

**THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL - 18 FEBRUARY 2010**

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**The Inverclyde Council**

**Thursday 18 February 2010 at 4.00 pm**

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

**Chair:** Provost McCormick presided.

**In attendance:** Chief Executive, Corporate Director Improvement & Performance, Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director (Designate) Health & Social Care, Acting Director of Education, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Administration, Legal Services Manager (Procurement & Administration), Legal Services Manager (Courts & Litigation) and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications & Public Affairs).

**Minutes of Meetings of  
The Inverclyde Council, Committees, Panels and Boards**

<b>98</b>	<b>The Inverclyde Council - 3 December 2009</b>	<b>98</b>
	<b>Approved</b> on the motion of Provost McCormick.	
<b>99</b>	<b>General Purposes Board - 9 December 2009</b>	<b>99</b>
	<b>Approved</b> on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.	
<b>100</b>	<b>Appointment Panel - Corporate Director CHCP - 10 December 2009</b>	<b>100</b>
	<b>Approved</b> on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.	
<b>101</b>	<b>Appointment Panel - Head of Regeneration &amp; Planning - 10 December 2009</b>	<b>101</b>
	<b>Approved</b> on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.	
<b>102</b>	<b>Regeneration Committee (Special) - 15 December 2009</b>	<b>102</b>
	<b>Approved</b> on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
<b>103</b>	<b>Policy &amp; Resources Committee (Special) - 15 December 2009</b>	<b>103</b>
	<b>Approved</b> on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
<b>104</b>	<b>Audit Committee - 5 January 2010</b>	<b>104</b>
	Approval of the minute as a correct record was moved by Councillor Blair subject to correction to include Councillor MacLeod's apology for absence. <b>Decided:</b> that the minute as corrected be approved.	
<b>105</b>	<b>Planning Board - 6 January 2010</b>	<b>105</b>

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Approval of the minute as a correct record was moved by Councillor Wilson subject to correction to include Councillor Blair in the sederunt.

**Decided:** that the minute as corrected be approved.

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| <b>106</b> | <b>Health &amp; Social Committee - 7 January 2010</b>  | <b>106</b> |
|            | <b>Approved</b> on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.   |            |
| <b>107</b> | <b>Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee - 12 January 2010</b>   | <b>107</b> |
|            | Approval of the minute as a correct record was moved by Councillor Moran seconded by Councillor McCabe. Councillor Moran seconded by Councillor McCabe moved with reference to paragraph 28 (Greenock Town Centre Parking and Removal of Redundant Traffic Restrictions) that the decision of the Committee as minute be approved. As an amendment, Councillor White seconded by Councillor Blair moved (1) that the contents of the report be noted, (2) that it be remitted to the Council's Officers to (a) investigate the removal of redundant areas of traffic restrictions within the town centre and identify any additional areas for on and off road parking and (b) investigate the introduction of charged parking within Greenock Town Centre and (3) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection to report back to the Committee on the recommendations of the Council's officers. On a vote, 7 Members voted for the amendment and 11 for the motion which was declared carried. |            |
|            | <b>Decided:</b> that the minute be approved.   |            |
| <b>108</b> | <b>General Purposes Board - 13 January 2010</b>  | <b>108</b> |
|            | <b>Approved</b> on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.   |            |
| <b>109</b> | <b>Regeneration Committee - 14 January 2010</b>  | <b>109</b> |
|            | <b>Approved</b> on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.   |            |
| <b>110</b> | <b>Education &amp; Lifelong Learning Committee - 19 January 2010</b>   | <b>110</b> |
|            | <b>Approved</b> on the motion of Councillor McKenzie.  |            |
| <b>111</b> | <b>Policy &amp; Resources Committee - 2 February 2010</b>  | <b>111</b> |
|            | <b>Approved</b> on the motion of Councillor McCabe.  |            |
| <b>112</b> | <b>Planning Board - 3 February 2010</b>  | <b>112</b> |
|            | <b>Approved</b> on the motion of Councillor Wilson.  |            |
| <b>113</b> | <b>Policy &amp; Resources Committee (Special) - 9 February 2010</b>  | <b>113</b> |
|            | <b>Approved</b> on the motion of Councillor McCabe.  |            |

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- 114 General Purposes Board - 9 February 2010 114**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.
- 115 Resolution: Council Tax 2010/11 115**
- Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor McKenzie moved that there be no increase in the Council Tax for financial year 2010/11 and accordingly, resolved to set the “Band D” Council Tax at £1,198.
- Decided:** that the “Band D” Council Tax for 2010/11 be set at £1,198.
- 116 Councillor McCallum - Resignation from Outside Bodies 116**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources requesting the Council to fill the vacancies on River Clyde Homes Board and Sir Gabriel Wood’s Mariners’ Home Management Committee following the resignation of Councillor McCallum.
- Decided:**
- (1) that Councillor Blair be appointed to serve on the Board of River Clyde Homes; and
  - (2) that Councillor Clocherty be appointed to serve on the Sir Gabriel Wood’s Mariners’ Home Management Committee and that Councillor Blair be appointed as the substitute member.
- 117 Inverclyde Alcohol and Drugs Partnership - Appointment of Elected Members 117**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Designate) Health & Social Care requesting the Council to appoint representatives to the Inverclyde Alcohol and Drugs Partnership.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Convener of the Health & Social Care Committee be appointed as Chair of the Inverclyde Alcohol and Drugs Partnership;
  - (2) that the Chair of the Licensing Board be appointed to the Partnership; and
  - (3) that Councillor MacLeod be appointed as the third Council representative.
- 118 Councillors’ Code of Conduct 118**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (1) advising of a consultation exercise on proposed alterations to the Councillors’ Code of Conduct issued by the Scottish Government and (2) requesting Members to consider a response thereto.
- Decided:** that agreement be given to the issue of a response to the revised Code of Conduct in accordance with appendix 2 to the report.
- 119 Authorised Signatories 119**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration requesting that the Council appoint a number of officers with authority in the absence of the Head of Legal & Administration to sign all leases, dispositions and other formal documents which require to be sealed with the Common Seal of the Council other than stock certificates, bonds and mortgages.
- Decided:** that it be agreed to appoint the Legal Services Manager (Procurement &

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Administration), the Legal Services Manager (Courts & Litigation) and the Legal Services Manager (Conveyancing & Planning) as Proper Officers of the Council in terms of Section 235(3) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, with authority in the absence of the Head of Legal & Administration to sign all leases, dispositions and other formal documents which require to be sealed with the Common Seal of the Council other than stock certificates, bonds and mortgages.

**120 Proposed Polling Scheme - Inverclyde County Constituency - Use of Delegated Powers 120**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive advising the Council that, in his role as Returning Officer, he had finalised the Polling Scheme for the Inverclyde County Constituency to be applied in the forthcoming General Election, all in terms of the powers delegated to him by the Council at its meeting on 3 December 2009.

