

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL - 2 DECEMBER 2010

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 2 December 2010 at 4.00 pm

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

Chair: Provost McCormick presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education & Communities, Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Democratic Services and Legal Services Manager (Courts & Litigation).

Prior to the commencement of business, the Provost referred to the absence of the Chief Executive due to ill health and, on behalf of the Council, wished him a speedy recovery.

711 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 711

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

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**

712 The Inverclyde Council - 7 October 2010 712

Approved on the motion of Provost McCormick.

713 The Inverclyde Council (Special) - 7 October 2010 713

Approved on the motion of Provost McCormick.

714 General Purposes Board - 13 October 2010 714

Approved on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.

715 Audit Committee - 19 October 2010 715

Approved on the motion of Councillor Blair.

716 Health & Social Care Committee - 21 October 2010 716

Approved on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.

717 Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee - 26 October 2010 717

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	Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.	
718	Regeneration Committee - 28 October 2010	718
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
719	Education & Lifelong Learning Committee - 2 November 2010	719
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McKenzie.	
720	Planning Board - 3 November 2010	720
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
721	Local Review Body - 3 November 2010	721
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
722	Appointment Panel (Head of Environmental & Commercial Services) - 9 November 2010	722
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.	
723	General Purposes Board - 10 November 2010	723
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.	
724	Policy & Resources Committee - 16 November 2010	724
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McKenzie.	
725	Grants Sub-Committee - 17 November 2010	725
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
726	Human Resources Appeals Board - 23 November 2010	726
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Brooks.	
727	Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee - 29 November 2010	727
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
728	Planning Board - 1 December 2010	728
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
729	Councillor McCallum - Resignation from Human Resources Appeals Board Appointments to Outside Bodies	729

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment requesting the Council to (1) fill the vacancy on the Human Resources Appeals Board following the resignation of Councillor McCallum, (2) appoint two Elected Members to serve on the Board of Greenock Arts Guild and (3) consider an invitation for a Council representative to join the Board of Directors of Discover Inverclyde.

After discussion, Councillor MacLeod seconded by Councillor Nelson moved that Councillor Osborne be appointed to the Board of Greenock Arts Guild. As an amendment, Councillor Fyfe seconded by Councillor Rebecchi moved that Councillor Blair be so appointed. On a vote, 5 Members voted for the amendment and 8 for the motion which was declared carried. It was agreed unanimously Councillor Clocherty be appointed to the Board in his capacity as Convener of the Regeneration Committee.

Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor McCallum moved that Councillor Ahlfeld be appointed to the Board of Directors of Discover Inverclyde. As an amendment, Councillor Blair seconded by Councillor Fyfe moved that Councillor Rebecchi be so appointed. As a further amendment, Councillor Osborne seconded by Councillor Nelson moved that Councillor MacLeod be appointed. On a vote between the two amendments, 4 Members voted for the amendment by Councillor Osborne and 4 for the amendment by Councillor Blair. There being equality in voting, the decision was determined by lot. On the cut of a pack of cards, Councillor Blair's card was of a higher value than that of Councillor Osborne and, accordingly, Councillor Blair's amendment was successful. On a vote between the amendment by Councillor Blair and the motion, 6 Members voted for the amendment and 12 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided:

- (1) that Councillor Clocherty be appointed to the Human Resources Appeals Board in place of Councillor McCallum;
- (2) that Councillor Clocherty as Convener of the Regeneration Committee and Councillor Osborne be appointed to the Board of Greenock Arts Guild; and
- (3) that Councillor Ahlfeld be appointed to the Board of Directors of Discover Inverclyde.

730 Appointment to Outside Body: HMP Low Moss - Visiting Committee

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment requesting the Council to either (1) nominate an Elected Member as a representative on the Prison Visiting Committee of the new prison, HMP Low Moss, and instruct advertisement to fill the other vacancy on the Committee by a non-elected representative or (2) instruct advertisement to fill both vacancies by non-elected representatives.

Decided:

- (1) that Councillor McCallum be appointed to serve on the Low Moss Prison Visiting Committee; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to advertise for a non-elected member to fill the other vacancy and report to the Council for nomination from the applicants who come forward in response to the advertisement.

731 Update on Continued Absence of a Councillor

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services updating the Council on the position with regard to the continued absence of Councillor Grieve due to illness indicating that as Councillor Grieve had attended a meeting of the General Purposes Board his period of continued absence had ended.

Noted

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- 732 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - A770 Albert Road, Gourock (Revocations and No Waiting No Loading at Any Time) Order 2010 732**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order - A770 Albert Road, Gourock (Revocations and No Waiting No Loading at Any Time) Order 2010.
- Resolved** on the motion of Councillor Moran seconded by Councillor Wilson that THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL, incorporated under the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994, RESOLVE TO MAKE as they HEREBY MAKE a Resolution under Parts III and IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to permit the revocation of "No Waiting 9 am - 6 pm Mon - Sat" "No Waiting at Any Time" and the introduction of "No Waiting No Loading at Any Time" in the lengths of road 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 action in connection therewith.
- 733 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On Street) Order No 1 2010 733**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On Street) Order No 1 2010.
- Resolved** on the motion of Councillor Moran seconded by Councillor Wilson that THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL, incorporated under the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994, RESOLVE TO MAKE as they HEREBY MAKE a Resolution under Section 32(1) and Part III of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to permit the provision of parking places for disabled persons who hold a badge under the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 as amended 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 action in connection therewith.
- 734 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On Street) Order No 2 2010 734**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On Street) Order No 2 2010.
- Resolved** on the motion of Councillor Moran seconded by Councillor Wilson that THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL, incorporated under the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994, RESOLVE TO MAKE as they HEREBY MAKE a Resolution under Section 32(1) and Part III of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to permit the provision of parking places for disabled persons who hold a badge under the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 as amended 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 action in connection therewith.
- 735 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On Street) Order No 3 2010 735**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On Street) Order No 3 2010.

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Moran seconded by Councillor Wilson that THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL, incorporated under the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994, RESOLVE TO MAKE as they HEREBY MAKE a Resolution under Section 32(1) and Part III of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to permit the provision of parking places for disabled persons who hold a badge under the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 as amended 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 action in connection therewith.

736 Treasury Management - Mid-Year Review Report 2010/11 - Remit from Policy & Resources Committee 736

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on a remit from the Policy & Resources Committee of 16 November 2010 on the Mid-Year Review Report on Treasury Management for 2010/11.

Decided: that the Council endorse the Mid-Year Review Report on Treasury Management for 2010/11.

The Provost being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Council to be apprised of the position with regard to the Byelaws prior to their coming into operation. This was agreed unanimously.

737 Byelaws for Prohibiting the Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor in Public Places 737

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services advising that following advertisement of the making of the Inverclyde Council (Prohibition of Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor in Designated Places) Byelaws 2010 by the Council at its meeting on 7 October 2010 no objections had been submitted and that the Scottish Ministers have now confirmed the Byelaws which will come into operation on 20 December 2010.

Decided: that it be noted the Scottish Ministers have confirmed the Inverclyde Council (Prohibition of Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor in Designated Places) Byelaws 2010 will come into operation on 20 December 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 for 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 and the nature of the exempt information in respect of the item thereafter being that defined in the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as detailed in the relevant Minute.

738 Appendix 4 Relative to Agenda Item 10 (Treasury Management - Mid-Year Report 2010/11 - Remit from Policy & Resources Committee) 738

There was submitted Appendix 4 relative to Agenda Item 10 (Treasury Management -

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Mid-Year Review Report 2010/11 - Remit from Policy & Resources Committee) on a proposed list of tenderers for Treasury Adviser Services.

Noted

739 Annual Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2010 739

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer requesting the Council, as Trustees of the Council's Charitable Trusts, to (1) review and approve the annual accounts for the year ended 31 March 2010 and approve their submission to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator by the statutory deadline of 31 December 2010, (2) consider progress on the review of the Charitable Trusts and (3) consider the proposal for the independent examination of the 2010 - 2011 accounts.

Decided: that the Council, as Trustees of the Council's Charitable Trusts:

(1) note and approve the annual accounts for each charity for the year ended 31 March 2010 and approve their onward transmission to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator;

(2) note the progress on the review of the charities' funds set out in Appendix 1 to the report;

(3) approve the reciprocal arrangements at no cost with Argyll & Bute Council for the independent examination of Trust Fund Accounts for 2010 - 2011;

(4) approve, subject to the agreement of the Charity Regulator, transfer of the remaining funds in the RW Robertson Bequest to the Gourock Coal and Benevolent Fund (SCO9881) and thereafter the closing down of the Bequest; and

(5) remit to the Chief Financial Officer in consultation with the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to arrange refresher training for the Trustees.

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

Appendices to Minutes

740 Regeneration Committee - 28 October 2010 740

Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.

741 Appointment Panel - Head of Environmental & Commercial Services - 9 November 2010 741

Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.

742 General Purposes Board - 10 November 2010 742

Approved on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.

743 Policy & Resources Committee - 16 November 2010 743

Approved on the motion of Councillor McKenzie.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 8 DECEMBER 2010

General Purposes Board

Wednesday 8 December 2010 at 3.00 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Dorrian, Fyfe, MacLeod, 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.

744 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 744

Apologies for absence were intimated to the Board on behalf of Councillor Grieve.

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

745 Voting at General Purposes Board 745

There was a general discussion on voting procedures.

Councillor MacLeod entered the meeting during consideration of this item.

Decided: that the current practice continue with the addition that any Member who so wishes may have his dissent to the decision recorded.

746 Application for Taxi Licence: John Warnock 746

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services advising that Mr Warnock had omitted to make timeous application for his licence to be renewed before it expired but it had been dealt with using the procedure for the exercise of powers delegated to the Chief Executive for use between Committees and it had been agreed to authorise the grant of a taxi licence to Mr Warnock.

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 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.

747 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Thomas McFadyen 747

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr McFadyen following receipt of a police objection. The Board heard Sergeant Kennedy and Mr McFadyen.

Decided: that the application be continued to a further meeting of the Board to allow Mr McFadyen to provide additional information.

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748 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: James Glass**748**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Glass following receipt of a police observation. At its meeting on 10 November 2010 the Board had agreed to continue consideration of this item to allow Mr Glass to be in attendance. The Board heard Sergeant Kennedy and Mr Glass.

Decided: that the application be granted.

749 Application for Public Entertainment Licence: Funworld Leisure Ltd, Laser Matrix, Unit 3, Fort Matilda Estate, Eldon Street, Greenock**749**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a Public Entertainment Licence by Funworld Leisure Ltd for Laser Matrix, Unit 3, Fort Matilda Estate, Eldon Street, Greenock following receipt of a number of objections from local residents. The Board heard Ms Murdoch and Mr McMillan on behalf of the applicants and Mr McCaughey and Mrs McKnight two of the objectors.

Decided: that the application be granted.

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The Inverclyde Council

Tuesday 14 December 2010 at 4.00 pm

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

Chair: Provost McCormick presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Community Health & Care Partnership, Corporate Director Education & Communities, Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Chief Financial Officer, Ms L Bairden (Accountancy Manager), Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance, Head of Regeneration & Planning, Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Legal Services Manager (Procurement & Administration) and Corporate Communications Manager.

Present also: Mr P Tait, Ms E Boyd, Mr L Slavin and Mr D Young (Audit Scotland).

750 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 750

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

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

751 Annual Report to Members and the Controller of Audit 2009/2010 751

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources appending Audit Scotland's Annual Report to Members and the Controller of Audit 2009/2010.

Mr Tait spoke to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the Council endorse the contents of the Annual Report to Members and the Controller of Audit 2009/2010 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) that the report be submitted to the Audit Committee for consideration of those issues which fall within that Committee's remit; and
- (3) that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services and the Chief Internal Auditor to submit a report on the residual ethical risks resulting from current statutory provisions and possible responses to mitigate the residual risks in due course.

