

**REGENERATION COMMITTEE - 2 SEPTEMBER 2010**

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**Regeneration Committee**

**Thursday 2 September 2010 at 3.00 pm**

**Present:** Councillors Ahlfeld, Fyfe (for Blair), Clocherty, Loughran, McCallum, McCabe, McKenzie, Nelson and White.

**Chair:** Councillor Clocherty presided.

**In attendance:** Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Corporate Director Education & Communities, Chief Financial Officer, Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Mr A Gerrard, Acting Joint Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management, Head of Regeneration & Planning, Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Legal Services Manager (Conveyancing & Planning), Libraries Manager, Property Assets Manager and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

**486      Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest      486**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Blair, MacLeod and Osborne with Councillor Fyfe substituting for Councillor Blair.

Councillor White declared an interest in Agenda Item 20 (King Street, Port Glasgow - Proposed Disposal of Premises).

**487      Strategic Leisure Sites      487**

The Head of Regeneration & Planning made a presentation on the current position with regard to the strategic leisure sites programme and answered a number of questions from Members.

**Noted**

**488      Regeneration and Resources Revenue Budget 2010/11 - Period 3      488**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on (1) the Revenue Budget 2009/10 out-turn and (2) the position of the Revenue Budget 2010/11 as at Period 3 (30 June 2010) which showed a projected overspend of £140,000.

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

**Decided:**

(1) that the out-turn for 2009/10 and the current projected overspend of £140,000 for 2010/11 as at 30 June 2010 be noted; and

(2) that it be noted that whilst £53,000 of these projected overspends can be offset against the projected increase in surplus within Building Services, the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment will investigate possible courses of action to bring the Committee budget back on target.

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- 489 Building Services Trading Account Revenue Budget 2010/11 - Period 3 489**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on (1) the Building Services Trading Account 2009/10 out-turn and (2) the position of the Trading Account 2010/11 as at Period 3 (30 June 2010) which showed a projected surplus of £286,000.
- Decided:** that the out-turn for 2009/10 and the current projected surplus of £286,000 for 2010/11 as at 30 June 2010 be noted.
- 490 Capital Programme 2010/11 to 2013/14 - Progress 490**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment and the Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Capital Programme 2010/11 to 2013/14.
- Noted**
- 491 Education & Communities Directorate Plan 2010-11 491**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities appending the revised Education & Communities Directorate Plan 2010-11. The Committee heard a presentation by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the contents of the Plan, with particular reference to those sections which come within the remit of the Regeneration Committee.
- Noted**
- 492 Museum Management Rules 492**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities seeking approval of Museum Management Rules for the McLean Museum and Art Gallery.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee approve the Museum Management Rules appended to the report; and
  - (2) that, in future, authority be given to the Libraries Manager to update the Museum Management Rules as required.
- 493 Community Capacity Building 493**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on (1) proposed changes to the work programme of the Community Work Team and (2) the community engagement and community capacity building priorities of the Council and Inverclyde Alliance.
- Decided:**
- (1) that approval be given to the proposed changes to the work programme of the Community Work Team set out in the report; and
  - (2) that it be confirmed the changes to the work programme reflect the Council's priorities for community engagement and community capacity building.
- 494 Fairer Scotland Fund - Update 494**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment

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updating the Committee on the implementation and outcomes of Fairer Scotland Fund activities.

**Decided:** that the Committee recognise the excellent work completed during the period of the Fairer Scotland Fund by a range of contractors delivering services to address issues around persistently high levels of deprivation within Inverclyde.

**495 Fairer Scotland Fund - SOA Initiatives - Employment 495**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking endorsement of the implementation of the proposal for the SOA Initiative - Employment set out in the report.

**Decided:** that the Committee endorse the proposal for the SOA Initiative - Employment set out in the report.

**496 Future Jobs Fund - Update 496**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment providing an update on the delivery of the Future Jobs Fund programme.

**Decided:** that the Committee recognise the success of the Future Jobs Fund in Inverclyde.

**497 Business Gateway Update 497**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment apprising the Committee of the current position with the Scottish Enterprise Business Gateway Programme and Regeneration function transfer to Local Authorities.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the current position with regard to the Scottish Enterprise Business Gateway Programme and Regeneration function transfer;
- (2) that it be noted further work is ongoing with COSLA in respect of the Regeneration function and that it be agreed further updates be submitted to appropriate Committees; and
- (3) that it be remitted to the Head of Regeneration & Planning to arrange a briefing for all Members on the work of the Economic Development Service.

