

**POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 25 MAY 2010**

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

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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.

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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****363**

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****364**

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.