

GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE – 9 JUNE 2011

Grants Sub-CommitteeThursday 9 June 2011 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors Blair, Clocherty, Loughran, McCallum, McKenzie and Osborne.

Chair: Councillor Clocherty presided.

In attendance: Lead Officer - Community Learning & Development, Mr N Duffy (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services) and Mr M Bingham (for Corporate Communications Manager).

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

410 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest**410**

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Councillor Blair declared an interest in agenda item 1 (Round 1 Applications 2011/12).

411 Round 1 Applications 2011/12**411**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities giving details of applications received for consideration for funding from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Budget 2011/12.

Councillor Blair declared a non-financial interest in the applications relating to the Gourock Yacht Club and the Ardgowan Club as a member of both those clubs. He also 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 relative to these applications.

Decided: that grants be made to voluntary organisations as follows:

Name of Organisation	Award
Hillend Art Club	£500
Inverclyde Music Festival Association	Nil
Inverclyde Megawatt Festival Ltd	£5,000
Greenock Light Opera Club	£500
Inverclyde Piping Project	£1,000
Inverclyde Voices	£500
Rankin Park Bowling Club	£2,000
Grosvenor Bowling Club	£2,000
The Ardgowan Club	Nil
Wellington Park Bowling Club	£2,000
Inverclyde Bowling Club	£2,000
Gourock Park Bowling Club	£2,000
Hillend Bowling Club	£2,000
Gourock Bowling Club	£2,000
The Macular Disease Society – Inverclyde Group	£500
Inverclyde Out of School Care Network	£2,000
Auchmountain Community Resource Centre	£5,000
Larkfield, Braeside and Branchton Community Council	Nil

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RIG Arts Ltd	£500
Chapelton Tenants' and Residents' Association	£2,000
Prospecthill Community Focus	£2,000
Upper Larkfield Community Hall	£2,000
Overton Tenants' and Residents' Association	£2,000
Inverclyde Breastfeeding Mums	£500
Inverkip Community Enterprise	£5,000
Strone & Maukinhill Tenants' Association	£1,000
Weir Street Residents' Group	£500
Larkfield Fun Day Group	£2,000
Playstation Management Committee	£2,000
Park Farm Community Centre	£2,000
Park Farm Over 55's Group	£500
Port Glasgow Elderly and Disabled Resource Centre	Nil
Wemyss Bay Community Association	£2,000
Inverclyde Youth for Christ	£1,000
Inverclyde Women's Aid	£5,000
St Andrew's Ambulance Association (St Andrew's First Aid)	£5,000
Branchton Community Centre Association	Nil
Inverkip Gala Day	£2,000
Riverside Gardens Residents	Nil
Weans World Parent/Carer Toddler Group	Nil
Wellington Pre 5 Nursery Play Group and Out of School Care	£2,000
Tennis Inverclyde	£1,000
Inverclyde Phoenix American Football Team	£500
Inverclyde Breakers	£500
Inverclyde Athletic Club	£1,500
Street League	Nil
Greenock Amateur Boxing Club	£3,000
Ardgowan Football Development	£1,000
Inverclyde District Netball Coaching School	£500
Inverclyde Globetrotters	£450
Royal Gourock Yacht Club	£500
Belleaire Football Club	£500
Sporting Larkfield	£400
Ardgowan Tennis Club	£500
Inverclyde Amateur Swimming Club	£1,000
Newark Angling Club	£500
Craigend Summer Programme	£5,000
The Tuesday Club	£1,000
Gourock Horticultural Society	£1,000
Port Glasgow Voluntary Trans-Port Group	Nil
Kilmacolm Horticultural Society	£250
Inverclyde Elderly Forum	£2,000
Gourock Business Club	Nil
Inverclyde Pipes & Drums	£500
Kidston Kids	£1,500
Port Glasgow Old People's Welfare Council	£3,000
Inverclyde Youth Theatre	£2,000
TOTAL	£96,100

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 9 JUNE 2011

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 9 June 2011 at 4.00 pm

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

Chair: Provost McCormick presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership, Head of Education, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Chief Financial Officer, Legal Services Manager (Courts & Litigation), Corporate Policy & Partnership Manager and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications & Public Affairs).

Prior to the commencement of business, the Council observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect following the recent death, after a period of illness, of Mr David Cairns, MP for Inverclyde.

Thereafter, Rev A Sorensen opened proceedings with a prayer.

412 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 412

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

**Minutes of Meetings of
The Inverclyde Council, Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards**

413 The Inverclyde Council – 14 April 2011 413

Approved on the motion of Provost McCormick.

414 The Inverclyde Council (Special) – 14 April 2011 414

Approved on the motion of Provost McCormick.

415 Audit Committee – 26 April 2011 415

Approved on the motion of Councillor Blair.

416 Inverclyde CHCP Sub-Committee – 28 April 2011 416

Approved on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.

417 Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee – 3 May 2011 417

Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.

418 Planning Board – 4 May 2011 418

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Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.

419 Local Review Body – 4 May 2011 419

Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.

420 Education & Lifelong Learning Committee – 10 May 2011 420

Approved on the motion of Councillor Loughran.

421 General Purposes Board – 11 May 2011 421

Approved on the motion of Councillor White.

422 Regeneration Committee – 12 May 2011 422

Approved on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.

423 Grants Sub-Committee – 12 May 2011 423

Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.

424 Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee (Special) – 24 May 2011 424

Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.

425 Policy & Resources Committee – 24 May 2011 425

Approved on the motion of Councillor McKenzie.

426 Planning Board – 1 June 2011 426

Approved on the motion of Councillor Brooks.

427 General Purposes Board – 8 June 2011 427

Approved on the motion of Councillor White.

428 Grants Sub-Committee – 9 June 2011 428

It was noted that this minute would be submitted to the next scheduled meeting of The Inverclyde Council.

429 Administrative Arrangements: Cycle of Council, Committee and Board Meetings 429

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment setting out for approval the cycle of Council, Committee and Board meetings for the period to June 2012.

Decided: that approval be given to the proposed cycle of Council, Committee and Board meetings for the year to June 2012, including the holding of an additional meeting of the

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Policy & Resources Committee on 16 August 2011, all as set out in the timetable appended to the report.

