

REGENERATION COMMITTEE - 11 MARCH 2010

Regeneration Committee

Thursday 11 March 2010 at 3.00 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair, Clocherty, Loughran, McCabe, McKenzie, Nelson, 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, Libraries Manager, Physical Investment Services Manager and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications & Public Affairs).

Apologies: Councillors McCallum and MacLeod.

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

186 Mr Willie Wilson 186

Prior to the commencement of business, the Convener referred to the recent departure from the Council of Mr Willie Wilson, Community Services Manager. The Convener thanked Mr Wilson for his assistance over the years and, on behalf of the Committee, extended his best wishes for the future.

187 Strategic Leisure Sites 187

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources updating Members on the progress to date of the strategic leisure sites programme. The Head of Economic & Social Regeneration made a presentation on the strategic leisure sites programme and answered a number of questions from Members. (Councillor Blair entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

- (1) that the position in relation to the progress of the strategic leisure sites programme be noted;
- (2) that it be agreed to revise the cost plan for the Rankin Park development to £10.1M;
- (3) that authority be delegated to the Head of Economic & Social Regeneration to provide temporary alternative venues for displaced organisations and, where appropriate, to compensate such organisations for loss of income;
- (4) that a report on options for the transfer of some of the functions currently delivered via the Central Library to the new library to be provided as part of the development at Rankin Park be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee; and
- (5) that the Committee's congratulations be conveyed to the staff involved in developing the strategic leisure sites programme.

188 Regeneration and Resources Revenue Budget 2009/10 - Period 9 188

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the position of the Revenue Budget 2009/10 as at Period 9 (31 December 2009) which showed a projected underspend of £111,000.

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Decided:

(1) that the current projected underspend of £111,000 for 2009/10, as at 31 December 2009, be noted; and

(2) that the virement requests totalling £192,000 as detailed in paragraph 7.1 and appendix 4 of the report be approved.

189 Regeneration and Resources Building Services Trading Account Revenue Budget 2009/10 - Period 9 189

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the position of the Building Services Trading Account 2009/10 as at Period 9 (31 December 2009) which showed a projected cash surplus of £149,000.

Noted

190 Capital Programme 2009/10 to 2011/12 - Progress 190

There was submitted amended report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources and the Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Capital Programme 2009/10 to 2011/12.

(Councillor White left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the progress of the specific projects detailed in the appendix to the report; and

(2) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to negotiate a revised timescale and any variations thereafter for the delivery of the Phase 1 infrastructure works at East India and Victoria Harbours by Clydeport/Peel in partnership with Riverside Inverclyde.

191 Regeneration and Resources Directorate - Performance Report 191

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the performance of Property Resources & Facilities Management and Economic & Social Regeneration in achieving their key objectives as set out in the Regeneration & Resources Directorate Plan 2008-2011 and how they have contributed to the achievement of key corporate priorities.

(Councillor White returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided: 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.

192 Support for Access to Leisure and Community Facilities 192

There was submitted amended report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on proposals to utilise the funding to improve access to leisure and community facilities for young people and uniformed organisations agreed by the Policy & Resources Committee at the meeting held on 9 February 2010 as part of the 2010/11 budget proposals.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee approve the proposals relating to the budget of £85,000 to improve access to community facilities as set out in paragraph 4.2 of the report; and

(2) that it be noted that the proposals for the utilisation of the £20,000 budget in relation to Community Learning & Development activities will be considered by the Education & Lifelong Learning Committee.

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193 Miss Sandra Macdougall 193

The Convener referred to the forthcoming retirement of Miss Sandra Macdougall, Libraries Manager. On behalf of the Committee, he thanked her for her diligence and enthusiasm and for her assistance over the years and he extended best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

194 Free Reserves in Libraries 194

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the proposed introduction of free reserves in Inverclyde's libraries.

Decided: that it be agreed to offer free reserves in libraries and that the loss of income, estimated at £660, be balanced against income from the new library coffee machines.

195 Scotts 300th Anniversary 195

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the 300th anniversary of Scotts Shipbuilding and Engineering Company in 2011 and seeking support for the activities planned to mark the anniversary.

Decided: that agreement be given to support the activities planned during 2011 to mark Scotts 300th anniversary.

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.

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196 Area Renewal Strategy Update 196

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources advising of progress being made in relation to the Area Renewal Strategy.

Decided:

(1) that the progress being made in relation to the Area Renewal Strategy be noted; and

(2) that £100,000 from the Community Investment Programme be awarded to Gibshill Residents' Association to contribute towards a new community centre, as detailed in the report, subject to the submission and approval of a sustainable business plan for the centre by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources and the Chief Financial Officer.

197 Community Facilities and Outdoor Leisure Update 197

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on progress with regard to the transfer of the Council's Community Facilities Service to Inverclyde Leisure by 31 March 2010.

Councillors Ahlfeld, McKenzie and White declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Members of the Board 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.

Decided: that the progress being made to transfer the Community Facilities Service to Inverclyde Leisure be noted.

198 Inverclyde Leisure Business Plan 2010/13 198

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of the Inverclyde Leisure Business Plan 2010/13, a copy of which was appended to the report.

Councillors Ahlfeld, McKenzie and White declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Members of the Board 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.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the Inverclyde Leisure Business Plan 2010/13; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to update the Committee on a regular basis on progress against the targets in the agreed Service Level Agreement between Inverclyde Council and Inverclyde Leisure.

199 Charitable Request: Gourock Park 199

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on a request for the charitable use of part of Gourock Park.

The Physical Investment Services Manager advised the Committee, however, that the applicant had recently indicated that he was unable to progress the proposal at this location.

Decided:

- (1) that it be noted the applicant is unable to progress the proposal; and
- (2) that authority be granted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to negotiate with Inverclyde Leisure regarding seasonal use of the putting green at Gourock Park for 2010.

200 Lease of Premises: Church Street, Port Glasgow 200

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking consent to grant a new lease of shop premises at Church Street, Port Glasgow and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

201 Rent Review: Ingleston Street, Greenock 201

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of the reviewed rent of premises at Ingleston Street, Greenock.

Decided: that approval be given to the reviewed rental as set out in the report and that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to progress accordingly.