

SAFE, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 31 AUGUST 2010

Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee

Tuesday 31 August 2010 at 3.00 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Dorrian, McCabe, McIlwee, Moran, Nelson, Rebecchi, Wilson and White.

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education and Communities, Head of Environmental and Commercial Services, Mr R Graham and Mr W Rennie (Environmental and Commercial Services), Head of Regeneration and Planning, Head of Safer and Inclusive Communities, Ms M McCabe (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal and Democratic Services) and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications and Public Affairs).

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

460 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 460

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

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

461 Safe, Sustainable Communities 2010/11 Revenue Budget - Period 3 461

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment on (1) the 2009/10 Revenue Budget out-turn and (2) the 2010/11 position as at Period 3 (30 June 2010) which currently projected an overspend of £41,000, primarily due to an under-recovery of planning income resulting from the continued economic recession.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the out-turn for 2009/10 and the reasons for the current projected overspend of £41,000 as at 30 June 2010 which officers will seek to bring back on budget;

(2) that approval be given to the virement request totalling £205,000 detailed in appendix 4 to the report; and

(3) that it be noted that updates on the flooding strategy will be reported to the Committee through the Capital Programme Progress Report.

462 Safe, Sustainable Communities 2009/10 Trading Account Revenue Budget to 31 March 2010 462

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment on the 2009/10 Trading Account Revenue Budget out-turn position.

Noted

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| 463 | Safe, Sustainable Communities Capital Programme 2010/14 - Progress | 463 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment and the Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Safe, Sustainable Communities Capital Programme 2010/14.</p> <p>Noted</p> | |
| 464 | Private Sector Housing Grant (PSHG) 2009/10 Out-turn and Scheme of Assistance 2010/11 - Budget Update | 464 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer and Inclusive Communities (1) on the out-turn of the 2009/10 Private Sector Housing Grant (PSHG) Budget and (2) providing an update on the 2010/11 Scheme of Assistance budget following confirmation of the final out-turn of the 2009/10 budget and the subsequent carry forward from this budget into 2010/11.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the Committee note the out-turn of the 2009/10 PSHG Budget and the subsequent carry forward; and</p> <p>(2) that agreement be given to the revised 2010/11 Scheme of Assistance budget as set out in appendix 1 to the report.</p> | |
| 465 | Community Investment Fund | 465 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment (1) providing an update on expenditure of the Community Investment Fund (CIF) and (2) requesting the Committee to close this workstream.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the Committee note the progress of the Community Investment Fund and the one remaining project at Lunderston Bay which will be monitored through the regular capital and revenue reports to the Regeneration Committee; and</p> <p>(2) that agreement be given to the closure of the workstream subject to monitoring arrangements for the Lunderston Bay project as detailed in (1) above.</p> | |
| 466 | Development Management Performance | 466 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment on the performance of the Development Management Team working within the Regeneration and Planning Service.</p> <p>Noted</p> | |
| 467 | Building Standards Performance | 467 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment on the performance of the Building Standards Team working within the Regeneration and Planning Service.</p> <p>Noted</p> | |
| 468 | River Clyde Homes - Monitoring Framework | 468 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education and Communities providing performance monitoring information in relation to River Clyde Homes (RCH) as</p> | |

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agreed in the Stock Transfer Agreement of December 2007.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the River Clyde Homes Annual Monitoring Return for 2009/10 as set out in the report be noted;
- (2) that it be remitted to the Head of Safer and Inclusive Communities to address the matters of concern highlighted in the report in liaison with River Clyde Homes and other appropriate agencies; and
- (3) that it be remitted to the Head of Safer and Inclusive Communities to co-ordinate a corporate response to the outcomes of the Scottish Housing Regulator's Inspection Report and the forthcoming River Clyde Homes Improvement Plan.

469 Education & Communities Directorate Plan 2010/11 469

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education and Communities appending the revised Education & Communities Directorate Plan for 2010/11.

The Committee heard a presentation by the Corporate Director Education and Communities on the contents of the Plan, with particular reference to those sections which come within the remit of the Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee.

Noted

470 Scheme of Delegation 470

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment seeking approval of an amended Scheme of Delegation for Local Developments as required by Section 43A of the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

Decided:

- (1) that agreement be given to the adoption of the amended Scheme of Delegation prepared under the terms of Section 43A of the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 for determining local developments as outlined in appendix 1 and subject to approval by the Scottish Ministers; and
- (2) that the amended Scheme of Delegation be remitted to The Inverclyde Council for approval.

471 Clyde Valley Waste Initiative - Introduction of Business Case 471

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment seeking approval for the Council's participation in a joint authority working exercise to produce an outline business case for the Clyde Valley future waste initiative.

The Head of Environmental and Commercial Services advised the Committee that the proposed spend as set out in paragraph 6 of the report was nil in 2010/11.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the Council's participation in the joint authority working exercise to produce an outline business case for the Clyde Valley future waste initiative;
- (2) that the Committee approve the requirement for contributions to the initiative as set out in section 5.3.2 of appendix 1 and agree to provide one officer as requested; and
- (3) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services to submit regular update reports to the Committee.