- 430 West of Scotland Archaeology Service Joint Committee - Vacancy 430**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment requesting the Council to fill a vacancy on the West of Scotland Archaeology Service Joint Committee following the resignation of Councillor Osborne and also to appoint a substitute, as requested by the organisation.
Decided: that Councillor Nelson be appointed as the Council's representative on the West of Scotland Archaeology Service Joint Committee and that Councillor Wilson be appointed as substitute Member.
- 431 Updated Financial Strategy 2011/2018 431**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing an update to the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy.
 (Councillor Osborne left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
Decided: that the 2011/2018 Financial Strategy as reviewed in May 2011 and set out in the appendix to the report be approved.
- 432 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On Street) Order No 1 2011 432**
- 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 2011.
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 Head of Legal & Democratic Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.
- 433 Inverclyde Council Corporate Plan 2011 - 2012 433**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval to continue with the vision, values and outcomes identified in the Corporate Plan 2007-11 for the additional year of the Council Administration.
Decided:
- (1) that it be agreed that the Corporate Plan vision, values and outcomes remain valid;
 - (2) that agreement be given to support the continuance of the existing Corporate Plan 2007-11, extended to 2012; and
 - (3) that the progress made in delivering the Corporate Plan outcomes to date be noted.
- 434 Treasury Management – Annual Report 2010/11: Remit from Policy & Resources Committee 434**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on a remit from the Policy & Resources Committee of 24 May 2011 that the Council consider the Treasury Management – Annual Report 2010/11.

Decided: that approval be given to the Treasury Management - Annual Report 2010/11.

435 Reorganisation of Charitable Trusts

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer requesting the Council, as Trustees, (1) to consider progress on the review of the charitable trusts and (2) to approve the proposals for the reorganisation and wind-up of the charitable trusts.

Decided:

(1) that the progress of the review of the charities' funds be noted; and

(2) that approval be given to the proposals for the wind-up and distribution of the remaining charitable trusts as set out in appendix 1 to the report.

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 the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act, as detailed in the minute of the relevant Committee or Sub-Committee.

Appendices to Minutes

436 Inverclyde CHCP Sub-Committee – 28 April 2011

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Approved on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.

437 Regeneration Committee – 12 May 2011

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Approved on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.

438 Policy & Resources Committee – 24 May 2011

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Approved on the motion of Councillor McKenzie.

HUMAN RESOURCES APPEALS BOARD – 13 JUNE 2011

Human Resources Appeals Board

Monday 13 June 2011 at 10 am

Present: Councillors Brooks, Clocherty, Moran and Osborne.

Chair: Councillor Brooks presided.

In attendance: Mr J Hamilton (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services) and Mr A Wilson (for Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Performance).

439 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 439

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

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.

440 Appeal Against Dismissal – Employee in Environmental & Commercial Services 440

The Board considered an appeal against dismissal on behalf of an employee in Environmental & Commercial Services and agreed that the grounds of the appeal had not been substantiated and that the appeal be not upheld, all as detailed in the appendix.

EDUCATION APPEALS BOARD – 14 JUNE 2011

Education Appeals Board

Tuesday 14 June 2011 at 10 am

Present: Councillors Dorrian, McIlwee, Moran and Nelson.

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

In attendance: Mr J Hamilton (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services) and Mr A Wilson (for Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance).

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

441 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 441

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

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.

442 Stage 3 Grievance Appeal - Collective: Employees in Education Services 442

The Board considered a collective grievance appeal on behalf of two employees in Education Services and it was agreed that the grounds of the appeal had not been substantiated and that the appeal be not upheld, all as detailed in the appendix.

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 23 JUNE 2011

Audit Committee

Thursday 23 June 2011 at 3 pm

Present: Provost McCormick, Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair, Brooks, Dorrian, Fyfe, Loughran and MacLeod.

Chair: Councillor Blair presided.

In attendance: Chief Financial Officer, Finance Manager and Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services).

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

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

443 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 443

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors McCabe, McCallum and Nelson.

There were no declarations of interest.

444 Unaudited Annual Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2011 444

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer asking that the Committee review the unaudited annual accounts for the year ending 31 March 2011 and approve their onward transmission to Audit Scotland by the statutory deadline of 30 June 2011.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the onward transmission of the unaudited annual accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 to Audit Scotland;
- (2) that a special meeting of the Audit Committee be held on 27 September 2011 at 3 pm to consider the intimation of matters arising from the audit of the 2010/11 annual accounts; and
- (3) that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Financial Officer to include the group accounts, when completed, with the unaudited annual accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 prior to their onward transmission to Audit Scotland.

REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 4 JULY 2011

Regeneration Committee

Monday 4 July 2011 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Rebecchi (for Blair), Clocherty, Loughran, McCallum, McCabe, McKenzie, Nelson and White.

Chair: Councillor Ahlfeld presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Chief Financial Officer, Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services) and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications & Public Affairs).

In attendance also: Mr B Nicol and Mr G Williamson, Riverside Inverclyde.

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| 445 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 445 |
| | Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Blair, MacLeod and Osborne with Councillor Rebecchi substituting for Councillor Blair. | |
| 446 | Gourock Pier and Railhead Development Area | 446 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) providing an update on the progress of discussions with Riverside Inverclyde (RI) regarding the development of the Gourock Pier and Railhead Development Area and (2) recommending a range of proposals prior to the planning process commencing, which were agreed, all as detailed in the appendix. | |

PLANNING BOARD – 3 AUGUST 2011

Planning Board

Wednesday 3 August 2011 at 3 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Head of Regeneration & Planning, Development & Building Standards Manager, Mr G Leitch (Environmental & Commercial Services) and Ms V Pollock (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.

447 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 447

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

448 PLANNING APPLICATION SUBMITTED FOR CONTINUED CONSIDERATION 448

**Proposed flatted development:
Killochend Drive, Greenock (08/0300/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration and Planning regarding an application by ECOS Construction Ltd for a proposed flatted development at Killochend Drive, Greenock (08/0300/IC), consideration of which had been continued from the meeting on 4 May 2011 for clarification on the number of car parking spaces proposed and from the meeting on 1 June 2011 for a site visit.

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

After discussion, Councillor Wilson moved that planning permission be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report. As an amendment, Councillor Rebecchi moved that consideration of the application be continued to allow the Head of Regeneration & Planning to explore with the developer the level of car parking and play provision associated with the development.

On a vote, 2 Members voted for the motion and 7 for the amendment which was declared carried.

Decided: that consideration of the application be continued to allow the Head of Regeneration & Planning to explore with the developer the level of car parking and play provision associated with the development.

449 PLANNING APPEAL – 9-9A ASHTON TERRACE, GOUROCK 449

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning advising that following the decision of the Board at the meeting held on 2 March 2011 to refuse planning permission for the erection of a gate in retrospect at 9-9A Ashton Terrace, Gourrock (10/0378/IC), an appeal against the refusal of planning permission had been made to the Scottish Government.

PLANNING BOARD – 3 AUGUST 2011

Noted**450 PLANNING APPEAL – OLD POLICE HOUSE, MAIN STREET, INVERKIP****450**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning advising that following the decision of the Board at the meeting held on 5 January 2011 to refuse planning permission for the change of use from police house/station to restaurant at the Old Police House, Main Street, Inverkip (10/0223/IC) and the subsequent appeal by the applicant to the Scottish Government against that refusal, the Reporter appointed by the Scottish Government had issued his decision which was to dismiss the appeal and refuse planning permission.

Noted

LOCAL REVIEW BODY – 3 AUGUST 2011

Local Review Body

Wednesday 3 August 2011 at 4 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Mr R Gimby (Regeneration & Planning Services) and Ms V Pollock (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.

