

**THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL - 29 SEPTEMBER 2011**

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**The Inverclyde Council**

**Thursday 29 September 2011 at 4.00 pm**

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

**Chair:** Provost McCormick presided.

**In attendance:** Chief Executive, Corporate Director Community Health & Care Partnership, Ms W Bain (for Corporate Director Education & Communities), Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Business Manager and Corporate Communications Manager.

**612      Apologies and Declarations of Interest      612**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Fyfe, Rebecchi and Wilson.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

**613      Operating Model Review and Proposal      613**

It was noted that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

**614      Clyde Valley - Progress on Waste Treatment and Disposal Business Case      614**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (1) advising the Council of progress in the development of a potential shared service for waste management among 7 of the Clyde Valley Councils and (2) seeking confirmation of Inverclyde Council's continued involvement subject to ensuring the satisfactory completion of the necessary due diligence with respect to the financial aspects of the Business Case.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Council note the work thus far on the Clyde Valley Shared Service Business Case for the treatment and disposal of the Council's municipal waste;
- (2) that agreement be given to continue to participate in the further development of the Clyde Valley Business Case including the potential creation of a new organisation for the treatment and disposal of the Council's municipal waste;
- (3) that it be noted that a further report will be submitted for consideration to the meeting of the Council on 1 December 2011 when (a) the Financial Model and Business Plan have been re-worked and can be accurately validated and (b) the necessary development work for establishing the new entity is at a more advanced stage; and
- (4) that agreement be given to continued participation in the preparation for the joint procurement process for residual waste subject to a further report being submitted to the Council on 1 December 2011.

**615      Review of Clyde Valley Shared Support Services Proposals      615**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (1) advising the Council of the key

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findings from the detailed Business Case for Clyde Valley Shared Support Services including the investment required, potential benefits, risks and staffing implications for Inverclyde Council if it was to enter into a shared support service with 7 of the Clyde Valley Councils and (2) providing details of alternative savings developed internally.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Council note the potential savings identified from the two options outlined in the Detailed Business Case and the alternative internal savings option;
- (2) that it be noted that the outcome of the Detailed Business Case was on the basis of 7 Clyde Valley Councils participating in Clyde Valley Shared Support Services;
- (3) that it be noted that not all Councils have agreed to participate in the establishment of Shared Support Services and therefore accept that the Detailed Business Case is no longer valid in its present form;
- (4) that it be noted that the Corporate Management Team would only recommend participation if appropriate governance arrangements are included which guarantee the fundamental principle of "one Council - one vote";
- (5) that it be noted that the Trades Unions were opposed to aspects of the proposals contained within the specific Detailed Business Case but that, nevertheless, they are willing to be involved in the development of further shared support services options;
- (6) that it be agreed in principle that in order to improve business resilience and address future financial pressures, sharing appropriate Council services is an option which requires to be seriously considered;
- (7) that it be agreed in principle to continue to participate in the development of revised shared support service options subject to further reports on (a) governance arrangements, (b) revised business case and resource requirements and (c) an equality impact assessment;
- (8) that consultations continue with the Trades Unions locally on the establishment of options for sharing support services and that there be meaningful engagement with the Trades Unions at a regional level across the Clyde Valley for the further development of these proposals; and
- (9) that it be remitted to the Chief Executive to submit a report to a future meeting of the Council with revised detailed proposals for sharing support services.