

REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 28 OCTOBER 2010

Regeneration Committee

Thursday 28 October 2010 at 3 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Clocherty presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Corporate Director Education & Communities, Ms M McCabe (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Head of Educational Planning & Culture, 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 Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications & Public Affairs).

Prior to the commencement of business, Councillor Clocherty welcomed Ms Angela Edwards, Head of Educational Planning & Culture, who had recently taken up post.

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

642 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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

Councillors Clocherty and Osborne declared an interest in Agenda Item 10 (Sail Inverclyde – The Tall Ships Races 2010 – Update) and Councillor White declared an interest in the additional agenda item (Proposed New Fire Museum at Greenock Municipal Buildings).

643 Regeneration & Resources Revenue Budget 2010/11 - Period 5

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on the position of the Revenue Budget 2010/11 as at Period 5 (31 August 2010) which showed a projected overspend of £92,000.

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

Decided:

- (1) that the current projected overspend of £92,000 for 2010/11, as at 31 August 2010, be noted;
- (2) that the virement requests totalling £248,630 as detailed in appendix 4 be approved; and
- (3) that it be noted that whilst £34,000 of these projected overspends can be offset against the projected increase in surplus within Building Services, the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment will take appropriate action to bring the Committee budget back on target.

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- 644 Building Services Trading Account Revenue Budget 2010/11 - Period 5 644**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on the position of the Building Services Trading Account 2010/11 as at Period 5 (31 August 2010) which showed a projected surplus of £281,000. (Councillor McCabe returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
- Noted**
- 645 Capital Programme 2010/11 to 2013/14 - Progress 645**
- 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**
- 646 Regeneration & Resources Directorate Performance Report 646**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on the performance of those services within the former Regeneration & Resources Directorate which report to the Regeneration Committee in achieving their key objectives as set out in the Regeneration & Resources Directorate Plan 2008 – 2011 and how they have contributed to the achievement of key corporate priorities.
- Decided:** that the Committee endorse the performance information contained in the report and note that further reports on performance will be presented to future meetings of the Committee.
- 647 Education & Communities Directorate Performance Report 647**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the progress made by the Education & Communities Directorate in achieving its objectives, in relation to the work and remit of the Regeneration Committee, as set out in the Directorate Plan for 2010/11.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee endorse the progress in the areas of the Directorate's work in relation to the remit of the Regeneration Committee contained within the report;
 - (2) that it be noted that the work of the Education & Communities Directorate will also be reported to the Education & Lifelong Learning and Safe, Sustainable Communities Committees; and
 - (3) that it be noted that not all elements of the objectives identified within the Directorate Plan have been updated in the report and that a reporting schedule for each measure has been identified as far as is possible.
- 648 Museum Acquisition and Disposal Policy 648**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities seeking approval of an updated Acquisition and Disposal Policy for the McLean Museum and Art Gallery, as required by the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (MLA) Accreditation Scheme.
- Decided:**
- (1) that approval be given to the Museum Acquisition and Disposal Policy appended

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to the report to meet the requirements of the MLA Accreditation Scheme; and
 (2) that the policy be reviewed in no later than five years time.

649 Community Facilities Fund

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval of the arrangements for administration and disbursement of the Community Facilities Fund of £750,000, established by the Council in February 2010 to support the development of community facilities across Inverclyde.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the arrangements for administration and disbursement of the Community Facilities Fund of £750,000 as outlined in paragraph 5.2 of the report;
- (2) that approval be given to the proposed uses of the Fund as outlined in paragraph 5.3;
- (3) that, in order to assess and prioritise applications, approval be given to the criteria outlined in paragraph 5.4; and
- (4) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to develop the ranking methodology and weightings taking cognisance of the criteria outlined in paragraph 5.4 to assist with prioritising projects.

650 Custom House Quay: PS Waverley

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on proposals for charging for the use of Custom House Quay by the PS Waverley and other visiting vessels.

