

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL - 15 APRIL 2010

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 15 April 2010 at 4 pm

Present: Provost McCormick, Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair, Brooks, Clocherty, Dorrian, Fyfe, Loughran, MacLeod, McCabe, McCallum, McIlwee, McKenzie, Moran, Nelson, Osborne, Rebecchi, White and Wilson.

Chair: Provost McCormick presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Community Health & Care Partnership, Ms E Hamilton (for Corporate Director Education & Communities), Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Ms J Buchanan (for Chief Financial Officer), Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Legal Services Manager (Procurement & Administration) and Legal Services Manager (Courts & Litigation).

253 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

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An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Grieve.

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

The Provost being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Council, if in agreement, to register its support at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.

254 Dementia Rights: Charter of Rights for People with Dementia and their Carers in Scotland - Request by Councillor MacLeod

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on a request received from Councillor MacLeod that the Council consider registering its support for the Charter of Rights for People with Dementia and their Carers in Scotland.

Ms Jan Johnston and Mr Duncan McIntyre, Alzheimer Scotland, were present and Ms Johnston spoke on the development of the Charter.

Decided: that the Council register its support for the Charter of Rights for People with Dementia and their Carers in Scotland by signing the Charter and that Provost McCormick, on behalf of the Council, register support through the Dementia Rights website.

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The Inverclyde Council, Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards**

255 The Inverclyde Council - 18 February 2010

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Approved on the motion of Provost McCormick.

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256	Grants Sub-Committee - 23 February 2010	256
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
257	Audit Committee - 2 March 2010	257
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Blair.	
258	Planning Board - 3 March 2010	258
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
259	Local Review Body - 3 March 2010	259
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
260	Health & Social Care Committee - 4 March 2010	260
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.	
261	Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee - 9 March 2010	261
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.	
262	General Purposes Board - 10 March 2010	262
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.	
263	Regeneration Committee - 11 March 2010	263
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
264	Education & Lifelong Learning Committee - 16 March 2010	264
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McKenzie.	
265	Appointment Panel - Corporate Director Education & Communities - 24 March 2010	265
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
266	Policy & Resources Committee - 30 March 2010	266
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
267	General Purposes Board - 14 April 2010	267
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.	

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- 268 Request for Disposal of Surplus School Equipment for Charitable Purposes in Malawi 268**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on (1) the current position of surplus school equipment and recommending that, where suitable, the surplus school equipment be offered for disposal for reuse in Malawi and (2) the development of a procedure for the future disposal of surplus school assets.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the current surplus school equipment detailed in appendix 1 to the report be declared surplus to the Council's requirements and, where suitable, be offered for reuse by charitable organisations; and
- (2) that a report outlining the recommended procedure for the future disposal of surplus education equipment be submitted to the relevant Committee for approval in early course.
- 269 Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2010/11 - 2012/13 - Remit from Policy & Resources Committee 269**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment requesting the Council to consider a remit from the Policy & Resources Committee of 30 March 2010 relative to the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2010/11 - 2012/13.
- Decided:**
- (1) that approval be given to the Treasury Management Strategy, Annual Investment Strategy, Treasury Policy Limits and Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators outlined in the report to the Policy & Resources Committee; and
- (2) that the Council adopt the clauses within the Financial Regulations, as set out in appendix 1 to the report, the revised Treasury Management Policy Statement as set out in appendix 2 and, in full, the revised CIPFA Treasury Management code and CIPFA Prudential code and approve the list of permitted investments as set out in appendix 5 (including those for the Common Good Fund).
- 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 for the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act and for the item thereafter the nature of the exempt information being that defined in the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as detailed in the minute of the relevant Committee or Panel.**
- 270 Amendment to the Corporate Management Structure 270**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive seeking approval to amend the salaries of two posts. Subject to the suspension of Standing Orders, the Council agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

Appendices to Minutes

271	Regeneration Committee - 11 March 2010	271
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
272	Education & Lifelong Learning Committee - 16 March 2010	272
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McKenzie.	
273	Appointment Panel - Corporate Director Education & Communities - 24 March 2010	273
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 27 APRIL 2010

Audit Committee

Tuesday 27 April 2010 at 3 pm

Present: Provost McCormick, Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair, Brooks, Clocherty, Fyfe, Loughran and MacLeod.

Chair: Councillor Blair presided.

In attendance: Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Chief Internal Auditor and Mr J Hamilton (Legal & Democratic Services).

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

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| 274 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 274 |
| | Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Dorrian and McCallum. | |
| | There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting. | |
| 275 | Risk Management Progress Report | 275 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on the progress made on risk management since the meeting of the Committee on 2 March 2010. | |
| | Provost McCormick entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business. | |
| | Noted | |
| 276 | External Audit Action Plans - Outstanding Actions | 276 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising Members of the status of outstanding actions from External Audit Action Plans as at 28 February 2010. | |
| | Decided: that the progress to date be noted. | |
| 277 | Internal Audit Progress Report – 8 February to 1 April 2010 | 277 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment presenting to Members the monitoring report on Internal Audit activity from 8 February to 1 April 2010. | |
| | Decided: that the progress made by Internal Audit during the report period be noted. | |
| 278 | Internal Audit – Annual Plan 2010-11 | 278 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval of the Internal Audit Annual Plan for 2010-11. | |
| | Decided: that approval be given to the Internal Audit Annual Plan for 2010-11. | |

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 for the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

279 Internal Audit Progress Report - Appendix

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There was submitted appendix to the internal audit progress report providing details of a special investigation undertaken since the last meeting of the Committee.

Noted

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE - 29 APRIL 2010

Health & Social Care Committee

Thursday 29 April 2010 at 3 pm

Present: Provost McCormick, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Dorrian, Fyfe, McCabe, McIlwee, MacLeod, Moran and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor McIlwee presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership, Acting Head of Social Work Services, Head of Community Care & Strategic Services, Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Ms A Edmondson (for Chief Financial Officer) and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications & Public Affairs).

