools from August 2010.