451 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 451

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

452 PLANNING APPLICATION FOR REVIEW 452

**Installation of new front door and erection of garden shed (in retrospect):
Upper Flat, 39A Tower Drive, Gourock (11/0018/IC)**

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review of the refusal of planning permission for the installation of a new front door and the erection of a garden shed (in retrospect) at the upper flat, 39A Tower Drive, Gourock (11/0018/IC).

After discussion, Councillor White moved:-

- (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 reason as set out in the Decision Notice dated 31 March 2011:-

(i) as the front door installed, by virtue of its contemporary design, contemporary door furniture and dark stained finish has an unacceptable impact on the character and appearance of the listed building and is thus contrary to the guidance and policy contained within Policy HR14 of the Inverclyde Local Plan or Historic Scotland's Managing Change in the Historic Environment Guidance Notes.

As an amendment Councillor Fyfe moved:-

- (1) that sufficient information had not been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and
- (2) that, in terms of Regulation 15 of the Town & Country Planning (Schemes of Delegation & Local Review Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2008, it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to issue a written notice to Historic Scotland seeking information by means of a written submission in relation to their views on the contemporary design, contemporary door furniture and dark stained finish of the front door, the information to be sent to the Local Review Body within one month of the date of the written notice.

On a vote, 3 Members voted for the motion and 6 for the amendment which was declared carried.

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Decided:

- (1) that sufficient information had not been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and
- (2) that, in terms of Regulation 15 of the Town & Country Planning (Schemes of Delegation & Local Review Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2008, it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to issue a written notice to Historic Scotland seeking information by means of a written submission in relation to their views on the contemporary design, contemporary door furniture and dark stained finish of the front door, the information to be sent to the Local Review Body within one month of the date of the written notice.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 10 AUGUST 2011

General Purposes Board

Wednesday 10 August 2011 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Dorrian, Fyfe, MacLeod, McCallum, McIlwee, Moran and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor White presided.

In attendance: Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Chief Inspector Shepherd (Strathclyde Police).

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

453 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Grieve. Councillor Moran declared an interest in agenda item 8 (Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: James Strachan).

The Chair requested the Board to consider an additional item (Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: David McLachlan) and the Board agreed.

454 Taxi Fares Review 2011

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services advising on the outcome of the annual review of taxi fares, namely the proposals submitted by Inverclyde Taxis Ltd and ABC Taxis Inverclyde Ltd with comments from the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services on those proposals. The Board heard Mr Douglas who summarised the contents of the report and the relative correspondence. The Board heard Mr Glasgow, Inverclyde Taxis Ltd and Mr Bradley, Environmental & Commercial Services. After discussion the Chair moved to adopt Environmental & Commercial Services' proposals as outlined in appendix 4. As an amendment Councillor Ahlfeld moved that at tariff 4 the 26th December and 2nd January be removed and entered back into tariff 3 as existing tariff. On a vote 1 Member voted for the motion and 8 for the amendment which was declared carried. Councillor Rebecchi moved that the £1 per passenger after first four passengers apply to multi-access vehicles only. As an amendment Councillor Moran moved that the £1 per passenger after first four passengers apply to all vehicles. On a vote 2 Members voted for the motion and 7 for the amendment which was declared carried.

Decided: that for the purpose of public consultation the Council's proposals for the review of taxi fares be as follows:

- (1) a 4.2% increase on tariff 1, 2 and 3 to be achieved by a reduction in yardage;
- (2) 26th December and 2nd January be removed from tariff 4 and revert back to tariff 3 as existing; and
- (3) £1 per passenger after first four passengers be introduced.

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

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Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

- 455 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Scott Cairns 455**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr Cairns following receipt of a police objection. Mr Cairns was not present or represented.
Decided: that the application be refused.
- 456 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Anthony Fabiani 456**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr Fabiani following receipt of a police objection. Mr Fabiani was present. The Board heard Mr Fabiani in support of the application and Chief Inspector Shepherd in support of their objection.
Decided: that the application be continued to a further meeting of the Board.
- 457 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Patrick Donnachie 457**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for renewal of a taxi driver's licence by Mr Donnachie following receipt of a police representation. Mr Donnachie was not present or represented.
Decided: that the application be refused.
- 458 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Peter Armour 458**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr Armour following receipt of a police representation. Mr Armour was present. The Board heard Mr Armour in support of his application and Chief Inspector Shepherd in support of their representation. The Board considered a letter received from Mr Armour's GP.
Decided: that the application be granted.
- 459 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Robert O'Neill 459**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr O'Neill following receipt of a police objection. Mr O'Neill was present. Mr Douglas intimated that Mr O'Neill's solicitor's secretary had contacted the licensing office requesting that Mr O'Neill's application be continued to a further meeting of the Board as his solicitor had been called to an urgent matter and would be unable to attend. Mr O'Neill wished his application to be considered today and to proceed without his solicitor present. The Board heard Mr O'Neill in support of his application and Chief Inspector Shepherd in support of their objection.
Decided: that the application be granted.
- 460 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: James Strachan 460**
- Councillor Moran declared a non-financial interest in this item as the person was known to him which precluded his continued presence in the Chambers and his participation in the decision making process. He then left the meeting.
 There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr Strachan following receipt of a police

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representation. Mr Strachan was present. The Board heard Mr Strachan in support of his application and Chief Inspector Shepherd in support of their representation.

Decided: that the application be refused.

Councillor Moran returned to the meeting following consideration of this item.

461 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Alastair Francis 461

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr Francis following receipt of a police objection. Mr Francis was not present.

Decided: that the application be refused.

462 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: Graham Rollo 462

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to consider the suspension of the taxi driver's licence granted to Mr Rollo which expired on 31 July 2011. Mr Rollo was not present.

Noted

463 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: David McLachlan 463

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr McLachlan following receipt of a police representation. Mr McLachlan was present with Mr Colin McConaghy, employer. The Board heard Mr McLachlan and Mr McConaghy in support of the application and Chief Inspector Shepherd in support of their representation.

Decided: that the application be granted.

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 16 AUGUST 2011

Policy & Resources Committee

Tuesday 16 August 2011 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors Blair, Brooks, Clocherty, McCabe, McIlwee, McKenzie, Moran, Nelson, Wilson and White.

Chair: Councillor McKenzie presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education & Communities, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance, Ms J Buchanan (for Chief Financial Officer), Chief Internal Auditor, Managing Solicitor (Conveyancing & Planning), ICT Service Delivery Manager, Corporate Procurement Manager 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.

464 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 464

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

Councillors Clocherty and Nelson declared interests in agenda item 11 (River Clyde Homes ICT Service Tender – Outcome).

465 2010/11 Efficiency Statement 465

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer requesting the Committee to note the Council's 2010/11 Efficiency Statement and approve its onward transmission to CoSLA.