**Noted**

**121 Clyde Valley Community Planning Partnership - Review of Joint Working and Shared Services - Next Steps 121**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Improvement & Performance (1) on progress made with the implementation of the recommendations of the Review of Joint Working and Shared Services undertaken by the Clyde Valley Community Planning Partnership and (2) making a number of recommendations in this regard.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations of the Review of Joint Working and Shared Services be noted;
- (2) that it be agreed that the relevant officers be identified to participate in the structures set up to progress the waste and social transport work streams;
- (3) that it be noted that the Chief Executive had met with the Chief Executive of East Renfrewshire Council to discuss how the work stream on developing a shared approach to the back office will be progressed; and
- (4) that further updates be submitted to the Policy & Resources Committee as appropriate.

**122 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - On-Street Parking Places (Without Charges) Order No 3 2009 122**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - On-Street Parking Places (Without Charges) Order No 3 2009.

**Resolved** on the motion of Councillor Moran seconded by Councillor Wilson that THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL incorporated under the Local Government etc Scotland Act 1994 RESOLVE TO MAKE as they HEREBY MAKE a Resolution under Section 32(1) and Part III of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to permit the provision of parking places for disabled persons who hold a badge under the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 as amended, all as detailed in a copy of the Order forming a supplement to the principal minute hereof and that the Head of Environmental Services and the Head of Legal & Administration be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

**123 Appointment of Trustees to Peter Stanton Memorial Trust 123**

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration seeking the Council's re-appointment of three outside Trustees to the Peter Stanton Memorial Trust given that their current term of office is due to expire in February 2010.

**Decided:** that the Council agree to the appointment of Mrs Eileen Gowans, Ms Margaret McEleny and Mr John English as Trustees of the Peter Stanton Memorial Trust to serve on the Trust for a period of 4 years until February 2014.

**The Provost being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Council to appoint a replacement Member at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.**

**124 Inverclyde Branch of the Scottish Veterans' Garden City Association - Resignation of Councillor McIlwee**

124

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources requesting the Council to appoint a Member to serve on the Inverclyde Branch of the Scottish Veterans' Garden City Association following the resignation of Councillor McIlwee.

**Decided:** that Councillor Dorrian be appointed to serve on the Inverclyde Branch of the Scottish Veterans' Garden City Association in place of Councillor McIlwee.

**The Provost being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Head of Legal & Administration was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Council, if in agreement, to submit the Byelaws to the Scottish Government at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.**

**125 Byelaws for Prohibiting the Consumption of Alcohol in Public Places**

125

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration requesting the Council to authorise her to submit to the Scottish Government for approval in principle amended Byelaws for prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in public places.

**Decided:** that authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Administration to submit to the Scottish Government for approval in principle amended Byelaws for prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in public places.

**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 & 8 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.**

**126 Development of a Multi-Use Games Area at Birkmyre Park, Kilmacolm**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources requesting the Council, as Trustees of the Birkmyre Park, to approve the development of a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) on the area of land in Birkmyre Park which is the current location of dilapidated tennis courts and for an appropriate planning application to

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be progressed and thereafter a tender process be undertaken and work commenced on site.

**Decided:** that the Council, as Trustees of the Birkmyre Park, agree to:

- (1) the development of a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) on the area of land in Birkmyre Park which is the current location of dilapidated tennis courts;
- (2) the submission of an appropriate planning application;
- (3) the carrying out of a tender process detailed in the report; and
- (4) the issuing of tenders to the specialist consultants detailed in paragraph 4.6 of the report.

**Appendices to Minutes**

<b>127</b>	<b>Appointment Panel - Corporate Director CHCP - 10 December 2009</b>	<b>127</b>
	<b>Approved</b> on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.	
<b>128</b>	<b>Regeneration Committee (Special) - 15 December 2009</b>	<b>128</b>
	<b>Approved</b> on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
<b>129</b>	<b>Policy &amp; Resources Committee (Special) - 15 December 2009</b>	<b>129</b>
	<b>Approved</b> on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
<b>130</b>	<b>Health &amp; Social Care Committee - 7 January 2010</b>	<b>130</b>
	<b>Approved</b> on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.	
<b>131</b>	<b>Regeneration Committee - 14 January 2010</b>	<b>131</b>
	<b>Approved</b> on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	

## GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE - 23 FEBRUARY 2010

Grants Sub-CommitteeTuesday 23 February 2010 at 3 pm

**Present:** Councillors Blair, Clocherty, Loughran, McCallum and Dorrian (for McKenzie).

**Chair:** Councillor Clocherty presided.

**In attendance:** Head of Economic & Social Regeneration, Community Services Manager and Mr N Duffy (for Head of Legal & Administration).

**Apologies:** Councillor McKenzie.

**The following paragraph is submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Sub-Committee.**

**132 Round 3 Applications 2009/10**

132

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economic & Social Regeneration providing details of applications received for consideration for funding from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Budget in 2009/10.

(Councillor Loughran entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

**Decided:**

- (1) that a balance of £5,942 be allocated to the Waivers to Let Budget to offset any potential overspend; and
- (2) that grants be made to voluntary organisations as follows:

<u>Name of Organisation</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Bellaire Football Club	£0
Bluebird Family Centre Tiny Tots Group	£1,000
Brass Sounds Inverclyde	£6,000
Fancy Farm & Grieve Road Tenants Association	£500
Friends of Scotts Shipbuilders	£2,800
Gourock Bowling Club	£0
Gourock Business Club	£610
Gourock Senior Citizens Forum	£500
Greenock Cricket Club (Hockey Section)	£1,000
Greenock Juniors FC	£3,700
Greenock Morton Supporters Club	£0
Greenock Table Tennis Club	£3,500
Grosvenor Bowling Club	£2,000
Inverclyde Cat Rescue	£1,250
Inverclyde Elderly Forum	£0
Inverclyde Media	£1,000

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Kilimanjaro Challenge Charitable Fund Raising Group	£300
Maxie Richards Foundation Ltd	£0
Parklea Branching Out Project	£3,000
Port Glasgow Old Peoples Welfare Council	£1,000
Riverside Gardens Residents Committee	£500
Rusty Boat Theatre Company	£1,500
Slaemuir Tenants and Residents Association	£1,000
Sporting Larkfield Amateur Football Club	£500
St Andrew's Boys Club	£500
Strone and Maukinhill Tenants Association	£0



## AUDIT COMMITTEE - 2 MARCH 2010

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### Audit Committee

**Tuesday 2 March 2010 at 3 pm**

**Present:** Provost McCormick, Councillors Blair, Brooks, Clocherty, Dorrian, Fyfe, Loughran, MacLeod, McCallum and Nelson.

