

**THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL - 14 APRIL 2011**

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**The Inverclyde Council**

**Thursday 14 April 2011 at 4.30 pm**

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

**Chair:** Provost McCormick presided.

**In attendance:** Chief Executive, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Head of Mental Health, Addictions & Homelessness Services, Mr M McNab (for Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities), Legal Services Manager (Procurement & Administration), Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications & Public Affairs) and Service Manager (Community Learning & Development).

**283 Apologies and Declarations of Interest**

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

**284 Review of the Scheme of Administration for Community Councils**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) advising that there were no responses to the public consultation on areas and composition or on the final draft amended Scheme of Administration for Community Councils and associated documentation and (2) requesting the Council to formally approve the Scheme. The report advised that an amendment had been made to clause 7 of the Model Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in Scotland to ensure those resident on houseboats can stand for election and vote at Community Council elections.

After discussion, Councillor Blair seconded by Councillor Nelson moved (1) that the Council note that there have been no responses to the four week period of consultation on the final draft amended Scheme of Administration for Community Councils; (2) that the amendment to clause 7 of the Model Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils be approved; and (3) that the final draft amended Scheme of Administration for Community Councils in Inverclyde be approved. As an amendment to (3), Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Wilson moved that, subject to Community Councils 2 and 3 (Port Glasgow East and Port Glasgow West) being merged to create a single Community Council for Port Glasgow, the final draft amended Scheme of Administration for Community Councils in Inverclyde be approved. On a vote, 5 Members voted for the amendment and 11 for the motion which was declared carried.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Council note that there have been no responses to the four week period of consultation on the final draft amended Scheme of Administration for Community Councils;

(2) that the amendment to clause 7 of the Model Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils be approved; and

(3) **Resolved** on the motion of Councillor Blair seconded by Councillor Nelson that THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL, incorporated under the Local Government etc (Scotland)

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Act 1994, RESOLVE TO ADOPT as they HEREBY ADOPT the final draft amended Scheme of Administration for Community Councils in Inverclyde, a copy of which forms an appendix to the principal minute hereof.