

SAFE, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 30 AUGUST 2011

Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee

Tuesday 30 August 2011 at 3 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education & Communities, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Head of Educational Planning & Culture, Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Mr W Rennie (Environmental & Commercial Services), Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Mr D Hall (Safer & Inclusive Communities), Mr F MacLeod (Regeneration & Planning), Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Ms M McCabe (for Chief Financial Officer) and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications & Public Affairs).

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

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| 512 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 512 |
| | An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor White with Councillor McKenzie substituting. | |
| | No declarations of interest were intimated. | |
| 513 | Safe, Sustainable Communities 2011/12 Revenue Budget Period 3 to 30 June 2011 | 513 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment and Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) on the 2010/11 Revenue Budget outturn and (2) the 2011/12 position as at period 3 to 30 June 2011 which projected an overspend of £18,000. | |
| | Decided: | |
| | (1) that the Committee note the outturn for 2010/11 and the reasons for the current projected overspend of £18,000 as at 30 June 2011 which officers will seek to bring back on budget; and | |
| | (2) that approval be given to the virement request totalling £21,000 as detailed in appendix 4 to the report. | |
| 514 | Safe, Sustainable Communities Capital Programme 2011/14 - Progress | 514 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment and Corporate Director Education & Communities on the position of the Safe, Sustainable Communities Capital Programme 2011/14. | |
| | Noted | |
| 515 | Support For Owners Fund Update | 515 |
| | There was submitted a revised report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) on the current position with regard to the Support for Owners Fund | |

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and (2) advising of information received from River Clyde Homes on their Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS) Investment Programme.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current position of the 2010/11 Support for Owners Fund;
- (2) that the projection for the 2011/12 Support for Owners Fund be noted; and
- (3) that the projected requirements for the Support for Owners Fund for 2015/16 be noted.

516 Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan: Consultation on the Proposed Plan 516

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) informing the Committee of the approval by the Glasgow & Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority (SDPA) Joint Committee of the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan: Proposed Plan for publication and consultation, (2) highlighting those matters of particular importance to Inverclyde's emerging Local Development Plan and (3) seeking approval of a formal response to the Plan.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the publication of the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan: Proposed Plan for public consultation;
- (2) that the Committee endorse the key issues identified and those of particular importance for Inverclyde which will inform and/or be taken forward through the Inverclyde Local Development Plan: Proposed Plan scheduled for summer 2012; and
- (3) that the Committee approve the report as the Council's formal response on the proposed Plan.

517 Play Area Investment Update 517

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services (1) providing an update on the progress of the Council's play area investment programme in respect of works in progress and proposed and (2) seeking approval with regard to the procurement and implementation of the programme.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note that the programme of play area improvement works for 2010/11 will be completed by the end of August 2011;
- (2) that the Committee note the projected completion dates for the programme of play area improvement works for 2011/12 as detailed in paragraph 4.4. of the report;
- (3) that approval in principle be given to the granting of a lease to Greenock Central Residents' Action Group in respect of the site of the proposed new play area in Sir Michael Street, Greenock; and
- (4) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to implement the 2011/12 play area improvement works through further detailed design, formulating tender documents, selecting tenderers and accepting the most economically advantageous tenders in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations and Standing Orders Relating to Contracts.

518 Clune Park Regeneration: Progress Report 518

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities providing an update on the proposed regeneration of the Clune Park area, Port

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Glasgow.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current progress towards the regeneration of the Clune Park area;
- (2) that it be noted that the Regeneration Plan approved by the Committee at its special meeting on 24 May 2011 is being updated and refined in the light of the results of the recent physical and social surveys;
- (3) that further progress updates be submitted to future meetings of the Committee; and
- (4) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on the progress of the Multi-Agency Resilience Task Force whose development is ongoing through the SOA2 Outcome Delivery Group.

519 Education & Communities Directorate Plan 2011/12 519

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the revised Education & Communities Directorate Plan for 2011/12.

Decided: that the Committee note the contents of the Education & Communities Directorate Plan 2011/12 as set out in the appendix to the report.

520 Regeneration & Environment Directorate Plan 2011/12 520

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on the revised Regeneration & Environment Directorate Plan 2011/12.

Decided: that the Committee note the contents of the Regeneration & Environment Directorate Plan 2011/12 as set out in the appendix to the report.

521 Inverclyde Council's Response to SEPA's Consultation Document on the National Flood Risk Assessment and the Identification of Potentially Vulnerable Areas and Local Plan Districts 521

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval of the draft response to the Consultation on the National Flood Risk Assessment and the Identification of Potentially Vulnerable Areas and Local Plan Districts.

Decided: that the Committee approve the draft response to the Consultation on National Flood Risk Assessment and the Identification of Potentially Vulnerable Areas and Local Plan Districts as a new approach to the national assessment and planning for floods and note how this affects responsible authorities.

522 Private Landlord Registration Scheme 522

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities advising of the work undertaken to fulfil the Council's statutory duties in respect of the Registration of Residential Landlords.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress made in implementing the Private Residential Landlord Registration Scheme; and
- (2) that an annual progress report on the Registration Scheme be submitted to the Committee.

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523 Gypsies/Travellers in Inverclyde

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities and Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership providing details on the reactive process carried out by the Council when alerted to the establishment of an unauthorised gypsy travellers' camp in Inverclyde.

Decided:

- (1) that agreement be given to a review of the current policy and procedural guidelines on the establishment of unauthorised encampments by gypsies/travellers in Inverclyde;
- (2) that a cross service working group, also involving the police, be established by the Service Manager (Homelessness), the officer responsible for liaison with gypsies/travellers, which will, in turn, make recommendations to the Committee on how best to secure sensitive public sites from being used as unauthorised encampments; and
- (3) that options for the establishment of an official transit site be reported to the Committee for consideration.