**Chair:** Councillor Blair presided.

**In attendance:** Corporate Director Improvement & Performance, Chief Internal Auditor, Ms J Buchanan (for Chief Financial Officer) and Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Administration).

**Present Also:** Mr P Tait and Ms E Boyd (Audit Scotland).

**Apologies:** Councillor Ahlfeld.

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

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| <b>133</b> | <b>Risk Management Progress Report</b>  | <b>133</b> |
|            | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Improvement & Performance on the progress made on risk management since the meeting of the Committee on 5 January 2010.                            |            |
|            | <b>Noted</b>  |            |
| <b>134</b> | <b>External Audit Progress Report</b>   | <b>134</b> |
|            | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Improvement & Performance presenting to Members reports produced by the External Auditors, Audit Scotland, since the last Audit Committee meeting. |            |
|            | <b>Decided:</b> that the matters raised in the report be noted.   |            |
| <b>135</b> | <b>External Audit Action Plans - Outstanding Actions</b>  | <b>135</b> |
|            | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Improvement & Performance advising Members of the status of outstanding actions from External Audit Action Plans as at 31 December 2009.           |            |
|            | <b>Decided:</b> that the progress to date be noted.   |            |
| <b>136</b> | <b>Internal Audit Progress Report - 7 December 2009 to 5 February 2010</b>  | <b>136</b> |
|            | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Improvement & Performance presenting to Members the monitoring report of Internal Audit activity from 7 December 2009 to 5 February 2010.          |            |
|            | <b>Decided:</b> that the progress made by Internal Audit during the report period be noted.   |            |
| <b>137</b> | <b>Changes in the 2009-2010 Annual Accounts</b>   | <b>137</b> |
|            | There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer giving advance notice to Members of the main accounting changes that will feature in the Council's 2009-2010 Annual Accounts.                 |            |

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**Decided:** that the content of the report be noted.

**PLANNING BOARD - 3 MARCH 2010**

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**Planning Board**

**Wednesday 3 March 2010 at 3 pm**

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

**Chair:** Councillor Wilson presided.

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

**Apologies:** Councillors Grieve, McKenzie and Moran.

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

**138 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**138**

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

**(a) Environmental improvements, landscaping and provision of event space:  
Cathcart Street, Greenock (09/0358/IC)**

Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a member of the Board of Riverside Inverclyde, vacated the Chair and left the meeting. Councillor Fyfe assumed the Chair.

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

(1) that a visibility splay of 4.5 metres by 90 metres by 1.05 metres high shall be maintained at the junction of Cathcart Street with Rue End Street, in the interests of vehicular safety; and

(2) that details of the maintenance and management programme for all areas of soft and hard landscaping within the development shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to the start of development and that the programme shall commence upon the start of development, in the interests of visual amenity.

Councillor Wilson returned to the meeting following consideration of this item of business and resumed the Chair.

**(b) Change of use of shop to office (Class 4):  
19-21 Lynedoch Street, Greenock (10/0001/IC)**

**Decided:** that planning permission be granted.

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- (c) **Alterations to existing shop front:  
2 - 4 Bay Street, Port Glasgow (10/0034/IC)**

**Decided:** that planning permission be granted.

- (d) **Alterations to existing shop front:  
6 Bay Street, Port Glasgow (10/0035/IC)**

Councillor Rebecchi declared a non-financial interest in this matter by virtue of a personal acquaintance with the applicant.

**Decided:** that planning permission be granted.

- (e) **Alterations to shop front:  
Prince of Wales Bar, 12 Bay Street, Port Glasgow (10/0015/IC)**

**Decided:** that planning permission be granted.

- (f) **Erection of 3 dwellinghouses with garages:  
Disused Quarry, Port Glasgow Road, Kilmacolm (09/0409/IC)**

The Head of Planning & Housing advised that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda and would be dealt with by him under the Scheme of Delegation prepared in terms of Section 43A of the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 for determining local developments.

**139 MR FRASER WILLIAMSON**

**139**

The Convener referred to the forthcoming retirement of Mr Fraser Williamson, Head of Planning & Housing, and on behalf of the Board he thanked him for his assistance and extended best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

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**Local Review Body**

**Wednesday 3 March 2010 at 4 pm**

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

**Chair:** Councillor Wilson presided.

**In attendance:** Mr R Gimby (Planning & Housing Service), Physical Investment Services Manager, Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Administration) and Ms V Pollock (Legal & Administration).

**Attending also:** Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources.

**Apologies:** Councillors Grieve, McKenzie and Moran.

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

**140 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW**

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**(a) Installation of roller shutter (in retrospect):  
37 Shore Street, Gourock (09/0305/IC)**

There were submitted papers relative to the request for review of the refusal of planning permission for the installation of a roller shutter (in retrospect) at 37 Shore Street, Gourock (09/0305/IC).

After discussion, Councillor Loughran moved that the appeal be upheld and that planning permission be granted subject to the condition that within 4 weeks of the date of this consent, details of a painted finish to the roller shutters coloured appropriately for the shopfront be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority. The roller shutters shall then be finished in the approved colour within 8 weeks of the date of this consent and shall be maintained in this colour or any other colour as deemed appropriate in writing by the Planning Authority at all times thereafter, to ensure the roller shutters are finished in an appropriate colour, in terms of the visual amenity of Shore Street.

As an amendment, Councillor Fyfe moved that the appeal be not upheld. On a vote, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 4 for the motion which was declared carried.

**Decided:** that the appeal be upheld and that planning permission be granted subject to the condition that within 4 weeks of the date of this consent, details of a painted finish to the roller shutters coloured appropriately for the shopfront be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority. The roller shutters shall then be finished in the approved colour within 8 weeks of the date of this consent and shall be maintained in this colour or any other colour as deemed appropriate in writing by the Planning Authority at all times thereafter, to ensure the roller shutters are finished in an appropriate colour, in terms of the visual amenity of Shore Street.

**(b) Installation of roller shutter (in retrospect):  
39 Shore Street, Gourock (09/0306/IC)**

There were submitted papers relative to the request for review of the refusal of planning permission for the installation of a roller shutter (in retrospect) at 39 Shore Street,

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Gourock (09/0306/IC).

After discussion, Councillor Loughran moved that the appeal be upheld and that planning permission be granted subject to the condition that within 4 weeks of the date of this consent, details of a painted finish to the roller shutters coloured appropriately for the shopfront be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority. The roller shutters shall then be finished in the approved colour within 8 weeks of the date of this consent and shall be maintained in this colour or any other colour as deemed appropriate in writing by the Planning Authority at all times thereafter, to ensure the roller shutters are finished in an appropriate colour, in terms of the visual amenity of Shore Street.

As an amendment, Councillor Fyfe moved that the appeal be not upheld. On a vote, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 4 for the motion which was declared carried.

