

APPOINTMENT PANEL - 8 JUNE 2010
(1) HEAD OF PLANNING, HEALTH IMPROVEMENT & COMMISSIONING
(2) HEAD OF HEALTH & COMMUNITY CARE
(3) HEAD OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTIONS & HOMELESSNESS

Appointment Panel
(1) Head of Planning, Health Improvement & Commissioning
(2) Head of Health & Community Care
(3) Head of Mental Health, Addictions & Homelessness

Tuesday 8 June 2010 - 1 pm

Present: Mr K Dalglish, Munro Consulting (Independent Chair), Mr J Mundell, Chief Executive, Inverclyde Council, Councillor J McIlwee, Inverclyde Council/CHCP, Ms A Hawkins, Head of Mental Health Partnership, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde/Lead Director Glasgow CHCP's, Mr I Reid, Director of Human Resources, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde and Mr R Murphy, Corporate Director CHCP (Advisory Role).

In attendance: Ms A Fraser, Head of Human Resources, Inverclyde CHP.

Chair: Mr Dalglish 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.

377 Appointment of (1) Head of Planning, Health Improvement & Commissioning, (2) Head of Health & Community Care, (3) Head of Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness 377

The Panel interviewed three candidates for the above posts and agreed (1) to appoint Ms Helen Watson to the post of Head of Planning, Health Improvement & Commissioning, (2) to appoint Ms Susanna McCorry-Rice to the post of Head of Mental Health, Addictions & Homelessness and (3) to re-advertise the post of Head of Health and Community Care, all as detailed in the appendix.

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL - 10 JUNE 2010

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 10 June 2010 at 4.00 pm

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

Chair: Provost McCormick presided.

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

Reverend A Sorensen opened proceedings with a prayer.

378 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 378

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Grieve, Osborne, Rebecchi and White.

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

**Minutes of Meetings of
The Inverclyde Council, Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards**

379 The Inverclyde Council - 15 April 2010 379

Approved on the motion of Provost McCormick.

380 Audit Committee - 27 April 2010 380

Approved on the motion of Councillor Blair.

381 Health & Social Care Committee - 29 April 2010 381

Approved on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.

382 Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee - 4 May 2010 382

Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.

383 Planning Board - 5 May 2010 383

Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.

384 Local Review Body - 5 May 2010 384

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- Approved** on the motion of Councillor Wilson.
- 385 Policy & Resources Committee (Special) - 11 May 2010 385**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor McCabe.
- 386 Education & Lifelong Learning Committee - 11 May 2010 386**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor McKenzie.
- 387 General Purposes Board - 12 May 2010 387**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.
- 388 Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee (Special) - 19 May 2010 388**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor Moran.
- 389 Regeneration Committee - 25 May 2010 389**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.
- 390 Policy & Resources Committee - 25 May 2010 390**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor McCabe.
- 391 Planning Board - 2 June 2010 391**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor Wilson.
- 392 General Purposes Board - 9 June 2010 392**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.
- Councillor Wilson left the meeting at this juncture.
- 393 Audit Scotland - Final Draft Assurance and Improvement Plan (AIP) 393**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive presenting to the Council the final draft of the Assurance and Improvement Plan (AIP) prepared by Audit Scotland. Mr P Tait and Ms E Boyd of Audit Scotland were present together with Ms J Weir of the Care Commission and Mr I Kerr of the Social Work Inspection Agency and Mr Tait addressed the Council in relation to the report.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Council endorse the final draft Assurance and Improvement Plan (AIP) prepared by Audit Scotland;
 - (2) that it be noted that the Council has in place appropriate improvement plans or activities to address the risks and areas of uncertainty identified in Appendix 1;
 - (3) that it be noted that the recommendation of the AIP that the Council should be subject to a proportionate BB2 Review in Year 3 of the Programme is a significant achievement and reflects the considerable progress which has been made since 2005;

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and

(4) that it be agreed that following approval by the Accounts Commission, the AIP be published on the Council's website.

394 Administrative Arrangements: Cycle of Council, Committee and Board Meetings 394

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment setting out for approval the schedule of Committee cycles for the period to June 2011.

Decided: that approval be given to the proposed cycle of Council, Committee and Board meetings for the year to June 2011, including the holding of an additional meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee on 17 August 2010, all as set out in the timetable appended to the report.

395 Financial Strategy 2010/11 - 2017/18 395

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer presenting to the Council, the latest revision to the Council's Financial Strategy.

Decided: that approval be given to the latest version of the Council's Financial Strategy covering the period 2010/11 - 2017/18, as detailed in the appendix to the report.

396 Valuation of Watt Library Books 396

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities seeking approval to obtain a valuation of the Watt Library Books.

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to the proposal, as outlined in paragraph 5.1 of the report, to use funds from the Watt Trust to obtain a full valuation of the books within the Watt Collection; and

(2) that it be noted that a further report will be submitted to the Council in due course regarding the valuation and the wider development of the Watt Library and McLean Museum complex.

397 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - All Saints Primary School, Blairmore Road, Greenock (Part Time 20 MPH Speed Limit) Order 2010 397

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

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Moran seconded by Councillor Dorrian that THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL, incorporated under the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994 RESOLVE TO MAKE as they HEREBY MAKE a Resolution under Section 83(2) and Part III of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to permit the introduction of a part time 20 mph speed restriction all as detailed in a copy of the Order forming a supplement to the principal minute hereof and that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Democratic Services be authorised to take all necessary in connection therewith.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of

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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 relevant minute.

398 Kilmacolm New Community Centre Co Ltd/Disposal Programme: Sale of Kilmacolm Institute and Adjacent Premises - Remit from Regeneration Committee 398

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) seeking approval of the Council, as Trustees of Kilmacolm Institute, for the intended disposal of the Institute and adjacent premises and (2) seeking approval of the Council for a number of associated financial matters and the Council agreed to the recommendations detailed in the report, all as detailed in the appendix.

Appendices to Minutes

399 The Inverclyde Council - 15 April 2010 399

Approved on the motion of Provost McCormick.

400 Regeneration Committee - 25 May 2010 400

Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.

APPOINTMENT PANEL - HEAD OF EDUCATION - 18 JUNE 2010

Appointment Panel - Head of Education**Friday 18 June 2010 at 4.30 pm**

Present: Councillors K Brooks, J Clocherty and I McKenzie, Mr J Mundell, Chief Executive, Mr A Henderson, Corporate Director Education & Communities and Mr R Murphy, Corporate Director Community Health & Care Partnership.

Present Also: Mr D Parr, Ms M Allan and Ms B McQuarrie (Advisers to the Panel).

Chair: Mr Mundell 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.

401 Appointment of Head of Education**401**

The Panel interviewed four candidates and agreed to appoint Ms Wilma Bain to the post of Head of Education, all as detailed in the appendix.

HUMAN RESOURCES APPEALS BOARD - 22 JUNE 2010

Human Resources Appeals Board**Tuesday 22 June 2010 at 10 am****Present:** Councillors Brooks, MacLeod, Osborne and Rebecchi.**Chair:** Councillor Brooks presided.**In attendance:** Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services) and Mr A Wilson (for Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Performance).**Apologies:** Councillors McIlwee and Moran.**The following paragraphs are submitted for information only having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Board.****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.****Disciplinary Action Appeal: Employee in Education Services**

402 The Board considered a disciplinary action appeal on behalf of an employee in Education Services and agreed that the grounds of the appeal had been substantiated and that the appeal be upheld, all as detailed in the appendix.

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AUDIT COMMITTEE - 24 JUNE 2010

Audit Committee

Thursday 24 June 2010 at 3 pm

Present: Provost McCormick, Councillors Blair, Brooks, McKenzie (for Clocherty), Dorrian, Fyfe and Nelson.

Chair: Councillor Blair presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Manager and Accountancy Manager.

Present Also: Ms E Boyd and Mr L Slavin (Audit Scotland).

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

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| 403 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 403 |
| | <p>Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, Loughran, MacLeod and McCallum with Councillor McKenzie substituting for Councillor Clocherty.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.</p> | |
| 404 | Unaudited Annual Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2010 | 404 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer requesting the Committee to review the unaudited Annual Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2010 and to approve their submission to Audit Scotland by the statutory deadline of 30 June 2010.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the Committee approve the onward transmission of the unaudited Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2010 to Audit Scotland; and</p> <p>(2) that a special meeting of the Audit Committee be held on 24 September 2010 at 3 pm to consider the intimation of matters arising from the audit of the 2009/10 Annual Accounts.</p> | |
| 405 | Report on Restated IFRS Opening Balance and PPP Adjustments | 405 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer presenting the report by Audit Scotland on the IFRS compliant restated opening balance.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the Committee note the contents of this report; and</p> <p>(2) that the Committee extend its thanks to all relevant officers from within Finance Services.</p> | |

GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE – 1 JULY 2010

Grants Sub-CommitteeThursday 1 July 2010 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors Clocherty, Loughran, McKenzie and Osborne.

Chair: Councillor Clocherty presided.

In attendance: Head of Regeneration & Planning, Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Lead Officer Community Learning & Development and Mr N Duffy (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services).

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

406 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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

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

407 Round 1 Applications 2010/11

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities providing details of applications received for consideration for funding from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Budget in 2010/11.