752 Council's Financial Strategy 2010/11 - 2017/18 752

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer seeking approval of a revised Financial Strategy following announcements by the Westminster and Scottish Governments in respect of future years budgets.

Decided: that the revised Financial Strategy for 2010/11 to 2017/18 appended to the report be approved.

753 Inverclyde Council's 2011/13 Revenue Budget 753

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) providing an update on the 2011/13 budget and (2) seeking decisions on a number of matters.

Decided:

- (1) that the Council note the position in respect of the Scottish budget and the indicative settlement for the Council;
- (2) that the terms of the joint letter from COSLA and the Scottish Government regarding the 2011/12 Budget Grant Settlement appended to the report be noted and that, in the light of the potential financial penalty for not agreeing to the conditions, the Council Leader on behalf of the Council accept the conditions but on the basis of the Council's conditions as set out in the note circulated separately to Elected Members;
- (3) that the proposals from the Corporate Management Team contained in Appendix 4 totalling £2.409M be approved;
- (4) that the Council approve the budgetary pressures identified by the Corporate Management Team and agree in principle to the creation of the contingency for unforeseen pressures/further reductions in grant in 2012/13, the size of which will be approved by the Council at the budget meeting in February 2011;
- (5) that authority be delegated to the representatives of the various Joint Boards to agree requisitions provided that they represent a reduction in Council contribution of at least the levels outlined in Section 11 of the report; and
- (6) that the need to remove approximately £3M from the 2011/14 Capital Programme as part of the overall budget decision in February 2011 be noted.

754 Severance: Additional Benefits Awarded to Employees under the Council's Severance Scheme at the Discretion of the Council 754

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance proposing amendments to the additional benefits awarded to employees at the Council's discretion as part of the Voluntary Severance Scheme.

Decided:

- (1) that the added years benefits awarded to employees who leave under the Council's Severance Scheme be reduced from a maximum of ten added years for Efficiency and a maximum of six and two thirds added years for Redundancy to a maximum of six added years with effect from 1 June 2011 for either Efficiency or Redundancy;
- (2) that the redundancy payment awarded to employees who are under 50 years of age or over 50 years of age and not in the Pension Scheme be increased from 66 weeks to 90 weeks, as set out in appendices 3 and 4 to the report, for the period to 31 December 2011, reverting back to 66 weeks on 1 January 2012, as set out in appendices 1 and 2;
- (3) that the savings as set out in paragraph 5.4 and as detailed in appendix 5 be approved;
- (4) that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive to award the additional redundancy payment to employees under exceptional circumstances as outlined in paragraph 5.5 of the report; and
- (5) that a further report be submitted to the Policy & Resources Committee by April 2011 to include proposals for a further review which may include further changes to the number of added years awarded to employees, the introduction of a selection criteria matrix to be used when employees require to be identified as being displaced from their job with the Council and an updated Severance Policy to include the proposed changes.

755 Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership (CHCP) - Administrative 755

Arrangements

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) outlining changes required to the Council's Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration to facilitate the operation of the Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership (CHCP), (2) proposing that the CHCP Sub-Committee sits in place of the Health & Social Care Committee on four of five of its scheduled meetings in each cycle of meetings and (3) presenting proposed Standing Orders to govern the conduct of meetings of the CHCP Sub-Committee.

Decided: that approval be given to (i) the alterations to the Council's Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration, as detailed in appendix 1 to the report, (ii) the proposal that the CHCP Sub-Committee sits in place of the Health & Social Care Committee on four of five of its scheduled meetings in each cycle of meetings and (iii) the proposed Standing Orders detailed in appendix 2 as the Standing Orders to govern the conduct of meetings of the CHCP Sub-Committee.

The Provost 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 a tender to be accepted at the earliest opportunity if agreed by the Council. This was agreed unanimously.

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

756 Development of a Multi-Use Games Area at Birkmyre Park, Kilmacolm

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment requesting the Council, as Trustees of the Birkmyre Park, to approve the appointment of specialist contractors for the development of the multi-use games area on an area of land in Birkmyre Park and setting out for consideration the tenders received.

Decided: that the Council, as Trustees of the Birkmyre Park, agree to the appointment of The Malcolm Group Ltd to carry out the development of the Birkmyre Park Multi-Use Games Area in the sum of £105,546.83 excluding VAT and to design fees being incurred.

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

Chair: Provost McCormick presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Community Health & Care Partnership, Corporate Director Education & Communities, Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Ms L Bairden (for Chief Financial Officer), Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance, Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Legal Services Manager (Procurement & Administration) and Corporate Communications Manager.

757 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

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

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

758 Review of the Scheme of Administration for Community Councils

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the result of the public consultation on the proposed areas and composition of Community Councils. Copies of appendix 3, providing details of the responses received, were circulated to Members.

Decided: that the Council agree to:-

- (1) note the results of the public consultation on the areas and composition of Community Councils in Inverclyde;
- (2) make no amendments to the proposed Community Council boundaries as a result of the public consultation response; and
- (3) a further period of public consultation on the Scheme and associated documentation.

APPOINTMENT PANEL - HEAD OF HEALTH & COMMUNITY CARE

Appointment Panel - Head of Health & Community Care**Friday 17 December 2010 at 9.30 am**

Present: Councillor J McIlwee, Inverclyde Council/CHCP, Mr R Murphy, Corporate Director Inverclyde CHCP and Ms J Murray, Director, East Renfrewshire CHCP.

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

Chair: Mr Murphy 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.

759 Appointment of Head of Health & Community Care**759**

The Panel interviewed 5 candidates and agreed to appoint Mr Brian Moore to the post of Head of Health & Community Care, all as detailed in the appendix.

PLANNING BOARD - 5 JANUARY 2011

Planning Board

Wednesday 5 January 2011 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors Brooks, Dorrian, Fyfe, Loughran, McCallum, 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 Corporate Communications Manager.

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

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| 1 | APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST | 1 |
| | Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Grieve and McKenzie. | |
| | No declarations of interest were intimated. | |
| 2 | PLANNING APPLICATION SUBMITTED FOR CONTINUED CONSIDERATION | 2 |

**Proposed Change of Use from Police House/Station to Restaurant:
Old Police House, Main Street, Inverkip (10/0223/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning regarding an application by Mr S Darroch for the proposed change of use from police house/station to restaurant at Old Police House, Main Street, Inverkip (10/0223/IC), consideration of which had been continued from the meeting of 1 December 2010 for a site visit.

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

After discussion, Councillor Nelson moved that planning permission be refused for the following reasons:-

(1) as there is currently insufficient parking on Main Street, Inverkip. The application shows the provision of 10 car parking spaces to the rear of the property, which would be insufficient for 6 staff and the 40 customers, this would result in the loss of on street parking which could adversely affect the efficiency, safety and effectiveness of the existing roads network contrary to Local Plan Policies TA6 and TA14;

(2) as it would not be possible to provide a 35m visibility splay within the application site which would compromise road safety, contrary to Local Plan Policy TA14, and would not comply with the 1995 Roads Development Guide;

(3) as there is no provision of a pavement on the narrow access road to the car park at the rear of the property to safely accommodate pedestrian access, contrary to Local Plan Policies TA14 and TA1;

(4) as the proposal would have a detrimental impact on the historical street pattern and the building form within this residential area contrary to Local Plan Policies HR13, HR12, H8 and H9;

(5) as the development will involve noisy processes and/or extended hours of operation, which will affect the amenity of this noise sensitive residential area contrary to

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PAN56 Planning and Noise and Local Plan Policy UT10;

(6) as the area is zoned for residential not commercial use in the Inverclyde 2005 Local Plan the proposal contravenes Local Plan Policies H1 and H9 and will have a detrimental impact on the character and amenity of this residential area; and

(7) as deliveries to the premises would compromise road safety given the narrow width of Main Street, contrary to Local Plan Policies TA6 and TA14 and the Roads Development Guide.

As an amendment, Councillor Wilson moved that planning permission be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report.

On a vote, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 5 for the motion which was declared carried.

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

(1) as there is currently insufficient parking on Main Street, Inverkip. The application shows the provision of 10 car parking spaces to the rear of the property, which would be insufficient for 6 staff and the 40 customers this would result in the loss of on street parking which could adversely affect the efficiency, safety and effectiveness of the existing roads network contrary to Local Plan Policies TA6 and TA14;

(2) as it would not be possible to provide a 35m visibility splay within the application site which would compromise road safety, contrary to Local Plan Policy TA14, and would not comply with the 1995 Roads Development Guide;

(3) as there is no provision of a pavement on the narrow access road to the car park at the rear of the property to safely accommodate pedestrian access, contrary to Local Plan Policies TA14 and TA1;

(4) as the proposal would have a detrimental impact on the historical street pattern and the building form within this residential area contrary to Local Plan Policies HR13, HR12, H8 and H9;

(5) as the development will involve noisy processes and/or extended hours of operation, which will affect the amenity of this noise sensitive residential area contrary to PAN56 Planning and Noise and Local Plan Policy UT10;

(6) as the area is zoned for residential not commercial use in the Inverclyde 2005 Local Plan the proposal contravenes Local Plan Policies H1 and H9 and will have a detrimental impact on the character and amenity of this residential area; and

(7) as deliveries to the premises would compromise road safety given the narrow width of Main Street, contrary to Local Plan Policies TA6 and TA14 and the Roads Development Guide.

3 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

- (a) **Installation of wind turbine:
Field at Kellybank Cottage, Kelly Road, Wemyss Bay (10/0282/IC)**

Decided: that planning permission be granted.

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- (b) **Variation to condition 3 attached to planning permission IC/03/470:
44 Murdieston Street, Greenock (10/0355/IC)**

Decided: that the application be refused on the grounds that the proposed increase in hours of operation beyond 21.00 hours would have a detrimental impact on the established amenity of the nearby residential properties by virtue of the potential generation of noise, disturbance and nuisance, contrary to Policy H1 of the Inverclyde Local Plan.

- (c) **Approval of matters specified by conditions in planning permission 09/0182/IC and non-compliance with condition 15 of planning permission 09/0182/IC:
James Watt Dock/Garvel Island and Great Harbour Embankment, Greenock (10/0234/IC)**

The report recommended that the application be granted subject to a number of conditions.

Decided: that consideration of the application be continued to allow the Head of Regeneration & Planning to discuss the formation of a public slipway access to the dock, harbour or river in terms of condition 27 attached to planning permission 09/0182/IC with the applicant.

AUDIT COMMITTEE - 11 JANUARY 2011

Audit Committee

Tuesday 11 January 2011 at 3 pm

Present: Provost McCormick, Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair, Brooks, Clocherty, Dorrian, Fyfe, MacLeod, McCallum and Nelson.

Chair: Councillor Blair presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Internal Auditor, Mr J Hamilton (Legal Services) AND Corporate Communications Manager.

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

4 **Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest** 4

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

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

5 **Risk Management Progress Report** 5

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on the progress made on Risk Management since the meeting of the Committee on 19 October 2010.

Noted

6 **External Audit Progress Report** 6

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

Decided: that the matters raised in the report be noted.

7 **External Audit Action Plans - Outstanding Actions** 7

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising Members of the outstanding actions from External Audit Actions Plans at 31 October 2010.

Decided: that the progress to date be noted.

8 **Internal Audit Progress Report – 27 September to 3 December 2010** 8

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment presenting to Members the monitoring report of Internal Audit Activity from 27 September to 3 December 2010.

Decided: that the progress made by Internal Audit during the reporting period be 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 for the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 6, 8 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

9 Internal Audit Progress Report - Appendix

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There was submitted an appendix to the Internal Audit Progress Report providing details of a special investigation undertaken since the last meeting of the Committee.

Decided:

- (1) that a further report, as part of the next Annual Audit Plan, be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee detailing a full review of all the recommended new processes which were proposed for implementation following this investigation; and
- (2) that the contents of the appendix be noted.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 12 JANUARY 2011

General Purposes Board

Wednesday 12 January 2011 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Dorrian, Fyfe, MacLeod, 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.