**Decided:** that the appeal be upheld and that planning permission be granted subject to the condition that within 4 weeks of the date of this consent, details of a painted finish to the roller shutters coloured appropriately for the shopfront be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority. The roller shutters shall then be finished in the approved colour within 8 weeks of the date of this consent and shall be maintained in this colour or any other colour as deemed appropriate in writing by the Planning Authority at all times thereafter, to ensure the roller shutters are finished in an appropriate colour, in terms of the visual amenity of Shore Street.

**(c) Change of use of water storage tanks to green waste treatment station and construction of buildings to accommodate storage and composting operations: Former Water Treatment Works, Langhill, Inverkip (09/0214/IC)**

There were submitted papers relative to the request for review of the refusal of planning permission for the change of use of water storage tanks to green waste treatment station and the construction of buildings to accommodate storage and composting operations at the former water treatment works, Langhill, Inverkip (09/0214/IC).

The Physical Investment Services Manager, planning adviser for this item of business, drew Members' attention to a further suggested condition relative to the site being used primarily for the treatment of waste from the Inverclyde area to ensure accordance with Policy UT5 of the Inverclyde Local Plan in addition to the suggested conditions included in the papers should the Local Review Body be minded to uphold the appeal and grant planning permission.

After discussion, Councillor Dorrian 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;

(2) that prior to the commencement of work on site, samples, including colour, of the external finish to the proposed new building hereby permitted be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Work shall then proceed as approved and the building shall be maintained in the approved colour at all times thereafter, to ensure the proposed materials are acceptable in terms of visual amenity;

(3) that prior to the commencement of work on site, full details of all soft landscaping works contained within the proposed landscaping strip including a schedule of plants to comprise species, plant sizes and density together with a programme for completion and future maintenance be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Landscaping works shall then proceed and be maintained as approved, to ensure the provision of an appropriate landscaping scheme providing screening of the new development in the landscape;

(4) that no tree felling, lopping or scrub clearance shall take place during the period

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breeding season of March to July inclusive, to ensure species protection and to comply with the requirements of the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004; and

(5) that prior to the commencement of works on site, a badger survey shall be undertaken by a suitably qualified person and submitted to the Planning Authority for consideration. Work shall not proceed on site until the written agreement of the Planning Authority is gained, to ensure species protection and to comply with the requirements of the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004.

As an amendment, Councillor Nelson moved that the appeal be not upheld.

On a vote, 3 Members voted for the amendment and 5 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;

(2) that prior to the commencement of work on site, samples, including colour, of the external finish to the proposed new building hereby permitted be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Work shall then proceed as approved and the building shall be maintained in the approved colour at all times thereafter, to ensure the proposed materials are acceptable in terms of visual amenity;

(3) that prior to the commencement of work on site, full details of all soft landscaping works contained within the proposed landscaping strip including a schedule of plants to comprise species, plant sizes and density together with a programme for completion and future maintenance be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Landscaping works shall then proceed and be maintained as approved, to ensure the provision of an appropriate landscaping scheme providing screening of the new development in the landscape;

(4) that no tree felling, lopping or scrub clearance shall take place during the bird breeding season of March to July inclusive, to ensure species protection and to comply with the requirements of the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004; and

(5) that prior to the commencement of works on site, a badger survey shall be undertaken by a suitably qualified person and submitted to the Planning Authority for consideration. Work shall not proceed on site until the written agreement of the Planning Authority is gained, to ensure species protection and to comply with the requirements of the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004.

**(d) Change of use from office to café with extension to building, construction of chimney and erection of bin enclosure:  
18 Pottery Street, Greenock (09/0083/IC)**

There were submitted papers relative to the request for review of condition 2 of the planning permission granted for the change of use from office to café with extension to building, construction of chimney and erection of bin enclosure at 18 Pottery Street, Greenock (09/0083/IC), in respect of which permission was not given for the chimney shown on the approved plans.

Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a Member of the Board of Riverside Inverclyde, vacated the Chair and left the meeting. Councillor Fyfe assumed the Chair.

After discussion, Councillor Loughran moved that the appeal be upheld and that planning permission for the construction of the chimney be granted subject to the condition that the zinc cassette panels hereby permitted shall match in colour the zinc cladding to be used on the extension to the building already permitted under the terms of planning permission

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09/0083/IC, to ensure co-ordination between the facing materials in the interests of visual amenity.

As an amendment, Councillor Rebecchi moved that the appeal be not upheld. On a vote, 3 Members voted for the amendment and 4 for the motion which was declared carried.

**Decided:** that the appeal be upheld and that planning permission for the construction of the chimney be granted subject to the condition that the zinc cassette panels hereby permitted shall match in colour the zinc cladding to be used on the extension to the building already permitted under the terms of planning permission 09/0083/IC, to ensure co-ordination between the facing materials in the interests of visual amenity.



**HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE - 4 MARCH 2010**

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**Health & Social Care Committee**

**Thursday 4 March 2010 at 3.00 pm**

**Present:** Provost McCormick, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Dorrian, Fyfe, Loughran (for McCabe), McIlwee, Moran and Rebecchi.

**Chair:** Councillor McIlwee presided.

**In attendance:** Corporate Director (Designate) Health & Social Care, Head of Community Care & Strategic Services, Head of Support & Development, Ms L Watson (Social Work Services), Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Administration), Ms A Edmiston (for Chief Financial Officer) and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications & Public Affairs).

**Apologies:** Councillors Grieve, McCabe and MacLeod.

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

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| <b>141</b> | <b>Capital Programme 2008/11 - Progress</b>  | <b>141</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Designate) Health &amp; Social Care and the Chief Financial Officer (1) updating the Committee in respect of the status of the projects forming the Health and Social Care Capital Programme and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>   |            |
| <b>142</b> | <b>Social Work Revenue Budget 2009/10 - Period 9</b>   | <b>142</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Designate) Health &amp; Social Care and the Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Revenue Budget 2009/10 as at Period 9 (31 December 2009) which was projecting an underspend of £248,000.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b></p> <p>(1) that the Committee note the current projected underspend for 2009/10 of £248,000 as at 31 December 2009; and</p> <p>(2) that the Committee approve the virement requests as detailed in paragraph 7.1 and appendix 3 of the report.</p>                                 |            |
| <b>143</b> | <b>Abolition of Priority Need</b>  | <b>143</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Designate) Health &amp; Social Care on the progress of and monitoring arrangements for the Homeless Service in meeting the 2012 target to abolish the Priority Need test for homeless applicants set by the Scottish Government.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b> that the Committee note the progress made in achieving the 2009 target and recognise that Social Work Services will work closely with its partners to secure a positive outcome in relation to the 2012 target to abolish the Priority Need test.</p> |            |