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| 280 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 280 |
| | An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Grieve. | |
| | There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting. | |
| 281 | Capital Programme 2009/14 - Progress | 281 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership and Chief Financial Officer (1) updating the Committee in respect of the status of the project forming the Health & Social Care Capital Programme and (2) highlighting the overall financial position. | |
| | Noted | |
| 282 | Chief Social Work Officer - Role of Registered Social Workers | 282 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership advising the Committee of the revised guidance developed and issued by the Scottish Government relating to the role and functions of the Chief Social Work Officer (CSWO). | |
| | Decided: | |
| | (1) that the Committee approve the implementation of the guidance in respect of the Chief Social Work Officer and that the Chief Social Work Officer be required to submit an Annual Report in respect of the professional governance of Social Work Services in accordance with the arrangements detailed in the report; and | |
| | (2) that the Committee acknowledge the guidance and application of the Registered Social Worker in Statutory Interventions which should be taken forward in conjunction with that of the Chief Social Work Officer. | |
| 283 | Development of Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership (CHCP) | 283 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership updating the Committee on the progress made in developing the enhanced partnership between the Council and NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health | |

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Board through the establishment of the Inverclyde CHCP.

Decided: that the Committee note the progress made and acknowledge the ongoing work required to establish the CHCP.

284 Social Work Services - Care Commission Inspection Report 284

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership providing Members with information regarding the Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care (Care Commission) graded inspections of the Council's Social Work Registered Services undertaken from April 2009 to January 2010.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the content of the Care Commission Inspection Reports and the high quality of care in the Council's registered services; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to the Committee providing further explanation on the difference between the public and private sector evaluations.

285 "Remember I'm Still Me", Inverclyde Progress 285

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership updating Members on local plans developed in partnership with the NHS and the Care Home Sector to deliver the key recommendations of the Care Commissioners and Mental Welfare Commission joint report, "Remember I'm Still Me", on the quality of care for people with dementia living in care homes.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress achieved in meeting the requirements of the Joint Report in Inverclyde; and
- (2) that the future planning arrangements to improve the quality of service for older people with dementia in care homes as outlined within the Action Plan be noted.

286 Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007 286

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership seeking the approval of the Committee for appointments to Inverclyde's Adult Protection Committee and delegation of powers to the Chief Social Work Officer for future appointments.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the nominations detailed in the report; and
- (2) that the Committee delegate powers to the Chief Social Work Officer for future appointments which may be temporary or permanent as required.

SAFE, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 4 MAY 2010

Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee

Tuesday 4 May 2010 at 3.00 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, McKenzie (for Dorrian), Brooks (for Grieve), MacLeod, McCabe, McIlwee, Rebecchi, Wilson and White.

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment, Corporate Director Education and Communities, Head of Environmental and Commercial Services, Mr R Graham, Mr W Rennie, Mr I Kearns and Mr K Lang (Environmental and Commercial Services), Head of Regeneration and Planning, Mr M Thomson (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal and Democratic Services) and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications and Public Affairs).

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

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| 287 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 287 |
| | <p>Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Moran, Dorrian and Grieve with Councillor McKenzie substituting for Councillor Dorrian and Councillor Brooks for Councillor Grieve.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.</p> | |
| 288 | Safe, Sustainable Communities Capital Programme 2010/14 - Progress | 288 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment and the Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Capital Programme 2010/14.</p> <p>Noted</p> | |
| 289 | Regeneration and Environment Directorate Plan 2010/11 | 289 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment appending the Regeneration and Environment Directorate Plan 2010/11.</p> <p>The Committee heard a presentation by the Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment on the contents of the Plan, with particular reference to those sections which come within the remit of the Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee.</p> <p>Noted</p> | |
| 290 | Environmental and Commercial Services (Roads) - Grant Aided Roads Related Projects 2010/11 | 290 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment seeking approval of a proposed programme of projects to be undertaken in 2010/11 using offers of grant funding by (1) the Scottish Government for Cycling, Walking and Safer Street Projects (CWSS) and (2) Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT).</p> | |

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Decided:

- (1) that the list of grant aided roads related projects for 2010/11 as detailed in paragraph 5.1 of the report be approved; and
- (2) that the SPT approved project list for 2010/11 detailed in paragraph 5.2 be noted.

291 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - All Saints' Primary School, Blairmore Road, Greenock (Part Time 20 MPH Speed Limit) Order 2010 291

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment recommending the making of the Traffic Regulation Order - All Saints' Primary School, Blairmore Road, Greenock (Part Time 20 MPH Speed Limit) Order 2010.

Decided: that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - All Saints' Primary School, Blairmore Road, Greenock (Part Time 20 MPH Speed Limit) Order 2010 and that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to arrange for implementation of the Order.

292 Wemyss Bay Woodland - Local Nature Reserve Designation 292

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment requesting authority to designate formally the area known as Wemyss Bay Woodland as a Local Nature Reserve.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note and approve the Management Plan for the proposed Wemyss Bay Woodland Local Nature Reserve appended to the report;
- (2) that it be remitted to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Head of Regeneration and Planning to carry out the action necessary to declare formally Wemyss Bay Woodland as a Local Nature Reserve; and
- (3) that the Council be represented on the Management Group referred to in the report by Councillor Rebecchi and that the substitute Member be any other Ward 6 Councillor.

293 Consultation Paper on Death Certification, Burial and Cremation 293

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment on the response made by Officers to the Scottish Government's Consultation Paper on Death Certification, Burial and Cremation.

Decided: that the Committee note the response made by Officers to the Scottish Government's Consultation Paper on Death Certification, Burial and Cremation, as detailed in the appendix to the report.

PLANNING BOARD - 5 MAY 2010

Planning Board

Wednesday 5 May 2010 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors Brooks, Dorrian, Fyfe, Loughran, McCallum, McKenzie, Ahlfeld (for Moran), Rebecchi and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Head of Regeneration & Planning, Development & Building Standards Manager, Mr D Greenslade (for Head of Environmental & Commercial Services), Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services) and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications & Public Affairs).