10 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 10

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

11 Fees for Applications for Licences under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 11

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services requesting the Board to increase the fees charged for applications for licences under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 to be phased over a period of two years.

Decided: to continue consideration to a further meeting of the Board to allow further detailed information to be provided.

12 Dress Code for Taxi Drivers 12

There was submitted a report by Head of Legal & Democratic Services requesting the Board to consider introducing a dress code for taxi drivers. The Board heard Mr J Bradley, Environmental & Commercial Services and Mr Glasgow, Inverclyde Taxis.

Decided:

(1) to implement a taxi driver dress code as follows:

Male drivers shirt with collar either open neck or (preferably) with tie, smart trousers, shoes.

Female drivers blouse, smart skirt or trousers, shoes.

The following must not be worn:

Training shoes, baseball caps, tracksuits, denims, t-shirts.

(2) to recommend that taxi operators take appropriate steps to enforce the dress code.

13 Request for Approval of Peugeot Premier Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle 13

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services asking the Board to consider a request from Inverclyde Taxis for approval of the Peugeot Premier as an authorised wheelchair accessible vehicle. The Board heard Mr J Bradley, Environmental & Commercial Services.

Decided: to continue consideration to a further meeting to allow for various public safety issues to be addressed.

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- 14 Application for Taxi Licence: John McGown 14**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services advising that Mr McGown omitted to make timeous application for his licence to be renewed before it expired but it had been dealt with using the procedure for the exercise of powers delegated to the Chief Executive for use between Committees and it had been agreed to authorise the grant of a taxi licence to Mr McGown.
- 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 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.**
- 15 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Lawrence Ngoma 15**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr Lawrence Ngoma following receipt of a police representation.
- Decided:** that the application be refused.
- 16 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Christopher Wylie 16**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr Christopher Wylie following receipt of a police observation. The Board heard Inspector Greer and Mr Wylie.
- Decided:** that the application be granted.
Councillors McKenzie and Fyfe asked that their dissent at this decision be recorded.
- 17 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Eric MacDonald 17**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr Eric MacDonald following receipt of an objection by the Chief Constable. The Board heard Inspector Greer and Mr MacDonald.
- Decided:** that the application be refused.
- 18 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: James Davidson 18**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr James Davidson.
- Decided:** that the application be refused.
- 19 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Thomas McFadyen 19**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr Thomas McFadyen following receipt of an objection by the Chief Constable. At its meeting on 8 December 2010 the Board decided to continue this application for additional information to be provided. The Board heard Mr McFadyen.
- Decided:** that the application be granted.

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- 20 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Graeme Collins 20**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr Graeme Collins following receipt of a police observation.
Decided: that the application be refused.
- 21 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Mark McCafferty 21**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr Mark McCafferty following receipt of a police observation.
Decided: that the application be refused.
- 22 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: Alan Stewart 22**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to consider the suspension of Mr Stewart's taxi driver's licence. The Board heard Mr McNeilly who summarised the contents of the report and read a letter lodged by the applicant prior to the meeting.
Decided: to suspend Mr Stewart's taxi driver's licence for the remainder of its term.

Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership Sub-CommitteeThursday 13 January 2011 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors G Dorrian, T Fyfe, J MacLeod, S McCabe and J McIlwee (Chair); Dr M Kapasi (Vice Chair), Mr K Winter, Non Executive Directors NHS GG&C Health Board; Ms D McCrone, Staff Partnership Forum; Mrs N McFadden Public Partnership Forum; and Mr L Bidwell, Professional Executive Group; Mr R Murphy Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership.

Chair: Councillor McIlwee presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Head of Planning, Health Improvement & Commissioning, Head of Community Care & Strategy, Head of Children & Families and Criminal Justice, Service Manager - Homeless Services, Ms L Bairden (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services) and Project Manager - Your Voice Inverclyde Community Care Forum.

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

23 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 23

There were no apologies for absence or declarations of interest intimated.

24 2010/11 Community Health & Care Partnership – Financial Report – Period 7 to 31 October 2010 24

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership advising the Sub-Committee of the 2010/11 Revenue and Capital Budget position as at Period 7 to 31 October 2010.

Dr Kapasi and Ms McCrone entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business.

Decided:

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the current predicted revenue underspend for 2010/11 of £7,000 as at 31 October 2010;
- (2) that the current projected capital position for 2010/11 of £30,000 as at 31 October 2010 be noted; and
- (3) that the Sub-Committee approve the Revenue Budget virements, relating to Social Work budgets, of £780,760 as shown in appendix 7 to the report.

25 CHCP Bi-Annual Performance Improvement Report 25

There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning, Health Improvement and Commissioning presenting to the Sub-Committee a range of performance measures used across the Community Health & Care Partnership.

Decided:

- (1) that the content of the report be noted; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership to host an induction meeting with Members to discuss the style and content of performance information to be included in future reports submitted to the Sub-Committee.

- 26 Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 26**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership advising the Sub-Committee of the implementation of the Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the contents of the report be noted; and
 - (2) that progress with regard to the effects of implementation of the Act be addressed by the existing Multi Agency Public Protection Fora, and a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.
- 27 Community Payback Orders 27**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership (1) informing the Sub-Committee of the commencement of Community Payback Orders on 1 February 2011 and (2) advising of actions taken, to date, in respect of the new Orders and future plans.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the commencement of the Community Payback Orders on 1 February 2011 be noted; and
 - (2) that action taken and the ongoing planning in respect of implementing the Orders by the Inverclyde Criminal Justice Social Work Services, in partnership with the North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority, be noted.
- 28 North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority Annual Report 2009/10 28**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership informing the Sub-Committee of the publication of the North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority (NSCJA) Annual Report 2009/10.
- Decided:** that the contents of the North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority Annual Report 2009/10 be 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 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.**
- 29 Staffing Restructure – Homelessness Services 29**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership (1) providing details of the proposed new staffing structure for Homelessness Services within the CHCP Directorate and (2) seeking the Sub-Committee's approval to implement the details of the proposal with an anticipated start date of 1 April 2011.
- Decided:**
- (1) that changes to the staffing structure within Homelessness Services, in line with a previous commitment from the Health & Social Care Committee, be noted;
 - (2) that the Sub-Committee approve the implementation of the new structure and matching process contained within the report; and
 - (3) that the report be remitted to the next meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee for consideration.

At the conclusion of the above item of business, the Chief Executive addressed the Sub-Committee welcoming the progress made in establishing the Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership.

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 accordance with the requirements of Local Plan Policy H7 be endorsed; and

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(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.

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.

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- 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 Members in advance of the briefing.
- 43 Winter Service - Policy, Procedures and Resources Document 2010/2011 43**

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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.

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

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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

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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)
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Depot Rationalisation Proposals	6 and 8

49 Hydro Electric Schemes: Inverclyde Council

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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;
- (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.

REGENERATION COMMITTEE - 20 JANUARY 2011

Regeneration Committee

Thursday 20 January 2011 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair, Clocherty, Loughran, McCallum, McCabe, McKenzie, MacLeod, Nelson and Osborne.

Chair: Councillor Clocherty presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Corporate Director Education & Communities, Chief Financial Officer, Ms M McCabe (Finance Services), Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Head of Educational Planning & Culture, Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management, Head of Regeneration & Planning, Libraries Manager, Property Assets Manager, Project Manager Sail Inverclyde Ltd and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

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| 51 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 51 |
| | No apologies for absence were intimated. | |
| | Councillors Clocherty and Osborne declared an interest in Agenda Item 10 (Sail Inverclyde - Funding for the Tall Ships Races). | |
| 52 | Regeneration & Resources 2010/11 Revenue Budget - Period 7 to 31 October 2010 | 52 |
| | 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 7 (31 October 2010) which showed a projected overspend of £35,000. | |
| | Decided: | |
| | (1) that the current projected overspend of £35,000 for 2010/11, as at 31 October 2010, be noted; and | |
| | (2) that it be noted £30,000 of the projected overspend can be offset against the projected increase in surplus within Building Services, resulting in a net £5,000 overspend. | |
| 53 | Building Services Trading Account Revenue Budget 2010/11 - Period 7 to 31 October 2010 | 53 |
| | 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 7 (31 October 2010) which showed a projected surplus of £277,000. | |
| | Noted | |
| 54 | Capital Programme 2010/11 to 2013/14 - Progress | 54 |
| | 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. | |
| | Decided: | |

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- (1) that the Committee note the progress of the specific projects detailed in appendix 1 to the report; and
 (2) that the Committee note the position relative to the Campbell Street development as outlined in appendix 2 to the report.

55 European Funding - Employability

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment providing an update on current European funding applications and the resultant impact on the future funding of employability services within Inverclyde.

Decided:

- (1) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to accept the ESF award of £410,766 per annum for the next two years recognising that this will require the commitment of £1,051,623 per annum for the next two years by the Council, subject to the Council allocating £4.1M to projects formerly funded through the Fairer Scotland Fund as part of its budget setting process; and
 (2) that the Committee recognise that, if the ERDF bid is successful, the commitment required will raise by a further £172,127 per annum, subject to the Council allocating £4.1M to projects formerly funded through the Fairer Scotland Fund as part of its budget setting process.

56 Strategic Leisure Sites: Review of Rankin Park Development

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking authority to reconfigure the Rankin Park Leisure Centre proposals and the development of a number of other schemes as part of the review of the Capital Programme 2010-14.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee identify option 2b as outlined in paragraph 5.3 of the report as the preferred development option and request that the Council consider making appropriate provision to progress the project as part of the budget setting process; and
 (2) that, subject to funding being made available within the budget process, it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to implement the project through further detailed design, formulating tender documents, selecting tenderers and appointing the most economically advantageous tenderer.

57 Request for Loan of Painting from McLean Museum

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities advising of a request from the National Galleries of Scotland for the loan of the painting Crème de Menthe from the McLean Museum and Art Gallery for an exhibition in the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art.

Decided: that approval be given to the loan of the painting Crème de Menthe to the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art from October 2011 until March 2012, subject to matters of transport, security and insurance being arranged to the satisfaction of the Libraries Manager.

58 The Watt Complex: Feasibility Study and Options Appraisal

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

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advising of the findings of a feasibility study carried out on the Watt Library, McLean Museum, Art Gallery and the Watt Hall with a view to identifying funding and developing a bid application to the Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic Scotland.

Decided:

- (1) that Option C set out in the report be identified as the preferred development option and that the Council be requested to consider making up to £4M available for the project over the period 2011-15 as part of the budget setting process;
- (2) that subject to funding being made available within the budget process, it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to further investigate funding and recurring income generation opportunities to assist in funding the project and, where necessary, to identify tenderers and appoint a project manager to assist in preparing the detailed application to the Heritage Lottery Fund as outlined in paragraph 6.5 of the report;
- (3) that the costs of £57,000 required for packing and storing the collections for the duration of the building programme and the estimated £7,750 to provide 10 public access PCs with appropriate cabling and networking to allow access to the internet and electronic genealogy sources be funded from the Watt Institution Fund; and
- (4) that the recommendations of the Committee be referred to the next meeting of the Council for approval as Trustees of the Watt Institution.

59 Tender for the Decant and Transfer of Furniture, Equipment and Resources 59

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval to issue tender documents for the decant and transfer of furniture, equipment and resources as detailed in appendix 1 to the report.

Decided: that the Committee approve the issuing of tenders for the decant and transfer of furniture, equipment and resources and that authority be delegated to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the recommended tender in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts, Financial Regulations and European Procurement Directives.

60 Sail Inverclyde - Funding for the Tall Ships Races 60

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) on the current income levels for the Tall Ships Races 2011 as at December 2010 and (2) requesting the Committee to consider the type of event which could be presented working within the limits of this income along with the income projected from trading and concessions.