Decided:

- (1) that a balance of £18,000 be allocated to the Waivers of Lets for community facilities; and
- (2) that grants be made to voluntary organisations as follows:

<u>Name of Organisation</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Inverclyde Music Festival Association	£0
Hillend Art Club	£500
Inverclyde Piping Project	£1,000
Laughing Stock Co	£500
The Ardgowan Club	£0
Inverclyde Indoor Bowling Club	£5,000
Wellington Park Bowling Club	£2,000
Inverkip Bowling Club	£2,000
Hillend Bowling Club	£2,000
Gourock Park Bowling Club	£2,000
The Macular Disease Society – Inverclyde Group	£500
Inverclyde Advocacy Service	£0

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Evergreen Home Support Service	£0
CVS Inverclyde	£0
CVS Inverclyde	£0
Wider Opportunities for Older People in Inverclyde Advisory Committee	£0
Inverclyde Advice & Employment Rights	£0
Inverclyde Out of School Care Network	£2,000
Wellpark Community Association	£2,000
Broomhill Residents Association	£2,000
Wemyss Bay Community Association	£2,000
Greenock Central Residents Action Group	£2,000
Inverkip Gala Day	£1,000
Branchton Community Centre Association	£5,000
Inverclyde Youth for Christ	£1,000
Overton Tenants & Residents Association	£2,000
Larkfield & District Fun Day Committee	£2,000
Strone & Maukinhill Tenants Association	£1,000
Birthlink (Formerly Family Care)	£0
Gourock Park Pre-School & Pandalas Playgroup	£2,000
Ladybird Pre 5 Centre	£0
Wellington Pre 5 Nursery & Out of School Care	£2,000
Inverclyde Athletic Club	£1,500
Paisley District Schools Football Association	£500
Royal West of Scotland Amateur Boat Club	£2,000
Waterfront Ice Skating Club	£1,000
Newark Angling Club	£500
Firth Hotel FC	£500
Royal Gourock Yacht Club	£0
Belleaire Football Club	£500
Greenock Amateur Boxing Club	£3,000
Gourock Bowling Club	£2,000
Port Glasgow Juniors Boys Club	£1,500
Port Glasgow Golf Club	£0
Auchmountain Community Resource Centre	£5,000
Inverkip Community Enterprise	£5,000
Boglestone Community Association	£5,000
Craigend Summer Programme	£5,000
Youth Connections Playschemes	£0

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Greenock & District Scout Council	£0
27 th Greenock Rainbow Brownies, Guides Junior Section	£0
Greenock Division Guides Association	£5,000
Gourock Horticultural Society	£1,000
St Columba Church Toddlers & Playgroup – Kilmacolm	£500
Port Glasgow Voluntary Trans-Port Group	£0
The Tuesday Club	£1,000

PLANNING BOARD - 4 AUGUST 2010

Planning Board

Wednesday 4 August 2010 at 3 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

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

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

408 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 408

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

Councillor Wilson declared interests in the agenda items relating to Fore Street, Port Glasgow, 8 John Wood Street, Port Glasgow; 2-4 Bay Street, Port Glasgow; Aitkens Ironmongers, 43 Cathcart Street, Greenock; Junction of West Blackhall Street and Dalrymple Street, Greenock; Cathcart Street, Greenock; and Junction of Kempock Street and Station Road, Gourrock.

409 PLANNING APPLICATIONS 409

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

- (a) Extensions to house to form utility room with balcony over, master bedroom with en-suite, gym and sixth bedroom together with re-roofing:
Glenrowan, Rowantreehill Road, Kilmacolm (10/0122/IC)**

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

(1) that no development shall commence until samples of the proposed slate, pre-cast details, fenestration details and all external wall materials and colours have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority; development thereafter shall proceed in accordance with the approved materials unless the Planning Authority gives its prior written approval to any alternatives, to ensure a continuity of materials in this part of Kilmacolm; and

(2) that no development shall commence until details of tree protection measures have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority; the approved tree protection measures shall thereafter be maintained in situ for the duration of the site works, to protect trees within the site.

- (b) Proposed floodlit new multi-use games area:**

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Birkmyre Park, Kilmacolm (10/0127/IC)

The Head of Regeneration & Planning intimated an interest in this matter as client officer and left the meeting.

The Development & Building Standards Manager advised the Board that condition (8) was no longer necessary and, accordingly, it was recommended that this condition not be included should planning permission be granted.

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

(1) that the development to which this permission relates must be begun within 3 years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;

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

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

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

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

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

(7) that the facility shall not operate outwith the hours of 9am to 9pm. The floodlights

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shall be switched off upon the cessation of use of the MUGA and the facility will be locked, in the interests of residential amenity;

(8) that the boundary fencing hereby permitted shall be erected prior to the MUGA being brought into use, to help ensure ball game activity is confined to the application site in the interests of neighbouring amenity;

(9) that prior to work commencing on the construction of the facility hereby permitted, a management plan in respect of operation of the facility, including booking arrangements and means of entry control, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The facility shall, thereafter, operate in accordance with the approved management plan, to help ensure controlled operation of the facility in the interests of nearby residential amenity; and

(10) that hoods shall be fitted on all floodlights to minimise light overspill and glare. Full details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority and the approved hoods fitted, all before the floodlighting is brought into use, to minimise light overspill and glare, in the interests of residential amenity.

The Head of Regeneration & Planning returned to the meeting following consideration of this item of business.

**(c) Formation of sculpture, plinth and wall:
Fore Street, Port Glasgow (10/0107/IC)**

Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest in this matter and the following six agenda items 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.

**(d) Alterations to existing shop front:
8 John Wood Street, Port Glasgow (10/0190/IC)**

Councillor Wilson's declaration of a non-financial interest in this matter as a member of the Board of Riverside Inverclyde was noted.

Decided: that planning permission be granted.

**(e) Alterations to existing shopfront:
2-4 Bay Street, Port Glasgow (10/0189/IC)**

Councillor Wilson's declaration of a non-financial interest in this matter as a member of the Board of Riverside Inverclyde was noted.

Decided: that planning permission be granted.

**(f) Installation of replacement security gate within doorway:
Aitkens Ironmongers, 43 Cathcart Street, Greenock (10/0157/IC)**

Councillor Wilson's declaration of a non-financial interest in this matter as a member of the Board of Riverside Inverclyde was noted.

Decided: that planning permission be granted.

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**(g) Erection of sculpture and plinth:
Junction of West Blackhall Street and Dalrymple Street, Greenock (10/0139/IC)**

Councillor Wilson's declaration of a non-financial interest in this matter as a member of the Board of Riverside Inverclyde was noted.

Decided: that planning permission be granted.

**(h) Erection of granite clad plinth and sculpture:
Cathcart Street, Greenock (10/0185/IC)**

Councillor Wilson's declaration of a non-financial interest in this matter as a member of the Board of Riverside Inverclyde was noted.

Decided: that planning permission be granted.

**(i) Proposed "pocket park" feature paved area:
Junction of Kempock Street and Station Road, Gourock (10/0111/IC)**

Councillor Wilson's declaration of a non-financial interest in this matter as a member of the Board of Riverside Inverclyde was noted.

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the condition that no development shall commence until details of surface water disposal have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, in the interests of road safety on Kempock Street and Station Road.

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

**(j) Erection of external bin enclosure:
30 Regent Street, Greenock (10/0133/IC)**

Decided: that planning permission be granted.

**(k) Change of use and extension of former anti-aircraft operations room to form a single dwelling:
Former HMS Dalriada, Langhouse Road, Inverkip (10/0117/IC)**

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

(1) that no development shall commence until samples of all external materials have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority; development thereafter shall proceed utilising the approved materials unless the Planning Authority gives its prior written approval to any alternatives, to ensure a choice of materials sympathetic to the woodland setting in the countryside;

(2) that prior to work commencing tree protection measures shall be put in place in accordance with BS 5837-2005; the tree protection measures shall be retained in situ for the duration of the site works, to protect the woodland setting of the development;

(3) that prior to the start of development, details of a survey for the presence of Japanese Knotweed shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority and that, for the avoidance of doubt, this shall contain a methodology and treatment statement where any is found. Development shall not proceed until treatment is

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completed as per the methodology and treatment statement. Any variation to the treatment methodologies will require subsequent approval by the Planning Authority prior to development starting on site, to help arrest the spread of Japanese Knotweed in the interests of environmental protection;

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

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

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

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

410 PLANNING APPEAL - PORT GLASGOW ROAD, KILMACOLM

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning advising that following the decision of the Board at the meeting held on 3 February 2010 to refuse planning permission for the erection of a bungalow at Port Glasgow Road, Kilmacolm (09/0360/IC) and the subsequent appeal by the applicant to the Scottish Government against that refusal, the Reporter appointed by the Scottish Government had issued his decision which was to dismiss the appeal.

Noted

LOCAL REVIEW BODY - 4 AUGUST 2010

Local Review Body

Wednesday 4 August 2010 at 4 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Legal Services Manager (Conveyancing & Planning), Legal Services Manager (Courts & Litigation), Ms V Pollock (Legal & Democratic Services) and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications & Public Affairs).

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

411 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 411

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

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

412 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW 412

**(a) Proposed change of use from Class 5 (General Industrial) to Class 11 (Assembly and Leisure):
Workshop 2, Faulds Park Road, Gourock (09/0377/IC)**

There were submitted papers relative to the request for review of the refusal of planning permission for the proposed change of use from Class 5 (General Industrial) to Class 11 (Assembly and Leisure) at Workshop 2, Faulds Park Road, Gourock (09/0377/IC).

After discussion, Councillor McCallum moved:-

- (1) that sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide matter without further procedure; and
- (2) that the appeal be upheld and that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-
 - (i) that the development to which this permission relates must be begun within 3 years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997; and
 - (ii) that the facility shall be closed by 11 pm every evening, in the interests of the amenity of adjacent residents.

As an amendment, Councillor Fyfe moved that consideration of the review of the refusal of planning permission be continued for further information from Riverside Inverclyde, Scottish Enterprise and other relevant sources on recent business interest in the premises.

On a vote, 3 Members voted for the amendment and 6 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided:

- (1) that sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to

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decide the matter without further procedure; and

(2) that the appeal be upheld and that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

(i) that the development to which this permission relates must be begun within 3 years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997; and

(ii) that the facility shall be closed by 11 pm every evening, in the interests of the amenity of adjacent residents.

Councillor Fyfe left the meeting following consideration of this item of business.

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

There were submitted papers relative to the request for review of the refusal of planning permission for the erection of 3 dwellinghouses with 3-car internal garages at the disused quarry, Port Glasgow Road, Kilmacolm (09/0409/IC).

Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest in this matter having previously met the applicant. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision making process.

