

**SAFE, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 3 MAY 2011**

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**Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee**

**Tuesday 3 May 2011 at 3.00 pm**

**Present:** Councillors Ahlfeld, Dorrian, MacLeod, McCabe, McKenzie (for Moran), Nelson, Rebecchi and Wilson.

**Chair:** Councillor Wilson presided.

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

**Present also:** Mr D Greenslade (former Team Leader, Roads Service).

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

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| <b>302</b> | <b>Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest</b>  | <b>302</b> |
|            | Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Grieve, McIlwee, Moran and White, with Councillor McKenzie substituting for Councillor Moran.   |            |
|            | No declarations of interest were intimated.   |            |
| <b>303</b> | <b>Safe, Sustainable Communities 2010/11 Revenue Budget Period 11 to 28 February 2011</b>   | <b>303</b> |
|            | There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment and Corporate Director Education & Communities on the position of the 2010/11 Revenue Budget as at Period 11 (28 February 2011) which projected an underspend of £39,000.            |            |
|            | <b>Noted</b>  |            |
| <b>304</b> | <b>Safe, Sustainable Communities Capital Programme 2010/14 - Progress</b>   | <b>304</b> |
|            | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Director Education & Communities on the position of the Safe, Sustainable Communities Capital Programme 2010/14.   |            |
|            | <b>Noted</b>  |            |
| <b>305</b> | <b>Inverclyde Local Development Plan: Main Issues Report</b>  | <b>305</b> |
|            | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment presenting to Members the finalised version of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan: Main Issues Report and seeking endorsement of its contents and approval for it to be published for public consultation. |            |
|            | <b>Decided:</b> that the Committee approve publication of the Inverclyde Local Development  |            |

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Plan: Main Issues Report for public consultation.

- 306 Scheme of Assistance 2010/11 Outturn and 2011/12 Budget 306**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities providing Members with information on the outturn of the 2010/11 Scheme of Assistance Budget and the proposed 2011/12 Scheme of Assistance Budget, subject to confirmation of the final outturn figures following completion of year end procedures and the subsequent carry forward of committed budgets in 2010/11.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee agree the proposed amendments to the Scheme of Assistance set out in paragraph 4.3 and appendix 1 of the report;
  - (2) that the Committee agree the proposed review of funding arrangements for large-scale adaptations as set out in paragraph 5.5 of the report;
  - (3) that the Committee note the outturn position of the 2010/11 Budget;
  - (4) that the Committee agree the proposed 2011/12 Scheme of Assistance budget as set out in appendix 2 to the report;
  - (5) that the response to the Scottish Government consultation on The Right to Adapt Common Parts as set out in appendix 3 to the report be noted; and
  - (6) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee detailing the guidelines on landlord registrations.
- 307 Support for Owners Fund Update 307**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities providing an update on the current position with regard to Support For Owners and information received from River Clyde Homes on their 2010/11 Scottish Housing Quality Standards Investment Programme.
- Councillor McKenzie left the meeting during consideration of this item of business.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the current position for the 2011/12 Support For Owners Fund;
  - (2) that the Committee note the projection for the 2011/12 Support For Owners Fund; and
  - (3) that the Committee note the projected requirements for the Support For Owners Fund to 2015/16.
- 308 Scottish Government Consultation - Improving Choice in Verification of Building Standards 308**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking the endorsement of the Committee to respond to the Scottish Government's consultation on improving choice in verification of Building Standards.
- Decided:** that approval be given for the response to the Scottish Government's consultation on improving choice in verification of Building Standards, as detailed in paragraphs 5.2 to 5.9 of the report, to be submitted to the Scottish Government.
- 309 National Housing Fund - Innovation and Investment Fund 309**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities advising the Committee of changes to funding for the development of social housing by

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registered social landlords and other providers, such as local authorities, and the possible implications for Inverclyde Council.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee note the introduction of the Innovation and Investment Fund from 1 April 2011 and the new competitive bidding regime for the provision of affordable housing; and

(2) that Inverclyde Council's response to these changes, including proposed bids for Innovation and Investment Fund monies, as set out in paragraphs 5.4 to 5.6 of the report be agreed.