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 contents of the report be noted;
- (2) that the Council be requested to provide additional support of up to £100,000 from reserves as part of the forthcoming budget process;
- (3) that it be noted further update reports will be submitted to the Committee in 2011; and
- (4) that the Committee discuss the position with regard to the provision of park and ride facilities following exclusion of the public and press from the meeting.

61 Office Rationalisation Update 61

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) updating the Committee on the progress of the office rationalisation proposals and (2) seeking approval to progress projects to tender.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted;
- (2) that the Committee declare the Nicol Street Social Work Office surplus to the Council's requirements;
- (3) that approval be given to the issue of tenders for (a) alterations work to the Business Store to accommodate the library, (b) the demolition of Wellington Academy, Highholm Centre/former Primary School and Nicol Street Social Work Office and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the recommended tenders in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts, Financial Regulations and European Procurement Directives; and
- (4) that approval be given to the lease of a factory unit for the storage of surplus furniture and resources for a period of three years at a rental of circa £25,000 per annum, with running costs of £20,000 per annum.

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.

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The Committee resumed consideration of this item of business.

The Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advised the Committee of the position with regard to tenders received for the provision of park and ride facilities for the event.

Noted

63 Depot Rationalisation Proposals

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment and the Chief Financial Officer (1) advising of revised proposals for depot rationalisation and (2) seeking approval to proceed with the implementation of the proposals.

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.

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

Decided:

(1) that the Committee approve the depot rationalisation proposals as outlined in Section 2.2 and detailed in Section 5 of the report; and

(2) that the financial implications outlined in Section 6 of the report be remitted to the Policy & Resources Committee for approval.

64 Appendix 2 Relative to Agenda Item 4

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There was submitted appendix 2 relative to Agenda Item 4 (Capital Programme 2010/11 to 2013/14 - Progress) providing information on the Campbell Street development and the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment updated the Committee. The Committee noted the position, all as detailed in the appendix.

(Councillors Ahlfeld and MacLeod left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

65 Waterfront Cinema

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) seeking approval to enter into a Minute of Variation relative to the Waterfront Cinema and (2) recommending action to be taken and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

(Councillor Ahlfeld returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

66 Development of a Community Facility at Woodhall, Port Glasgow and Provision of Crèche Facilities at Task Group Meetings

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval for (1) the preparation of a feasibility study for the development of a community facility at Woodhall and (2) the provision of crèche facilities at Task Group meetings.

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to the allocation of £20,000 from the Area Renewal Fund (ARF) to fund a detailed feasibility study for the development of a community facility at Woodhall;

(2) that the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment be authorised to engage local partners, select appropriate qualified tenderers, appoint the most economically

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advantageous tenderer to prepare the detailed study and report back to the Committee in due course; and

(3) that approval be given to the allocation of £3,000 from the ARF to fund crèche provision at all Task Group meetings.

67 Ground at Highholm Street, Port Glasgow 67

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval in principle to the sale of ground at Highholm Street, Port Glasgow and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

68 Disposal of Kilmacolm Institute - Report on Offers 68

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on offers received in response to the advertisement relating to the sale of the Kilmacolm Institute, plus adjacent properties. The Committee approved the recommendations contained within the report and agreed that it be referred to the next meeting of the Inverclyde Council for approval as Trustees of the Kilmacolm Institute, all as detailed in the appendix.

69 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive to submit PQQ for Strathclyde Police Facilities Management Contract 69

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 since the last meeting of the Committee relative to the submission by a consortium of local authorities of a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire for the Strathclyde Police Service cleaning contract.

Noted

70 Various Measured Term Contracts 2010/12 - Permission to Extend Contracts for One Year 70

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval to extend the various measured term contracts as detailed in the report for a period of one year.

Decided: that approval be given to the extension of the various measured term contracts as detailed in the report for a period of one year on terms favourable to the Council, as determined by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment.

The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment and the Chief Financial Officer was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow action, if agreed by the Committee, to be taken at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.

71 Inverclyde Indoor Bowling Club 71

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment and the Chief Financial Officer providing an update in respect of Inverclyde Indoor Bowling Club and the Committee agreed to take action and that a further report be submitted to the Committee, all as detailed in the appendix.

EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE - 25 JANUARY 2011

Education and Lifelong Learning Committee

Tuesday 25 January 2011 at 4 pm

Present: Provost McCormick, Councillors Blair, Brooks, Clocherty, Fyfe, MacLeod (for Grieve), Loughran, McCabe, McKenzie, Osborne and Wilson, Rev W Hamilton 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, Head of Education, Head of Educational Planning & Culture, Ms L Wilkie and Ms M Paterson (Education & Communities), Mr I Cameron (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management, Mr E Montgomery (Property Assets & Facilities Management) and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

72 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 72

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

73 HMle Report on Hillend Children's Centre 73

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the results of the HMle and Care Commission inspection of Hillend Children's Centre. The report advised that of the indicators of quality, three had been evaluated as "very good" and two as "good".

Ms Lesley O'Hagan, Head of Centre, was present and addressed the Committee relative to the inspection report.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee endorse the comments made following the HMle and Care Commission inspection of Hillend Children's Centre; and
- (2) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all staff and pupils for the work undertaken to achieve the evaluation.

74 HMle Report on Rainbow Family Centre 74

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the results of the HMle and Care Commission inspection of Rainbow Family Centre. The report advised that of the indicators of quality, one had been evaluated as "very good" and four as "good".

Mr Steve Halkett, Head of Centre, was present and addressed the Committee relative to the inspection report.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee endorse the comments made following the HMle and Care

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Commission inspection of the Rainbow Family Centre; and

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

75 **Education & Lifelong Learning Revenue Budget 2010/11 - Period 7** 75

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the position of the 2010/11 Revenue Budget as at Period 7 (31 October 2010) which currently projected an underspend of £149,000.

Noted

76 **Capital Programme 2010 - 14/15 - Progress** 76

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities and the Chief Financial Officer on the progress of the Capital Programme 2010 - 14/15.

Decided:

(1) that the progress of the specific projects detailed in appendix 1 to the report be noted;

(2) that approval be given to the addition to the Capital Programme of the St Michael's Primary School drainage works and the Gourrock High School off site drainage works and for the issue of tenders for the Gourrock High School drainage works in advance of the main refurbishment contract; and

(3) that approval be given to the issue of tenders for the Binnie Street Children's Centre works and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the lowest acceptable tender received provided that the cost is within the approved project budget.

77 **Standards and Quality Report 2009/10** 77

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities seeking approval of the Education Services Standards and Quality Report for session 2009/10, coloured copies of which were circulated at the meeting, and for its distribution to key stakeholders.

Decided: that approval be given to the content of the Education Services Standards and Quality Report 2009/10 and for its publication and distribution to key stakeholders.

78 **Update on Progress with the Implementation of Curriculum for Excellence** 78

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.

Decided: that the Committee note the ongoing progress being made with the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence in Inverclyde.

79 **Nursery Provision in the Larkfield Area of Greenock** 79

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities advising the Committee of the re-establishment of nursery provision in the Larkfield area of Greenock.

Decided:

(1) that agreement be given to the re-establishment of nursery provision in the Larkfield area on a fixed term basis from January/February 2011 to June 2013; and

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(2) that a further report be submitted to the Committee early in 2012 with a permanent proposal for nursery provision in the Larkfield area.

80 The Education (Lower Primary Class Sizes) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2010 80

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities providing details of the change to the Primary 1 class size maximum brought about by the Education (Lower Primary Class Sizes) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2010 and the effect on placing requests.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note that the Primary 1 class size maximum of 25 pupils adopted by the Council from August 2007 will be the statutory maximum from August 2011; and

(2) that the implications for placing requests be noted.

81 School Leaver Destination Results 2010 81

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities providing information relative to the annual release of school leaver destination results on 1 December 2010.

Noted

82 Learning in Inverclyde - Professional Learning and Development for Teachers (CPD Policy) 82

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the new policy, "Learning in Inverclyde: Professional Learning and Development for Teachers", which had been developed to support teachers with their Continuing Professional Development (CPD).

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

Decided: that the Committee approve the CPD policy, "Learning in Inverclyde: Professional Learning and Development for Teachers" and its implementation across all Inverclyde primary and secondary schools.

83 Update on Vocational Learning Programme in Partnership with James Watt College 83

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities providing information on the Vocational Learning Programme which is offered to secondary school pupils and delivered locally by James Watt College.

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

Decided: that the Committee note the range of vocational courses which are being offered by James Watt College and the associated uptake by pupils from Inverclyde secondary schools for session 2010/11.

84 Scottish Survey of Adult Literacies 2009: Report of Findings 84

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) on the main research findings from the Scottish Survey of Adult Literacies 2009 (SSAL 2009) and the implications for Inverclyde and (2) seeking approval for the proposed priorities for future development in adult literacies in Inverclyde.

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Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the findings of the Scottish Survey of Adult Literacies 2009; and

(2) that approval be given to the proposed priorities for future development as detailed in the report.

85 Scottish Youth Parliament Sitting in Inverclyde: 12-13 March 2011**85**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) advising the Committee of the Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP) Sitting in Inverclyde in March 2011, (2) seeking the support and participation of Elected Members and (3) establishing a process to review the impact of the event and related activities to involve young people in decision making processes.

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to the support and hosting of the Scottish Youth Parliament Sitting in Inverclyde in March 2011; and

(2) that it be noted that an evaluation of the event will be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

86 The Naming of the Amalgamated St Gabriel's and Sacred Heart Primary Schools**86**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities advising of the results of the ballot held to determine the name for the new primary school following the amalgamation of St Gabriel's and Sacred Heart Primary Schools in August 2011.

Decided: that St Andrew's Primary School be the name of the amalgamated St Gabriel's and Sacred Heart Primary Schools.

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Planning Board

Wednesday 2 February 2011 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors Brooks, Dorrian, Blair (for Fyfe), Loughran, McCallum, 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 Corporate Communications Manager.

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

87 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Councillor Wilson declared an interest in Agenda Item 2 (approval of matters specified by conditions in planning permission 09/0182/IC and non-compliance with condition 15 of planning permission 09/0182/IC at James Watt Dock/Garvel Island and Great Harbour Embankment, Greenock (10/0234/IC))

88 PLANNING APPLICATION SUBMITTED FOR CONTINUED CONSIDERATION

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**Approval of matters specified by conditions in planning permission 09/0182/IC and non-compliance with condition 15 of planning permission 09/0182/IC:
James Watt Dock/Garvel Island and Great Harbour Embankment, Greenock (10/0234/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning regarding an application by James Watt Dock LLP for approval of matters specified by conditions in planning permission 09/0182/IC and non-compliance with condition 15 of planning permission 09/0182/IC at James Watt Dock/Garvel Island and Great Harbour Embankment, Greenock (10/0234/IC), consideration of which had been continued from the meeting of 5 January 2011 for further discussion with the applicant over investigations into the possible provision of a public slipway allowing direct public access to the river.

Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a Board Member of Riverside Inverclyde and as a Member of the Local Outdoor Access Forum. He 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 Dorrian entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

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

(1) that further approval of the Council shall be required with respect to the undermentioned matters hereby reserved before development is commenced on the later phases, and shall be provided and approved in advance of development commencing on each said phase:

(a) the siting, design and external appearance of any building(s) to which the planning

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permission or the application relates;

(b) details of the landscaping of the site, including play provision;

to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;

(2) that each phase within the approved phasing plan shall be completed prior to the commencement of development on the subsequent phase, unless agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that development proceeds in a manner conducive to public safety and in the interests of the built heritage;

(3) that each of phases 3-6 shall not commence until a risk assessment for each phase, 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 provide verification that remediation has been carried out to the Authority's satisfaction;

(4) that no development shall take place within each phase of the development site as outlined in red on the approved plan until the developer has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological works in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted by the applicant, agreed by the West of Scotland Archaeology Service, and approved by the Planning Authority. Thereafter the developer shall ensure that the programme of archaeological works is fully implemented and that all recording and recovery of archaeological resources within the development site is undertaken to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority in agreement with the West of Scotland Archaeology Service, in the interests of antiquity;

(5) that prior to the commencement of development in phases 3-6, full details of the lighting scheme in each relevant phase shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, in the interests of public safety;

(6) that details of the maintenance and management programme for all areas of soft and hard landscaping within each of phases 3-6 shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to the start of development in each of the relevant phases. The programme shall commence upon the start of development in each of the relevant phases, to ensure the visual amenity of the development is retained;

(7) that non-compliance with condition 15 of planning permission 09/0182/IC is granted only in respect of the Sugar Warehouse. For the avoidance of doubt all other development within the application site shall be set at or above 5.0 metres above Ordnance Datum, to prevent flooding of the floors of properties;

(8) 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 in each phase of the development, details of the maintenance regime for the relevant water detention areas for the relevant phase shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to control runoff from the site to reduce the risk of flooding;

(9) that prior to the commencement of construction, the traffic signals permitted by planning permission 09/0039/IC shall be installed, to ensure ease of access to the site and the free flow of traffic on the adjacent A8 trunk road in the interests of traffic safety; and

(10) that layout details to be submitted in respect of the development of phase 5 shall include a public access slipway. The slipway shall be provided in accordance with a timescale to be agreed with the Planning Authority, to ensure provision of the identified public access slipway.

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

**(a) Provision of new community sports facility, car parking and new 3G pitch with associated spectating for 200 and floodlighting:
Parklea, Parklea Road, Port Glasgow (10/0228/IC)**

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 following conditions:-

(1) that development shall be carried out in accordance with Appendix 4 of Land Use Consultants Supporting Information For Appropriate Assessment at Parklea January 2011, to protect wintering Redshanks in the Clyde Special Protection Area and to satisfy the requirements of Scottish Natural Heritage;

(2) that use of the football pitch shall only take place between 0900hrs and 2200hrs, to protect the amenities of occupiers of premises from unreasonable noise and vibration levels;

(3) that all external lighting on the application site should comply with the Scottish Government Guidance Note "Controlling Light Pollution and Reducing Lighting Energy Consumption", to protect the amenity of the immediate area, the creation of nuisance due to light pollution and to support the reduction of energy consumption; and

(4) 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 continuity of finishing materials in this part of Port Glasgow.

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

**(b) Erection of 4 Temporary Huts, Security Fence Enclosure and Additional Car Parking:
St Stephen's High School, Southfield Avenue, Port Glasgow (10/0381/IC)**

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the condition that the development hereby approved shall be removed at the expiry of three years from the date on this planning permission and that any works required for the reinstatement of the site shall be completed three months thereafter, due to the temporary nature of the development and to safeguard the character and amenity of the area.

**(c) Construction of children's care home:
Kylemore Terrace, Greenock (10/0360/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 continuity of finishing materials in this part of Greenock;

(2) that no development shall commence until fully detailed landscaping and boundary treatment details have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the provision of a quality landscape setting for the care

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home;

(3) that the approved boundary treatment and landscape details required by condition (2) shall be completed in the first planting season following completion of the care home. Any specimens which in the subsequent 5 years die, become diseased or are damaged shall be replaced in the next planting season, unless the Planning Authority gives its prior written approval to any alternatives, to ensure the provision of a quality landscape setting for the care home;

(4) that all surface water shall be intercepted within the site, in the interests of road safety on Kylemore Terrace;

(5) that driveway gradients shall not exceed 10%, in the interests of road safety on Kylemore Terrace;

(6) 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;

(7) 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 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;

(8) 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;

(9) 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;

(10) that no fill or landscaping material shall be imported onto the site until written details of the source and intended reuse of the imported 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. 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; and

(11) that deliveries or collections to and from the site shall not be carried out between the hours of 23:00 and 07:00, to protect the amenities of occupiers of premises from

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unreasonable noise and vibration levels.

**(d) Formation of driveway and new stairway:
Upper Flat, 39 Tower Drive, Gourock (10/0380/IC & 10/0026/LB)**

The report recommended that planning permission and listed building consent be granted subject to a number of conditions.

Decided: that consideration of the application be continued in view of comments received recently from the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services which may impact on the proposal.

**(e) Extension to rear of dwellinghouse:
46 Dunvegan Avenue, Gourock (10/0288/IC)**

The report recommended that planning permission be refused for a number of reasons.

The meeting was adjourned at 3.30 pm and resumed at 3.32 pm.

After discussion, Councillor Loughran moved that consideration of the application be continued for a site visit to be arranged by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services in consultation with the Convener. As an amendment, Councillor Wilson moved that planning permission be refused for the reasons detailed in the report. On a vote 5 Members voted for the motion and 5 for the amendment. There being equality in voting, the Convener exercised his casting vote in favour of the amendment which was declared carried.

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

(1) as the proposed extension by virtue of the design, appearance and massing would dominate the existing house when viewed from Dunvegan Avenue and be prominent within the streetscape to the detriment of the character and appearance of Dunvegan Avenue; and

(2) as the proposal is contrary to Policies H1 and H15 of the Inverclyde Local Plan.

LOCAL REVIEW BODY - 2 FEBRUARY 2011

Local Review Body

Wednesday 2 February 2011 at 4 pm

Present: Councillors Brooks, Dorrian, Loughran, McCallum, Moran, Nelson, Rebecchi and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Mr R Gimby (Regeneration & Planning Services) and 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 Local Review Body.

90 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 90

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Fyfe, Grieve and McKenzie.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

91 PLANNING APPLICATION FOR REVIEW 91

**Installation of rear roof dormer:
93 Murdieston Street, Greenock (10/0128/IC)**

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review of the refusal of planning permission for the installation of a rear roof dormer at 93 Murdieston Street, Greenock (10/0128/IC).

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 the following reasons as set out in the Decision Notice dated 30 July 2010:-

(i) as the proposal would adversely impact upon the existing streetscape it is contrary to Policy H15 of the Local Plan and the guidance contained within the Council's Planning Practice Advice Note no 9 (Dormer Windows). The proposal would consequently also be contrary to Policy H1 of the Local Plan; and

(ii) as the proposed development would generate an additional demand for on-street parking resulting in congestion and confrontation to the detriment of road safety.

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 8 FEBRUARY 2011

Policy & Resources Committee

Tuesday 8 February 2011 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors Blair, Brooks, Clocherty, McCabe, McIlwee, McKenzie, MacLeod, Moran, Nelson, Ahlfeld (for Wilson) and White.

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Community Health & Care Partnership, Corporate Director Education & Communities, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance, Legal Services Manager (Procurement & Administration) and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

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| 92 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 92 |
| | An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Wilson with Councillor Ahlfeld substituting. | |
| | No declarations of interest were intimated. | |
| 93 | Policy & Resources Committee 2010/11 Revenue Budget - Period 8 to 30 November 2010 | 93 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment and Chief Financial Officer on the position of the 2010/11 Revenue Budget as at Period 8 (30 November 2010).
(Councillor White entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
Decided: that the Committee note the current projected underspend for 2010/11 of £773,000 as at 30 November 2010. | |
| 94 | General Fund Revenue Budget 2010/11 - Period 8 | 94 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the position of the 2010/11 General Fund Revenue Budget as at 30 November 2010 and (2) providing an update in respect of the Earmarked Reserves and the General Fund Reserves.
Decided:
(1) that the Committee note the information contained in appendices 1, 2 and 3 of the report; and
(2) that the Committee consider the information contained within the report when approving the 2011/13 Revenue Budget at the meeting of The Inverclyde Council on 10 February 2011. | |
| 95 | Capital Programme 2010/14 | 95 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the current position of the 2010/14 Capital Programme.
Decided: that the Committee note the current position of the 2010/14 Capital | |

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Programme and that the Council will agree a 2011/14 Capital Programme at the meeting on 10 February 2011.

96 Policy & Resources Capital Programme (2010/11 - 13/14) Progress Report 96

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) providing an update on the status of the projects forming the Policy & Resources Capital Programme and (2) highlighting the actual spend as at 31 December 2010.

Noted

97 Treasury Management - Counterparty Investment Limits 97

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) requesting a temporary increase in the Council's Counterparty Limit for investments with the Bank of Scotland and (2) seeking homologation for exceeding the current limit during December 2010 and January 2011.

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to an increase in the Treasury Management Practices Counterparty limit with the Bank of Scotland from £50M to £60M until the end of April 2011; and

(2) that the exceeding of the Treasury Management Practices limit with the Bank of Scotland in December 2010 and January 2011 be homologated.

98 Corporate Performance Report 98

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources providing corporate performance information collected in mid December 2010. The Chief Executive advised the Committee that the performance level for the sickness absence indicator for the Council, including the Community Health & Care Partnership, was 5.12%.

During the course of discussion on this item, it was noted that the Directorate performance reports submitted to the Service Committees contain more detailed performance information.

Decided:

(1) that the performance information contained in the report and the update by the Chief Executive be endorsed; and

(2) that it be noted further reports on corporate performance will be submitted to future meetings of the Committee.

99 Inverclyde Council 2011/13 Budget - Updated Position 99

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing the Committee with updated information in respect of the 2011/13 budget to allow Members to agree a budget at the meeting of The Inverclyde Council on 10 February 2011.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the latest information in respect of the 2011/13 budget; and

(2) that it be noted that at the meeting of The Inverclyde Council on 10 February 2011 decisions will be required in respect of:-

(a) the 2011/13 Revenue Budget;

(b) the 2011/14 Capital Programme;

(c) the 2011/13 Common Good Budget; and

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(d) the General Fund Revenue Reserves.

100 Standing Orders Relating to Contracts 100

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services seeking approval of revised Standing Orders relating to Contracts all as detailed in appendix 1 to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the revised Standing Orders relating to Contracts all as detailed in appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- (2) that it be recommended to The Inverclyde Council that it formally resolves to adopt the aforesaid revised Standing Orders relating to Contracts; and
- (3) that it be noted a briefing session will be held for Members in April in relation to the Corporate Procurement Manual referred to in the revised Standing Orders.

101 Royal Wedding - 29 April 2011 101

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance on the announcement by the UK and Scottish Governments that there will be an additional one-off holiday on Friday 29 April 2011 to celebrate the wedding of His Royal Highness Prince William and Miss Catherine Middleton.

Decided:

- (1) that the Council agree to celebrate the wedding of His Royal Highness Prince William and Miss Catherine Middleton on 29 April 2011; and
- (2) that an additional annual leave day (fixed) be granted to employees on Friday 29 April 2011.

102 Shared Support Services Workstream - Use of Emergency Powers 102

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources on the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to approve participation by the Council in the next phase of the Shared Support Services Workstream and the allocation of up to £40,000 to meet the Council's share of development costs.

Noted

103 Roads Maintenance Budget 2010/11 - Remit from Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee 103

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on a remit from the Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee of 18 January 2011 requesting that the Policy & Resources Committee approve funding for up to £200,000 projected overspend in winter maintenance from the General Fund Contingency and for a one-off sum of £200,000 for extra pavement/roads repairs to be funded from the General Fund Reserve in 2010/11.

Decided: that approval be given to the allocation of funding for up to £200,000 projected overspend in winter maintenance from the General Fund Contingency and for a one-off sum of £200,000 for extra pavement/roads repairs to be funded from the General Fund Reserve in 2010/11.

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

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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)
Teachers' Refresh Trawl and Release of an Employee	1
Play Area Strategy - Various Projects - Use of Emergency Powers	6
Depot Rationalisation Proposals - Remit from Regeneration Committee	6 & 8
Staffing Restructure - Homelessness Services - Remit from Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership Sub-Committee	1

104 Teachers' Refresh Trawl and Release of an Employee 104

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance requesting the Committee to (1) agree to a teachers' refresh trawl being carried out, (2) release an employee and (3) delegate authority to the Chief Executive to release teachers as a result of the formation of Clydeview Academy.