Decided: that the Committee note the 2010/11 Efficiency Statement appended to the report and approve its onward transmission to CoSLA.

466 Abolition of the Default Retirement Age: Revised Council Policy 466

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance advising the Committee of the abolition of the Default Retirement Age (DRA) from 1 October 2011.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note that all employees who are due to retire between April 2011 and the end of September 2011 were advised that they will retire at the age of 65 but that they still have the right to request to work on and the right of appeal;

(2) that it be agreed that all employees can now work after 65 in accordance with the new regulations; and

(3) that agreement be given to the revised planning retirement policy set out in appendix 1 to the report.

467 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive 467

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive since the last ordinary meeting of the Committee in respect of (1) a collaborative procurement exercise with

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Renfrewshire Council relative to supported living services; (2) changes to working practices for local environmental teams and foremen; (3) the appointment of an external officer in relation to disciplinary procedures; (4) the appointment of consultants relative to the operating model review; (5) consideration of TUPE transfer issues for Building Services employees in connection with the River Clyde Homes internal refurbishment contract; and (6) the provision of advance funding to Sail Inverclyde.

Noted

468 Audit Scotland Report – “Roles and Working Relationships: Are You Getting It Right?” 468

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) advising the Committee of the issues raised by the Audit Scotland report, “Roles and Working Relationships: Are You Getting it Right?” published in August 2010 and (2) suggesting how best the Council may use the findings of the report to assess its own existing practices and identify where improvements could be made.

Decided:

- (1) that the report be noted;
- (2) that it be agreed that the key actions contained in the report be reviewed alongside the Council’s existing Elected Members training and development programme to confirm whether the Council’s arrangements are suitably robust or identify any gaps or areas where training and support arrangements could be enhanced; and
- (3) that it be agreed that an annual report be submitted to the Committee outlining progress against the plan.

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)
Appendix B relative to Item 4	1
Appendix C relative to Item 4	1, 8 and 12
Appendix D relative to Item 4	6 and 8
Appendix E relative to Item 4	1, 6 and 12
Appendix F relative to Item 4	6 and 8
Provision of Debt Recovery Services	6 and 8
River Clyde Homes ICT Service Tender – Outcome	6, 8 and 9
Update on Employees Released under the Council’s Severance Scheme	1

469 Appendix B relative to Item 4 469

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There was submitted Appendix B relative to Item 4 advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to approve additional funding for the purposes of a compensation payment designed to facilitate the introduction of a change to working practices for local environmental teams and foremen which was noted by the Committee. There was also submitted a supplementary report requesting the provision of additional funding for the purposes of the compensation payment which was agreed, all as detailed in the appendix.

470 Appendix C relative to Item 4 470

There was submitted Appendix C relative to Item 4 advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to authorise the appointment of an external officer in connection with disciplinary procedures.

Noted

471 Appendix D relative to Item 4 471

There was submitted Appendix D relative to Item 4 advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to authorise the appointment of consultants in connection with the operating model review.

Noted

472 Appendix E relative to Item 4 472

There was submitted Appendix E relative to Item 4 advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to determine that TUPE does not apply in relation to the conclusion of the previous framework contract for River Clyde Homes internal refurbishment and its replacement with a new contract.

Noted

473 Appendix F relative to Item 4 473

There was submitted Appendix F relative to Item 4 advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to authorise advance funding to Sail Inverclyde.

Noted

474 Provision of Debt Recovery Services 474

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer seeking approval to extend the Council's current contract for the provision of debt recovery services.

Decided: that approval be given to an extension of the contract with Walker Love for the provision of debt recovery services for a period of 3 months with the option of a further 3 months extension from 1 April 2012 in order that the Council's decision relative to the Clyde Valley Shared Services is known prior to going to tender.

475 River Clyde Homes ICT Service Tender - Outcome 475

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the outcome of the recent tender submission by Business Transformation and Customer Services to carry out the ICT Services Contract for River Clyde Homes and (2) highlighting a number of items arising from this.

Councillors Clocherty and Nelson declared non-financial interests in this item as

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Members of the Board of River Clyde Homes. 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 Committee note the outcome of Inverclyde Council's recent tender bid to provide River Clyde Homes' ICT Services; and
- (2) that it be noted that a report on how the Organisational Improvement & Resources Directorate will address the net income shortfall of £90,000 will be submitted to the November meeting of the Committee.

476 Update on Employees Released under the Council's Severance Scheme

476

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance providing an update on the position in respect of releases made under the Council's Severance Scheme.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the employees released by the Chief Executive under the delegated authority granted by the Committee, as detailed in appendices 1, 2 and 3 of the report;
- (2) that it be noted that the teachers' refresh trawl is now complete; and
- (3) that it be agreed that the Chief Executive be granted delegated authority until 31 December 2011 to release employees as part of the Council's agreed budget savings or workstream savings exercises already approved by the Council.

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 18 AUGUST 2011

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 18 August 2011 at 4 pm

Present: Provost McCormick, Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair, Brooks, Clocherty, Dorrian, Fyfe, Loughran, McCabe, McCallum, McIlwee, McKenzie, Moran, Nelson, 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, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Managing Solicitor (Conveyancing & Planning) and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications & Public Affairs).

477 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

478 Labour Group Leadership – Resignation of Councillor McKenzie

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) advising that Councillor McKenzie had resigned as Leader of the Council and of the Labour Group of Inverclyde Council and (2) requesting that the Council make appropriate appointments in the light of Councillor McKenzie's resignation.

During the course of discussion on this item, Members of the Council extended their congratulations and best wishes to Councillor McKenzie following his recent election as MP for Inverclyde.

Decided:

- (1) that it be noted that Councillor McKenzie had intimated his resignation as Leader of the Council and of the Labour Group of Inverclyde Council;
- (2) that Councillor McCabe be appointed Leader of the Council;
- (3) that Councillor McCabe be appointed Convener of the Policy & Resources Committee and of the Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee;
- (4) that Councillor McCabe be appointed as Member and Chair of the Inverclyde Alliance Board, in place of Councillor McKenzie;
- (5) that Councillor McCabe be appointed to the CoSLA Convention as Council Leader;
- (6) that Councillor McCabe be appointed to the Clyde Valley Community Planning Partnership in place of Councillor McKenzie; and
- (7) that Councillor Clocherty be appointed Vice-Convener of the Education & Lifelong Learning Committee in place of Councillor McKenzie.

479 River Clyde Homes Board – Resignation of Councillor Blair

479

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment requesting the Council to appoint a representative to serve on the Board of River Clyde Homes (RCH) following the resignation of Councillor Blair.

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Decided:

- (1) that Councillor Fyfe be appointed to serve on the Board of River Clyde Homes in place of Councillor Blair; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Chief Executive to clarify RCH's understanding of the ability of Inverclyde Council Members to represent and advocate the interests of their constituents when undertaking the role of a RCH Board Member.

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 the filling of the vacancy on Strathclyde Police Authority at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.