Councillor Fyfe returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business.

After discussion, Councillor Brooks moved that consideration of the request for review of the refusal of planning permission be continued for an accompanied site visit. As an amendment, Councillor Fyfe moved that sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to determine the application and that the matter be determined without further procedure. On a vote, 4 Members voted for the amendment and 5 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that consideration of the request for review of the refusal of planning permission be continued for an accompanied site visit to be arranged by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 11 AUGUST 2010

General Purposes Board

Wednesday 11 August 2010 at 3 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Ahlfeld presided.

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

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

Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence were intimated to the Board on behalf of Councillors MacLeod and Moran.

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

413 Taxi Fares Review 2010

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services advising of the outcome of the informal consultation process for the annual review of taxi fares namely the proposals submitted by Inverclyde Taxis Ltd, ABC Taxis Inverclyde Ltd and Operators Liaison Group with comments from the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services on those proposals.

The Board heard Mr McNeilly who summarised the contents of the report and the relative correspondence.

Councillor Rebecchi moved that a 3% increase across all tariffs be applied. As an amendment Councillor McCallum moved that a 5% increase across all tariffs be applied. On a vote 2 Members voted for the motion and 5 for the amendment which was declared carried.

Councillor Rebecchi moved that there be no extra charge of £1 per passenger after the first four. As an amendment Councillor Dorrian moved that there be an extra charge of £1 per passenger after the first four. On a vote 2 Members voted for the amendment and 4 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that for the purpose of public consultation the Council's proposals for the review of taxi fares be as follows:-

- (1) a 5% increase across all tariffs to be achieved by a 5% reduction in yardage; and
- (2) on 25 December and 1 January a minimum charge of £5 be introduced.

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.

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- 414 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: John Neil 414**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for renewal of a taxi driver's licence by Mr Neil following receipt of a letter from the Chief Constable intimating that Mr Neil had failed to produce the paper counterpart of his driving licence.
Decided: that the application be refused.
- 415 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Rose Bentley 415**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for renewal of a taxi driver's licence by Ms Bentley following receipt of an observation from the Chief Constable intimating that Ms Bentley had failed to produce the paper counterpart of her driving licence.
 The Board heard Constable Gailey and Ms Bentley.
Decided: that the application be granted.
- 416 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Bernard Kevin Bain 416**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr Bain following receipt of an objection by the Chief Constable.
 The Board heard Constable Gailey and Mr Bain.
Decided:
- (1) that the application be granted for a period of 6 months;
 - (2) that within one month Mr Bain produce a letter from his own General Practitioner confirming that he is drug-free; and
 - (3) that should the letter not be produced within one month the licence should be revoked.
- 417 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: William McKeeman 417**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr McKeeman following receipt of an objection by the Chief Constable.
 The Board heard Constable Gailey and Mr McKeeman.
Decided: that the application be granted for a period of 6 months.
- 418 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: David Canney 418**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr Canney following receipt of an observation by the Chief Constable.
Decided: that the application be refused.
- 419 Application for Street Trader's Licence: James Hagen, Bay Street, Port Glasgow 419**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for renewal of Street Trader's Licence by Mr James Hagen permitting him to operate a snack van to be located in Bay Street, Port Glasgow between the hours of 7 am and 5 pm on Mondays to Sundays following receipt of an objection by the Chief Constable and a recommendation from the Head of Environmental & Commercial

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Services that the licence should continue to be subject to annual review.

Mr McNeilly advised the Board that Mr Hagen was unable to attend.

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

**APPOINTMENT PANEL - HEAD OF EDUCATIONAL PLANNING & CULTURE
16 AUGUST 2010**

Appointment Panel - Head of Educational Planning & Culture

Monday 16 August 2010 - 9.00 am

Present: Councillors K Brooks, J Clocherty and I McKenzie, Mr J Mundell, Chief Executive, Mr A Henderson, Corporate Director Education & Communities and Mr R Murphy, Corporate Director CHCP.

Chair: Mr Mundell presided.

In attendance: Mr D Parr, Ms M Allan and Ms B McQuarrie (Advisers to the Panel).

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.

420 Appointment of Head of Educational Planning & Culture

420

The Panel interviewed four candidates and agreed to appoint Ms Angela Edwards to the post of Head of Educational Planning & Culture, all as detailed in the appendix.

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 17 AUGUST 2010

Policy & Resources Committee

Tuesday 17 August 2010 at 3 pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Community Health & Care Partnership, Corporate Director Education & Communities, Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance, Head of Customer Service & Business Transformation, Legal Services Manager (Conveyancing & Planning), Legal Services Manager (Procurement & Administration), Mr W Rice (Safer & Inclusive Communities) and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

421 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 421

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

Councillors Blair, Clocherty and Nelson declared interests in Agenda Items 6 (Support for Owners Fund 2009/10) and 12 (River Clyde Homes - Managed ICT Services).

422 Procurement Update 422

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing an update on the progress with procurement since the Corporate Procurement Manager came into post in late May 2010 and in particular focusing on the progress being made against the Strategic Procurement Framework and the savings being made largely as a result of collaborative contracts with Scotland Excel and Procurement Scotland.

Decided: that the Committee note the good progress made in recent months and that updates on the implementation of the Strategic Procurement Framework and procurement savings will be submitted as required.

423 Treasury Management - Annual Report 2009/10 423

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the operation of the treasury function and its activities for 2009/10 as required under the terms of Treasury Management Practice 6 ("TMP6") on "Reporting Requirements and Management Information Arrangements".

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the contents of the annual report on Treasury Management for 2009/10 and the ongoing work to ensure the delivery of financial benefits for the Council;

(2) that, in line with new Scottish Government regulations, the annual report be submitted to The Inverclyde Council for consideration; and

(3) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to staff within Finance Services

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for the results achieved.

424 2009/10 Efficiency Statement

424

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer requesting the Committee to note the Council's 2009/10 Efficiency Statement and to approve its onward transmission to COSLA.

Decided: that the Committee note the 2009/10 Efficiency Statement for Inverclyde Council and approve its onward transmission to COSLA.

425 Proposed Revision to the 2010/11 Revenue Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy

425

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) seeking approval to implement savings during the current financial year to counteract the impact of recent funding cuts announced by the incoming Westminster Government and (2) providing the Committee with an update on the medium term revenue position from that approved by the Council in June 2010.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note and approve the latest medium term revenue financial strategy position shown in Appendix 1 to the report;

(2) that the Committee note the key findings of the Independent Review of the Scottish Budget;

(3) that the Committee approve the mid-year savings proposals for 2010/11 as detailed in Appendix 2;

(4) that the Committee approve the proposals contained in Appendix 3 to generate a significant one-off earmarked reserve for the funding of voluntary severance/early retiral;

(5) that the Committee note the progress in respect of the savings workstreams and approve the proposals for keeping the Committee informed of progress;

(6) that the Committee agree that officers work towards developing a 2011/13 Revenue Budget to be approved by The Inverclyde Council in February 2011 and note the high level timetable;

(7) that the Committee note the need to review the 2010/14 Capital Programme and that proposals in this regard will be submitted to the Committee as part of the budget process; and

(8) that the Committee approve the increase in relevant Fees and Charges from 1 January 2011 to reflect the Government's increase in the level of VAT.

426 Support for Owners Fund 2009/10

426

There were submitted (1) a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on a request from Councillor Fyfe that details be provided of the meeting held between the Housing Minister and a delegation of Members and Officers from Inverclyde Council to discuss, amongst other subjects, the removal of the annuality rule in respect of the Support for Owners Fund following the retention of monies by the Scottish Government in 2009/10, (2) a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the result of the meeting with the Housing Minister and (3) a report to be submitted to the Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee on 31 August 2010 on the distribution of the 2009/10 Support for Owners Fund, the current position of the 2010/11 Fund and the projected position for 2011/12.

Councillors Blair, Clocherty and Nelson declared non-financial interests in this matter as Members of the Board of River Clyde Homes. They also formed the view that the nature

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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 note the current position in respect of the Support for Owners Fund; and
- (2) that the matter be referred for consideration by the Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee at its meeting on 31 August 2010.

427 Corporate Area Renewal Strategy Group

427

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval for the incorporation of the Corporate Area Renewal Strategy Group (the CARS Group) into the SOA(2) Social Regeneration and Area Renewal Group to reflect changes arising from the restructuring of Council services.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the incorporation of the Corporate Area Renewal Strategy Group into the SOA(2) Group;
- (2) that representatives of the Scottish Government Housing Investment Division be invited to join the SOA(2) Group;
- (3) that the Committee acknowledge the work undertaken by the CARS Group to date;
- (4) that approval be given to the SOA(2) Group taking on responsibility for:
 - (a) overseeing and reporting on progress of the implementation of the Area Renewal Fund; and
 - (b) consultation with the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on Area Renewal Fund proposals which should be in line with the Council's corporate priorities prior to submission to the Regeneration Committee for consideration and final approval; and
- (5) that the arrangements for administration and disbursement of the £750,000 Community Facilities Fund which was approved in February 2010 be the subject of a separate report to the Regeneration Committee.

428 Approval to Advertise a Contract on Procurement Scotland's National Advertising Portal

428

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities seeking approval, in accordance with Standing Order 6.1 of the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts, to advertise a contract for the internal design and fit out for the new Kilmacolm Library on the national advertising portal established by the Scottish Procurement Directorate's National Centre of Expertise (Procurement Scotland).

Decided: that approval be given to advertise the contract on the basis outlined in the report.

429 Procurement of Consultancy Advice - Homologation of Decision Relating to Recruitment

429

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance requesting the Committee to homologate decisions taken to procure consultancy advice in relation to the recruiting of certain Chief Officer positions.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee homologate the procurement of consultancy advice in relation to the recruitment of Chief Officer positions notwithstanding the terms of the Standing

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Orders relating to Contracts;

(2) that approval be given to the utilisation of the National Procurement Framework being established by the Scottish Government in relation to the procurement of consultancy advice in future recruitment exercises;

(3) that the funding route for the projected cost of £11,083 be noted; and

(4) that it be noted that the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance will be undertaking a survey of Elected Members and appropriate Officers to ascertain their views on the effectiveness of conducting psychometric testing as part of the recruitment process for Chief Officer posts.