Decided:

- (1) that agreement be given to a teachers' refresh trawl being undertaken with up to four added years being awarded to employees;
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive until 30 June 2011 to release employees as part of the teachers' refresh trawl;
- (3) that an update report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee once the trawl has been completed;
- (4) that approval be given to the release of the employee detailed in appendix 1 to the report; and
- (5) that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive to release teachers as a result of the merging of Greenock Academy and Gourrock High School.

105 Play Area Strategy - Various Projects - Use of Emergency Powers 105

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 tender documents for the various contracts which make up the Council's Play Area Action Plan to specialist contractors not included on the Council's list of approved contractors.

Noted

106 Depot Rationalisation Proposals - Remit from Regeneration Committee 106

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on a remit from the Regeneration Committee of 20 January 2011 requesting that the Policy & Resources Committee approve the financial implications of the depot rationalisation proposals as outlined in section 6 of the report to the Regeneration Committee a copy of which was appended to the report.

Decided: that the financial implications of the depot rationalisation proposals as outlined in section 6 of the report to the Regeneration Committee be approved.

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107 Staffing Restructure - Homelessness Services - Remit from Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership Sub-Committee**107**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on a remit from the Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership Sub-Committee of 13 January 2011 relative to the proposed new staffing structure for Homelessness Services within the CHCP Directorate.

Decided: that approval be given to the implementation of the new staffing structure for Homelessness Services within the CHCP Directorate.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 9 FEBRUARY 2011

General Purposes BoardWednesday 9 February 2011 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Fyfe, MacLeod, McCallum, McIlwee, McKenzie, Moran 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.

108 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 108

Apologies for absence were intimated to the Board on behalf of Councillors Dorrian and Grieve.

Councillors McCallum and Moran declared an interest in agenda item 3 (Application for Street Trader's Licence: Archibald Wilson, East End of Car Park, Lyle Hill, Greenock)

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.

109 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: John Archdeacon 109

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence following verbal intimation from the Chief Inspector, Strathclyde Police that he is unable to confirm whether or not Mr Archdeacon is a fit and proper person to hold such a licence due to his failure to produce the paper counterpart of his driving licence. Mr Douglas informed the Board that a copy of Mr Archdeacon's driving licence had been submitted earlier today. The Board heard Chief Inspector Mark Shepherd.

Decided: that delegated powers be given to the Chair following receipt of the report by Strathclyde Police to grant or refuse the licence.

110 Application for Street Trader's Licence: Archibald Wilson, East End of Car Park, Lyle Hill, Greenock 110

Councillor Moran declared a non-financial interest in this matter and Councillor McCallum's concerns are indicated in the report. Councillors Moran and McCallum left the meeting.

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a Street Trader's Licence by Mr Archibald Wilson to operate a moveable stall at the east end of the car park at Lyle Hill, Greenock following receipt of a public objection and concerns raised by Councillor McCallum. Mr Douglas informed the Board that it was not clear from the application form if the applicant is Mr Archibald Wilson

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(Senior) as an individual person or Mr Archibald Wilson (Senior) and Mr Archibald Wilson (Junior) as a partnership. The Board heard Mr Wilson (Junior) and Miss Ann Heaton, objector. Mr Douglas further advised that there were several anomalies with the application and what was being proposed by Mr Wilson (Junior)

Decided: to continue the application to a further meeting to allow Mr Wilson to seek legal advice and amend application form as appropriate.

Councillors Moran and McCallum returned to the meeting following consideration of this item of business.

111 Application for Licence for House in Multiple Occupation: Mark Taylor, Top Flat and Attic, 34 Robertson Street, Greenock

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on a renewal application for a licence for a house in multiple occupation by Mr Mark Taylor for top flat and attic at 34 Robertson Street, Greenock following receipt of objections by Mr Thomas Canning and Mark and Julie Grieve. The Board heard Mr Taylor in support of his application and Mr Canning in support of his objection.

Decided: that the application be refused.

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL - 10 FEBRUARY 2011

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 10 February 2011 at 4 pm

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

Chair: Provost McCormick presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Community Health & Care Partnership, Corporate Director Education & Communities, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Legal Services Manager (Courts & Litigation) and Corporate Communications Manager.

112 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 112

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

The Provost being of the opinion that the undernoted item was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Council to consider its position at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.

113 Greenock Coastguard Centre 113

The Provost referred to a request from Councillor Rebecchi that the Council consider its support for the retention of Greenock Coastguard Centre.

During the course of discussion, it was noted that the PCS Union had been asked to submit a resolution for consideration by the Council at the meeting to be held on 24 February 2011.

Decided: that consideration of the matter be continued to the meeting of the Council to be held on 24 February 2011.

114 Revenue Budget 2011/13 and Capital Programme 2011/14 114

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) confirming the information provided to Members to date, (2) setting out the decisions required by the Council in respect of the Budget and (3) requesting the Council to agree the 2011/13 Revenue Budget, 2011/14 Capital Programme and the 2011/13 Common Good Budget. After discussion, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor McKenzie moved:-

(1) that the 2011/13 General Fund Revenue Budget be agreed in terms of the Coalition Administration's submission (appendix 1 to the minute);

(2) that the 2011/14 Capital Programme be agreed in terms of the Coalition Administration's submission (appendix 1 to the minute);

(3) that the Common Good Fund be agreed in terms of the Coalition Administration's submission (appendix 1 to the minute);

(4) that agreement be given to the proposals in respect of the General Fund Reserve on the basis of the Coalition Administration's submission taking into account the Chief

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Financial Officer's recommendation that the General Reserve Balance should not fall below £4.2m;

(5) that agreement be given to the Work Streams and associated targets as recommended by the Corporate Management Team as shown in appendix 3 to the report;

(6) that the Council agree to sign up to the Scottish Government's Conditions attached to the 2011/12 Grant Settlement and ask the Council Leader to advise the Scottish Government of the Council's agreement to these Conditions by the deadline of 28 February 2011;

(7) that the Risk Register set out in appendix 7 to the report be noted; and

(8) that the Council agree the impact on Council Tax levels of the approved proposals in 2011/12 and 2012/13 and note that the formal resolution in respect of the Council Tax level 2011/12 will be approved as part of this meeting.

As an amendment, Councillor Nelson seconded by Councillor Brooks moved:-

(1) that the 2011/13 General Fund Revenue Budget be agreed in terms of the Scottish National Group's submission (appendix 2 to the minute);

(2) that the 2011/14 Capital Programme be agreed in terms of the Scottish National Group's submission (appendix 2 to the minute);

(3) that the Common Good Fund be agreed in terms of the Scottish National Group's submission (appendix 2 to the minute);

(4) that agreement be given to the proposals in respect of the General Fund Reserve on the basis of the Scottish National Group's submission taking into account the Chief Financial Officer's recommendation that the General Reserve Balance should not fall below £4.2m;

(5) that agreement be given to the Work Streams and associated targets as recommended by the Corporate Management Team as shown in appendix 3 to the report;

(6) that the Council agree to sign up to the Scottish Government's Conditions attached to the 2011/12 Grant Settlement and ask the Council Leader to advise the Scottish Government of the Council's agreement to these Conditions by the deadline of 28 February 2011;

(7) that the Risk Register set out in appendix 7 to the report be noted; and

(8) that the Council agree the impact on Council Tax levels of the approved proposals in 2011/12 and 2012/13 and note that the formal resolution in respect of the Council Tax level 2011/12 will be approved as part of this meeting.

As a further amendment, Councillor Blair seconded by Councillor Rebecchi moved:-

(1) that the 2011/13 General Fund Revenue Budget be agreed in terms of the Liberal Democrat Group's submission (appendix 3 to the minute);

(2) that the 2011/14 Capital Programme be agreed in terms of the Liberal Democrat Group's submission (appendix 3 to the minute);

(3) that the Common Good Fund be agreed in terms of the Liberal Democrat Group's submission (appendix 3 to the minute);

(4) that agreement be given to the proposals in respect of the General Fund Reserve on the basis of the Liberal Democrat Group's submission taking into account the Chief Financial Officer's recommendation that the General Reserve Balance should not fall below £4.2m;

(5) that agreement be given to the Work Streams and associated targets as recommended by the Corporate Management Team as shown in appendix 3 to the report;

(6) that the Council agree to sign up to the Scottish Government's Conditions attached to the 2011/12 Grant Settlement and ask the Council Leader to advise the Scottish Government of the Council's agreement to these Conditions by the deadline of

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28 February 2011;

- (7) that the Risk Register set out in appendix 7 to the report be noted; and
 (8) that the Council agree the impact on Council Tax levels of the approved proposals in 2011/12 and 2012/13 and note that the formal resolution in respect of the Council Tax level 2011/12 will be approved as part of this meeting.

On a vote between the two amendments, 3 Members voted for the amendment by Councillor Blair and 4 for the amendment by Councillor Nelson. The amendment by Councillor Blair then fell. On a vote between the amendment by Councillor Nelson and the motion, 7 Members voted for the amendment and 11 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided:

(1) that the 2011/13 General Fund Revenue Budget be agreed in terms of the Coalition Administration's submission (appendix 1 to the minute);

(2) that the 2011/14 Capital Programme be agreed in terms of the Coalition Administration's submission (appendix 1 to the minute);

(3) that the Common Good Fund be agreed in terms of the Coalition Administration's submission (appendix 1 to the minute);

(4) that agreement be given to the proposals in respect of the General Fund Reserve on the basis of the Coalition Administration's submission taking into account the Chief Financial Officer's recommendation that the General Reserve Balance should not fall below £4.2m;

(5) that agreement be given to the Work Streams and associated targets as recommended by the Corporate Management Team as shown in appendix 3 to the report;

(6) that the Council agree to sign up to the Scottish Government's Conditions attached to the 2011/12 Grant Settlement and ask the Council Leader to advise the Scottish Government of the Council's agreement to these Conditions by the deadline of 28 February 2011;

(7) that the Risk Register set out in appendix 7 to the report be noted; and

(8) that the Council agree the impact on Council Tax levels of the approved proposals in 2011/12 and 2012/13 and note that the formal resolution in respect of the Council Tax level 2011/12 will be approved as part of this meeting.

115 Resolution: Council Tax 2011/12

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Arising from the foregoing paragraph, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor McKenzie moved that there be no increase in the Council Tax for financial year 2011/12 and, accordingly, resolved to set the "Band D" Council Tax at £1,198.

Decided: that the "Band D" Council Tax for 2011/12 be set at £1,198.

Administration Budget Proposals

10 February 2011

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Appendix 12011/13 Revenue Budget - Pro-forma

	<u>2011/12</u> <u>£ m</u>	<u>2012/13</u> <u>£ m</u>
1/ Cumulative Savings Gap (8th February P & R Report)	638	3,476
2/ <u>Common Adjustments</u>		
Winter Maintenance - Increased Funding	100	100
Delete balance of Policy Allowance	(150)	(300)
3/ Funding Gap Remaining	<u>588</u>	<u>3,276</u>
4/ Savings Proposed - See attached.	(2,054)	(3,276)
5/ Increased spend proposals - See attached	0	0
6/ Net Budget Position	<u>(1,466)</u>	<u>0</u>

General Fund Reserves

	<u>£000</u>
Projected Surplus balance 31.03.11 (8th February P & R Report)	3,136
Add = One off surplus 2011 (See above)	<u>1,466</u>
Balance available for use	4,602
Proposed use of balances - Appendix 2	4,586
Surplus Balance remaining	<u>16</u>

2011/13 Revenue Budget - Savings Summary

<u>Directorate</u>	<u>2011/12</u> <u>£ m</u>	<u>2012/13</u> <u>£ m</u>	
Education & Communities	297	503	
Regeneration & Environment	357	487	
Social Work	1,096	1,392	
CMT - Additional Savings	304	394	
Pressures Contingency Removed	-	500	(Note)
	<u>2,054</u>	<u>3,276</u>	

Note

The Pressures Contingency has been removed in 2012/13 on the basis that any excess/windfall savings achieved during 2011/12 will be allocated towards unforeseen budget pressures in 2012/13 up to a maximum of £500,000.