**310 Clune Park Regeneration: Progress Report**

**310**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities providing the Committee with a progress report on the proposed regeneration of the Clune Park area, Port Glasgow.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee note the progress towards the regeneration of the area;

(2) that it be agreed that further progress updates are submitted to future meetings of the Committee; and

(3) that it be agreed, in the absence of the Convener and Vice-Convener, that Councillor McCabe Chair the special meeting of the Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee scheduled for 24 May 2011.

**311 Violence Reduction - Joint Action Group (JAG) Final Recommendations**

**311**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) providing the Committee with the final recommendations of the Joint Action Group (JAG) on violence reduction; and (2) seeking approval to develop the recommendations via action plans to inform any future strategy/policy that focuses on violence in the Inverclyde area.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee note the recommendations made within the JAG report and support the recommendations being reflected on Inverclyde Council when partners are producing further strategies, policies and interventions around the issues of violence in the Inverclyde area; and

(2) that it be remitted to the Community Safety Partnership to take forward the recommendations in the development action plans which will be subject to further approval from the Committee.

**312 Play Area Investment 2011/12**

**312**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services requesting approval of play area investment proposals for 2011/12.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee approve the play area investment proposals as detailed in the report;

(2) that the Committee confirm the "in principle" funding already approved for the undernoted community projects and the requirement for the groups to obtain external funding being dropped

- Boglestone                      £100,000
- Greenock Central              £75,000

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- Larkfield/Braeside £75,000; and

(3) that the Committee approve the invitation of tenders for works relating to the £350,000 play area investment works for the financial year 2011/12.

**313 Mr David Greenslade**

**313**

The Convener referred to the recent retirement of David Greenslade, Team Leader, Roads Service. He thanked Mr Greenslade for his assistance over the years and, on behalf of the Committee, extended his best wishes for the future.

**314 Inverclyde Flood Action Plan 2011-2012 (- 2013)**

**314**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval in relation to a proposed programme of projects funded from Environmental & Commercial Services' earmarked revenue reserves to be addressed in the Flood Action Plan for 2011-12 and the 2012-13 proposed Flood Action Plan, to alleviate flooding in Inverclyde.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee approve the proposed Flood Action Plan for 2011-2012 and the proposals for 2012-2013;

(2) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to proceed to tender for the projects listed in appendix 1 of the report and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the lowest acceptable tender for the works provided that is within the approved budget;

(3) that the Committee approve the proposal that the Council carry out any emergency repairs/cleaning to the Eastern Line of Falls to relieve flooding from this system that may arise during the course of 2011-2013, with a view to later recovering the cost if it is proven that the ownership/responsibility for the Line lies with a third party; and

(4) that the Committee note that officers will pursue negotiations with Scottish Water to regulate the discharge volumes from the reservoirs where these have a bearing on flooding in urban areas downstream.

**315 Inverclyde Council's Response to the Scottish Government's Consultation on Delivering Sustainable Flood Risk Management**

**315**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising the Committee of Inverclyde Council's response to the Scottish Government's consultation document on delivering sustainable flood risk management under the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act.

**Decided:** that the response made to the questions in the consultation document be noted.

**316 Local Transport Strategy 2011-16**

**316**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking the Committee's approval of the Local Transport Strategy 2011-16 for Inverclyde.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee approve the Local Transport Strategy 2011-16; and

(2) that the Committee approve the publication of the Local Transport Strategy 2011-16.

**317 Environmental & Commercial Services (Roads) - SPT (Grant Funding and Capital Roads Related Projects 2011/12) 317**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising the Committee in relation to the approved programme of projects to be undertaken in 2011/12 using grant and capital funding from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT).

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

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the SPT approved project list detailed in the report for 2011/12; and
- (2) that the Committee note the capital investment by SPT for the improvements to Port Glasgow Bus Station.