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

294 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 294

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Grieve and Moran with Councillor Ahlfeld substituting for Councillor Moran.

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

295 PLANNING APPLICATIONS 295

There were submitted reports by the Head of Regeneration & Planning on the following applications which were dealt with as follows:-

**(a) Change of use from hairdressers to dog grooming salon:
11 Church Street, Port Glasgow (10/0079/IC)**

Decided: that planning permission be granted.

**(b) Alterations and refurbishment of Primary School:
Earnhill Primary School, 4 Chester Road, Greenock (10/0010/IC)**

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

- (1) that no development shall commence until samples of all external materials have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority: development thereafter shall proceed utilising the approved materials unless the Planning Authority gives its prior written approval to any alternatives, to ensure that materials are appropriate to the building design and location;
- (2) that no development shall commence until full details of all boundary treatments have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the provision of quality boundary treatment;
- (3) that a visibility splay of 2.5 x 35 x 1.05m shall be achieved at the Chester Road access, in the interests of road safety on Chester Road;

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(4) that prior to the start of development, details of a survey for the presence of Japanese Knotweed shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority and that, for the avoidance of doubt, this shall contain a methodology and treatment statement where any is found. Development shall not proceed until treatment is completed as per the methodology and treatment statement. Any variation to the treatment methodologies will require subsequent approval by the Planning Authority prior to development starting on site, to help arrest the spread of Japanese Knotweed in the interests of environmental protection;

(5) that the development shall not commence until a risk assessment, including any necessary remediation strategy with timescale for implementation, of all pollutant linkages has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The investigations and assessment shall be site-specific and completed in accordance with acceptable codes of practice. The remediation strategy shall include verification/validation methodologies. This may be incorporated as part of a ground condition report and should include an appraisal of options, to satisfactorily address potential contamination issues in the interests of environmental safety;

(6) that on completion of remediation and verification/validation works and prior to the site being occupied, the developer shall submit a Completion Report for approval in writing by the Planning Authority confirming that the works have been carried out in accordance with the remediation strategy. This report shall demonstrate that no pollutant linkages remain or are likely to occur and will include (but not be limited to) a collation of verification/validation certificates, analysis information, remediation lifespan, maintenance/aftercare information and details of imported/disposed/reused materials relevant to the site, to provide verification that remediation has been carried out to the Planning Authority's satisfaction;

(7) that the presence of any previously unrecorded contamination or variation to reported ground conditions that becomes evident during site works shall be brought to the attention of the Planning Authority within one week. Consequential amendments to the Remediation Strategy shall not be implemented unless it has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that all contamination issues are recorded and dealt with appropriately;

(8) that no material shall be imported onto the site until written details of the source of the imported material have been submitted for approval in writing by the Planning Authority. The details, which shall be submitted no later than four weeks prior to the material being imported onto the site, shall include: the source of the imported material, any potential source(s) of contamination within 50 metres of the source of the material to be imported and verification analysis information. The material must not be imported on to the site until written approval has first been received from the Planning Authority. The material from the source agreed only shall be imported in strict accordance with these agreed details, to protect receptors from the harmful effects of imported contamination; and

(9) that prior to commencement of work on site, a traffic management scheme for Chester Road shall be submitted to and approved by the Head of Regeneration & Planning, to ensure the safety of pedestrians.

296 PLANNING APPEAL - 52-54 FINNART STREET, GREENOCK**296**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning advising that following the decision of the Board at the meeting held on 6 January 2010 to refuse planning permission for the formation of 34 flats and two class 1 retail units at 52-54 Finnart Street, Greenock (09/0228/IC), an appeal against the refusal of planning permission had been made to the Scottish Ministers.

Noted

LOCAL REVIEW BODY - 5 MAY 2010

Local Review Body

Wednesday 5 May 2010 at 4 pm

Present: Councillors Brooks, Dorrian, Fyfe, Loughran, McCallum, McKenzie, Ahlfeld (for Moran), Rebecchi and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Mr R Gimby (Planning & Housing Service) and Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services).

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

297 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 297

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Grieve and Moran with Councillor Ahlfeld substituting for Councillor Moran.

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

298 PLANNING APPLICATION FOR REVIEW 298

**Erection of Garage:
3 Mossyde Avenue, Port Glasgow (09/0369/IC)**

There were submitted papers relative to the request for review of refusal of planning permission for the erection of a garage at 3 Mossyde Avenue, Port Glasgow (09/0369/IC).

After discussion, Councillor McCallum moved that the appeal be upheld and that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

(1) that the development to which this permission relates must be begun within three years of the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997; and

(2) that development shall not begin until samples of all materials and finishes to be used on external surfaces of the building have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The construction of the garage hereby permitted must then proceed utilising the approved materials and finishes unless an alternative is agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the proposed materials are acceptable in terms of visual amenity.

As an amendment, Councillor Fyfe moved that the appeal be not upheld. On a vote, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 6 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that the appeal be upheld and that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

(1) that the development to which this permission relates must be begun within three years of the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997; and

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(2) that development shall not begin until samples of all materials and finishes to be used on external surfaces of the building have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The construction of the garage hereby permitted must then proceed utilising the approved materials and finishes unless an alternative is agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the proposed materials are acceptable in terms of visual amenity.

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 11 MAY 2010

Policy & Resources Committee

Tuesday 11 May 2010 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors Blair, Osborne (for Brooks), Clocherty, Fyfe, McCabe, McKenzie, MacLeod, Moran and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education & Communities, Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance, Head of Customer Service and Business Transformation, Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities and Legal Services Manager (Procurement & Administration).

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

299 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 299

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Brooks, McIlwee and Nelson with Councillor Osborne substituting for Councillor Brooks.