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- 472 Waste Management Contract 472**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment on the position in respect of the Council's Waste Management Contract.
- Decided:**
- (1) that it be agreed that the existing contracts for residual waste and the material recycling facility be extended until 31 March 2011 and that a specification be prepared and tenders invited for:
 - (a) the treatment of residual waste to meet the Scottish Government's targets; and
 - (b) the management and processing of the recycling materials currently collected;
 - (2) that options be invited for any variant bid which may benefit the Council in meeting its targets; and
 - (3) that it be remitted to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to accept the most economically advantageous tenders in each case and that contract commencement be on 1 April 2011 for a period of three years with the option of two separate one year extensions.
- 473 Glasgow & Clyde Valley Strategic Review Group - Organic Waste Procurement Partnership 473**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment advising of an offer from Glasgow City Council to participate in its organic waste procurement partnership.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the position in respect of the organic waste procurement exercise detailed in the report and agree to proceed with the procurement partnership with Glasgow City Council.
- 474 Green Charter Action Plan 474**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment
- (1) seeking approval of the Green Charter Action Plan appended to the report and
 - (2) requesting permission to submit future updates on progress against the Plan to the Green Charter and Environment Group.
- Decided:**
- (1) that approval be given to the Green Charter Action Plan appended to the report; and
 - (2) that it be agreed that future progress reports against the Plan be submitted to the Green Charter and Environment Group.
- 475 Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme 475**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration and Planning on the potential implications for the Council of the Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme (CRC).
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the introduction of the national CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme and its impact on the Council; and
 - (2) that a further report be submitted to the Committee when the initial implications for the Council have been confirmed.

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476 Scottish Ferries Review - Consultation Document 476

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment (1) providing an update in relation to the Scottish Ferries Review Consultation Document and (2) seeking approval of the response to the consultation as set out in paragraph 4.3 of the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the report be noted;
- (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment to submit a response to the consultation document on the basis set out in the report and taking account of comments from Elected Members; and
- (3) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services to raise with the Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment the current status of the tripartite agreement involving Inverclyde Council, Argyll & Bute Council and the Scottish Government.

477 Urgent Repairs and Environmental Enhancements in Cathcart Square, Greenock - Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive 477

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to grant approval for the carrying out of urgent repairs and environmental enhancements in Cathcart Square, Greenock.

Noted**478 Support for Owners Fund 478**

There was submitted a replacement report by the Head of Safer and Inclusive Communities (1) on the distribution of the 2009/10 Support for Owners Fund, (2) providing an update on the current position of the 2010/11 Fund and (3) outlining the projected position for the 2011/12 Fund, all in relation to River Clyde Homes planned Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS) Investment Programme.

During the course of discussion on this item, the Corporate Director Education and Communities advised the Committee that discussions had taken place with the Chief Executive of River Clyde Homes with a view to a presentation on all aspects of River Clyde Homes programme, including the Support for Owners Fund, being made to the Council.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the distribution of the 2009/10 Support for Owners Fund;
- (2) that the Committee note the current position of the 2010/11 Support for Owners Fund and the measures being taken to address the projected low demand for the Fund in the current financial year;
- (3) that the projection for the 2011/12 Support for Owners Fund be noted; and
- (4) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Education and Communities and Head of Safer and Inclusive Communities to make arrangements for a presentation by River Clyde Homes on all aspects of its programme, including the Support for Owners Fund, and that all Members of the Council be invited to attend the presentation.

479 Play Area Action Plan 479

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment

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requesting the Committee to approve a play area action plan for the refurbishment of play areas across Inverclyde.

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to the play area action plan as detailed in the report but that decisions be deferred in relation to the Dempster Street, Murdieston Park and Lady Alice Park proposals pending further discussions with the three Ward Members and that delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment to take appropriate action following the Elected Member consultation; and

(2) that support in principle be given to the three community groups' proposals and that provisional funding be allocated to each project in the undernoted amounts:

Boglestone - £100,000

Greenock Central - £75,000

Larkfield/Braeside - £75,000

480 Neighbourhood Management

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment (1) assessing critically the method of delivery of a range of services included within the Environmental and Commercial Services remit and (2) making recommendations as to how best to deliver the services in future.

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to the introduction of three Local Environment Teams (LETs) with a remit to manage a range of frontline Council services as detailed in the report;

(2) that the Committee note the proposals to achieve efficiency savings by the reduction of routine overtime working across Environmental and Commercial Services where it is feasible to do so; and

(3) that a progress report be submitted to the Committee in 12 months time.

481 Multi Fuel Power Station - Hunterston, North Ayrshire

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment informing the Committee (1) of the proposal to build a multi-fuel power station at Hunterston which would have strategic implications for neighbouring authorities and (2) of the request from North Ayrshire Council for Inverclyde Council's comments on the proposal.

Decided: that the Committee note the current position with respect to the major development proposal for a multi-fuel power station at Hunterston and, given the timetable for its consideration, first by North Ayrshire Council, agree that it would be beneficial for relevant officers to consider the potential implications of the proposal for Inverclyde and to report thereon to the next meeting of the Committee.