

SAFE, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 18 JANUARY 2011

Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee

Tuesday 18 January 2011 at 3 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment, Corporate Director Education and Communities, Head of Environmental and Commercial Services, Mr R Graham (Environmental & Commercial Services), Head of Regeneration & Planning, Mr F MacLeod (Regeneration & Planning), Mr M McNab and Mr D Hall (Safer & Inclusive Communities), Ms M McCabe (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal and Democratic Services), Legal Services Manager (Conveyancing & Planning) and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

30 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 30

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

31 Safe, Sustainable Communities 2010/11 Revenue Budget - Period 7 31

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on the position of the 2010/11 Revenue Budget as at Period 7 (31 October 2010) which currently projected an overspend of £9,000, a decrease of £30,000 since the last report to the Committee.

Noted

32 Safe, Sustainable Communities Capital Programme 2010/14 - Progress 32

There was submitted a report by Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment and Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Safe, Sustainable Communities Capital Programme 2010/14.

Noted

33 Inverclyde Local Plan: Annual Monitoring and Review of Housing Strategy 2009-10 33

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on progress made in implementing the housing strategy of the Local Plan and in particular reporting on trends in housing completions and the take up and availability of housing land by market sector and location across the Inverclyde Housing Market Area for the period 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010.

Decided:

(1) that the findings and interpretation of the Annual Monitoring 2009-10, in

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accordance with the requirements of Local Plan Policy H7 be endorsed; and
 (2) that it be noted that there is sufficient capacity in the "Effective Land Supply" to meet estimated demand and therefore there is no requirement to increase the land supply through greenfield release in advance of the Local Development Plan.

34 Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Housing Need and Demand Assessment - Working Draft Background Report for Consultation 34

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Directors Education & Communities and Regeneration & Environment (1) on the publication by the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Housing Market Partnership of a draft Housing Need and Demand Assessment for consultation and (2) highlighting the outcomes and main issues arising, with reference to Inverclyde.

The Committee heard a presentation by Mr MacLeod relative to the report following which he answered a number of questions from Members.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the publication of the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Housing Need and Demand Assessment (Working Draft Background Report) for stakeholder consultation;

(2) that the Committee endorse the conclusions of the Report as a basis for progressing the Housing Need and Demand Assessment to a finalised draft and note the resourcing requirements of this joint work; and

(3) that approval be given to the use of the Housing Need and Demand Assessment as an important evidence base for the forthcoming Development Plan (Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan and Local Development Plan) and Inverclyde Council's Local Housing Strategy.

35 Adaptations 35

There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities on the current demand for adaptations in the private and public housing sectors.

Noted

36 Support for Owners Fund Update 36

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) on the current position with regard to the Support for Owners Fund and (2) advising of information received from River Clyde Homes on their 2010/11 Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS) Investment Programme.

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

Decided: that the Committee note:

(1) the current position of the 2010/11 Support for Owners Fund;

(2) the projection for the 2011/12 Support for Owners Fund; and

(3) the projected requirements for the Support for Owners Fund to 2015/16.

37 Scottish Government Consultation: Resourcing a High Quality Planning System 37

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment appending a draft response to the Scottish Government Consultation "Resourcing a High Quality Planning System" which required to be submitted to the Scottish Government by 15 October 2010.

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Decided: that the Committee approve the draft consultation response set out in the appendix to the report which had been submitted to the Scottish Government.

38 Scottish Government Consultation: Amendments to the Modernised Planning System 38

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on a proposed response to the Scottish Government Consultation, "Amendments to the Modernised Planning System".

Decided: that the Committee approve the consultation response set out in the appendix to the report for submission to the Scottish Government.

39 Scottish Government Consultation: Householder Permitted Development Rights 39

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on a proposed response to the Scottish Government Consultation, "Householder Permitted Development Rights".

Decided: that the Committee approve the consultation response set out in the appendix to the report for submission to the Scottish Government.

40 Joint Working Agreement with Historic Scotland 40

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking endorsement of a Joint Working Agreement between Historic Scotland and Inverclyde Council in relation to statutory consultation and casework.

Decided: that the Committee endorse the Joint Working Agreement between Historic Scotland and Inverclyde Council in relation to statutory consultation and casework.

41 Age Restricted Sales Enforcement 41

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities advising the Committee of the measures taken by Safer & Inclusive Communities in stepping up the enforcement of tobacco sales law and working in partnership with HM Revenue and Customs to tackle illicit sales of tobacco.

Decided:

- (1) that the report be noted; and
- (2) that it be agreed that regular update reports on progress be submitted to the Committee as appropriate.