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

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 for the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

300 Proposed Directorate Third and Fourth Tier Management Structure 300

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (1) seeking approval of the third and fourth tier management structures for Education and Communities, Regeneration and Environment and Organisational Improvement and Resources and (2) providing an update on the current position with regard to the development of the Community Health and Care Partnership (CHCP) with Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health Board.

The Chief Executive advised the Committee that the word "previous" should be substituted for "existing" in paragraph 2.1 (line 1) and paragraph 4.1 (line 1).

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the proposed third and fourth tier management structures for Education and Communities, Regeneration and Environment and Organisational Improvement and Resources as set out in appendix A to the report;
- (2) that the Committee note the update on the development of the CHCP in partnership with NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde;
- (3) that it be agreed that a further report on the final proposed management structure for the CHCP be submitted to the Council as quickly as practicable;

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- (4) that approval be given to the proposed recruitment process outlined in paragraph 8.9 of the report for the CHCP Heads of Services and Services Managers as shown in appendix B;
- (5) that the Committee endorse the management principles developed by the Corporate Management Team that will underpin the operation of all the new Corporate Directorates to ensure that capacity is effectively and efficiently deployed; and
- (6) that agreement be given to the amended job descriptions for third and fourth tier management posts which are available for Members' consideration.

EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE - 11 MAY 2010

Education and Lifelong Learning Committee

Tuesday 11 May 2010 at 4 pm

Present: Councillors Moran (for Provost McCormick), Blair, MacLeod (for Brooks), Clocherty, Fyfe, Nelson (for Grieve), Loughran, McCabe, McKenzie, Osborne and Wilson, Rev W Hamilton and Father M McMahon, Church Representatives, Mr G Miller, Parent Representative and Mr T Tracey, Teacher Representative.

Chair: Councillor McKenzie presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education & Communities, Ms W Bain and Ms E Hamilton, Acting Heads of Service, Mr J Ferrie, Quality Improvement Officer (Schools Estate), School Estate Manager, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Mr I Cameron (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications & Public Affairs) and Legal Services Manager (Courts & Litigation).

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| 301 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 301 |
| | <p>Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Provost McCormick and Councillors Brooks and Grieve with Councillor Moran substituting for Provost McCormick, Councillor MacLeod for Councillor Brooks and Councillor Nelson for Councillor Grieve.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.</p> | |
| 302 | Education & Communities Directorate Plan 2010/11 | 302 |
| | <p>It was noted that the Education & Communities Directorate Plan 2010/11 would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee to allow the inclusion of financial information following the new budget settlement.</p> | |
| 303 | Capital Programme 2009/12 - Progress Report | 303 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities and Chief Financial Officer on the progress of the Capital Programme 2009/12.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the progress of the specific projects detailed in appendix 1 to the report be noted;</p> <p>(2) that approval be given to the addition of the Ardgowan and St Patrick's Primary Schools projects detailed in Section 9 of the report;</p> <p>(3) that approval be given to additional expenditure of £18,925.44 in respect of the fabric repair works at St Mary's Primary School; and</p> <p>(4) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on the procurement process followed relative to the appointment of a design team for the Port Glasgow Shared Campus and ASN School.</p> | |

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- 304 Update on Progress with the Implementation of Curriculum for Excellence 304**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the progress being made with the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the very good progress being made with the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence in Inverclyde;
 - (2) that regular update reports be submitted to the Committee; and
 - (3) that a report be submitted to the next meeting on the impact of the James Watt College budget cuts on the provision of the More Choices, More Chances programme.
- 305 Care Commission Findings 2008/2009 305**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) providing information on the findings of the inspection by the Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care (The Care Commission) in 2008/2009 and (2) advising that Inverclyde Council establishments performed above the national average in all four quality themes.
- Noted**
- 306 Curriculum Delivery at Clydeview Academy - Update 306**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) providing an update on the progress with the curriculum delivery exercise for Clydeview Academy in its first two years when the school is over capacity and (2) appending a copy of the formal report prepared by the independent timetabler engaged by the Council. (Councillor Osborne left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the progress made with the curriculum delivery exercise for Clydeview Academy and that a further progress report be submitted to the next meeting; and
 - (2) that the Committee note the report by the independent timetabler as set out in appendix 1 to the report.
- 307 Update on the Winter 2009 School Leavers for the Purposes of 16+ Learning Choices 307**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities providing an update on the offers made to and intended destinations of the winter 2009 school leavers for the purposes of 16+ Learning Choices. (Councillor Blair left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
- Decided:** that the Committee note the positive information contained in the report which is a success for Inverclyde as an adopter of 16+ Learning Choices and which also adds to the successes for Inverclyde's young people in the area of post school transitions.
- 308 Deed of Trust - Endowment for Talented Children and Young People 308**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) providing an update on the use of the Endowment for Talented Children and Young People in Inverclyde and (2) requesting the Committee to agree that future applications be capped at a maximum of 50% of the amount applied for.
- Decided:**

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- (1) that the Committee note the use of the Endowment Fund to date and the total amount remaining within the Fund; and
- (2) that it be agreed that future applications for funding be capped at a maximum of 50% of the amount applied for.

309 Audiology Contract with Donaldson's School for the Deaf 309

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities seeking permission to continue the existing arrangements with Donaldson's School for the Deaf for the provision of audiology services pending completion of the tendering exercise.

Decided: that approval be given to continue the purchase of audiology services from Donaldson's School for the Deaf until such time as the tendering process has been completed.

310 Progress Report on the Implementation of the Admissions and Placing Request Policy of Inverclyde Council 310

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the progress being made with the implementation of the revised Admissions and Placing Request policy.

There was circulated to the Committee further information on placing requests granted and the effect of these.

Noted

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 12 MAY 2010

General Purposes Board

Wednesday 12 May 2010 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair (for Fyfe), Dorrian, Loughran (for Moran), MacLeod, McKenzie and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor Ahlfeld presided.