480 Strathclyde Police Authority – Resignation of Councillor Brooks

480

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising of the resignation of Councillor Brooks from Strathclyde Police Authority.

Decided:

- (1) that Councillor White be appointed to serve on Strathclyde Police Authority in place of Councillor Brooks; and
- (2) that Councillor McIlwee be appointed as Councillor White's substitute.

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 the revised proposals issued by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) at the earliest opportunity and to make further representations if considered appropriate. This was agreed unanimously.

481 “Protecting our Seas and Shores in the 21st Century” – Consultation on Revised Proposals

481

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising of revised proposals by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) in relation to the future of the Coastguard Service and of submissions made by the Council to the MCA in this regard. The report advised that the revised proposals included a reaffirmation of the proposal to close the Clyde Coastguard Centre, resulting in the loss of over 30 jobs in Inverclyde, and also the possibility of the remaining jobs at the Agency's Greenock base being relocated outside Inverclyde.

In this connection, there was circulated a letter to the Provost signed by Councillors McCabe and Nelson incorporating the following motion:

“The Council is extremely disappointed at the continued proposal to close the Clyde Coastguard Centre at Greenock and reinforces previous concerns and objections to these cuts to an essential frontline emergency service, which will put the lives of Inverclyde residents and all those that use the seas of the West Coast of Scotland at risk, and which will also result in the loss of frontline jobs in Inverclyde and the West of Scotland. The Council asks the neighbouring Councils of Argyll & Bute, West Dunbartonshire, East Dunbartonshire, North Ayrshire, East Ayrshire, South Ayrshire, Dumfries & Galloway, Renfrewshire, East Renfrewshire and Glasgow, and Parliamentarians from all parties, to oppose in the strongest possible terms the closure of the Clyde Centre and to work together to persuade the Maritime and Coastguard Agency to retain this essential facility. To this end the Council instructs the Chief Executive to arrange, as a matter of urgency, a meeting of Councils, Parliamentarians and Coastguard trade unions to agree a plan of joint action.”

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Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted; and
- (2) that the Council unanimously support the motion submitted by Councillors McCabe and Nelson.

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 23 AUGUST 2011

Audit Committee

Tuesday 23 August 2011 at 3 pm

Present: Provost McCormick, Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair, Brooks, Dorrian, Fyfe, Loughran, MacLeod, McCabe and Nelson.

Chair: Councillor Blair presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Chief Internal Auditor and Chief Financial Officer.

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

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

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| 482 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 482 |
| | An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Ahlfeld. | |
| | Councillor MacLeod declared an interest in item 6 (Internal Audit Annual Report and Assurance Statement 2010/11). | |
| 483 | Risk Management Progress Report | 483 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising Members of the progress made on risk management since the meeting of the Committee on 26 April 2011. | |
| | Noted | |
| 484 | External Audit Progress Report | 484 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment presenting to Members reports produced by Audit Scotland since the last meeting of the Committee. | |
| | Decided: that the Committee: | |
| | (1) note the matters raised in the report; | |
| | (2) note Audit Scotland's position regarding the Council's method of budget profiling; | |
| | and | |
| | (3) request that a report explaining the Council's method of budget profiling be submitted to a future meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee. | |
| 485 | External Audit Action Plans – Current Actions | 485 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising Members of the status of current actions from external audit action plans at 30 June 2011. | |
| | Decided: that the progress to date be noted. | |
| 486 | Internal Audit Progress Report – 4 April to 29 July 2011 | 486 |

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment presenting to Members the monitoring report of Internal Audit activity from 4 April to 29 July 2011.

Decided: that the progress made by Internal Audit during the reporting period be noted.

487 Internal Audit Annual Report and Assurance Statement 2010/11

487

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment presenting to Members the Internal Audit annual report and assurance statement for 2010/11 which forms part of the Council's statement on the system of internal financial control.

Councillor MacLeod declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Member of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure. He also 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.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Regeneration Committee detailing progress on the transfer of community facilities to Inverclyde Leisure.

488 Annual Review of Risk Management Activity 2010/11

488

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on progress made in 2010/11 in developing and monitoring a strategic approach to managing risks faced by the Council.

Decided: that the Committee note the progress made in 2010/11 in developing, implementing and monitoring a coherent corporate approach to managing risks faced by the Council and the actions required to maintain this level of progress during 2011/12.

489 Revised Financial Regulations

489

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer presenting the revised financial regulations to the Committee for consideration prior to formal approval by the Inverclyde Council.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the revised financial regulations; and
- (2) that the revised financial regulations be remitted to the Inverclyde Council on 6 October 2011 for approval.

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.

490 Internal Audit Progress Report - Appendix

490

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

Noted

Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership Sub-CommitteeThursday 25 August 2011 at 1 pm

Present: Councillors G Dorrian, T Fyfe, K Brooks (for J MacLeod), I McKenzie (for S McCabe) and J McIlwee (Inverclyde Council); Dr M Kapasi and Mr K Winter, Non-Executive Directors, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health Board; Ms D McCrone, Staff Partnership Forum; Dr L Bidwell, Professional Executive Group and Mr R Murphy, Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership.

Chair: Councillor McIlwee presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership, Head of Planning, Health Improvement & Commissioning, Head of Community Care & Strategy, Head of Children & Families and Criminal Justice, Head of Mental Health, Addictions & Homelessness Services, Mr J Pow (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.

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| 491 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 491 |
| | <p>Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors McCabe, MacLeod and Mrs N McFadden with Councillor McKenzie substituting for Councillor McCabe and Councillor Brooks for Councillor MacLeod.</p> <p>No declarations of interest were intimated.</p> <p>The Sub-Committee Members extended their best wishes to Mrs McFadden for a speedy recovery following her recent accident.</p> | |
| 492 | Community Health & Care Partnership – Financial Report as at Outturn 2010/11 and 2011/12 as at Period 3 | 492 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership on the 2010/11 Revenue and Capital Budget outturn position and the current position as at Period 3 to 30 June 2011.
(Dr Kapasi entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the revenue overspend of £166,000 (0.15%) for 2010/11 be noted;</p> <p>(2) that the current projected revenue budget overspend of £486,000 for 2011/12 as at 30 June 2011 be noted; and</p> <p>(3) that the current projected Social Work capital slippage of £300,000 as at 30 June 2011 be noted.</p> | |
| 493 | Operational Performance Review | 493 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership advising the Sub-Committee of the outcome of the recent joint Organisational Performance Review with Inverclyde Council and NHS Greater Glasgow</p> | |

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Decided:

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the comments made in relation to the CHCP's first Joint Organisational Performance Review; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership to ensure that appropriate action is taken on all of the relevant points raised in the Review.

494 Audit Scotland Review of CHPs – Inverclyde CHCP Position

494

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership (1) on the position of Inverclyde CHCP in relation to the Audit Scotland Review of Community Health Partnerships and Community Health and Care Partnerships in Scotland published on 2 June 2011 and (2) highlighting the key messages contained within the Review.