**318 SCOTS Report - Roads Maintenance Backlog - Inverclyde Council 318**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment providing Members with (1) details of Audit Scotland's follow-up report (16 February 2011) on maintaining Scotland's roads and (2) the outcome of the Scottish Road Maintenance Conditions Survey provided by the Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland (SCOTS) as it relates to Inverclyde Council, which was received in April 2011.

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

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the contents of Audit Scotland's follow-up report on maintaining Scotland's roads;
- (2) that the Committee note the contents of the Scottish Roads Maintenance Condition Survey report;
- (3) that the Committee note the deterioration of Inverclyde's roads network and the calculated cost of £11.235M to eliminate the maintenance backlog and bring the network to a good state of repair, with a need to invest around £320,000, in addition to existing funding on an annual basis to maintain a steady state;
- (4) that the Committee note that between financial years 2007/08 to 2010/11 over £7.1M has been invested in surfacing and repairs to the Council's roads and footways;
- (5) that the Committee note the investment of £1M of capital funding in the current financial year to address carriageway and footway reconstruction and the receipt of £400,000 of revenue funding for cyclic repairs to carriageways and footways;
- (6) that the Committee agree to invest part of the overall approved capital budget of £100,000 for proprietary treatment to include surfacing dressing to C class and U class roads to reduce the maintenance backlog; and
- (7) that the Committee note that in light of the recent reports received by the Council, Officers will be reviewing investment arrangements with a view to reporting to the Committee later this year.

**319 SEPA Compliance Assessment Scheme 319**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising the Committee of SEPA's assessment of the Council's environmental performance in respect of the Pottery Street Transfer Station and Civic Amenity Site.

**Decided:** that the contents of the report be noted.

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**320 Official Food and Feed Controls**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities advising the Committee of the Official Food and Feed Service Plan for 2011/12, reporting on the achievements of the service in 2010/11 and advising of potential challenges facing the service in 2011/12.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee approve the Official Food and Feed Service Plan for 2011/12;
- (2) that the Committee note the delivery against the 2010/11 plan;
- (3) that the Committee note the challenges facing the service in 2011/12; and
- (4) that the Committee agree to receive an update in due course on (1) progress in implementing the FSA guidance on cross contamination; and (2) development in the FSA's review of food safety controls.

**321 Audit Scotland Performance Audit Study: Improving Energy Efficiency - A Follow-Up Report**

321

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning advising the Committee of the action taken by Inverclyde Council in response to Audit Scotland's report entitled 'Improving Energy Efficiency - A Follow-Up Report'.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the Council's response to Audit Scotland's survey and the action taken to date regarding their recommendations; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to continue to progress actions, as appropriate, in response to the findings contained in the follow-up report.

**322 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Disabled Persons Parking Places (On Street) Order No 1 2011**

322

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order to accompany the provision of parking bays for the disabled.

**Decided:** that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - On Street Parking Places (Without Charges) Order No 1 2011 and that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to arrange for implementation of the Order.

**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 paragraphs 6 and 8 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.**

**323 Provision of Waste Management Services**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising the Committee of the outcome of the provision of waste management services (residual waste and materials recycling).

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee approve the award of contracts for the provision of waste

management services to the following contractors:-

- Lot 1 - William Tracey Ltd - Residual Waste; and
- Lot 2 - Greenlight Environmental Ltd - Material Recycling; and

(2) that contracts be awarded for a period of three years, with the option to extend by two one year periods.

**324 Organic and Garden Waste Contract - Outcome of Joint Council Tender**

**324**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising the Committee of the outcome of the joint organic waste procurement partnership led by Glasgow City Council, and seeking approval for the award of the contract.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee note the contents of the report and approve the month-to-month extension of the current organic waste contract, up to a maximum period of six months;

(2) that the Committee authorise the award of the contract for the recycling of organic waste in respect of garden waste, food waste and MDF to Scottish Water Horizon Ltd for a period of three years with the option to extend by 12 months; and

(3) that the Committee authorise Glasgow City Council to dispatch a standstill letter in respect of lot 3 (Inverclyde Council).