430 Establishment of the Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership (ICHCP)

430

It was noted that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda and would be the subject of a report to the meeting of the Health & Social Care Committee to be held on 26 August 2010.

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)
Permission to Issue Tenders to Specialist Contractors not on Standing Restricted List - Diversion of Water Main at Overton Primary School - Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive	6 and 8
Permission to Issue Tenders to Specialist Contractors not on Standing Restricted List - Removals and Decants - Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive	6 and 8
River Clyde Homes - Managed ICT Services	10
Proposed HM Prison	6, 8 and 9
Voluntary Severance Trawls and Releases to Date	1
Additional Item: Commissioning Consultant Support	1

431 Permission to Issue Tenders to Specialist Contractors not on Standing Restricted List - Diversion of Water Main at Overton Primary School - Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive

431

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to issue tenders for the diversion of a water mains at Overton Primary School, Greenock to specialist contractors not on the Standing Restricted List.

Noted

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- 432 Permission to Issue Tenders to Specialist Contractors not on Standing Restricted List - Removals and Decants - Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive 432**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to issue tenders for various removals and decants to specialist contractors not on the Standing Restricted List.
- Noted**
- 433 River Clyde Homes - Managed ICT Services 433**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources seeking approval to homologate action taken in connection with River Clyde Homes' Managed ICT Services contract which was agreed, all as detailed in the appendix.
- Councillors Blair, Clocherty and Nelson declared non-financial interests in this matter as Members of the Board of River Clyde Homes. 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.
- 434 Proposed HM Prison 434**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) requesting the Committee to consider land transfer arrangements which are essential for the Scottish Prison Service commitments to the relocation of Greenock Prison to the new site at Glenburn School and the former Greenock High School and (2) seeking approval for the disposal of the site which was agreed, all as detailed in the appendix.
- 435 Voluntary Severance Trawls and Releases to Date 435**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance providing an update on the release of employees under the delegated authority granted to the Chief Executive.
- Decided:** that the Committee note that 22 employees have been released by the Chief Executive since 30 March 2010 under the Scheme of Delegation granted to him.
- The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Committee, if in agreement, to authorise the procurement and appointment of consultant support at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.**
- 436 Commissioning Consultant Support 436**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking authority to procure and appoint consultant support to deliver the commissioning model as developed and implemented for the Fairer Scotland Fund.
- Decided:** that delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to advertise for consultant support on the Public Contracts Scotland advertising portal and then to appoint suitable consultants to provide appropriate support to delivery the commissioning model.

**APPOINTMENT PANEL - HEAD OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
24 AUGUST 2010**

Appointment Panel - Head of Children & Families and Criminal Justice

Tuesday 24 August 2010 - 9.30 am

Present: Mr K Dalglish, Munro Consulting, Mr J Mundell, Chief Executive, Inverclyde Council, Councillor J McIlwee, Mr R Murphy, Corporate Director CHCP, Mr D Leese, Director, Renfrew CHP.

Chair: Mr Dalglish presided.

In attendance: Ms S Hague, Garth Associates and Mr A Moore, HR Adviser.

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.

437 Appointment of Head of Children & Families and Criminal Justice

437

The Panel interviewed 3 candidates and agreed to appoint Ms Sharon McAlees to the post of Head of Children & Families and Criminal Justice, all as detailed in the appendix.

AUDIT COMMITTEE - 24 AUGUST 2010

Audit Committee

Tuesday 24 August 2010 at 3 pm

Present: Provost McCormick, Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair, Brooks, McKenzie (for Clocherty), Dorrian, Fyfe, Loughran, McCallum and Nelson.

Chair: Councillor Blair presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources, Chief Internal Auditor, Ms J Buchanan (for Chief Financial Officer) and Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services).

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

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

438 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 438

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Clocherty and MacLeod with Councillor McKenzie substituting for Councillor Clocherty.

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

439 Risk Management Progress Report 439

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment updating Members on the progress made with regard to risk management since the meeting of the Committee on 27 April 2010.

Noted

440 External Audit Progress Report 440

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment presenting to Members the reports produced by Audit Scotland since the last meeting of the Committee.

Councillors Loughran and McKenzie left the meeting during consideration of this item of business.

Decided:

- (1) that the case study referred to in the National Fraud Initiative in Scotland (May 2010) report be noted;
- (2) that it be noted that the Committee will receive a report from Audit Scotland on the Members' letter which will address any issues specific to Inverclyde around October 2010; and
- (3) that all matters raised in the reports be noted.

441 External Audit Action Plan - Outstanding Actions 441

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

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advising Members of the outstanding actions from External Audit Action Plans at 30 June 2010.

Decided: that the progress to date be noted.

442 Internal Audit Progress Report - 4 April to 30 July 2010 442

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment presenting to Members the monitoring report of Internal Audit activity from 4 April to 30 July 2010.

Decided: that the progress made by Internal Audit during the reporting period be noted.

443 Annual Review of Risk Management Accounts 2009/10 443

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising Members on progress made in 2009/10 in developing and monitoring a strategic approach to managing risks faced by the Council.

Decided: that the progress made in 2009/10 in developing, implementing and monitoring a coherent, corporate approach to managing risks faced by the Council, and the actions required to maintain this level of progress during 2010/11 be noted.

444 Internal Audit Annual Report and Assurance Statement 2009/10 444

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment presenting to Members the Internal Audit Annual Report and Assurance Statement for 2009/10 which forms part of the Council's Statement on the System of Internal Financial Control.

Noted

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE - 26 AUGUST 2010

Health & Social Care Committee

Thursday 26 August 2010 at 3.00 pm

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

Present also: Councillor Blair.

Chair: Councillor McIlwee presided.

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

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

Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors MacLeod and Grieve.

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

445 Establishment of the Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership (ICHCP)

445

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership outlining the proposed Scheme of Establishment (SoE) for the implementation of the Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership (ICHCP), which puts in place the governance arrangements between the Council and NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health Board, and seeking approval for the implementation of the SoE and therefore the establishment of the enhanced partnership.

Prior to consideration of the item the Committee heard a presentation by the Chief Executive and Corporate Director Community Health & Care Partnership relative to the establishment of the ICHCP and both Officers answered questions from Members.

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

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the Scheme of Establishment and submit the proposals to the full Council for approval;
- (2) that agreement be given to the establishment of a Sub-Committee and that authority be delegated to the Sub-Committee to oversee the Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership including, therein, the operation of the Scheme of Establishment, subject to the Council approving the Scheme of Establishment; and
- (3) that the Committee note that the Chair of the Sub-Committee is the Convener of the Health & Social Care Committee and, having due regard to para 5.4 of the Council's Scheme of Administration (Political Balance), appoint Councillors McIlwee (as Convener of the Health & Social Care Committee), McCabe, Dorrian, MacLeod and Fyfe to the Sub-Committee.

446 Self Directed Support (Scotland) Bill

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Members heard a presentation by Ms Iseabail Howat (Service Manager, Social Work Services), on the Self Directed Support (Scotland) Bill.

Mrs Howat then answered a number of questions from Members.

Noted

447 Capital Programme 2009/14 - Progress 447

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership and the Chief Financial Officer (1) updating the Committee in respect of the status of the project forming the Health & Social Care Capital Programme and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.

Noted

448 Revenue Budget 2010/11 - Period 3 448

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership and the Chief Financial Officer advising Members of the 2009/10 out-turn subject to audit and the 2010/11 Revenue Budget position at Period 3 to 30 June 2010.

Decided:

(1) that the out-turn for 2009/10 and the current projected overspend for 2010/11 of £170,000 as at 30 June 2010 be noted; and

(2) that the Committee note that officers are reviewing budgets to ensure that the £170,000 overspend is addressed by the next meeting of the Committee.

449 Social Work Services Performance Report 449

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership advising Members (1) of progress made by Social Work Services in monitoring its Key Performance Indicators, as set out in the Education & Social Care Directorate Plan for 2009/11 and (2) that Social Work Services has identified new priorities for 2010 - 2011 as part of the corporate re-structuring process and that the Committee will be apprised of these within a separate report.

Decided: that it be noted that further reports on the performance of Social Work Services will be presented to future meetings of the Committee.

Councillor Ahlfeld left the meeting following consideration of this item of business.

450 Social Work Services Complaints Procedures - Annual Report 2009-10 450

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership advising the Committee of the annual performance of Social Work Services in respect of the statutory procedures, as determined by the Scottish Executive Guidance and Directions on the Operation of Complaints Procedures in respect of the Social Work Function (SWSG5/1996).

Decided: that the Committee note the annual performance of Social Work Services in respect of the Statutory Complaints Procedure (2009/10).

451 Social Work Services Authorised Providers List - Annual Report 451

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership advising Members of the amendments to the Social Work Services Authorised Providers List in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders, Rules of Procedure and Contracts for Procurement of Social Care Services, Rule 2.2.

Noted

452 Choose Life - Inverclyde Progress Report 2009/10 452

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership updating the Committee on the local implementation and development for the "Choose Life" Initiative.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress to date;
- (2) that the Committee endorse the local approach to the National Suicide Prevention Strategy and support its continuing developments;
- (3) that the Committee commend the Choose Life Co-ordinator and Development Group in their work attributed to the receiving of an 'Association for Public Service Excellence' Award (September 2009) through development of a successful, collaborative partnership approach to suicide prevention and mental health improvements; and
- (4) that the Committee agree to accept further annual reports at this time of year.

453 Community Health & Care Directorate Plan 2010-11 453

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership presenting to Members the Community Health & Care Directorate Plan in accordance with the new Corporate Directorate Planning Guidance, March 2010.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the Community Health & Care Directorate Plan 2010-11;
- (2) that the Committee agree the strategic and business priorities for the current financial year; and
- (3) that the Committee agree the process of developing a fully integrated and strategic plan for the new organisation for 2011 - 2014.