In attendance: Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services).

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

311 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 311

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Brooks, Fyfe, Grieve, McCallum, McIlwee and Moran with Councillor Blair substituting for Councillor Fyfe and Councillor Loughran for Councillor Moran.

Councillor Ahlfeld intimated a non-financial interest prior to the commencement of the meeting by virtue of personal acquaintance with one of the applicants, Mr James Cannon.

312 Consideration of Reports in Public/Private 312

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the relative advantages and disadvantages of hearing licence applications in public or private. At its meeting on 14 April 2010 the Board had remitted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to prepare such a report.

Decided: that a Special Meeting of the General Purposes Board be convened in order to continue consideration of the report and to allow Members who were not present to participate in making the decision.

313 Houses in Multiple Occupation Over Provision 313

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services requesting that the Board notes the result of the survey carried out by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to ascertain the extent to which other Local Authorities have introduced an over provision policy for houses in multiple occupation. At its meeting on 10 March 2010 the Board had remitted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to bring a further report to the Board on the over provision policy operated by other Councils.

Decided: that it be remitted to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to provide to the Board (1) a map showing the locations of HMOs in Inverclyde and (2) the number of HMOs currently licensed in Inverclyde.

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

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likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

- 314 Application for Street Trader's Licence: William Bonner, East Breast, Greenock 314**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for Street Trader's Licence by Mr William Bonner to operate a hot food van at East Breast, Greenock. At its meeting on 14 April 2010 the Board had decided to continue the application in order for the current licence holder to be contacted with a view to ascertaining her future intentions with regard to the site. Mr McNeilly advised the Board that no response had been received from the current licence holder.
- Decided:** that the application be granted subject to the condition that any vehicle, kiosk or moveable stall be removed from the trading location at East Breast outwith trading hours.
- 315 Application for Street Trader's Licence: Wilma Bonner, East Breast, Greenock 315**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for Street Trader's Licence by Ms Wilma Bonner to operate a hot food van at East Breast, Greenock. At its meeting on 14 April 2010 the Board had decided to continue the application in order for the current licence holder to be contacted with a view to ascertaining her future intentions with regard to the site. Mr McNeilly advised the Board that no response had been received from the current licence holder.
- Decided:** that the application be granted subject to the condition that any vehicle, kiosk or moveable stall be removed from the trading location at East Breast outwith trading hours.
- 316 Application for Licence for House in Multiple Occupation: Pol Stewart, Flat First Left, 27 Ardgowan Square, Greenock 316**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for licence for House in Multiple Occupation by Mr Pol Stewart for Flat First Left, 27 Ardgowan Square, Greenock. At its meeting on 14 April 2010 the Board had decided to continue consideration of the application to allow time for the issue of the tenancy agreement to be resolved. The Board heard Mr W Rice for the Head of Regeneration & Planning who advised that the tenancy issue had now been resolved and the objection had been withdrawn.
- Decided:** that the application be granted.
- 317 Application for Licence for House in Multiple Occupation: Pol Stewart, Main Door Flat, 44 Newton Street, Greenock 317**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for licence for House in Multiple Occupation by Mr Pol Stewart for Main Door Flat, 44 Newton Street, Greenock. At its meeting on 14 April 2010 the Board had decided to continue consideration of the application to allow time for the issue of the tenancy agreement to be resolved. The Board heard Mr W Rice for the Head of Regeneration & Planning who advised that the tenancy issue had now been resolved and the objection had been withdrawn.
- Decided:** that the application be granted.

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- 318 Application for Licence for House in Multiple Occupation: Pol Stewart, Main Door Flat, 37 Brisbane Street, Greenock 318**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for licence for House in Multiple Occupation by Mr Pol Stewart for Main Door Flat, 37 Brisbane Street, Greenock. At its meeting on 14 April 2010 the Board had decided to continue consideration of the application to allow time for the issue of the tenancy agreement to be resolved. The Board heard Mr W Rice for the Head of Regeneration & Planning who advised that the tenancy issue had now been resolved and the objection had been withdrawn.
- Decided:** that the application be granted.
- 319 Application for Licence for House in Multiple Occupation: Pol Stewart, Flat Top Left, 59 Finnart Street, Greenock 319**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for licence for House in Multiple Occupation by Mr Pol Stewart for Flat Top Left, 59 Finnart Street, Greenock. At its meeting on 14 April 2010 the Board had decided to continue consideration of the application to allow time for the issue of the tenancy agreement to be resolved. The Board heard Mr W Rice for the Head of Regeneration & Planning who advised that the tenancy issue had now been resolved and the objection had been withdrawn.
- Decided:** that the application be granted.
- 320 Application for Licence for House in Multiple Occupation: Carol Bateman, Basement Flat, 41 Campbell Street, Greenock 320**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for licence for House in Multiple Occupation by Ms Carol Bateman for Basement Flat, 41 Campbell Street, Greenock. At its meeting on 10 March 2010 the Board had decided to continue consideration of the application and remitted it to Mr McNeilly to bring a further report to the Board on the over provision policy operated by other Councils.
- Decided:** that a visit to the property be arranged for the purposes of fact finding and consideration of the application be continued to the next meeting of the Board.
- 321 Application for Licence for House in Multiple Occupation: John Yarr, Main Door Flat, 15 Ardgowan Square, Greenock 321**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for licence for House in Multiple Occupation by Mr John Yarr for Main Door Flat, 15 Ardgowan Square, Greenock. At its meeting on 10 March 2010 the Board had decided to continue consideration of the application and remitted it to Mr McNeilly to bring a further report to the Board on the over provision policy operated by other Councils.
- Decided:** that consideration of the application be continued to the next meeting of the Board to allow Mr Yarr to be in attendance.