Decided:

- (1) that the Sub-Committee endorse the position statement for Inverclyde CHCP as at July 2011 in relation to the key statements made in the Audit Scotland report;
- (2) that approval be given to the actions detailed in response to the key areas of the report, particularly where action is requested of CHCPs, the Council or the Health Board;
- (3) that it be noted that the Sub-Committee can be re-assured that locally, robust arrangements are in place and being developed and that the CHCP has, and will continue, to evidence the attention being given to the success factors highlighted within the Audit Scotland report; and
- (4) that the contents of the report be noted and that the robust arrangements which have already been established for Inverclyde CHCP be commended.

495 Inverclyde CHCP – Progress Report

495

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership (1) appending the Inverclyde CHCP progress report dated June 2011 which sets out the progress made since the establishment of the Inverclyde CHCP and (2) on outstanding areas for action.

Decided:

- (1) that the Sub-Committee acknowledge the progress made over the first six months of the CHCP as outlined in the report; and
- (2) that approval be given to the action points highlighted for progression.

496 Review of Homecare Services

496

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership (1) informing the Sub-Committee of the outcome of the independent review of homecare services, (2) seeking approval and support for the outcomes proposed and (3) requesting agreement to the reporting arrangements and timescales for implementation.

Decided:

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the key recommendations of the independent review of homecare services and support the implementation of these key recommendations;
- (2) that agreement be given to a reporting schedule for receiving reports on the progress of implementation; and
- (3) that delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Inverclyde

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Community Health & Care Partnership to enter into a collaborative framework with Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation in relation to the tendering for an electronic care monitoring system.

- 497 SCSWIS Inspection Report on Inverclyde CHCP's Homelessness Service 497**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership advising of the publication on 16 June 2011 of the Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (SCSWIS) Inspection Report on the housing support element of Inverclyde CHCP's Homelessness Service. The report advised that each of the elements of the inspection had been graded as 5 (very good) which represented an improved position on the awards made to the Service in 2009.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the publication of the inspection report and the excellent and highly encouraging outcome for the housing support service; and
- (2) that the Sub-Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all relevant staff for the results achieved.
- 498 Community Health and Care Partnership Complaints Procedures – Annual Report 2010-11 498**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership on the annual performance of the CHCP with regard to the statutory procedures as determined by the Scottish Government guidance and directions on the operation of complaints procedures in respect of the Social Work function (SWSG5/1996).
- During the course of discussion on this item, the Head of Planning, Health Improvement & Commissioning advised that there were several incorrect figures contained within the Complaints Report and that an updated version would be circulated to Members.
- Decided:** that the Sub-Committee note the annual performance of the CHCP in respect of the statutory complaints procedure.
- 499 Workforce Monitoring Report 499**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership providing an update on workforce issues and developments including progress made in meeting workforce targets.
- Decided:** that the Sub-Committee note the contents of the report and the progress made in meeting workforce targets.
- 500 Report on the NHS Organisational Changes of Responsibility for Inverclyde Based Inpatient Mental Health Services 500**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership on the transfer of operational responsibility for the management of mental health inpatient services for adults and older people physically located within the CHCP locality which took place on 1 May 2011.
- Decided:** that the Sub-Committee note the organisational changes in respect of mental health inpatient services as detailed in the report.
- 501 The Adoption Register for Scotland 501**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership (1) informing the Sub-Committee of the development of the Adoption Register and (2) explaining its purpose and the benefits for children looked after and accommodated by Inverclyde CHCP.

Decided: that Inverclyde CHCP become a member agency of Scotland's Adoption Register in order to maximise the family finding opportunities and continue improving the outcomes for Inverclyde children.

502 Reshaping Care for Older People - Inverclyde Change Plan 502

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership (1) providing details of the Inverclyde Change Plan developed as part of the wider reshaping care for older people programme and (2) requesting the Sub-Committee to approve and support the implementation of the Plan.

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to the contents of the Inverclyde Change Plan appended to the report and support be given to its implementation within Inverclyde; and

(2) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee on the current position in respect of the Change Fund.

503 Change to Scheme of Delegation 503

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership seeking approval for a proposed change to the Scheme of Delegation which would increase the amount which can be authorised for statutory purposes by Team Leaders in Children and Families, Social Work Services within the CHCP from £20 to £100.

Decided: that agreement be given to the change to the Scheme of Delegation to increase the amount which can be authorised for statutory purposes by Team Leaders in Children and Families from £20 to £100.

504 National Guidance on Child Protection 504

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership informing the Sub-Committee of the main changes to practice in child protection as a result of the National Guidance for Child Protection issued by the Scottish Government in December 2010 and the implications for local child protection procedures.

Decided: that the Sub-Committee note the changes to practice as a result of the Scottish Government's National Guidance for Child Protection and the implications for local child protection procedures.

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 paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

505 Social Work Complaints Review Committee – List of Independent Persons 505

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Regeneration & Environment (1) advising of the resignation of a member of the panel of independent persons who serve

on the Social Work Complaints Review Committee as approved by the Sub-Committee on 3 March 2011 and (2) requesting the Sub-Committee to make a number of further appointments in this regard.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the appointment of the three independent persons detailed in appendix 1 to the report for the purpose of dealing with unresolved complaints under the Social Work (Representations Procedure) (Scotland) Directions 1996 for the period to 31 March 2014, subject to the necessary disclosure checks; and
- (2) that authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to approve any further appointments to 31 March 2014, as necessary, subject to the applicants meeting the criteria set out in the report.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE – 25 AUGUST 2011

Health & Social Care Committee

Thursday 25 August 2011 at 3 pm

Present: Provost McCormick, Councillors Brooks, Dorrian, Fyfe, McKenzie (for McCabe), McIlwee and Moran.

Chair: Councillor McIlwee presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership, Head of Planning, Health Improvement & Commissioning, Head of Community Care & Strategy, Head of Children, Families & Criminal Justice, Head of Mental Health, Addictions & Homelessness Services, Clinical Director, Mr J Pow (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services) and Mr M Bingham (Corporation Communications & Public Affairs).

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

506 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 506

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Ahlfeld, Grieve, McCabe and MacLeod with Councillor McKenzie substituting for Councillor McCabe.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

507 Health & Social Care Committee – Revenue Budget Report as at Outturn 2010/11 and 2011/12 as at Period 3 507

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership and the Chief Financial Officer on the 2010/11 Revenue Budget outturn position and the current year position as at Period 3 to 30 June 2011.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the revenue overspend of £202,000 for 2010/11;
- (2) that the Committee note the current projected revenue overspend of £326,000 for 2011/12 as at 30 June 2011; and
- (3) that consideration of the 2011/12 Revenue Budget be delegated to the CHCP Sub-Committee.