- 144 Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Bill 2009 144**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Designate) Health & Social Care on the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Bill 2009 and the implications for Criminal Justice Social Work.
- Decided:** that the provisions of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Bill 2009 be noted and that it be remitted to the Corporate Director (Designate) Health & Social Care to submit further reports to the Committee outlining the implications for service delivery and resources following the implementation of the legislation.
- 145 Adoption Allowance Scheme 145**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Designate) Health & Social Care on (1) legislative changes relating to local authority adoption allowance schemes and (2) setting out proposals for a revised adoption allowance scheme in Inverclyde.
- Decided:**
- (1) that approval be given to the proposals set out in the report with regard to the adoption allowance scheme;
  - (2) that the rate of allowance at the equivalent of level 1 fostering allowance be approved; and
  - (3) that the content of the report with regard to the increasing number of children likely to require adoptive placements be noted.
- 146 Review of Homecare Services 146**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Designate) Health & Social Care on proposals for an independent review of homecare services to be undertaken by a specialist contractor.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee endorse the proposals contained within the report; and
  - (2) that a report on the review findings be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee, within the calendar year, for consideration and approval.
- 147 Inverclyde Joint Care Board - Minute of Meeting of 21 October 2009 147**
- There was submitted minute of the meeting of the Inverclyde Joint Care Board of 21 October 2009.
- Noted**
- 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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Item	Paragraphs(s)			
<b>Proposed Re-design of Contracted Alternative to Day Opportunities Service for People with Learning Disabilities</b>	6 and 8			
<b>Update Report on the Relocation of a Contracted Service for a Particular Group of Individuals</b>	3			
<b>Social Work Complaints Review Committee</b>	3			
<b>148</b>	<b>Proposed Re-design of Contracted Alternative to Day Opportunities Service for People with Learning Disabilities</b>	<b>148</b>	<p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Designate) Health &amp; Social Care on the proposal to re-design a service which provides an alternative to Day Opportunities Service for people with learning disabilities.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b> that the Committee note the proposed re-design of the contracted alternative to Day Opportunities Service for people with learning disabilities, to be undertaken in consultation with Legal &amp; Administration and the Social Work Contracts &amp; Complaints Service, and that the outcome of the re-design process will be the subject of further reports to the Committee.</p>	
<b>149</b>	<b>Update Report on the Relocation of a Contracted Service for a Particular Group of Individuals</b>	<b>149</b>	<p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Designate) Health &amp; Social Care on the outcome of the relocation of a contracted service for a group of individuals with learning disabilities.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b> that the Committee note the positive outcome of the relocation of the service.</p>	
<b>150</b>	<b>Social Work Complaints Review Committee</b>	<b>150</b>	<p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Designate) Health &amp; Social Care on the progress in meeting the recommendations of the Complaints Review Committee relative to a particular hearing, together with a copy of the action plan agreed to progress areas identified as requiring improvement.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b> that the Committee note the action plan and that the work identified had been agreed and timescales set.</p>	

**SAFE, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 9 MARCH 2010**

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**Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee**

**Tuesday 9 March 2010 at 3.00 pm**

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

**Chair:** Councillor Moran presided.

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

**Apologies:** Councillor Nelson.

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

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| <b>151</b> | <b>Mr Neil Graham</b>   | <b>151</b> |
|            | Prior to the commencement of business, the Convener referred to the forthcoming retirement of Mr Neil Graham, Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection. He thanked Mr Graham for his assistance over the years and, on behalf of the Committee, extended his best wishes for the future. |            |
| <b>152</b> | <b>Safe, Sustainable Communities Revenue Budget 2009/10 - Period 9</b>  | <b>152</b> |
|            | There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on the position of the 2009/10 Revenue Budget as at Period 9 (31 December 2009) which projected an underspend of £28,000.   |            |
|            | <b>Decided:</b>   |            |
|            | (1) that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £28,000 as at 31 December 2009; and   |            |
|            | (2) that the virement request detailed in Appendix 4 to the report be approved.   |            |
| <b>153</b> | <b>Community Investment Fund (CIF)</b>  | <b>153</b> |
|            | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection (1) providing an update on expenditure from the Community Investment Fund (CIF) and (2) seeking approval to allocate the remaining balance to the proposed Visitor Centre at Lunderston Bay.                |            |
|            | <b>Decided:</b>   |            |
|            | (1) that the Committee note the current position with regard to the Community Investment Fund and agree to allocate the balance, currently estimated at £74,681, to the proposed Visitor Centre at Lunderston Bay; and  |            |
|            | (2) that it be agreed to allocate £25,000 of uncommitted Reserves within the Safe, Sustainable Communities Budget to the Lunderston Bay project.  |            |
| <b>154</b> | <b>Safe, Sustainable Communities Trading Account Revenue Budget 2009/10 - Period 9</b>  | <b>154</b> |

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on the position of the Roads and Vehicle Management Trading Accounts as at Period 9 (31 December 2009).

**Decided:** that the current outturn for the Vehicle Management Trading Account and the current projected under-recovery of £21,000 in respect of the Roads Trading Account as at 31 December 2009 be noted.

**155 Safe, Sustainable Communities Capital Programme 2009/12 - Progress 155**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection and Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Capital Programme 2009/12.

**Noted**

**156 Environmental Services (Roads) - Capital Programme 2010/11 156**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on a proposed programme of projects to be funded from the Environmental Services (Roads) Capital Programme for 2010/11.

**Decided:**

(1) that approval be given to the list of projects detailed in the report to be funded from the 2010/11 Environmental Services (Roads) Capital Programme;

(2) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental Services to proceed to tender in respect of the various projects listed (or in terms of the Best Value regime, to issue the work to the Environmental Services (Roads) Significant Trading Operation) and that delegated authority be granted for the acceptance of the most advantageous tender in each case, in terms of the Council's Financial Regulations and Standing Orders relating to Contracts; and

(3) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental Services to apply appropriate variances as specified in paragraph 4.4 of the report.

**157 Directorate Performance Report 157**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection advising the Committee of progress made by Environmental & Community Protection in achieving its key objectives as set out in its Directorate Plan for 2009/11 and of performance in relation to Key Performance Indicators.

**Decided:** that the Committee note the performance information contained in the report.

**158 Area Renewal Strategy Update 158**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on expenditure on and progress of area renewal across Inverclyde for the period up to March 2010.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee note the successful completion of all projects funded by the Early Action Fund Programme during 2009/10; and

(2) that the Committee note the progress made to date on the reprovisioning programme and on area renewal projects by registered social landlords operating within Inverclyde.

**159 Scheme of Assistance: Private Sector Housing Grant Budget Proposal 2010/11 159**

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There was submitted a replacement report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection providing information on the proposed 2010/11 Private Sector Housing Grant Budget which will allow Inverclyde Council to deliver the aims and objectives as set out in the Council's approved Scheme of Assistance (Section 72 Statement) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006.