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

Decided:

- (1) that agreement be given to the proposed charging methodology and virement, outlined in paragraph 6.1 of the report, increasing the Tourism Budget and creating a corresponding income budget, to enable the level of subsidy provided to the PS Waverley to be easily identified and monitored;
- (2) that it be noted the use of the quay by other vessels is currently restricted and that the capital and revenue costs of improving the quay to encourage more use would not be justified; and
- (3) that it be noted the berth is used occasionally by sail training vessels run by charitable institutions and it is proposed that a charge for this use be made and subsidised on a similar basis to that of the PS Waverley.

651 Sail Inverclyde - The Tall Ships Races 2011 - Update

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment providing an update on progress in the preparations for the Tall Ships Races to be hosted in Inverclyde 9-12 July 2011.

Councillors Clocherty and Osborne declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Members of the Board of Sail Inverclyde Ltd. They also formed the view that the nature of their interest and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision making process.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress made in the preparations for the Tall Ships Races since May 2010; and

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(2) that Sail Inverclyde provide budget and event updates to the meetings of the Committee to be held in January and May 2011.

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 progress to be made at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.

652 Proposed New Fire Museum at Greenock Municipal Buildings

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval to (1) convert part of the Greenock Municipal Buildings into a Fire Museum, (2) enter into a long term licence with Strathclyde Fire & Rescue to permit them to occupy the former Fire Station and fit this out as a Fire Museum which will be open to members of the public for approximately 60 days each year and (3) issue tenders and accept the most economically advantageous tender for the works required to convert the premises.

Councillor White declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a member of the Board of Strathclyde Fire & Rescue. 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.

The Committee discussed the report in general.

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)
Proposed New Fire Museum at Greenock Municipal Buildings	2, 6 and 9
Kilmacolm New Community Centre	2 and 6
Non Operational Property Portfolio Information Scheme of Delegation Register	2, 6 and 9
Inverclyde Indoor Bowling	2, 6 and 9
Waiver of Title Condition: Mansion Avenue, Port Glasgow	6 and 9
Land at Branchton Road, Greenock	2, 6 and 9
Lease of Premises: Dubbs Road, Port Glasgow	2, 6 and 9
Lease of Premises: Lynedoch Street, Greenock	2, 6 and 9

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- 653 Proposed New Fire Museum at Greenock Municipal Buildings 653**
- The Committee resumed consideration of the report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment.
- Decided:**
- (1) that approval be given to the conversion of part of the storage areas within the Greenock Municipal Buildings, which were once the original Fire Station, into a Fire Museum;
- (2) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to negotiate detailed terms for the proposed licence with Strathclyde Fire & Rescue on the basis outlined in the report and to report back to Committee taking cognisance of the Disposal of Land by Local Authorities (Scotland) Regulations 2010; and
- (3) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to select appropriate tenderers, issue tender documents and accept the lowest or most economically advantageous tender in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and European Procurement Directives.
- 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 action to be taken at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.**
- 654 Kilmacolm New Community Centre 654**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment updating Members and seeking approval of a number of issues relating to the Kilmacolm New Community Centre and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.
- 655 Non Operational Property Portfolio Information 655**
Scheme of Delegation Register
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment providing information relative to non-operational property for the period April to October 2010.
- Noted**
- 656 Inverclyde Indoor Bowling 656**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment and the Chief Financial Officer on a request for support from Inverclyde Indoor Bowling Club and the Committee agreed to take action, all as detailed in the appendix. (Councillor Osborne left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
- 657 Waiver of Title Condition: Mansion Avenue, Port Glasgow 657**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on a request for a waiver of title condition in respect of premises at Mansion Avenue, Port Glasgow and the Committee approved the request, all as detailed in the appendix.

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658 Land at Branchton Road, Greenock**658**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval for the sale of land at Branchton Road, Greenock and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

659 Lease of Premises: Dubbs Road, Port Glasgow**659**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking consent to grant a new lease of shop premises at Dubbs Road, Port Glasgow and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

660 Lease of Premises: Lynedoch Street, Greenock**660**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking consent to grant a new lease of shop premises at Lynedoch Street, Greenock and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.