**498 Inverclyde Modern Apprentice Programme - Update 498**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment updating the Committee on the development and future delivery of the Inverclyde Council Modern Apprentice programme.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee recognise the excellent delivery of the Modern Apprentice programme, co-ordinated by the Skillseeker Co-ordinator; and
- (2) that, as the final phase of recruitment for the Modern Apprentice Programme is now being entered, consideration be given to future funding opportunities to extend the delivery of the programme.

**499 Inverclyde Community Planning Partnership European Bid 2011-2014 499**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on an invitation from the Scottish Government to submit applications for European Funding

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for a period of 3 years to continue delivery of activities through the Inverclyde Integrated Employability Partnership.

**Decided:**

- (1) that approval be given to the submission of the Community Planning Partnership bid;
- (2) that it be remitted to officers to seek endorsement of the bid from the Inverclyde Alliance Board; and
- (3) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to accept the bid on behalf of the Inverclyde Alliance if successful and match funds are available as part of the budget setting process.

**500 Custom House Quay: PS Waverley**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on (1) the progress of repairs required to Custom House Quay to permit continued use by the PS Waverley and other visiting vessels and (2) proposals regarding charging for use of the facility by visiting vessels.

**Decided:** that approval be given to the use of the Capital Budget "Minor Repairs at the discretion of the Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management" to carry out the necessary repairs to the quayside.

**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.**

Item	Paragraph(s)
<b>Asset Management: Options for Former Garvock's Farm Steading, Greenock</b>	<b>2 &amp; 6</b>
<b>Cumberland Walk, Greenock - Proposed Disposal of Premises</b>	<b>2, 6 &amp; 9</b>
<b>Cartsdyke Tenants' Hall, Greenock - Proposed Demolition</b>	<b>2 &amp; 6</b>
<b>Lady Octavia Tenants' Hall, Sinclair Street, Greenock - Proposed Transfer</b>	<b>2, 6 &amp; 9</b>
<b>King Street, Port Glasgow - Proposed Disposal of Premises</b>	<b>2, 6 &amp; 9</b>
<b>Whinhill Crescent, Greenock</b>	<b>2, 6 &amp; 9</b>
<b>Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive</b>	<b>6 &amp; 9</b>

**501 Asset Management: Options for Former Garvock's Farm Steading, Greenock**

**501**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment recommending that the former steading at Garvock's Farm, Greenock be added to the

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Council's Disposals Programme and marketed at a future time as considered appropriate by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment.

**Decided:** that approval be given to the addition of the site of the former steading at Garvock's Farm, Greenock to the Council's Disposals Programme and that it be marketed for future residential use at a time considered appropriate by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, with any proposals being reported to Committee for consideration thereafter.

**502 Cumberland Walk, Greenock - Proposed Disposal of Premises 502**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval for the disposal of premises at Cumberland Walk, Greenock and the Committee agreed to the action recommended and to remit it to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to take action, all as detailed in the appendix.

**503 Carttsyde Tenants' Hall, Greenock - Proposed Demolition 503**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval to declare Carttsyde Tenants' Hall surplus to requirements and to agree the proposed demolition of the property following which the land will be placed on the Council's disposals list and the Committee agree to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

**504 Lady Octavia Tenants' Hall, Sinclair Street, Greenock - Proposed Transfer 504**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval to declare Lady Octavia Tenants' Hall, Greenock surplus to requirements and to agree to transfer the property and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

**505 King Street, Port Glasgow - Proposed Disposal of Premises 505**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval to declare premises at King Street, Port Glasgow surplus to requirements and thereafter to dispose of the premises. Councillor White declared a non-financial interest in this matter and left the meeting.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

**506 Whinhill Crescent, Greenock 506**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval to modify the terms of the proposed sale of ground at Whinhill Crescent, Greenock and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

**507 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive 507**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive since the last meeting

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of the Committee relative to (1) variation of the tripartite development structure for the redevelopment of the Arts Guild site and Council land at Campbell Street, Greenock and (2) the issue of tenders for the demolition of the depot at 2-8 Crescent Street, Greenock.

**Noted**