**Decided:** that agreement be given to the proposed Private Sector Housing Grant 2010/11 Budget outlined in the report.

**160 Clune Park Regeneration: Progress Report**

**160**

There was submitted a replacement report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on progress made in respect of the proposed regeneration of the Clune Park area, Port Glasgow.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the progress made to date and ongoing discussions with the Scottish Government to take forward the physical and social regeneration of Clune Park, Port Glasgow; and
- (2) that the Committee note the approach made to the Minister for Housing and Communities for confirmation of Clune Park as a joint priority and for the allocation of appropriate funding packages.

**161 Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy: Report on Engagement for Consultative Draft Report**

**161**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection (1) on the outcomes of engagement with partners and stakeholders on the main issues to be addressed in the Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy (LHS) 2011-16 and (2) seeking endorsement of proposals for the development of a Consultative Draft LHS.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the outcomes of the initial engagement with partners and stakeholders on the development of the Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy 2011-16 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) that approval be given to the proposals for the development of a Consultative Draft LHS as set out in paragraphs 5.1 and 5.2 of the report and that the LHS Steering Group to be formed to oversee the development of the Consultative Draft comprise two Members of the Administration and two from the Opposition Groups; and
- (3) that approval be given to the timetable for the production of the Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy 2011-16 as set out in Appendix 3 to the report.

**162 Inverclyde Local Development Plan: Pre-Main Issues Report Engagement and Consultation**

**162**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection (1) on the outcomes and key issues arising from the first stage of engagement on the preparation of a new Inverclyde Local Development Plan and (2) seeking endorsement for the continuation of the current approved Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement, March 2009.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the outcomes of the first stage of the Pre-Main Issues Report engagement and the issues arising from the consultative exercise as summarised

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in the report and Annex 1;

(2) that the Committee endorse the approach to the preparation of a new Inverclyde Local Development Plan in accordance with the Council's Approved Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement dated March 2009 which remains unchanged for 2010/11; and

(3) that approval be given to the submission of the unchanged Development Plan Scheme/Participation Statement to the Scottish Government.

**163 Inverclyde Local Plan 2005: Interim Supplementary Planning Guidance for Wind Farms 163**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection (1) on the outcome of the targeted consultation on the proposed Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) for wind farm developments and (2) seeking approval of amendments made for the finalised interim SPG.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee note the responses received on the draft Supplementary Planning Guidance and endorse the amendments made for the finalised interim SPG; and

(2) that approval be given to the finalised interim SPG for wind farms for use alongside the adopted Inverclyde Local Plan 2005.

**164 Street Name - New Cul-de-Sac off Grosvenor Road, Greenock 164**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection requesting the Committee to assign a street name for a new cul-de-sac off Grosvenor Road, Greenock.

**Decided:** that it be delegated to the Ward Members to determine a suitable name for the new cul-de-sac off Grosvenor Road, Greenock.

**165 Street Name - New Housing Development at Oronsay Avenue, Port Glasgow 165**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection requesting the Committee to assign street names for a new housing development by River Clyde Homes at Oronsay Avenue, Port Glasgow.

**Decided:** that the names Taransay Way, Barra Way and Jura Way be assigned to the new housing development at Oronsay Avenue, Port Glasgow.

**166 Waste Management Contract 166**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on the proposed renewal of the existing waste management contract.

**Decided:**

(1) that agreement be given to the preparation of a tender for the provision of a residual waste management treatment contract for a period of two years with two separate one year extensions; and

(2) that reports be submitted to future meetings of the Committee on the development of discussions between Inverclyde Council and neighbouring authorities in respect of future collaborative waste management options.

**167 Commercial Waste Charging 167**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection advising the Committee of an increase in charges for commercial waste.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the report and the impact of the increases in costs which are outwith the Council's control; and
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection to determine reasonable commercial charges for the commercial waste service in conjunction with Finance Services.

**168 Winter Maintenance Review 2009/10**

**168**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection (1) advising Members of the significant difficulties, from a public roads perspective, which were experienced during the recent and unique period of adverse weather and (2) making recommendations to improve the resilience and level of service in the future.

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

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee acknowledge and commend the winter maintenance staff who worked over prolonged periods in the worst conditions since records began to deliver snow clearing and gritting services to Inverclyde;
- (2) that in order to improve the resilience and effectiveness of winter gritting operations, it be agreed that a salt barn, with a minimum storage capacity of around 3,500 tonnes, be procured to provide dry storage conditions, it being noted that this has previously been taken account of in the future depot requirements established as part of the Council's Asset Management Plan;
- (3) that it be agreed to increase the mechanical footway gritting resources to provide a more responsive, efficient and cost effective method of dealing with frost, snow and ice on the priority footways throughout the area, to be procured as part of the current fleet replacement programme;
- (4) that the Committee endorse the criteria for the location of grit bins and confirm that requests for ad hoc bin locations be discouraged unless they meet the agreed criteria;
- (5) that the Council's Crisis and Resilience Management Team (CRMT) be required to include in their current review of contingency plans across all services, the arrangements which should be put in place to recall staff should similar events occur during future public holidays, particularly during the Christmas/New Year holiday period;
- (6) that the CRMT be required to review all services within the Council whose assets and operations are affected by winter conditions and to submit any proposals in this regard to a future meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee;
- (7) that it be agreed that prior to the start of the winter season each year, Members be briefed on the readiness of the Council to deal with winter conditions including the operational procedures to provide an effective winter maintenance regime within each of the affected services and that the level of service which can be expected as a result of this review form part of a public information update annually;
- (8) that approval be given to the writing off of 1,171 tonnes of unusable salt which pre-dates 1996; and
- (9) that the decisions outlined above be factored into the budget setting process for future years as appropriate.

**169 Scottish Ferries**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on the progress of the Scottish Ferries Review and the planned public consultation exercise.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the progress made to date with the Scottish Ferries Review; and
- (2) that it be noted that a further report will be submitted if required providing details of arrangements for the public consultation exercise.

**170 Play Area Strategy**

**170**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection requesting approval of a strategy for the provision, management and maintenance of local authority play areas within Inverclyde.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee approve the play area strategy and associated recommendations;
- (2) that it be remitted to the appropriate Corporate Director to produce an action plan to prioritise the spend of currently available funding based on the criteria set out in the strategy and to report to the Committee with an updated action plan if or when additional funding is allocated or becomes available from external resources; and
- (3) that of the available budget of £519,000, £269,000 be allocated to the modernisation of existing play areas and £250,000 be allocated to investment in new play areas.

Councillor White left the meeting at this juncture.

**171 Safer Communities Charges**

**171**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection seeking approval of a range of charges for works carried out by Safer Communities.

**Decided:** that approval be given to the charges listed in Appendix 1 for 2010/11.

**172 Public Space CCTV Review**

**172**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection (1) advising the Committee of developments made in the Council's Public Space CCTV system and (2) seeking approval for the development of a full CCTV strategy.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the progress made to date towards a sustainable future for Public Space CCTV in Inverclyde; and
- (2) that approval be given for the development of a long term CCTV strategy.