508 Capital Programme 2011/14 – Progress as at Period 3 508

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership and the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the progress of the Health & Social Care Capital Programme and (2) advising that the overall financial position currently showed a projected spend of £3.862m which is on budget.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current position of the Health & Social Care Capital Programme; and
- (2) that consideration of the Capital Programme for 2011/12 be delegated to the CHCP Sub-Committee.

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- 509 Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report 2010/11 509**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership appending the Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report for the period April 2010 to March 2011.
- Decided:** that approval be given to the Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report 2010/11 as set out in appendix 1 to the report.
- 510 Inverclyde CHCP – Progress Report 510**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership (1) appending the Inverclyde CHCP progress report dated June 2011 which sets out the progress made since the establishment of the Inverclyde CHCP and (2) highlighting outstanding areas for action.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee acknowledge the progress made over the first six months of the CHCP as outlined in the progress report; and
- (2) that approval be given to the action points highlighted for progression.
- 511 CHCP Directorate Plan 2011/12 511**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership appending the CHCP Directorate Plan for 2011/12.
- Decided:**
- (1) that approval be given to the CHCP Directorate Plan 2011/12 appended to the report; and
- (2) that the Committee note the actions identified in the Directorate Plan for completion in 2011/12 and the indicators associated with these actions.

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).

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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 and (2) advising of information received from River Clyde Homes on their Scottish Housing | |

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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 Glasgow.

Decided:

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- (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.

523 Gypsies/Travellers in Inverclyde 523

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities and

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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

524

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

525

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

526

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.

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

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(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, Port Glasgow.

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;

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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.

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.

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Regeneration Committee

Thursday 1 September 2011 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Fyfe (for Blair), Clocherty, Loughran, McCallum, McCabe, McKenzie, MacLeod, Nelson, Osborne and White.

Chair: Councillor Ahlfeld presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Corporate Director Education & Communities, Ms M McCabe (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Head of Educational Planning & Culture, Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management, Mr S Lundy (for Head of Regeneration & Planning), Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Property Assets Manager, Libraries Manager, Corporate Communications Manager and Ms M Paterson (Community Learning & Development).

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

539 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:-

Agenda item 11 (Regeneration Fund Programme 2011-2012) – Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, MacLeod and White.

Agenda item 12 (Community Facilities Grant) – Councillors Ahlfeld and MacLeod.

Agenda item 18 (The Tall Ships Races 2011 – Greenock) – Councillors Clocherty and Osborne.

Agenda item 22 (Building Services - RCH Internal Refurbishment Framework) – Councillors Clocherty, Fyfe, Loughran and Nelson.

Agenda item 24 (Property Assets Management Report) – Councillors Ahlfeld, MacLeod and White.

Agenda item 28 (Community Facilities Legal Agreements) – Councillors Ahlfeld, MacLeod and White.

540 The Tall Ships Races 2011 - Greenock

540

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) providing an overview of the successful Tall Ships Greenock Event in July and (2) giving details of the financial management of the event.

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

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the Chamber or their participation in the decision making process.

Mrs H Drummond, Project Manager, Sail Inverclyde Ltd, was present and made a presentation on the event. She then answered a number of questions from Members.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the report and the presentation by Mrs Drummond be noted and that the Committee recognise the success of the Tall Ships Event in 2011; and
- (2) that the Committee note the reasons for the budget shortfall and request that the Policy & Resources Committee agree to provide 50% of the event funding shortfall up to a maximum of £100,000.

Mrs Drummond departed from the meeting following consideration of this item of business.

541 Development of a Community Facility at Inverkip

541

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) on the detailed feasibility for the development of a community facility within Inverkip Village and (2) seeking approval of a range of matters in this regard.

Councillor Rebecchi was present and with consent spoke on the matter.

Mr B Sasan, Director, SasanBell was present and made a presentation on the preferred option. He then answered a number of questions from Members.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the project as outlined in the report;
- (2) that the funding package as outlined in paragraph 5.5 of the report including the provision of advance payment and funding source by the Council in lieu of Tranche 2 from the Section 69 Agreement be remitted to the Policy & Resources Committee;
- (3) that it be agreed to provide shortfall revenue support in addition to funding provided for the library of up to £15,000 from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations budget for the first four years;
- (4) that the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment in consultation with the Head of Legal & Democratic Services be authorised to engage with the local community and to establish a new community company and processes to elect 6 community representatives following consultation with the Convener and Vice-Convener of the Regeneration Committee;
- (5) that the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer be authorised to engage with the new community company to prepare and submit a final business plan including proposed management arrangements for approval prior to making the funding available;
- (6) that the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment in consultation with the Head of Legal & Democratic Services be authorised to negotiate the acquisition of the land interest to enable the construction of the new community facility and thereafter sub-lease to the new community company;
- (7) that the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment in consultation with the Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management and the new community company be authorised to select appropriate qualified consultants, novating where appropriate, and contractors and appoint the most economically advantageous to design and construct the new facility;
- (8) that the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment in consultation with the Head of Legal & Democratic Services and Chief Financial Officer be authorised to negotiate a development, management and funding agreement with the new community company; and
- (9) that the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment provide regular progress reports to Committee.

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Mr Sasan departed from the meeting following consideration of this item of business.

- 542 Regeneration Revenue Budget 2011/12 – Period 3 542**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment and Corporate Director Education & Communities on (1) the 2010/11 Revenue Budget outturn and (2) the 2011/12 position as at Period 3 (to 30 June 2011) which projected an underspend of £24,000.
Decided: that the Committee note the outturn for 2010/11 and the current projected underspend of £24,000 as at 30 June 2011.
- 543 Building Services Trading Account Revenue Budget 2011/12 – Period 3 543**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on (1) the Building Services Trading Account 2010/11 outturn and (2) the position of the Trading Account 2011/12 as at Period 3 (to 30 June 2011) which showed a projected deficit of £178,000.
Decided: that the outturn for 2010/11 and the current projected deficit of £178,000 for 2011/12 as at 30 June 2011 be noted.
- 544 Capital Programme 2011/12 to 2013/14 - Progress 544**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment and the Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Capital Programme 2011/12 to 2013/14.
Decided:
 (1) that the Committee note the progress on the specific projects detailed in the appendix to the report; and
 (2) that approval be given to the funding for the demolition of Highholm School and the additional £15,000 required for the Lunderston Bay Ranger Station and public toilets being met from the underspend in the allowance for the demolition of Wellington Academy.
- 545 Regeneration & Environment Directorate Performance Report 545**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on the performance of those services within the Regeneration & Environment Directorate which report to the Regeneration Committee in achieving their key objectives as set out in the Regeneration & Environment Directorate Plan 2010-2011 and how they have contributed to the achievement of key corporate priorities.
Decided: that the Committee endorse the performance information contained in the report and note that further reports on performance will be presented to future meetings of the Committee.
- 546 Education & Communities Directorate Plan 2011-12 546**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the revised Education & Communities Directorate Plan for 2011-12 together with updated Directorate Plan.
Decided: that the Committee note the contents of the updated Education & Communities Directorate Plan for 2011-12 as set out in the appendix to the report.