524 Council's Duties Under Mines & Quarries Act 1954

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the work undertaken by officers from Safer & Inclusive Communities to implement the Council's statutory powers in respect of Section 151 of the Mines & Quarries Act 1954.

Decided: that the Committee note the report and the action taken and proposed to comply with the Council's statutory duties under Section 151 of the Mines & Quarries Act 1954.

525 Area Renewal and the Inverclyde Green Network – Case Studies

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval of the proposal to extend the recently completed study "Area Renewal and the Inverclyde Green Network" by carrying out five case studies utilising external funding provided by the Central Scotland Green Network.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee welcome the award of £35,100 of Central Scotland Green Network funding and approve its use to carry out the five case studies highlighted in the main study; and
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to arrange for the issue of tenders to the firms identified in paragraph 5.2 of the report and, in consultation with the Head of Legal & Democratic Services and the Chief Financial Officer, to arrange for acceptance of the most economically advantageous tender received.

526 Coves Local Nature Reserve – Application for Improvement Funding from The Forestry Commission

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) informing the Committee of proposed improvements within the Coves Local Nature Reserve, (2) requesting authority to apply for funding from The Forestry Commission to cover the costs of the work and (3) seeking approval to investigate future management options for the site through discussions with The Forestry Commission.

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Decided:

- (1) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Regeneration & Planning to proceed with an application to the Woodland In and Around Towns (WIAT) Fund for the proposed works at Coves Local Nature Reserve; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Head of Regeneration & Planning and the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to explore future management options for the site, initially through dialogue with The Forestry Commission, and to report back to the Committee with recommendations in this regard.

527 Food Waste Collections**527**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising of the proposed introduction of a food waste collection service within Inverclyde.

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

Decided:

- (1) that the report be noted; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to report on the most beneficial options for delivering the food waste collection service, including any potential bid for funding in accordance with the Council's corporate approach to external funding as reported to the Policy & Resources Committee on 2 February 2010.

528 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive**528**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services advising of the use of powers delegated to the Chief Executive since the last ordinary meeting of the Committee (1) to approve the closure of Cathcart Square to vehicular traffic for weekend use only over a six week period and to lease the Square to Discover Inverclyde for the same six weekends and (2) to agree an increase in the Council's financial responsibilities for the maintenance of Inverkip Station footbridge.

Noted**529 Queen Elizabeth Playing Fields Challenge****529**

It was noted that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

530 Scottish Government Consultation on Non Domestic Permitted Development Rights**530**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment appending a draft response submitted on behalf of the Council by the deadline of 1 July 2011 to the Scottish Government Consultation on a proposed exemption of certain non domestic development from the requirement to obtain planning permission.

Decided: that approval be given to the consultation response submitted to the Scottish Government.

531 Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 Section 207, The Stopping Up Of Footpath, Inverclyde (Parkhill Avenue, Port Glasgow) Order 2011**531**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking authority to proceed with a Footpath Stopping-Up Order at Parkhill Avenue,

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There was circulated to the Committee a plan showing the location of the proposal.

Decided:

(1) that authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to promote the Stopping-Up of Footpath, Inverclyde (Parkhill Avenue, Port Glasgow) Order 2011; and

(2) that if after the 28 days statutory period, no objections are made, delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to take all necessary action in connection therewith including the confirmation of the Order.

532 Board of Strathclyde Fire & Rescue – Minute of Meeting of 9 June 2011 532

There was submitted minute of meeting of the Board of Strathclyde Fire & Rescue of 9 June 2011.

Noted

533 Strathclyde Partnership for Transport – Minute of Meeting of 15 April 2011 533

There was submitted minute of meeting of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport of 15 April 2011.

Noted

534 Clyde Muirshiel Park Authority – Minute of Meeting of 18 February 2011 534

There was submitted minute of meeting of the Clyde Muirshiel Park Authority of 18 February 2011.

Noted

535 Strathclyde Police Authority – Minute of Meeting of 21 April 2011 535

There was submitted minute of meeting of Strathclyde Police Authority of 21 April 2011.

Noted

536 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Kilblain Court, Greenock (Waiting and Loading Restrictions) Order 2011 536

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order to impose loading and waiting restrictions at Kilblain Court, Greenock.

Decided: that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order – Kilblain Court, Greenock (Waiting and Loading 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.

537 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Kilmacolm Cross, Kilmacolm Waiting Restrictions (Amendment No 1) Order 2011 537

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order to extend no waiting/no loading at any time restrictions in Port Glasgow Road and Bridge of Weir Road opposite the new pedestrian islands.

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Decided: that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order – Kilmacolm Cross, Kilmacolm Waiting Restrictions (Amendment No 1) Order 2011 and that it be remitted it to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and Head of Legal & Democratic Services to arrange for implementation of the Order.

The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Committee to consider an extension to the contract at the earliest opportunity. 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 during consideration of the following item 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.

538 Request to Extend Coated and Uncoated Roadstone Contract**538**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment requesting authority to extend the current contract for coated and uncoated roadstone for the period 1 October 2011 until 31 March 2012.

Decided:

- (1) that agreement be given to a short term extension to the current contract for coated and uncoated roadstone with Tarmac for a maximum period of six months from 1 October 2011 to 31 March 2012; and
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the lowest or most economically advantageous tender for the new contract resulting from Renfrewshire Council's tender evaluation.