**173 Community Safety Partnership - Strategic Purpose and Aims****173**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection seeking endorsement of the proposed Strategic Purpose and Aims of the Community Safety Partnership for the next four years.

**Decided:** that the Committee endorse the proposed Community Safety Strategic Purpose and Aims as the lead community safety partner.

**174 Violence Learning Test Site Inverclyde - Violence Reduction Joint Action Group (JAG)****174**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection advising the Committee of funding for, and the establishment of, a Violence Reduction Joint Action Group to effect positive change in violence and weapon carrying in Inverclyde.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee note the award of funding and learning site status for Inverclyde;

(2) that support be given to the establishment and development of a Violence Reduction Joint Action Group; and

(3) that it be noted that a report on the progress made with the initiative will be submitted to the Committee in due course.

**GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 10 MARCH 2010**

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**General Purposes Board**

**Wednesday 10 March 2010 at 3.00 pm**

**Present:** Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Dorrian, Fyfe, Grieve, MacLeod, McCallum, McIlwee, McKenzie and Rebecchi.

**Chair:** Councillor Ahlfeld presided.

**In attendance:** Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Administration).

**Apologies:** Councillor Moran.

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

**175 Fixed Penalty Notice Hearings**

**175**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services requesting that the Board remits to the Council to delegate to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services, the Head of Regeneration & Planning and the Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management or their delegated representatives to deal with hearings requested under the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003 ("The 2003 Act") and the Smoking Health & Social Care (Scotland) Act 2005 ("The 2005 Act").

**Decided:**

- (1) that no change be made to the existing arrangement; and
- (2) that it be remitted to Mr McNeilly to arrange additional training for Members.

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

**176 Application for Late Hours Catering Licence: Mr Hamid Ghareh, Three In One, 17 Kempock Street, Gourock**

**176**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration on an application for a Late Hours Catering Licence with additional hours by Mr Ghareh to allow the operation of a takeaway facility at Three In One, 17 Kempock Street, Gourock following receipt of objections. The Board heard Constable Gailey and Mr Ghareh.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the application be granted for the existing hours of operation and that the application be refused in respect of the hours in excess of those existing hours; and
  - (2) that the Board take cognisance of any future police reports.
- Councillor McKenzie left the meeting at the conclusion of this item.

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- 177 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Frank Lang 177**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Lang following receipt of an objection by the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police. The Board heard Constable Gailey, Mr Lang and Ms Debbie Lang.
- Decided:** that the application be granted.
- 178 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: John Stewart 178**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence following receipt of an objection by the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police.
- Decided:** that the application be refused.
- 179 Application for Licence for House in Multiple Occupation: John Yarr, Main Door Flat, 15 Ardgowan Square, Greenock 179**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration on an application for a Licence for House in Multiple Occupation by John Yarr for main door flat, 15 Ardgowan Square, Greenock following receipt of an objection by Mr Douglas Cromar. The Board heard Mr Yarr.
- Decided:** that the application be approved in principle for further consideration by the Council as Licensing Authority.
- 180 Application for Licence for House in Multiple Occupation: Carol Bateman, Basement Flat, 41 Campbell Street, Greenock 180**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration on an application for a Licence for House in Multiple Occupation by Carol Bateman for basement flat, 41 Campbell Street, Greenock following receipt of an objection by Mr Douglas Cromar.
- Decided:**
- (1) that consideration of the application be continued to the meeting of the General Purposes Board on 12 May 2010; and
  - (2) that it be remitted to Mr McNeilly to bring a further report to the Board on the location and numbers of existing HMOs and how other local authorities handle HMOs.
- 181 Application for Licence for House in Multiple Occupation: John Yarr, Attic Flat, 20 Ardgowan Street, Greenock 181**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration on an application for a Licence for House in Multiple Occupation by John Yarr for attic flat at 20 Ardgowan Street, Greenock following receipt of an objection by Mr Douglas Cromar.
- Decided:**
- (1) that consideration of the application be continued to the meeting of the General Purposes Board on 12 May 2010; and
  - (2) that it be remitted to Mr McNeilly to bring a further report to the Board on the location and numbers of existing HMOs and how other local authorities handle HMOs.

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**182 Application for Licence for House in Multiple Occupation: Pol Stewart, Flat First Left, 27 Ardgowan Square, Greenock 182**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration on an application for a Licence for House in Multiple Occupation by Pol Stewart for flat first left at 27 Ardgowan Square, Greenock following receipt of objections from Mr Douglas Cromar and the Head of Planning & Housing Services.

**Decided:** that consideration of the application be continued to the next meeting of the Board to allow Mr Stewart to be in attendance.

**183 Application for Licence for House in Multiple Occupation: Pol Stewart, Main Door Flat, 44 Newton Street, Greenock 183**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration on an application for a Licence for House in Multiple Occupation by Pol Stewart for main door flat at 44 Newton Street, Greenock following receipt of objections from Mr Douglas Cromar and the Head of Planning & Housing Services.

**Decided:** that consideration of the application be continued to the next meeting of the Board to allow Mr Stewart to be in attendance.

**184 Application for Licence for House in Multiple Occupation: Pol Stewart, Main Door Flat, 37 Brisbane Street, Greenock 184**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration on an application for a Licence for House in Multiple Occupation by Pol Stewart for main door flat at 37 Brisbane Street, Greenock following receipt of objections from Mr Douglas Cromar and the Head of Planning & Housing Services.

**Decided:** that consideration of the application be continued to the next meeting of the Board to allow Mr Stewart to be in attendance.

**185 Application for Licence for House in Multiple Occupation: Pol Stewart, Flat Top Left, 59 Finnart Street, Greenock 185**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration on an application for a Licence for House in Multiple Occupation by Pol Stewart for flat top left at 59 Finnart Street, Greenock following receipt of objections by Mr Douglas Cromar and the Head of Planning & Housing Services.

**Decided:** that consideration of the application be continued to the next meeting of the Board to allow Mr Stewart to be in attendance.

**REGENERATION COMMITTEE - 11 MARCH 2010**

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**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 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 195**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the 300<sup>th</sup> 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 300<sup>th</sup> 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.**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Paragraph(s)</b>
<b>Area Renewal Strategy Update</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Community Facilities and Outdoor Leisure Update</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Inverclyde Leisure Business Plan 2010/13</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Charitable Request: Gourock Park</b>	<b>2, 6 and 9</b>
<b>Lease of Premises: Church Street, Port Glasgow</b>	<b>2, 6 and 9</b>
<b>Rent Review: Ingleston Street, Greenock</b>	<b>2, 6 and 9</b>

**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.

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**Education and Lifelong Learning Committee**

**Tuesday 16 March 2010 at 4.00 pm**

**Present:** Provost McCormick, Councillors Blair, Brooks, Clocherty, Fyfe, 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:** Acting Director of Education, Head of Lifelong Learning & Educational Support, School Estate Manager, Mr I Cameron (for Chief Financial Officer) and Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Administration).