454 Scotland's National Dementia Strategy 454

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership informing the Committee (1) of the content of 'Scotland's National Dementia Strategy' which was published by the Scottish Government in June 2010 and (2) of plans to take forward the required actions contained within the strategy.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the objectives of the strategy, priority areas of work and of the intention to submit a further report outlining an action plan and work being undertaken to implement the strategy locally; and
- (2) that the Committee note that the Inverclyde Partnership has submitted an initial expression of interest to become the National Dementia Redesign Demonstrator Site.

455 Telecare Development Programme 455

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health &

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Care Partnership updating Members on the progress and future plans for the Telecare Development Programme in Inverclyde.

Decided: that the Committee note the progress and support and promote further mainstreaming of telecare/telehealth at local partnership level, within the policy context of shifting the balance of care, supporting carers and reporting the delivery of the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA).

456 Delayed Discharge 456

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership updating Members on the current position regarding people who have had their discharge from hospital delayed after they are considered clinically fit for discharge.

Decided: that the Committee note the trends and issues raised regarding hospital discharges and support this area of work as a key priority.

457 HMIe Inspection of Services to Protect Children 457

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership updating Members on the arrangements for the HMIe Inspection of Services to Protect Children which will take place in October and November of this year.

Noted

458 Inverclyde Joint Care Board - Minute of Meeting of 17 February 2010 458

There was submitted minute of the meeting of the Inverclyde Joint Care Board of 17 February 2010.

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

459 Annual Report - Contracts Relating to the Provision of Social Care Services 459

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership providing Members with the Annual Report relating to Social Work Services contractual position for the period 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010.

Noted

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 agreed in the Stock Transfer Agreement of December 2007.</p> | |

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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.

472 Waste Management Contract**472**

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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.

476 Scottish Ferries Review - Consultation Document 476

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

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(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 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

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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.

PLANNING BOARD - 1 SEPTEMBER 2010

Planning Board

Wednesday 1 September 2010 at 3 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Head of Regeneration & Planning, Development & Building Standards Manager, Mr D Greenslade (for Head of Environmental & Commercial Services), Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services) and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

482 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 492

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

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

483 PLANNING APPLICATION 483

**Refurbishment and extension:
Overton Primary School, Drumfrochar Road, Greenock (10/0215/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning on an application by Inverclyde Council for refurbishment and extension of Overton Primary School, Drumfrochar Road, Greenock (10/0215/IC).

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

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

- (1) that a visibility splay of 2.5 metres by 35 metres by 1.05 metres high shall be provided at the vehicular entrance to the school before the extension hereby permitted is brought into use, in the interests of vehicular and pedestrian safety;
- (2) that the scrub areas within and adjacent to the application site shall not be disturbed between mid-March and mid-August, in the interests of the preservation of ecology;
- (3) that the car parking spaces hereby permitted shall be marked out and surfaced prior to the extension hereby permitted being brought into use, to ensure the provision of parking spaces within the site in the interests of road safety;
- (4) that prior to the start of development, details of a survey for the presence of Japanese Knotweed shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority and that, for the avoidance of doubt, this shall contain a methodology and treatment statement where any is found. Development shall not proceed until treatment is completed as per the methodology and treatment statement. Any variation to the treatment methodologies will require subsequent approval by the Planning Authority prior to development starting on site, to help arrest the spread of Japanese Knotweed in the interests of environmental protection;

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

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

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

(8) that no material shall be imported onto the site for landscaping or infill until written details of the source and intended use of the materials have been submitted for approval, in writing by the Planning Authority. The report shall characterise the chemical quality (including soil-leachate and organic content etc), volume and source of the imported materials with corresponding cross-sections and plans indicating spatial distribution and depth/thickness of material placement within the development site, to protect receptors from the harmful effects of imported contamination.

LOCAL REVIEW BODY - 1 SEPTEMBER 2010

Local Review Body

Wednesday 1 September 2010 at 4 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Legal Services Manager (Conveyancing & Planning), Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services) and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

484 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 484

No apologies for absence were intimated and there were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

485 PLANNING APPLICATION FOR REVIEW 485

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

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review of the refusal of planning permission for the erection of 3 dwellinghouses with 3-car internal garages at the disused quarry, Port Glasgow Road, Kilmacolm (09/0409/IC), consideration of which had been continued from the meeting held on 4 August 2010 for a site visit.

Decided:

- (1) that sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and
- (2) that the application for review be dismissed and that planning permission be refused (upholding the appointed officer's determination) for reason 1 given in the Report of Handling, namely that the proposal fails to provide a justification for development in the Green Belt against the criteria in Policies DS10 and H4 and, as such, is contrary to Policy DS8 of the Inverclyde Local Plan.

REGENERATION COMMITTEE - 2 SEPTEMBER 2010

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

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

Decided:

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- (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**500**

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

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 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

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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 Cartsydyke Tenants' Hall, Greenock - Proposed Demolition 503**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval to declare Cartsydyke 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 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**

EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE - 7 SEPTEMBER 2010

Education and Lifelong Learning Committee

Tuesday 7 September 2010 at 4.00 pm

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

Chair: Councillor McKenzie presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education & Communities, Ms E Hamilton, Acting Head of Service, Ms M Paterson (Education & Communities), Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Mr I Cameron (for Chief Financial Officer) and Mr A Gerrard, Acting Joint Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management.

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

508 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

508

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Provost McCormick and Councillors Blair, Grieve and Fyfe with Councillor MacLeod substituting for Councillor Grieve and Councillor Rebecchi for Councillor Fyfe.

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

509 HMle Report on Sacred Heart Primary School

509

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the results of the HMle external evaluation of Sacred Heart Primary School. The report advised that of the Indicators of Quality, 4 had been evaluated as "very good" and 1 as "excellent".

Ms Sally Peel, Acting Head Teacher, was present with two pupils of the school and Ms Peel addressed the Committee relative to the evaluation report.

Decided:

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

510 HMle Report on St Stephen's High School

510

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the results of the HMle external evaluation of St Stephen's High School. The report advised that of the Indicators of Quality, 4 had been evaluated as "good" and 1 as "very good". Mr Stephen Parsons, Head Teacher, was present with the Head Boy and Head Girl of the school and all three addressed the Committee relative to the evaluation report.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee endorse the comments made following the HMle external evaluation of St Stephen's High School; and

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(2) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all staff and pupils for the work undertaken to achieve the evaluation.

511 Update on Progress with the Implementation of Curriculum for Excellence 511

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities providing information on the progress being made with the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence.

The Committee heard a presentation by Ms Fiona Craig, Depute Head Teacher of Port Glasgow High School on the subject department approach to the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence and she answered a number of questions from Members.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the very good progress being made with the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence in Inverclyde; and

(2) that arrangements be made for a presentation to the LNCT by the Implementation Strategy Group on the progress to date, current developments and future proposals in relation to Curriculum for Excellence and that this also include the presentation made by Ms Craig.

512 Education & Lifelong Learning 2010/11 Revenue Budget - Period 3 512

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Director Education & Communities on (1) the 2009/10 final out-turn and (2) the 2010/11 Revenue Budget as at Period 3 (30 June 2010) which currently projected an overspend of £27,000.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the final out-turn for 2009/10 and the current projected overspend of £27,000 for 2010/11 as at 30 June 2010; and

(2) that the Committee approve the virement totalling £50,000 as detailed in appendix 4 to the report.

513 Capital Programme 2010/13 - Progress Report 513

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities and Chief Financial Officer on the progress of the Capital Programme 2010/13.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the progress of the specific projects detailed in appendix 1 to the report;

(2) that approval be given to the issue of tender documents for the Binnie Street Nursery project and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the lowest acceptable tender for the works provided that this is within the approved project budget; and

(3) that approval be given to the addition of the Lady Alice Primary School rewiring project to the Capital Programme and for the invitation of tenders for the works.

514 Education & Communities Directorate Plan 2010/11 514

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities appending the revised Education & Communities Directorate Plan for 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 Education & Lifelong Learning Committee.

Noted

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- 515 Review of School Estate Funding Model 2010 515**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities and Chief Financial Officer (1) on the current position of the School Estate Funding Model and (2) seeking approval of the revised model.
(Councillor Osborne left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee approve the revised School Estate Funding Model 2010 as detailed in the report; and
(2) that it be agreed that the order of primary schools in the programme be determined primarily by condition and suitability ratings, that a prioritised schedule be developed and submitted for approval by the Committee in mid 2012 and that a review of the schedule be undertaken every 3 years thereafter throughout the life of the programme.
- 516 School Estate Management Plan 2010 and Core Facts Submission 516**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities providing an update on the School Estate Management Plan and the Core Facts return for 2010.
- Noted**
- 517 Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) Academic Year 2010/11 517**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities advising of changes made by the Scottish Government to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) Scheme.
(Father McMahon left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
- Noted**
- 518 Update on Inverclyde - Malawi School Links 518**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities providing an update on progress made in relation to Inverclyde-Malawi school links.
- Noted**
- 519 School Term Dates - Session 2011/2012 519**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities seeking approval of the school term dates for session 2011/2012.
- Decided:** that approval be given to the school term dates for 2011/2012 as set out in appendix 1 to the report.
- 520 SEEMIS Transfer to a Limited Liability Partnership 520**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities seeking approval for Inverclyde Council to become a partner in the SEEMIS (Strathclyde Educational Establishments Management Information System) Limited Liability Partnership.
- Decided:**
- (1) that approval be given for Inverclyde Council to join the Limited Liability

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Partnership as a partner;

(2) that the current financial contribution from Inverclyde Council to SEEMIS be consistent with future payments to the Limited Liability Partnership; and

(3) that the current pension commitments of SEEMIS staff be shared by partners of the Limited Liability Partnership proportionate with the level of annual membership contribution.