Proposals - Impact 2011/13

<u>Service</u>	<u>Pressures</u> <u>£000</u>	<u>Dec -10</u> <u>Savings</u> <u>£000</u>	<u>Feb -11</u> <u>Savings</u> <u>£000</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>£000</u>	<u>Reduction</u> <u>%</u>
Chief Executive	0	-64	0	-64	
	<u>0</u>	<u>-64</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-64</u>	10.00%
<u>OI&R</u>					
Finance	142	-261	0	-119	3.79%
CS & BT	150	-243	0	-93	3.62%
OD & HR	0	-193	0	-193	10.27%
	<u>292</u>	<u>-697</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-405</u>	5.25%
<u>Education & Communities</u>					
Schools	-97	-487	-522	-1106	1.44%
Ed Planning & Culture	0	-120	-25	-145	5.48%
Safer & Inclusive Communities	0	-228	-296	-524	4.31%
	<u>-97</u>	<u>-835</u>	<u>-843</u>	<u>-1775</u>	2.00%
<u>Regeneration & Environment</u>					
PA & FM	0	-120	-54	-174	4.95%
Env & Comm Services	500	-67	-142	291	-2.39%
Legal & Democratic	0	-129	-45	-174	8.74%
Regen & Planning	92	0	-300	-208	2.55%
	<u>592</u>	<u>-316</u>	<u>-541</u>	<u>-265</u>	1.02%
Health & Social Care	1413	-497	-1392	-476	
	<u>1413</u>	<u>-497</u>	<u>-1392</u>	<u>-476</u>	0.96%
Corporate	400	0	-700	-300	
	<u>400</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-700</u>	<u>-300</u>	
Overall Total	<u><u>2600</u></u>	<u><u>-2409</u></u>	<u><u>-3476</u></u>	<u><u>-3285</u></u>	

Note - Reflects an extra £100k for Winter Maintenance and balance of Contingency is given up.
 - Savings target for February is £3.476 million.

2011/13 BUDGET PROPOSED SAVINGS

PROPOSALS: AS AT FEBRUARY 2011

DIRECTORATE: EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES

PROPOSAL	PLANNED SAVINGS			ESTIMATED POSTS REDUCED		ACTION
	SAVING TYPE	2011/12 £000	2012/13 £000	2011/12 FTE	2012/13 FTE	
SC 10	1	42	42	1.0	1.0	
SC 14	1	0	80		3.0	
SC 15	2	0	17		1.0	
SC 16	1	20	20			
SC 17	1	0	102		4.0	
SC 18	2	35	35			
ED 20	2	200	207			
	10	297	503	1.00	9.00	
	Sub Total Community Services					

SAVING TYPE

1. Service Reduction/Withdrawal - External
2. Service Reduction/Withdrawal - Internal
3. Income Generation
4. Efficiency

2011/13 BUDGET PROPOSED SAVINGS

PROPOSALS: AS AT FEBRUARY 2011

DIRECTORATE: REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT

PROPOSAL	PLANNED SAVINGS			ESTIMATED POSTS REDUCED		ACTION
	SAVING TYPE	2011/12 £000	2012/13 £000	2011/12 FTE	2012/13 FTE	
Reduction- Waste Strategy Section	1	29	29	1.0	1.0	
Phased 10% uplift in waste related charges.	3	30	60			
Cease collection of green waste from November to March.	1	20	20	0.8	0.8	
Delete Ground Maintenance Supervisor Post.	1	33	33	1.0	1.0	
Reduce former Fairer Scotland Fund budget.	1	200	300			
Civic Expenditure Reduction	2	45	45	1.0	1.0	
TOTAL	9	357	487	3.8	3.8	

SAVING TYPE

1. Service Reduction/Withdrawal - External
2. Service Reduction/Withdrawal - Internal
3. Income Generation
4. Efficiency

2011/13 BUDGET PROPOSED SAVINGS

PROPOSALS: AS AT FEBRUARY 2011

DIRECTORATE: SOCIAL WORK / CHCP

Note that of the £49 million budget identified some £ 29.2 million relates to commissioned services.

PROPOSAL	PLANNED SAVINGS			ESTIMATED POSTS REDUCED		ACTION
	SAVING TYPE	2011/12 £000	2012/13 £000	FTE	FTE	
SW 02	1	533	533			
SW 03	1	39	39			
SW 07	1	57	57	2.0	2.0	
SW 09	1	79	157			
SW 10	1	17	17			
SW 11	1	12	12			
SW 12	1	89	187			
SW 13	1	22	22			
SW 14	1	18	18			
SW 15	1	180	300			Reduced target for 2nd phase
SW 16	1	50	50	2.0	2.0	
TOTAL	11	1,096	1,392	4.0	4.0	

1. Service Reduction/Withdrawal - External
2. Service Reduction/Withdrawal - Internal
3. Income Generation
4. Efficiency

2011/13 BUDGET PROPOSED SAVINGS

PROPOSALS: AS AT FEBRUARY 2011

DIRECTORATE: CMT ADDITIONAL SAVINGS

PROPOSAL	PLANNED SAVINGS			ESTIMATED POSTS REDUCED		ACTION
	SAVING TYPE	2011/12 £000	2012/13 £000	2011/12 FTE	2012/13 FTE	
Education & Communities:						
Teachers Refresh - Salary Saving	4	140	200			
Teachers CPD - Budget Reduction	2	60	90			
Advancing Technician / Education HQ saving (ED13/ED18)	2	50	50			
Regeneration & Environment:						
Advancing PA & FM Management Structure saving	4	54	54	1.0	1.0	
TOTAL	12	304	394	1.0	1.0	

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SAVING TYPE

- 1. Service Reduction/Withdrawal - External
- 2. Service Reduction/Withdrawal - Internal
- 3. Income Generation
- 4. Efficiency

Appendix 2General Fund Reserves - Proposed Uses

	<u>£000</u>
1/ 2010/11 increased Road/Footway Maintenance	200
2/ Increased Tall Ships Contribution - 2011/12	100
3/ 2013/14 cost - Protection of Vulnerable Groups	76
4/ Contribution to Capital Programme	1000
5/ <u>Administrations Proposals</u>	
Regeneration of Port Glasgow Town Centre	1000
Redevelopment fo Central Gourock	300
Renewal of Clune Park Area	500
Phase 2 of Flooding Works	500
Additional Funding for Play Areas	300
Additional Funding for Community Facilities	450
Aids and Adaptations (2011/13)	300
Reduce Contribution to capital Programme	(140)
Total Proposed	<u>4586</u>

Appendix 3

2011/14 Capital Programme - Pro-forma

	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>
1/ Required Reduction (13/1/11 Report to Members)		2150
2/ <u>Less: Technical Adjustments</u>		
a) Sportscotland - Anticipated Grants (Ravenscraig/Parklea)	1,000	
b) Reduced Police Capital Grant requirement	180	
c) Reduced ICT Refresh Budget due to fewer employees	<u>60</u>	<u>(1,240)</u>
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3/ Proposals: Additions -		
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: Reductions -		
Delete Pitches Strategy balance	(250)	
Delete Purchase - Drumfrochar Road Dept site	(500)	
Agree new Rankin Park Proposals	(2,000)	
Reduce PSHG (2011/14) pro rata to Government Cuts	(300)	
: Use of Reserves	(860)	
: Increased Prudential Borrowing	<u>-</u>	<u>(910)</u>
		<u>0</u>
	Balance To Find	<u>0</u>

2010/14 Capital Programme - Summary

<u>Projects</u>	<u>Total Cost £million</u>	<u>Pre 2010/11 Spend £million</u>	<u>2010/14 Spend £million</u>	<u>Future Years £million</u>
1/ Policy & Resources				
General ICT Investment	4.69	1.26	3.43	-
Operating Model	1.34	0.72	0.62	-
Police Grant	1.26	-	1.26	-
Common Good/Trusts	0.33	0.08	0.25	-
	<u>7.62</u>	<u>2.06</u>	<u>5.56</u>	<u>-</u>
2/ Safe Sustainable				
General Road/Lighting Investment	5.77	0.07	5.7	-
Flooding (CFCR)	0.94	-	0.94	-
Grant Funded Road Projects	0.87	0.14	0.73	-
Private Sector Housing	3.34	-	3.34	-
Knocknairshill Cemetry	0.55	0.06	0.49	-
Vehicle Replacement	7.0	0.96	6.04	-
Other Projects	0.45	0.03	0.42	-
Play Areas	0.55	0.08	0.47	-
	<u>19.47</u>	<u>1.34</u>	<u>18.13</u>	<u>-</u>
3/ Regeneration				
Central Gourock Development	2.6	0.39	2.21	-
PG Town Centre	1.0	-	1.0	-
Lelsure Strategy	19.65	1.71	17.94	-
KNCC Project	1.74	0.39	1.35	-
Property - General Allocation	6.41	1.23	5.18	-
Arts Guild Contribution	2.5	0.2	2.30	-
AMP - Offices/Depots	27.5	-	26.35	1.15
Watt Complex Refurbishment	4.0	-	3.0	1.0
	<u>65.4</u>	<u>3.92</u>	<u>59.33</u>	<u>2.15</u>
4/ Social Care				
Wellpark Centre	2.43	1.85	0.58	-
Redholm Residential	1.40	0.05	1.35	-
	<u>3.83</u>	<u>1.90</u>	<u>1.93</u>	<u>-</u>
5/ Education				
Binnie Street Nursery	1.3	0.08	1.22	-
PG Shared Campus	35.3	0.05	34.5	0.75
SEMP (other)	67.86	14.87	44.67	8.32
Complete Projects (Retentions)	0.16	-	0.16	-
	<u>104.62</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>80.55</u>	<u>9.07</u>
Overall Total	<u>200.94</u>	<u>24.22</u>	<u>165.50</u>	<u>11.22</u>

Includes extra funding from Reserves proposed February 2011 =

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| a) Central Gourock Development | £0.3 million |
| b) Flooding Ph2 | £0.5 million |
| c) Aids & Adaptions | £0.3 million |
| d) Play Areas | £0.3 million |

Appendix 42011/13 Common Good Budget

	2011/12 <u>£000</u>	2012/13 <u>£000</u>
<u>Proposals</u>		
1/ Remove Megawatt Funding	(18)	(18) (Note 1)
2/ Minor adjustments to events budget	(2)	(2)
Total (Reductions)/Increases	<u>(20)</u>	<u>(20)</u>

Note

1/ To be considered for funding from Grants to Voluntary Organisations

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	<u>2011/12</u> £ m	<u>2012/13</u> £ m
1/ Cumulative Savings Gap (8th February P & R Report)	638	3,476
2/ <u>Common Adjustments</u>		
Winter Maintenance - Increased Funding	100	100
Delete balance of Policy Allowance	(150)	(300)
3/ Funding Gap Remaining	<u>588</u>	<u>3,276</u>
4/ Savings Proposed - See attached.	(2,098)	(3,370)
5/ Increased spend proposals - Grants to Voluntary Orgs.	90	90
6/ Net Budget Position	<u>(1,420)</u>	<u>(4)</u>

Note

Increase the Grants to Voluntary Organisations budget by 21% (£90,000).