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- 322 Taxi Licence: James Cannon 322**
- Councillor Ahlfeld declared a non-financial interest by virtue of personal acquaintance with the applicant, vacated the Chair and left the meeting. Councillor McKenzie took the Chair.
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services requesting that the Board considers whether or not to approve Mr Brian Stevenson as a partner for Mr James Cannon as holder of taxi licence No P232. At its meeting on 14 April 2010 the Board had decided to continue consideration of the request in order that more information be obtained.
- Decided:** that the request that Mr Brian Stevenson be approved as a partner for Mr James Cannon in relation to taxi licence No P232 be refused as Mr Cannon did not attend the hearing as requested.
- Councillor Ahlfeld returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair at the conclusion of this item.
- 323 Taxi Licence: Paul Travers 323**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services requesting that the Board considers a request from Mr Paul Travers as the holder of taxi licence No P233 to enter into a partnership with a suitable person. At its meeting on 14 April 2010 the Board had decided to continue consideration of the request in order that more information be obtained.
- Decided:** that Mr Paul Travers not be allowed to enter into a partnership with a suitable person in relation to taxi licence No P233 but that there was no question of the licence being revoked should it not be in operation due to him being ill.
- 324 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: James Paul McMillan 324**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr McMillan following receipt of a police objection.
- Decided:** that the application be refused.
- 325 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Christopher Quigley 325**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Quigley following receipt of a police observation.
- Decided:** that the application be refused.
- 326 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Gerry Dougan 326**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Dougan following receipt of a police objection.
- Decided:** that the application be refused.
- 327 Application for Late Hours Catering Licence: Roc UK Ltd, Clyde Port Service Station, Scarlow Street, Port Glasgow 327**

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a Late Hours Catering Licence by Roc UK Ltd to allow the operation of a take-away facility at the premises known as Clyde Port Service Station, Scarlow Street, Port Glasgow 24 hours a day from Monday to Sunday. The Board heard Ms Caroline Loudon from Lindsays, Solicitors.

Decided:

- (1) that the application be granted Mondays to Sundays 24 hours a day for hot drinks and cold food only;
- (2) that all reasonable steps be taken to control litter.

328 Application for Taxi/Private Hire Booking Office Licence: River Clyde Taxis Ltd, 45 East Hamilton Street, Greenock**328**

Mr McNeilly advised the Board that the application had been withdrawn.

SAFE, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 19 MAY 2010

Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee

Wednesday 19 May 2010 at 4.00 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Dorrian, McCabe, McIlwee, Moran and McKenzie (for Wilson).

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment, Head of Environmental and Commercial Services, Mr R Graham (Environmental and Commercial Services), Mr M Thomson (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal and Democratic Services) and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications and Public Affairs).

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

329 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 329

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors MacLeod, Rebecchi, White and Wilson with Councillor McKenzie substituting for Councillor Wilson.

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to commencement of the meeting.

330 Inverclyde Flood Action Plan Progress Report 330

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment seeking (1) approval of the proposed Flood Action Plan and (2) authority to enter into agreements with outside parties with a view to alleviating flooding in Inverclyde.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the proposed Flood Action Plan detailed in the report;
- (2) that approval be given for the Council to establish land ownership within the Eastern Line of Falls area as a matter of urgency with a view to carrying out the necessary repairs and recovering costs where ownership/responsibility for the Line lies with a third party;
- (3) that it be agreed that works be progressed to the West Station area and five reservoirs above The Cut as outlined in Appendix 1, at an estimated cost of £425,000;
- (4) that the Policy & Resources Committee be requested to grant approval for any sums allocated to the Council in 2010/11 to meet its obligations in respect of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 being allocated to Environmental & Commercial Services for the purpose of progressing preparatory work/investigations relating to the Flood Action Plan; and
- (5) that approval be given to the proposal that the Council open negotiations with Scottish Water with a view to entering into an agreement regarding the volumes of discharged water from Scottish Water's reservoirs at Whinhill and Overton B.

REGENERATION COMMITTEE - 25 MAY 2010

Regeneration Committee

Tuesday 25 May 2010 at 1.30 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair, Clocherty, Loughran, McCallum, McCabe, McKenzie, MacLeod, Nelson and Brooks (for Osborne).

Chair: Councillor Clocherty presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Corporate Director Education & Communities, Mr M Thomson (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr D Greenslade (for Head of Environmental & Commercial Services), Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management, Head of Regeneration & Planning, Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Construction Services Manager, Legal Services Manager (Conveyancing & Planning), Libraries Manager, Property Assets Manager and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications & Public Affairs).

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

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| 331 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 331 |
| | <p>An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Osborne with Councillor Brooks substituting.</p> <p>Councillor Clocherty declared interests in Agenda Item 9 (Sail Inverclyde - The Tall Ships Races 2011) and Agenda Item 10 (Riverside Inverclyde - Operating Plan 2010-11).</p> | |
| 332 | Capital Programme 2009/10 to 2013/14 - Progress | 332 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment and the Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Capital Programme 2009/10 to 2013/14.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the Committee note the progress of the specific projects detailed in the appendix to the report; and</p> <p>(2) that in relation to Gourock Park Amphitheatre agreement be given to free use of the facility by the community with a charge of £250 per day being made for commercial activity.</p> | |
| 333 | Community Council Review - Progress Report | 333 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities updating the Committee on the progress being made with the review of Community Councils at national and local level.</p> <p>Decided: that the terms of the report be noted and that a further report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.</p> | |
| 334 | Regeneration & Environment Directorate Plan 2010/11 | 334 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment appending the Regeneration & Environment Directorate Plan 2010/11.</p> <p>The Committee heard a presentation by the Corporate Director Regeneration &</p> | |

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Environment on the contents of the Plan, with particular reference to those sections which come within the remit of the Regeneration Committee.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the Regeneration & Environment Directorate Plan; and
- (2) that the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment update the Committee on the progress of the tripartite agreement for the development of the Greenock Arts Guild site following exclusion of the public and press from the meeting.

335 Sail Inverclyde - The Tall Ships Races 2011

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment providing an update on progress on planning for the Tall Ships Races to be hosted in Inverclyde 9-12 July 2011.