521 Community Learning and Development Annual Report 2009-10

521

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the Annual Report for the Community Learning & Development Partnership, focusing particularly on the achievements and future priorities of the Adult Learning and Literacies, Community Work and Youth Work teams.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the annual report of the Inverclyde Community Learning and Development Partnership; and

(2) that the Committee endorse the priorities for the work of the Adult Learning and Literacies, Community Work and Youth Work teams.

522 St Stephen's Enterprise Centre

522

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) providing an update on the work of the St Stephen's Enterprise Centre and (2) advising of planned developments for the future.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the progress made at St Stephen's Enterprise Centre; and

(2) that the proposals for shaping the future work of the Centre be noted.

**523 Determined to Succeed (DTS)
Inverclyde Report to Scottish Government**

523

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities appending the report sent recently to the Scottish Government detailing the progress, development and successes of the Early Years Determined to Succeed/Enterprise Agenda across Inverclyde schools and Early Years establishments.

Decided: that the Committee note the progress made, new developments in and successes associated with work on the Determined to Succeed/Enterprise Agenda.

524 Curriculum Delivery at Clydeview Academy - Update

524

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities providing an update on the progress with the curriculum delivery exercise and the production of the mock timetable for Clydeview Academy in its first two years when the school is over capacity.

Decided: that the Committee note the progress of the curriculum delivery exercise demonstrated by the production of a fully deliverable mock timetable and accompanying option choice sheets, detailed in appendices 1 and 2 respectively.

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 items on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of

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exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6 and 8 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

525 Use of Suppliers for Unique Services to Education

525

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities seeking approval to procure the services of various companies which provide unique programmes utilised by the Education Service.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the use in 2010/11 of the various suppliers detailed in appendix 1 to the report; and
- (2) that it be noted that a report seeking permission for the use of unique suppliers will be submitted to the Committee on an annual basis.

526 School Transport Contracts (Mainstream) - Tenders for Contracts 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14 - Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive

526

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to accept tenders for mainstream school transport contracts due for renewal from the start of school session 2010/11 as detailed in appendix 1 to the report.

Noted

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 8 SEPTEMBER 2010

General Purposes BoardWednesday 8 September 2010 at 3.30 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair (for Fyfe), Brooks, Dorrian, McCallum, McIlwee and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor Ahlfeld presided.

In attendance: Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services).

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

527 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

527

Apologies for absence were intimated to the Board on behalf of Councillors Fyfe and MacLeod with Councillor Blair substituting for Councillor Fyfe.

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

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item 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.

528 Application for Street Trader's Licence: James Hagen, Bay Street, Port Glasgow

528

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on a renewal application for a Street Trader's Licence by Mr James Hagen following receipt of a police objection. The Board heard Inspector Ian Greer of Strathclyde Police in support of the objection and Mr Hagen in support of his application.

Decided: that the application be granted for three years with conditions as per existing licence including annual review of site location with Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and Head of Regeneration & Planning. It was also agreed that the licence shall be subject to an additional condition of six months review with Strathclyde Police.

**APPOINTMENT PANEL - HEAD OF PROPERTY ASSETS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT -
10 SEPTEMBER 2010**

Appointment Panel - Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management

Friday 10 September 2010 at 9.30 am

Present: Councillors R Ahlfeld, K Brooks and J Clocherty, Mr J Mundell, Chief Executive, Mr A Fawcett, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment and Mr P Wallace, Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources.

Present also: Ms B McQuarrie and Mr A Wilson (Advisers to the Panel).

Chair: Mr Mundell 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.

529 Appointment of Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management

529

The Panel interviewed 3 candidates and agreed to appoint Mr Andrew Gerrard to the post of Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management, all as detailed in the appendix.

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 21 SEPTEMBER 2010

Policy & Resources Committee

Tuesday 21 September 2010 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors Blair, Brooks, Clocherty, Fyfe, McCabe, McIlwee, McKenzie, Moran, Nelson and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Community Health & Care Partnership, Corporate Director Education & Communities, Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Ms J Buchanan (for Chief Financial Officer), Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance, Head of Customer Service & Business Transformation, Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management, Revenues & Benefits Manager, Legal Services Manager (Procurement & Administration) and Corporate Communications Manager.

Prior to commencement of business, Councillor McCabe referred to the recent death of Mr Ian Wilson, former Town Chamberlain of Greenock Corporation and the first Chief Executive of Inverclyde District Council. Both Councillor McCabe and Councillor Blair paid tribute to Mr Wilson's contribution to local government in the area and the Convener, on behalf of the Committee, asked that his condolences be extended to Mr Wilson's family.

530 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 530

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor MacLeod. Councillors Blair, Clocherty, McKenzie and Nelson declared interests in agenda item 3 (General Fund Revenue Budget 2010/11 - Period 4).

531 Policy & Resources Committee 2010/11 Revenue Budget - Period 4 531

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment and Chief Financial Officer on (1) the 2009/10 out-turn and (2) the 2010/11 Revenue Budget position for the Policy & Resources Committee as at Period 4 (31 July 2010) which projected, excluding Earmarked Reserves, an underspend of £361,000.

Decided: that the Committee note the out-turn for 2009/10 and the current projected underspend for 2010/11 of £361,000 as at 31 July 2010.

532 General Fund Revenue Budget 2010/11 - Period 4 532

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the position of the 2010/11 General Fund Revenue Budget as at 31 July 2010 and (2) providing an update in respect of Earmarked Reserves, the General Fund Reserve and the Savings Workstreams.

There was circulated to the Committee appendix 6 to the report providing information on the Savings Workstreams.

Councillors Blair, Clocherty, McKenzie and Nelson declared non-financial interests in the item (relating to the Support for Owners Fund) as Members of the Board of River Clyde Homes. They also formed the view that the nature of their interest and of the item of

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business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision making process.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the information contained in appendices 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 of the report;
- (2) that the virement request totalling £203,000 detailed in appendix 4 be approved; and
- (3) that it be noted that the full impact of the previously approved mid year savings will be reflected in the next report to the Committee.

533 Capital Programme 2010/14

533

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the current position of the 2010/14 Capital Programme.

Decided:

- (1) that the current position of the 2010/14 Capital Programme be noted; and
- (2) that it be noted that Officers will develop proposals as part of the budget to be considered in February 2011 for the eventuality that Government Capital Support is reduced even further as part of the Comprehensive Spending Review.

534 Organisational Improvement & Resources Capital Programme 2010/11 - 2013/14 - Progress Report

534

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources and Chief Financial Officer (1) providing an update on the status of the projects forming the Organisational Improvement & Resources Capital Programme 2010/11 - 2013/14 and (2) highlighting the actual spend as at 31 July 2010.

Noted

535 Debt Recovery Performance 2009/10

535

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer advising of the Council's debt recovery performance during 2009/10 and of future plans in this regard.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the Council's good performance in the area of debt recovery in 2009/10; and
- (2) that it be agreed to take up the option of extending the current arrangement with Walker Love & Co, the Council's debt partners, for a further year to 31 March 2012.

536 Transformation Programme (Implementation of the Operating Model) - Progress Report

536

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources providing an update on progress with the implementation of the Operating Model.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the positive progress being made with the development and delivery of Phase 2 of the Operating Model; and
- (2) that the funding position of the Operating Model as detailed in appendices 2 and 3 of the report be noted.

537 Clyde Valley Review - Progress Report

537

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources providing an update on progress with the workstreams identified through the Clyde Valley Review.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress made with the workstreams identified through the Clyde Valley Review be noted; and
- (2) that it be agreed that further reports on progress be submitted to the Committee in due course.

Councillor Nelson left the meeting at this juncture.

538 Responding to the Economic Downturn - Progress Report

538

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources providing an update on how the Council is seeking to manage the impact of the economic downturn at a corporate and service level.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the progress made with regard to the action plan set out in appendix 1 to the report; and
- (2) that the Committee note the current position with regard to the indicators set out in appendix 2 which help assess the impact of the economic downturn on the Council and the area.

539 Strategic Planning and Performance Management Framework - Performance Reports

539

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources appending a number of performance reports including (a) a public performance report which highlights progress towards the delivery of the Council's Corporate Plan, (b) performance in relation to statutory and key performance indicators and (c) progress made on the Organisational Improvement Plan workstreams.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress reports appended to the report;
- (2) that it be agreed that the public performance report be published subject to validation of the performance indicators by Audit Scotland;
- (3) that it be agreed that the statutory performance indicators be published subject to validation by Audit Scotland; and
- (4) that it be agreed that a refreshed Organisational Improvement Plan be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

540 Inverclyde Single Outcome Agreement Annual Report 2009/10

540

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive appending the draft version of the Inverclyde Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) Annual Report 2009/10.

The Committee heard a presentation by the Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources on the SOA Report, including its strategic context, key achievements and proposals for future action.

Decided: that the Committee note the progress which has been made in the Single Outcome Agreement Annual Report 2009/10.

541 Results from Fifth Citizens' Panel Survey

541

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Organisational Improvement &

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Resources (1) providing an overview of the results from the fifth Citizens' Panel Survey which focused on Quality of Life issues and (2) giving details of how these results compare with those of the first Citizens' Panel Quality of Life Survey conducted in December 2007.

Decided:

- (1) that the report be noted; and
- (2) that it be agreed that the SOA Outcome Delivery Groups, Organisational Improvement Plan Reference Groups and, where appropriate, Services take the necessary action to address the issues arising from the Citizens' Panel Survey.

542 Comet Bicentenary Event in 2012

542

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) informing the Committee that the bicentenary of the paddle steamer (PS) Comet will be in 2012, (2) advising of the progress made by the multi-agency group established to celebrate the bicentenary of the launch of Henry Bell's Comet in 2012 and (3) requesting the Committee to determine whether the Council should mark the bicentenary.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the history of previous Comet ship celebrations as detailed in appendices 1-3 of the report;
- (2) that the progress made by the Comet Bicentennial Group be noted;
- (3) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Education & Communities to update the Committee on the progress of the Comet Bicentennial Group on a quarterly basis; and
- (4) that it be agreed that £10,000 be provided from the Common Good Fund to mark the occasion.