General Fund Reserves

	<u>£000</u>
Projected Surplus balance 31.03.11 (8th February P & R Report)	3,136
Add = One off surplus 2011 (See above)	1,420
Balance available for use	<u>4,556</u>
Proposed use of balances - Appendix 2	4,556
Surplus Balance remaining	<u>0</u>

2011/13 Revenue Budget - Savings Summary

<u>Directorate</u>	<u>2011/12</u> £ m	<u>2012/13</u> £ m
Education & Communities	324	404
Regeneration & Environment	431	581
Social Work	1,039	1,991
CMT - Additional Savings	304	394
	<u>2,098</u>	<u>3,370</u>

PROPOSALS: AS AT FEBRUARY 2011 (SNP)

2011/13 BUDGET PROPOSED SAVINGS

DIRECTORATE: EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES

PROPOSAL	PLANNED SAVINGS			ESTIMATED POSTS REDUCED		ACTION
	SAVING TYPE	2011/12 £000	2012/13 £000	2011/12 FTE	2012/13 FTE	
Community Work - Restructure and reduce service	1	42	42	1.0	1.0	
Harmonisation of Environmental Improvement Teams with Environmental Services	1	0	80		3.0	
Public Libraries - Books Fund (33% Reduction)	1	47	47			
Police Secondment to ASB team - remove	2	35	35			
HQ Resources - QIO resource budgets	2	200	200			
Sub Total Community Services	7	324	404	1.0	4.0	

SAVING TYPE

1. Service Reduction/Withdrawal - External
2. Service Reduction/Withdrawal - Internal
3. Income Generation
4. Efficiency

2011/13 BUDGET PROPOSED SAVINGS

PROPOSALS: AS AT FEBRUARY 2011 (SNP)

DIRECTORATE: REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT

PROPOSAL	PLANNED SAVINGS			ESTIMATED POSTS REDUCED			ACTION
	SAVING TYPE	2011/12 £000	2012/13 £000	2011/12 FTE	2012/13 FTE	2013 FTE	
ECS 03	1	29	29	1.0	1.0	1.0	
ECS 07	3	30	30				
ECS 08	1	20	20	0.8	0.8	0.8	
ECS 10	3	49	49				
ECS 13	1	33	33	1.0	1.0	1.0	
RAP 02	1	200	300				
RAP 03	1	50	100	1.0	1.0	3.0	
LDS 02	2	20	20				
TOTAL	17	431	581	3.8	3.8	5.8	

SAVING TYPE

1. Service Reduction/Withdrawal - External
2. Service Reduction/Withdrawal - Internal
3. Income Generation
4. Efficiency

2011/13 BUDGET PROPOSED SAVINGS

PROPOSALS: AS AT FEBRUARY 2011 (SNP)

DIRECTORATE: SOCIAL WORK / CHCP

Note that of the £49 million budget identified some £ 29.2 million relates to commissioned services.

PROPOSAL	PLANNED SAVINGS			ESTIMATED POSTS REDUCED		ACTION
	SAVING TYPE	2011/12 £000	2012/13 £000	FTE	FTE	
SW 02	1	533	1,039			
SW 03	1	39	39			
SW 09	1	79	157			
SW 10	1	17	17			
SW 11	1	12	12			
SW 12	1	89	187			
SW 13	1	22	22			
SW 14	1	18	18			
SW 15	1	180	450			2 phased project
SW 16	1	50	50	2.0	2.0	
TOTAL	10	1039	1991	2.0	2.0	

1. Service Reduction/Withdrawal - External
2. Service Reduction/Withdrawal - Internal
3. Income Generation
4. Efficiency

2011/13 BUDGET PROPOSED SAVINGS

PROPOSALS: AS AT FEBRUARY 2011 (SNP)

DIRECTORATE: CMT ADDITIONAL SAVINGS

PROPOSAL	PLANNED SAVINGS			ESTIMATED POSTS REDUCED		ACTION
	SAVING TYPE	2011/12 £000	2012/13 £000	2011/12 FTE	2012/13 FTE	
Education & Communities:						
Teachers Refresh - Salary Saving	1	140	200			
Teachers CPD - Budget Reduction	1	60	90			
Advancing Technician / Education HQ saving (ED13/ED18)	2	50	50			
Regeneration & Environment:						
PA & FM Management Structure	4	54	54	1.0	1.0	
TOTAL	8	304	394	1.0	1.0	
		304	394			

SAVING TYPE

1. Service Reduction/Withdrawal - External
2. Service Reduction/Withdrawal - Internal
3. Income Generation
4. Efficiency

General Fund Reserves - Proposed Uses

	<u>£000</u>
1/ 2010/11 increased Road/Footway Maintenance	200
2/ Increased Tall Ships Contribution - 2011/12	100
3/ 2013/14 cost - Protection of Vulnerable Groups	76
4/ Contribution to Capital Programme	860
5/ <u>SNP Proposals</u>	
Increased Spend on Aids & Adaptions (2011/13)	600
Matching contribution to Inverkip Community Facility.	600
Library Book replacement fund (2011/13)	220
Further funding to tackle flooding.	500
Double the Roads Capital Programme in 2011/12	1400
Total Proposed	<u>4556</u>

Appendix 32011/14 Capital Programme - Pro-forma

	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>
1/ Required Reduction (13/1/11 Report to Members)		2150
2/ <u>Less: Technical Adjustments</u>		
a) Sportscotland - Anticipated Grants (Ravensraig/Parklea)	1,000	
b) Reduced Police Capital Grant requirement	180	
c) Reduced ICT Refresh Budget due to fewer employees	<u>60</u>	<u>(1,240)</u>
		910
3/ Proposals: Additions -		
Watt Complex Refurbishment - 2011/14 Contribution	3,000	
: Reductions -		
Delete Pitches Strategy balance	(250)	
Delete Purchase - Drumfrochar Road Dept site	(500)	
Agree new Rankin Park Proposals	(2,000)	
Reduce PSHG (2011/14) pro rata to Government Cuts	(300)	
: Use of Reserves	(860)	
: Increased Prudential Borrowing	<u>-</u>	<u>(910)</u>
		<u>0</u>
	Balance To Find	<u>0</u>

Appendix 42011/13 Common Good Budget

	2011/12 <u>£000</u>	2012/13 <u>£000</u>
<u>Proposals</u>		
1/ Remove Megawatt Funding - See Note.	(18)	(18)
2/ Minor adjustments to events budget	(2)	(2)
Total (Reductions)/Increases	<u>(20)</u>	<u>(20)</u>

Note

Fund from increased allowance in Grants to Voluntary Organisations budget.

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	<u>2011/12</u> <u>£ m</u>	<u>2012/13</u> <u>£ m</u>
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2/ <u>Common Adjustments</u>		
Winter Maintenance - Increased Funding	100	100
Delete balance of Policy Allowance	(150)	(300)
3/ Funding Gap Remaining	<u>588</u>	<u>3,276</u>
4/ Savings Proposed - See attached.	1,957	3,277
5/ Increased Spend Proposals	0	0
6/ Net Budget Position	<u>(1,369)</u>	<u>(1)</u>

General Fund Reserves

	<u>£000</u>
Projected Surplus balance 31.03.11 (8th February P & R Report)	3,136
Add = Reduction in Operating Model Spend (2011/12)	500
Add = One off surplus 2011 (See above)	<u>1,369</u>
Balance available for use	5,005
Proposed use of balances - Appendix 2	4,986
Surplus Balance remaining	<u>19</u>

2011/13 Revenue Budget - Savings Summary

<u>Directorate</u>	<u>2011/12</u> <u>£ m</u>	<u>2012/13</u> <u>£ m</u>
Education & Communities	318	374
Regeneration & Environment	325	425
Social Work	960	1,834
CMT - Additional Savings	304	394
Other Proposals (See below)	50	250
	<u>1,957</u>	<u>3,277</u>
Other Proposals		
Reduced Staffing/Spend - Corporate Communications.	50	50
Middle Management Reduction (4 Posts) HR/Legal/ ICT/Finance	-	200

2011/13 BUDGET PROPOSED SAVINGS

PROPOSALS: AS AT FEBRUARY 2011 (Lib Dem)

DIRECTORATE: EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES

PROPOSAL	PLANNED SAVINGS			ESTIMATED POSTS REDUCED		ACTION
	SAVING TYPE	2011/12 £000	2012/13 £000	2011/12 FTE	2012/13 FTE	
SC 15	2	0	17		1.0	
ED 12	2	118	157	10.5	10.5	
ED 20	2	200	200			
	6	318	374	10.5	11.5	
Sub Total Community Services						

SAVING TYPE

1. Service Reduction/Withdrawal - External
2. Service Reduction/Withdrawal - Internal
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4. Efficiency

2011/13 BUDGET PROPOSED SAVINGS

PROPOSALS: AS AT FEBRUARY 2011 (Lib Dem)

DIRECTORATE: REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT

PROPOSAL	PLANNED SAVINGS			ESTIMATED POSTS REDUCED		ACTION
	SAVING TYPE	2011/12 £000	2012/13 £000	2011/12 FTE	2012/13 FTE	
Increased charges - Cremations/Burials (Assumes 20% total increase 2011/13)	3	105	105			
Reduce former Fairer Scotland Fund budget.	1	200	300			
Civic Events Expenditure Reduction	2	20	20			
TOTAL		325	425	0	0	

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SAVING TYPE

1. Service Reduction/Withdrawal - External
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2011/13 BUDGET PROPOSED SAVINGS

PROPOSALS: AS AT FEBRUARY 2011 (Lib Dem)

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SW 16	1	50	50	2.0	2.0
TOTAL		960	1,834	4.0	4.0

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2011/13 BUDGET PROPOSED SAVINGS

PROPOSALS: AS AT FEBRUARY 2011 (Lib Dem)

DIRECTORATE: CMT ADDITIONAL SAVINGS

PROPOSAL	PLANNED SAVINGS			ESTIMATED POSTS REDUCED		ACTION
	SAVING TYPE	2011/12 £000	2012/13 £000	2011/12 FTE	2012/13 FTE	
Education & Communities:						
Teachers Refresh - Salary Saving	1	140	200			
Teachers CPD - Budget Reduction	1	60	90			
Advancing Technician / Education HQ saving (ED13/ED18)	2	50	50			
Regeneration & Environment:						
PA & FM Management Structure	4	54	54	1.0	1.0	
TOTAL		304	394	1.0	1.0	

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Appendix 2General Fund Reserves - Proposed Uses

	<u>£000</u>	
1/ 2010/11 increased Road/Footway Maintenance	200	
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3/ 2013/14 cost - Protection of Vulnerable Groups	76	
4/ Contribution to Capital Programme	860	
5/ <u>Liberal Democrats Proposals</u>		
Increased Roads/Lighting Spend	1400	
Increased Flooding Spend	1000	
Create Car Park - Former Adams Boat Yard, Gourock	250	
Increased funding for Community Facilities	700	(Note 1)
Community Environmental Projects	400	(Note 2)
Total Proposed	<u>4986</u>	

Note 1

This would increase the unallocated balance in the Community Facilities Fund to £1,300,000 which it is proposed would be spent £600,000 Inverkip Community Facility, £250,000 Wellington Community Facility, £250,000 Lower Port Glasgow and £200,000 for other projects.

Note 2

Used to improve the environment within our Communities including reduction in Graffiti, chewing gum removal, more litter bins, more planting and encouraging Community Clean Ups etc.

Appendix 32011/14 Capital Programme - Pro-forma

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Delete Purchase - Drumfrochar Road Dept site	(500)	
Agree new Rankin Park Proposals	(2,000)	
Reduce PSHG (2011/14) pro rata to Government Cuts	(300)	
: Use of Reserves	(860)	
: Increased Prudential Borrowing	<u>-</u>	<u>(910)</u>
		<u>0</u>
	Balance To Find	<u>0</u>

Appendix 42011/13 Common Good Budget

	2011/12 <u>£000</u>	2012/13 <u>£000</u>
<u>Proposals</u>		
1/ Cease Megawatt event.	(18)	(18)
2/ Minor adjustments to events budget.	(2)	(2)
Total (Reductions)/Increases	<u>(20)</u>	<u>(20)</u>