Councillor Clocherty declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a Member of the Board of Sail Inverclyde Ltd. 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.

Captain Ron Bailey, Harbour Master, Clydeport, was present and made a presentation on the 2011 event. Members asked a number of questions following which Captain Bailey departed from the meeting.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress made since 2007 in planning for the Tall Ships Races be noted; and
- (2) that Sail Inverclyde submit a quarterly budget and event update report to the Committee.

**336 Property Assets & Facilities Management
Building Services Unit
2010-2013 Business Plan Update**

336

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval of the updated Building Services Unit Business Plan for 2010-2013, a copy of which was appended to the report.

Decided: that the Committee note and approve the Building Services Unit updated Business Plan for 2010-2013.

337 Greenock Central Library

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment outlining the proposed facilities to be retained within Greenock Central Library and those services to be transferred to the new library development at Rankin Park.

Decided:

- (1) that agreement be given to the proposals for services to be retained in Greenock Central Library and the services to be transferred to the new library at Rankin Park; and
- (2) that the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment update the Committee as to whether there had been any interest from third parties in purchasing the Central Library premises following exclusion of the public and press from the meeting.

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338 Request for Loan of Paintings from the McLean Museum and Art Gallery (The James McLean Trust) 338

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on a request for the loan of two paintings from the McLean Museum and Art Gallery (the James McLean Trust).

Decided: that the loan of two paintings to Fife Council from June until October 2010 be agreed, subject to matters of transport, security and insurance being arranged to the satisfaction of the Libraries Manager.

339 Inverclyde Council's Response to the Scottish Government's Consultation Document on Reservoir Safety in Scotland 339

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on the response to the Scottish Government's Consultation Document on Reservoir Safety in Scotland, as detailed in the appendix to the report.

Noted

The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Committee to consider the allocation of funding. This was agreed unanimously.

340 Comet Festival - Request for Funding 340

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities seeking approval for an application from the Comet Festival Committee for funding from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations budget to support this year's Comet Festival.

Decided: that it be agreed to allocate £8,000 from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations budget to fund this year's Comet Festival.

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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Customhouse Quay, Greenock: PS Waverley	2, 6 & 9
Concessionary Rental: (1) Voluntary Organisations and (2) Start-Up Businesses	6 & 9
Non-Operational Property Portfolio Information	2, 6 & 9

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Lease of Premises: Broomhill Way, Greenock	2, 6 & 9
Sub-Lease of Premises: Nicolson Street, Greenock	2, 6 & 9
Proposed Outdoor Dining Area, Clyde Square, Greenock	2, 6 & 9
Kilmacolm New Community Centre Company Ltd/Disposal Programme: Sale of Kilmacolm Institute and Adjacent Premises	6 & 9

341 Greenock Arts Guild - Tripartite Agreement 341

The Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment updated the Committee on the progress of the tripartite agreement for the development of the Greenock Arts Guild site.
Noted

342 Greenock Central Library 342

The Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment updated the Committee on contact with third parties with regard to the potential purchase of the Central Library premises.
Noted

343 Riverside Inverclyde - Operating Plan 2010 - 11 343

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking endorsement of Riverside Inverclyde's Operating Plan 2010-11.

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.

Mr Bill Nicol, Chief Executive of Riverside Inverclyde was present and made a presentation on the Operating Plan. Mr Nicol then answered a number of questions from Members.

The Committee was adjourned and reconvened to allow for the formal convening and adjournment of the Policy & Resources Committee at 3.12 pm. The Committee reconvened at 3.15 pm.

Decided:

- (1) that the Riverside Inverclyde Operating Plan 2010-11 detailed in Appendix A of the report be endorsed;
- (2) that officers engage with Riverside Inverclyde in relation to its ongoing running costs and report back to Committee in due course;
- (3) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to write to Riverside Inverclyde advising it of its obligation to seek the authority of the two member organisations prior to entering into a loan facility; and
- (4) that James Watt Dock LLP be requested to appoint the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment as a Non Executive Director of the LLP Board.

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- 344 Customhouse Quay, Greenock: PS Waverley 344**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on the berthing arrangements for the PS Waverley at Customhouse Quay, Greenock together with update report providing additional information. Following consideration, the Committee agreed to take action, all as detailed in the appendix.
- 345 Concessionary Rental: (1) Voluntary Organisations and (2) Start-Up Businesses 345**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on (1) proposals for a scheme for concessionary rental for start-up business and (2) the position regarding requests for concessionary rentals for voluntary organisations.
- Decided:**
- (1) that a framework for start-up business support be implemented for four year leases as set out within the report;
 - (2) that delegated powers for rent abatement for the scheme be increased from 3 months rent free to 12 months rent free;
 - (3) that there be no change to the processes for voluntary organisations and that they continue to receive ad hoc support either through the Council's Section 74 applications, for less than Best Value leases, when it is so decided through Committee processes or by voluntary organisation grant where this is possible; and
 - (4) that a report on progress be submitted to the Committee in 12 months' time.
- 346 Non-Operational Property Portfolio Information 346**
Scheme of Delegation Register
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment providing information relative to non-operational property for the period October 2009 to March 2010.
- Noted**
- 347 Lease of Premises: Broomhill Way, Greenock 347**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking consent to extend the lease of shop premises at Broomhill Way, Greenock and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.
- 348 Sub-Lease of Premises: Nicolson Street, Greenock 348**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking consent to sub-lease premises at Nicolson Street, Greenock and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.
- 349 Proposed Outdoor Dining Area, Clyde Square, Greenock 349**
- There were submitted reports by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on two separate proposals to utilise sections of Clyde Square, Greenock as outdoor dining areas and the Committee agreed to approve the proposals in principle and that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to conclude negotiations for seasonal lets of the subject areas, all as detailed in the appendix.