42 Greenock Town Centre Parking Study 42

There was submitted a revised report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) on the recommendations contained within the Greenock Town Centre Parking Study and (2) seeking approval to develop further the recommended scheme in terms of design and implementation costs.

During the course of discussion on this item, reference was made to the fact that the proposals would have an impact for Council employees.

Decided:

- (1) that consideration be continued to the next meeting of the Committee to allow a further All Members Briefing to be arranged; and
- (2) that a copy of the report produced by the Council's consultants be circulated to all

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Members in advance of the briefing.

- 43 Winter Service - Policy, Procedures and Resources Document 2010/2011 43**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval of the Winter Service - Policy, Procedures and Resources Document 2010/2011 on treatment priorities for roads in Inverclyde during adverse weather conditions.
- Decided:**
- (1) that approval be given to the Winter Service - Policy, Procedures and Resources Document 2010/2011 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report;
 - (2) that approval be given to the distribution arrangements as detailed in Appendix F of the document; and
 - (3) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to update and issue the Policy, Procedures and Resources Document on an annual basis subject to there being no significant change to the overall policy.
- 44 Minutes of Meetings of Strathclyde Fire & Rescue Board and Strathclyde Police Authority 44**
- There were submitted minutes of the meetings of Strathclyde Fire & Rescue Board of 14 October 2010 and Strathclyde Police Authority of 21 October 2010.
- Noted**
- 45 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Cardwell Road, Gourock (Waiting Restrictions) Order 2011 45**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment recommending the making of the Traffic Regulation Order - Cardwell Road, Gourock (Waiting Restrictions) Order 2011.
- Decided:** that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - Cardwell Road, Gourock (Waiting Restrictions) Order 2011 and that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and Head of Legal & Democratic Services to arrange for implementation of the Order.
- 46 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - McCallum Crescent, Gourock (One Way Only) Order 2011 46**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment recommending the making of the Traffic Regulation Order - McCallum Crescent, Gourock (One Way Only) Order 2011.
- Decided:** that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - McCallum Crescent, Gourock (One Way Only) Order 2011 and that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and Head of Legal & Democratic Services to arrange for implementation of the Order.
- 47 Roads Maintenance Budget 2010/11 47**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment and Chief Financial Officer providing an update regarding the pressures on the Roads Maintenance Budget arising from the severe winter weather.

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Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the latest position of the Roads Maintenance Budget in 2010/11; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to the Policy & Resources Committee requesting approval for up to £200,000 projected overspend in winter maintenance to be funded from the General Fund Contingency and for a one-off sum of £200,000 for extra pavement/road repairs to be funded from the General Fund Reserve in 2010/11.

The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Committee to consider the recommendations in respect of the future governance of Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.

48 Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park Governance**48**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) advising of preliminary discussions which have been held with Renfrewshire and North Ayrshire Councils over possible changes to the governance arrangements for Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park and (2) seeking the Committee's approval for delegated authority to be granted to the Convener of the Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee to enter into formal discussions with Renfrewshire Council regarding the proposals.

Decided:

- (1) that the report be noted;
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Convener to enter into formal discussions on the proposals; and
- (3) that it be noted that any proposals agreed will be submitted to the Committee for consideration.

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)
Hydro Electric Schemes: Inverclyde Council Depot Rationalisation Proposals	6, 8 and 12 6 and 8

49 Hydro Electric Schemes: Inverclyde Council**49**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (1) providing detailed background information on the appraisal of potential hydro electric schemes in Inverclyde and (2) making recommendations in this regard.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee support the initiative of developing small hydro electric schemes in the locations indicated in the report;
- (2) that a study be commissioned from one of the specialist advisers detailed in the report following the competitive tendering process approved by the Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee on 29 November 2010;

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- (3) that a further report be submitted on the outcome of the study and on any specific project(s) identified through such analysis; and
- (4) that the budgetary provision of £65,000 which is estimated as necessary for the project be allocated from the Contingencies Reserve.

50 Depot Rationalisation Proposals**50**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment and the Chief Financial Officer advising the Committee of revised proposals for Depot Rationalisation which will be considered at the next meeting of the Regeneration Committee.

During the course of discussion on this item, the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advised the Committee that the works to the Pottery Street Depot were now scheduled to commence in mid 2012 with a likely completion date in late 2013.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the Depot Rationalisation proposals as outlined in section 2.2 and detailed in section 5 of the report; and
- (2) that the report be remitted to the Regeneration and Policy & Resources Committees for consideration.