543 Proposed Welfare Reforms and Response to Consultation

543

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources informing the Committee of measures proposed by the UK Government to reform Housing and Council Tax Benefit and the likely impact on the Council and the communities of Inverclyde.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the impact which the proposed measures will have on Inverclyde Council in terms initially of communications with customers, landlords, staff training and IT system changes;
- (2) that the Committee acknowledge the wider impact on the community resulting from reduced levels of Housing Benefit income for claimants, the management of rent arrears by housing associations and private sector landlords and the pressures on Council services such as debt management, homelessness and social care as well as the profitability and subsequent availability of property provided by private landlords and the pressures which this may have on housing association stock; and
- (3) that it be noted that a corporate response will be made to the consultation paper "21st Century Welfare".

544 Efficiency Reviews - Facilities Management

544

It was noted that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda and would be the subject of a report to the next meeting of the Committee.

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- 545 Vehicle and Plant Replacement Programme - Request to Advertise on National Advertising Portal 545**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services seeking approval, in terms of Standing Order 6.1 of the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts, to advertise a number of contracts which are part of the Council's Vehicle Replacement Programme on the national advertising portal established by Procurement Scotland, subject to the suspension of Standing Order 5 of the Standing Orders relating to Contracts.
- Decided:** that subject to the suspension of Standing Order 5 of the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts, approval be given to advertise the various contracts detailed in paragraph 2.3 of the report on the national advertising portal.
- 546 Pay Award for Craft Operatives and Employees covered by the Single Status Agreement 546**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance requesting the Committee to agree the decision made by COSLA Council Leaders to impose a three year pay deal for craft operatives and employees who are covered by the Single Status Agreement.
- Decided:** that agreement be given to implement the three year pay award for craft operatives and employees covered by the Single Status Agreement as detailed in Personnel Services Circulars 03/10 and 04/10 appended to the report.
- 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 items on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6 and 8 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.**
- 547 Procurement of Citizens' Panel and Depopulation Baseline Position Statement 547**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources seeking approval to issue tenders to contractors not on the Standing Restricted List for (a) the procurement of Citizens' Panel Surveys and (b) a Depopulation Baseline Position Statement.
- Decided:** that approval be given for the issue of tenders for (a) Citizens' Panel Surveys and (b) a Depopulation Baseline Position Statement to the various contractors detailed in the report and delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources in consultation with the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept and award the tenders as appropriate.
- 548 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive 548**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive (1) to issue tenders to contractors not on the Standing Restricted List for the Maintenance of Fire Fighting Equipment Term Contract 2010/12 and (2) to approve a one year contract for the supply of water and waste water.
- Noted**

549 Office Rationalisation

549

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment and Chief Financial Officer seeking authority to progress a range of proposals in respect of office rationalisation works following further option appraisal work in the light of responses received from partner organisations and future financial challenges.

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

Decided:

- (1) that authority be given to progress and implement option 2 involving the conversion of the central library and other properties for office accommodation;
- (2) that approval be given to the revisions to the works to Greenock Municipal Buildings as detailed in paragraph 5.7 of the report;
- (3) that approval be given to the issue of tenders for (a) Greenock Municipal Buildings - Customer Service Centre Advance Works and (b) Greenock Municipal Buildings - Customer Service Centre and delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the lowest or most economically advantageous tender in each case in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts, Financial Regulations (26.5) and European Procurement Directives;
- (4) that it be agreed that the ownership of the former St Laurence's Primary School Building be returned to Education Services' portfolio;
- (5) that Wellington Academy be declared surplus to requirements and that a further report be submitted relating to the future use of the site; and
- (6) that it be noted that a strategy will be developed for the future use of redundant school sites and submitted for consideration in due course.

AUDIT COMMITTEE - 22 SEPTEMBER 2010

Audit Committee

Wednesday 22 September 2010 at 3 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Blair presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Chief Financial Officer and Finance Manager.

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

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

550 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 550

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Dorrian and MacLeod.

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

551 Audit of Inverclyde Council's Annual Accounts 2009/10 - International Standard on Accounting 260 551

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) presenting to Members key documents in relation to the Final Accounts 2009/10 and (2) requesting the Committee to consider the matters raised in the attached documents.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the report and welcome the achievement of another qualification-free set of accounts;
- (2) that the Committee note the issues raised in the appendices to the report relating to the 2009/10 Audited Annual Accounts; and
- (3) that the Committee extend its thanks to Audit Scotland and all Officers from within Finance Services involved in the production and auditing of the 2009/10 Annual Accounts.

**APPOINTMENT PANEL
HEAD OF HEALTH & COMMUNITY CARE
24 SEPTEMBER 2010**

Appointment Panel

Head of Health & Community Care

Friday 24 September 2010 at 9.30 am

Present: Mr K Dalgleish, Munro Consulting (Independent Chair), Mr J Mundell, Chief Executive, Inverclyde Council, Councillor J McIlwee, Inverclyde Council/CHCP, Mr R Murphy, Corporate Director Inverclyde CHCP, Corporate Director Education & Communities and Ms J Murray, Director, East Renfrewshire CHCP.

In attendance: Mr A Moore, Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance, Inverclyde Council.

Chair: Mr Dalgleish 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.

552 Appointment of Head of Health & Community Care

552

The Panel interviewed six candidates and agreed not to make an appointment to the post of Head of Health & Community Care, all as detailed in the appendix.

PLANNING BOARD - 6 OCTOBER 2010

Planning Board

Wednesday 6 October 2010 at 3 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Head of Regeneration & Planning, Development & Building Standards Manager, Mr G Leitch (for Head of Environmental & Commercial Services), Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services) and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

553 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 553

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

Councillors Ahlfeld, McKenzie and Wilson declared interests in agenda item 2(g) (demolish existing facilities and rebuild, new gymnasium and new changing facilities, Swimming Pool, Albert Road, Gourrock (10/0236/IC)).

554 PLANNING APPLICATIONS 554

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

**(a) Erection of fence (in retrospect):
14 School House, School Wynd, Quarrier's Village (10/0227/IC)**

Decided: that planning permission be refused for the following reasons:-

- (1) as the fence erected is to the detriment of the character and appearance of the existing building and is not an appropriate addition to the conservation area; and
- (2) as the application is contrary to Policies HR11 and HR12 of the Inverclyde Local Plan, the Scottish Government's Planning Advice Note 71 (Conservation Area Management), Historic Scotland's Scottish Historical Environment Policy and the Managing Change in the Historic Environment Guidance Notes.

**(b) Erection of garage complex including garages, workshop and storeroom and associated groundworks and landscaping:
The Corrie, Houston Road, Kilmacolm (10/0194/IC)**

It was noted that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

(c) Change of use from shop to nursery including external play area:

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19-21 Lynedoch Street, Greenock (10/0241/IC)

Decided: that planning permission be granted.

(d) Proposed alterations to Municipal Buildings to provide additional office accommodation:

Municipal Buildings, Clyde Square, Greenock (10/0206/IC & 10/0016/LB)

Decided:

(i) that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

(1) that no development shall commence until a sample of all finishing materials have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority: development thereafter shall proceed utilising the approved materials unless the Planning Authority gives its prior written approval to any alternatives, to ensure a continuity of finishes with the Grade A listed building and the William Street Conservation Area; and

(ii) that the listed building application be referred to Historic Scotland as required by Section 12 of the Planning (Listed Buildings in Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997 with a recommendation that listed building consent be granted subject to the following conditions:-

(1) that no development shall commence until samples of all finishing materials have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority: development thereafter shall proceed utilising the approved materials unless the Planning Authority gives its prior written approval to any alternatives, in the interests of the integrity of the design of the Grade A listed building and to comply with the requirements of Historic Scotland; and

(2) that no development shall commence until drawings to demonstrate how the junction between the new glazed screen and the sandstone arcading will be articulated have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, in the interests of the integrity of the design of the Grade A listed building and to comply with the requirements of Historic Scotland.

**(e) Mixed development comprising 6 industrial units and 28 flats:
Drumfrochar Road, Greenock (08/0311/IC)**

The report recommended that planning permission be granted subject to a number of conditions.

After discussion, Councillor Nelson moved (1) that planning permission be refused as the site is zoned for commercial use in the Inverclyde Local Plan and (2) that the Section 75 Agreement be retained. As an amendment, Councillor Wilson moved that planning permission be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report. On a vote, 3 Members voted for the motion and 5 for the amendment, which was declared carried.

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

(1) that the development to which this permission relates must be begun within 3 years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;

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

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interests of environmental protection;

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

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

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

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

(7) that all surface water drainage from the site shall be treated in accordance with the principles of the Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems Manual (C697) (CIRIA 2007). Before development commences, details of the maintenance regime for the water detention areas details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority to control runoff from the site to reduce the risk of flooding;

(8) that a sightline of 2.5m X 35m X 1.05m shall be provided at the junction of the access with Mearns Street and a sightline of 4.5m X 35m X 1.05m shall be provided at the junction of the access with Lynedoch Street, in the interests of safety on the public road;

(9) that written confirmation must be provided from Scottish Water relative to the foul and surface water being accepted into their system, to control drainage of water from the site and help prevent flooding;

(10) that samples of all facing and roofing materials shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority in writing prior to work commencing, to ensure that the external finishes are appropriate for the site;

(11) that prior to work commencing a scheme of hard and soft landscaping shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority. The scheme shall include:

- (a) the height and design of all new walls, bin stores and fences,
- (b) external finish to the parking areas, service area and landscaped areas,
- (c) soft landscaping works to include the schedules of plants to comprise species, plant sizes and the proposed numbers/density,

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- (d) existing and finished ground levels in relation to a fixed datum preferably ordnance,
 - (e) existing landscape features and vegetation to be retained and in case of damage, restored,
 - (f) programme for completion and subsequent maintenance,
- to ensure that appropriate landscaping is incorporated within the development.