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350 Kilmacolm New Community Centre Company Ltd/Disposal Programme: Sale of Kilmacolm Institute and Adjacent Premises 350

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking (1) approval in principle to the disposal of Kilmacolm Institute and adjacent premises and (2) agreement on a number of issues in relation to Kilmacolm New Community Centre Company Ltd and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 25 MAY 2010

Policy & Resources Committee

Tuesday 25 May 2010 at 3.15 pm

Present: Councillors Blair, Brooks, Clocherty, McCabe, McIlwee, McKenzie, MacLeod, Loughran (for Moran) and Nelson.

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Community Health & Care Partnership, Corporate Director Education & Communities, Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance, Head of Customer Service & Business Transformation, Corporate Procurement Manager, Legal Services Manager (Courts & Litigation) and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications & Public Affairs).

The meeting was adjourned from 3.15 pm until 4.20 pm following conclusion of the meeting of the Regeneration Committee.

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

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| 351 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 351 |
| | Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Fyfe and Moran with Councillor Loughran substituting for Councillor Moran.
There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to commencement of the meeting. | |
| 352 | Organisational Improvement and Resources Directorate Plan 2010/11 | 352 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources appending the Organisational Improvement and Resources Directorate Plan 2010/11.
The Committee heard a presentation by the Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources on the contents of the Plan.
Decided: that approval be given to the Organisational Improvement and Resources Directorate Plan 2010/11. | |
| 353 | Regeneration and Environment Directorate Plan 2010/11 | 353 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment appending the Regeneration and Environment Directorate Plan 2010/11.
The Committee heard a presentation by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on the contents of the Plan, with particular reference to those sections which come within the remit of the Policy & Resources Committee.
Noted | |

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- 354 General Fund Revenue Budget 2010/11 - Initial Position 354**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the initial position of the General Fund Revenue Budget 2010/11 and (2) providing an update in respect of earmarked reserves.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the initial position of the General Fund Revenue Budget 2010/11 and the General Fund Reserves be noted; and
- (2) that the projected outturn for the 2009/10 earmarked reserves be noted.
- 355 Capital Programme 2009/14 355**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the current position of the Capital Programme 2009/14.
- Noted**
- 356 Organisational Improvement and Resources Capital Programme 2008/09 - 2013/14 - Progress Report 356**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources and the Chief Financial Officer (1) providing an update on the status of the projects forming the Organisational Improvement and Resources Capital Programme 2008/09 - 2013/14 and (2) highlighting the actual spend as at 31 March 2010.
- Noted**
- 357 Treasury Management Monitoring Report 2009/10 - Quarter 4 357**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer summarising the Council's Treasury Management position and activities during quarter 4 2009/10 as required under the terms of Treasury Management Practice 6 ("TMP6") on "Reporting Requirements and Management Information Arrangements".
- Noted**
- 358 Protection Arrangements 358**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance (1) advising the Committee of the outcome of further discussions with the trades unions regarding changes to the three year salary protection for employees and (2) making recommendations regarding the future of salary protection arrangements for local government employees and craft operatives.
- Decided:**
- (1) that it be agreed the revised salary protection arrangements be for a one year period (including an employee's formal notice period); and
- (2) that the revised arrangements be introduced with effect from 1 September 2010, after formal notice is issued to all affected employees, the phased reduction being as set out in appendix 2 to the report.

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- 359 Review of Corporate and Directorate Performance Reporting 359**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources (1) on the results of the review of the current arrangements for corporate and directorate performance reporting and (2) proposing modified reporting arrangements at corporate and directorate level.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the corporate performance report be developed into a format which sets out the red/amber/green status of each of the Council's Corporate Outcomes, highlighting exceptions, and continuing with the existing Corporate "Health Check" Indicators;
- (2) that directorate performance reporting be developed to be reported using the electronic performance management system, to set out the red/amber/green status of each action and highlight exceptions; and
- (3) that corporate and directorate performance reporting move to a quarterly reporting cycle, with reports presented to alternate Committee cycles.
- 360 Inverclyde Local Employment Partnership - Update 360**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on the implementation of the Local Employment Partnership within Inverclyde.
- Decided:**
- (1) that approval be given to the continued participation in the Local Employment Partnership and that the excellent working relations with Jobcentre Plus be noted; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to submit an annual report to the Policy & Resources Committee on the implementation and development of the Agreement.
- 361 Approval to Advertise a Contract on the National Advertising Portal 361**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources seeking approval to suspend Standing Order 5 of the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts to advertise a contract for an intelligent e-forms solution on the Public Contracts National Advertising Portal in accordance with Standing Order 6.1.
- Decided:** that approval be given to suspension of Standing Order 5 of the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts to advertise a contract for an intelligent e-forms solution on the National Advertising Portal in accordance with Standing Order 6.1.
- 362 Inverclyde Flood Action Plan - Remit from Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee 362**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on a remit from the Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee of 19 May 2010 on a proposed Inverclyde Flood Action Plan.
- Decided:** that any sums allocated to the Council in 2010/11 to meet its obligations in respect of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 be allocated to Environmental & Commercial Services for the purpose of progressing preparatory work/investigations relating to the Flood Action Plan.

The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Chief Financial Officer was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Committee to consider the allocation of funding. This was agreed unanimously.

363 Comet Festival - Request for Funding

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer seeking approval for an allocation of funding from the Common Good Fund to fund the 2010/11 Comet Festival.

Decided:

- (1) that it be agreed to allocate £5,000 from the Common Good Fund to fund the 2010/11 Comet Festival; and
- (2) that funding for the Comet Festival in future years be fully met from the Common Good Fund.

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 for the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6 and 8 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

364 Authority to Negotiate with a Single Supplier

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources seeking approval to negotiate with a single supplier in respect of the upgrade of the cash receipting system.

Decided: that authority be delegated to the Head of Customer Service & Business Transformation in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer to negotiate, agree a price and enter into a contract for the upgrade of the cash receipting system with the company detailed in the report.