**Apologies:** Councillor Grieve.

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

**202 HMIe Report on Gibshill Children's Day Centre 202**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education on the results of the HMIe and Care Commission inspection of Gibshill Children's Day Centre. The report advised that of the Indicators of Quality, five had been evaluated as "very good". Ms Isabel McCorquodale, Head of Centre, was present with two pupils and she addressed the Committee relative to the inspection report.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee endorse the comments made following the HMIe and Care Commission inspection of Gibshill Children's Day Centre; and
- (2) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all staff and pupils for the work undertaken to achieve the evaluation.

**203 HMIe Report on St Columba's High School 203**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education on the results of the HMIe external evaluation of St Columba's High School. The report advised that of the Indicators of Quality, four had been evaluated as "very good" and one as "good". Mr M Docherty, Head Teacher, was present with the Head Boy and Head Girl of the school and Mr Docherty addressed the Committee relative to the evaluation report.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee endorse the comments made following the HMIe external evaluation of St Columba's High School; and
- (2) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all staff and pupils for the work undertaken to achieve the evaluation.

**204 Education and Lifelong Learning Revenue Budget 2009/10 - Period 9 204**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and Acting Director of Education on the position of the 2009/10 Revenue Budget as at Period 9 (31 December 2009) which projected an underspend of £167,000 (0.2% of the total Education budget).

**Decided:**

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- (1) that the current projected underspend of £167,000 in the 2009/10 Revenue Budget as at 31 December 2009 be noted;
- (2) that the virement request totalling £71,000 detailed in appendix 4 to the report be approved; and
- (3) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on expenditure to date from the Endowment for Talented Children and Young People.

**205 Capital Programme 2009/12 - Progress Report 205**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education and Chief Financial Officer on the progress of the Capital Programme 2009/12.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the progress of the specific projects detailed in appendix 1 to the report be noted; and
- (2) that approval be given to the issue of tenders for the following projects and delegated authority be granted to accept the lowest acceptable tender in each case:  
 Overton Primary School - Refurbishment and extension for combined Overton and Highlanders Academy Primary School  
 Earnhill Primary School - Refurbishment and extension for combined Sacred Heart and St Gabriel's Primary School.

**206 Education Service Performance Report 206**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education (1) advising of the progress made by Education Services during the period January to March 2010 in relation to achieving the service objectives and (2) explaining how this has contributed to the achievement of key corporate priorities.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the report be approved; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on local developments in relation to the Curriculum for Excellence.

**207 Budget Decisions on Class Sizes P1-P3 and Breakfast Clubs 207**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education providing an update on the budget decisions taken in respect of class sizes P1-P3 and Breakfast Clubs.

**Decided:** that approval be given to the distribution of the additional funding for class size reductions and Breakfast Clubs as detailed in the report.

**208 Childcare Strategy and Surestart Funding 208**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education providing information on the use of Childcare Strategy and Surestart funding to voluntary and private providers.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the report be noted; and
- (2) that agreement be given to the new method of allocating Childcare Strategy and Surestart funding in relation to vulnerable children under 3 as detailed in the report.

**209 Education Services - Three Yearly Review of the Disability Equality Scheme 209**

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education on the outcome of the three yearly review of the Disability Equality Scheme which was approved by the Committee on 9 January 2007.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the report be noted; and
- (2) that it be noted that Education Services is continuing to revise and update its Disability Equality Scheme and to review and report on its implementation.

**210 Equality Champions (Education) Focus Group 210**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education (1) informing the Committee of the reasons for establishing the Equality Champions (Education) Focus Group and (2) explaining the role of the Group.

**Noted**

**211 Exclusions from Schools 2008/09 211**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education providing information on Inverclyde's performance in relation to exclusions from schools.

**Decided:** that the Committee note the improving trend in reducing the number of exclusions from Inverclyde schools.

**212 Consultation on Partnership Working between Allied Health Professionals and Education 212**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education on the proposed response by Education Services to the consultation on the idea of partnership working between Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) and Education staff.

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

**Decided:** that approval be given to the consultation response set out in the appendix to the report.

Councillor Wilson left the meeting at this juncture.

**213 Consultation on a National Approach to Anti-Bullying for Scotland's Children and Young People 213**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education seeking approval of a response by Education Services to the consultation by the Scottish Government on a national approach to anti-bullying.

**Decided:** that approval be given to the response set out in the appendix to the report.

**214 The Lowest Attaining 20% 214**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education on the performance of S4 pupils in Inverclyde who fall into the fifth quintile of national attainment.

**Decided:** that the Committee note the statistics set out in the report which show Inverclyde's schools in a very favourable light, together with the possible reasons for these results.

**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**

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**following two items on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6 & 8 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.**

- 215 Purchase of Modular Classrooms at St Ninian's Primary School 215**
- There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education seeking approval to purchase modular classrooms located at St Ninian's Primary School which are currently on hire.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee homologate the decision to negotiate a price for the purchase of the modular units from Sibcas Ltd, this being the best value option for the Council; and
- (2) that approval be given to the purchase of the modular classrooms from Sibcas Ltd for the sum of £47,000.
- 216 Port Glasgow Shared Campus and ASN School - Appointment of Design Team 216**
- There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education seeking approval to appoint a design team for the Port Glasgow shared campus and ASN School.  
(Father McMahon left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).  
Following a vote, the Committee agreed to the appointment of Archial Architects Ltd, all as detailed in the appendix.
- 217 Mr Colin Struthers, Mr Colin Laird and Mr Tom Reid. 217**
- At the conclusion of business, the Convener referred to the recent retirements of Mr Colin Struthers, Head of Support & Development and Mr Tom Reid, Head of School Estate Project and to the forthcoming retirement of Mr Colin Laird, Head of Lifelong Learning & Educational Support. He extended his thanks to all three officers for their assistance over the years and on behalf of the Committee extended his best wishes for the future.

**Appointment Panel - Corporate Director Education & Communities**

**Wednesday 24 March 2010 at 8.30 am**

**Present:** Councillors A Blair, J Clocherty, J MacLeod, S McCabe, I McKenzie and Mr J Mundell, Mr D Parr (Adviser to the Panel) and Mr A Moore (HR Adviser to the Panel).

**Chair:** Councillor McCabe presided.

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

**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.**

**218 Appointment of Corporate Director Education & Communities**

**218**

The Panel interviewed five candidates and agreed to appoint Mr Albert Henderson to the post of Corporate Director Education & Communities, all as detailed in the appendix.