**(f) Erection of a dwellinghouse (in principle):
Lyle Grove, Greenock (10/0238/IC)**

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

(1) this permission is granted under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 on an application for planning permission in principle and the further approval of the Council or of the Scottish Ministers on appeal shall be required with respect to the under mentioned matters hereby reserved before any development is commenced:

- (a) the siting, design and external appearance of any building(s) to which the planning permission or the application relates;
- (b) details of the access arrangements;
- (c) details of landscaping of the site, including play provision;

to comply with Section 59 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;

(2) that all surface water shall be intercepted within the site, to control runoff from the site to reduce the risk of flooding;

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

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

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

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

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recorded and dealt with appropriately; and

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

**(g) Demolish existing facilities and rebuild, new gymnasium and new changing facilities:
Swimming Pool, Albert Road, Gourock (10/0236/IC)**

Councillors Ahlfeld, McKenzie and Wilson declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure and left the meeting. Councillor Fyfe assumed the Chair.

The Head of Regeneration & Planning declared an interest in this matter as client officer and left the meeting.

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the condition that no development shall commence until samples of all external materials have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority: development thereafter shall proceed utilising the approved materials, unless the Planning Authority gives its prior written approval to any alternatives, to ensure the use of finishing materials appropriate to the building.

Councillors Ahlfeld, McKenzie and Wilson and the Head of Regeneration & Planning returned to the meeting following consideration of this item of business and Councillor Wilson resumed the Chair.

555 ADVERTISEMENT APPLICATION

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning on an application by Lidl UK GmbH for the display of a free standing illuminated sign at 1 Customhouse Way, Greenock (10/0048/CA).

After discussion, Councillor Nelson moved that advertisement consent be granted subject to the Council's standard conditions. As an amendment, Councillor Fyfe moved that advertisement consent be refused for the reasons detailed in the report. On a vote, 1 Member voted for the motion and 8 for the amendment, which was declared carried.

Decided: that advertisement consent be refused for the following reasons:-

(1) as the signage may cause distraction to drivers on the A8 trunk road, to the detriment of road safety; and

(2) as the signage is remote from the store entrance and building and will have an unacceptable impact on the visual amenity of Dalrymple Street.

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Local Review Body

Wednesday 6 October 2010 at 4.15 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Mr R Gimby (Regeneration & Planning Services), Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Ms V Pollock (Legal & Democratic Services) and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

556 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 556

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Grieve and Moran with Councillor Ahlfeld substituting for Councillor Moran.
There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

557 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW 557

**(a) Erection of deck at front of dwellinghouse:
12 Coll Avenue, Port Glasgow (10/0078/IC)**

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review of the refusal of planning permission for the erection of a deck at the front of the dwellinghouse at 12 Coll Avenue, Port Glasgow (10/0078/IC).

After discussion, Councillor Loughran moved (1) that sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and (2) that the application for review be dismissed. As an amendment, Councillor McCallum moved (1) that sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and (2) that the application for review be upheld and that planning permission be granted. On a vote, 4 Members voted for the amendment and 5 for the motion, which was declared carried.

Decided:

(1) that sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and

(2) that the application for review be dismissed and that planning permission be refused (upholding the appointed officers' determination) for the following reasons as set out in the Report of Handling:-

(1) due to the position, scale and design of the decking, it has a detrimental impact on the design of the dwellinghouse, on the appearance of the street and on the amenity of adjoining and adjacent neighbours. The proposal is therefore a departure from Policy H1 of the Local Plan in that it would not safeguard the character and amenity of the existing residential area; and

(2) as the position, scale and design of the decking conflicts with the guidance contained within the Council's Planning Practice Advice Notes No 8 (Balconies), and No 15 (Garden Decking).

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**(b) Construction of 3 dwellinghouses (in principle):
Golf Course, Cowal View, Gourrock (09/0334/IC)**

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review of the refusal of planning permission for the construction of 3 dwellinghouses (in principle) at the Golf Course, Cowal View, Gourrock (09/0334/IC).

After discussion, Councillor McCallum moved (1) that sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and (2) that the application for review be upheld and that planning permission in principle be granted subject to the following conditions:-

(1) that in compliance with Section 59 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, the development granted may not commence until matters required to be approved by conditions imposed have been so by the Planning Authority, to accord with Section 59 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;

(2) that the application for the approval of those matters referred to in conditions must be made before whichever is the latest of the following:-

(i) the expiration of 3 years from the date of the grant of the permission,

(ii) the expiration of 6 months from the date on which an earlier application for the requisite approval was refused, and

(iii) the expiration of 6 months from the date on which an appeal against such refusal was dismissed and may be made for

(a) different matters, and

(b) different parts of the development, at different times,

but, in relation to any matter, only one application may be made by virtue of (ii) and (iii) after the expiration of the 3 year period mentioned in (i) above, to accord with Section 59 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;

(3) that planning permission in principle lapses on the expiration of 2 years from the requisite approval being obtained (or, in the case of approval of different matters on different dates, from the requisite approval for the last such matter being obtained) unless the development to which the permission relates is begun before that expiration, to accord with Section 59 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;

(4) that this permission is granted under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 on an application for planning permission in principle and the further approval of the Council or of the Scottish Ministers on appeal shall be required with respect to the under mentioned matters hereby reserved before any development is commenced, to accord with Section 59 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;

(5) that any application for matters specified by conditions shall not be submitted until a bat roost survey of the application site has taken place. The results of the survey shall be submitted with an application for matters specified by condition, in the interests of nature conservation in accordance with the Conservation (Natural Habitats etc) Regulations 1994;

(6) that no clearance works shall take place during the bird breeding season (mid March to mid August), in the interests of nature conservation in accordance with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, as amended by the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004;

(7) that a visibility splay of 2.5 metres by 35 metres by 1.05 metres high shall be provided at the access point with Cowal View prior to any dwellinghouse being occupied, in the interests of vehicular safety;

(8) that the road serving the development shall be 5.5 metres wide with a 2 metre wide verge on one side and a 2 metre wide footway on the other, to ensure the provision of adequate access facilities;

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(9) that the road and footway serving the dwellinghouses hereby permitted shall be finished in a hard sealed surface before the first of the dwellings is occupied, to ensure the provision of adequate access facilities;

(10) that samples of facing materials to be used in the construction of the dwellinghouses shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to their use, to ensure the suitability of these materials; and

(11) that details of all walls (including retaining walls) and fences shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to their erection, to ensure the suitability of the appearance of these with respect to streetscene and any retaining function they are to perform.

As an amendment, Councillor Fyfe moved (1) that sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and (2) that the application for review be dismissed and that planning permission in principle be refused (upholding the appointed officers' determination) for reasons (1), (2) and (3) given in the Report of Handling.

On a vote, 4 Members voted for the amendment and 6 for the motion, which was declared carried.

Decided:

(1) that sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and

(2) that the application for review be upheld and that planning permission in principle be granted subject to the following conditions:-

(1) that in compliance with Section 59 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, the development granted may not commence until matters required to be approved by conditions imposed have been so by the Planning Authority, to accord with Section 59 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;

(2) that the application for the approval of those matters referred to in conditions must be made before whichever is the latest of the following:-

(i) the expiration of 3 years from the date of the grant of the permission,

(ii) the expiration of 6 months from the date on which an earlier application for the requisite approval was refused, and

(iii) the expiration of 6 months from the date on which an appeal against such refusal was dismissed and may be made for

(a) different matters, and

(b) different parts of the development, at different times,

but, in relation to any matter, only one application may be made by virtue of (ii) and (iii) after the expiration of the 3 year period mentioned in (i) above, to accord with Section 59 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;

(3) that planning permission in principle lapses on the expiration of 2 years from the requisite approval being obtained (or, in the case of approval of different matters on different dates, from the requisite approval for the last such matter being obtained) unless the development to which the permission relates is begun before that expiration, to accord with Section 59 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;

(4) that this permission is granted under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 on an application for planning permission in principle and the further approval of the Council or of the Scottish Ministers on appeal shall be required with respect to the under mentioned matters hereby reserved before any development is commenced, to accord with Section 59 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;

(5) that any application for matters specified by conditions shall not be submitted until a bat roost survey of the application site has taken place. The results of the survey shall be submitted with an application for matters specified by condition, in the interests of nature

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conservation in accordance with the Conservation (Natural Habitats etc) Regulations 1994;

(6) that no clearance works shall take place during the bird breeding season (mid March to mid August), in the interests of nature conservation in accordance with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, as amended by the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004;

(7) that a visibility splay of 2.5 metres by 35 metres by 1.05 metres high shall be provided at the access point with Cowal View prior to any dwellinghouse being occupied, in the interests of vehicular safety;

(8) that the road serving the development shall be 5.5 metres wide with a 2 metre wide verge on one side and a 2 metre wide footway on the other, to ensure the provision of adequate access facilities;

(9) that the road and footway serving the dwellinghouses hereby permitted shall be finished in a hard sealed surface before the first of the dwellings is occupied, to ensure the provision of adequate access facilities;

(10) that samples of facing materials to be used in the construction of the dwellinghouses shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to their use, to ensure the suitability of these materials; and

(11) that details of all walls (including retaining walls) and fences shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to their erection, to ensure the suitability of the appearance of these with respect to streetscene and any retaining function they are to perform.

**(c) Proposed ground works:
57 Cloch Road, Gourrock (10/0046/IC)**

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review of condition 1 of the planning permission granted for proposed ground works at 57 Cloch Road, Gourrock (10/0046/IC) which states "that the gabion basket walls, hereby approved, shall be of weldmesh construction and faced with cut stone blocks, utilising locally sourced stone, to mitigate the visual impact of the gabion basket walling on Cloch Road."

Decided:

(1) that sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and

(2) that the application for review be dismissed and that there be no variation to condition 1 of the planning permission granted for the proposed ground works at the application site.