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- 547 Regeneration & Environment Directorate Plan 547**
- 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.
- 548 Clyde Valley Community Planning Partnership – A Refreshed Economic Strategy for the Glasgow City Region 2011-2016 548**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking endorsement of the draft Refreshed Economic Strategy developed by the Clyde Valley Community Planning Partnership, a copy of which was appended to the report.
Decided:
 (1) that the Committee endorse the draft Refreshed Economic Strategy for the Glasgow City Region 2011-2016; and
 (2) that approval be given to a contribution of £3,000 towards the publication of the Strategy, the cost to be met from the Regeneration and Planning Budget.
- 549 Building a Sustainable Future: Regeneration Discussion Paper 549**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval of a response submitted on behalf of the Council by the deadline of 10 June 2011 to the Scottish Government’s Regeneration discussion paper “Building a Sustainable Future”.
Decided:
 (1) that approval be given to the consultation response submitted to the Scottish Government; and
 (2) that should any future consultation responses from the Council require to be submitted within a timescale which would preclude consideration by the Committee, Officers seek the views of Elected Members via the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive.
- 550 Future Jobs Fund - Update 550**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on the final phase of the Future Jobs Fund programme and future delivery led by Inverclyde Council.
Decided:
 (1) that the Committee note the successful delivery of the Future Jobs Fund programme including the impact on individuals and the economic benefits which accrued to the Inverclyde economy; and
 (2) that the Committee note the excellent partnership working that has been established including Inverclyde Council, Jobcentre Plus and Inverclyde Community Development Trust, the last having successfully engaged a significant number of employers and ensured a wide range of community benefits.
- 551 Regeneration Fund Programme 2011-2012 551**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment

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updating the Committee on the delivery of the contracts funded through the Regeneration Fund Programme 2011- 2012.

Councillors Ahlfeld, MacLeod and White declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure, Councillors Ahlfeld and Clocherty declared a non-financial interest as representatives on Inverclyde Community Development Trust and Councillor MacLeod declared a non-financial interest as a director of Inverclyde Council on Disability. They also formed the view that the nature of their interests and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision making process.

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

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the first quarter performance of the contractors delivering services to address deprivation in Inverclyde;
- (2) that it be noted a review of each contract will take place in October 2011 to inform possible recommendations for one year extensions, subject to available funding; and
- (3) that it be noted a Regeneration Fund Programme Practitioners Group will be invited to meet quarterly to promote continued partnership working.

552 Community Facilities Grant

552

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) updating the Committee on the progress of the administration and disbursement of the Community Facilities Fund of £1,200,000 and (2) seeking approval of recommendations for the award of funding.

Councillor Ahlfeld declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a Member of the Board of Discover Inverclyde and Councillor MacLeod declared a non-financial interest as a non-executive director of Parklea Branching Out. They also formed the view that the nature of their interests and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision making process.

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

Decided:

- (1) that the progress made with the Community Facilities Fund be noted;
- (2) that the Committee approve the recommendations for the award of funding as set out in appendix 1 to the report; and
- (3) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment in relation to the disbursement of funds in accordance with the procedures of the Council and to implement appropriate monitoring procedures.

553 Implementation of Community Council Review

553

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) updating the Committee on the implementation of the Community Council review and (2) seeking approval of proposals regarding the resourcing of Community Councils.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the timetable for the election of Community Councillors as set out in annexe 1 to the report;
- (2) that approval be given to the proposals for the minimum and maximum number of Community Council members as set out in annexe 2 to the report;
- (3) that approval be given to the proposals for the resourcing of Community Councils as set out in annexe 3 to the report; and
- (4) that a report on the outcome of the Community Council elections be submitted to

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the Committee in due course.

- 554 Inverclyde Libraries PLQIM (Public Libraries Quality Improvement Matrix) 554**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the external evaluation of Inverclyde Libraries carried out by the Scottish Library and Information Council in March 2011. The report advised that in two aspects of the evaluation, Inverclyde Libraries were judged to be “good” and on the third aspect to be “very good”.
- Decided:** that the Committee approve the Scottish Library and Information Council report on Inverclyde Libraries.
- 555 Inverkip Library 555**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval for the inclusion of the Inverkip Library within the proposed Inverkip Community Centre and an expansion of the current service.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee approve, in principle, the relocation of the Inverkip Library from the primary school and that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to enter into discussions with the Community Group to agree a suitable scheme and lease agreement, following which a report be submitted to the Committee; and
 - (2) that the Committee approve the proposed funding adjustments detailed in section 8 of the report and note that the Corporate Director Education & Communities will submit proposals detailing how he will contain any extra revenue costs within his Directorate’s budget to Committee at a later date.
- 556 Lunderston Bay Ranger Station and Public Toilets 556**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) on the progress of the new ranger station and public toilets at Lunderston Bay, (2) seeking approval to proceed to tender and (3) requesting approval of the additional funding required to undertake the project.
- The Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management advised the Committee that the new facility would comprise a modular building.
- Decided:**
- (1) that approval be given to proceed to tender in respect of the ranger station and public toilets; and
 - (2) that approval be given to the additional funding required being sourced from underspend on the Wellington Academy demolition.
- 557 Port Glasgow Strategic Regeneration Project 557**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) providing an update on the progress of discussions with Riverside Inverclyde on proposals for the regeneration of Port Glasgow Town Centre, (2) seeking authority to engage Riverside Inverclyde to prepare a development framework for consideration and (3) seeking agreement in principle, subject to detailed feasibility and design work, to the redevelopment of the former Highholm Primary School site as a new park and ride facility.
- Decided:**

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(1) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to engage Riverside Inverclyde to prepare a development framework for the regeneration of Port Glasgow Town Centre and to report back to the next meeting of the Committee to be held in October 2011; and

(2) that the Committee approve in principle the redevelopment of the former Highholm Primary School site as a new park and ride facility and that reports be submitted to the next appropriate meetings of the Safe, Sustainable Communities and Policy & Resources Committees for consideration.

558 Cathcart Square Future Uses Proposal

558

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising of suggestions for ad hoc events, activities and an outdoor market to take place on a regular basis in Cathcart Square.

Decided: that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to seek expressions of interest from the commercial and community sectors relative to the use of Cathcart Square and to investigate how to address any practical issues which may arise as a result and to arrange a briefing for Elected Members, following consultation with local businesses and other interested parties prior to reporting back to the Committee.

Councillor Clocherty left the meeting following consideration of this item of business.

559 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive - Submission for "Our Place" Big Lottery Funding

559

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to approve the submission of an application for "Our Place" Big Lottery Funding to provide youth work in the Greenock east and central area of Inverclyde and to delegate authority to the Corporate Director Education & Communities to accept the bid on behalf of the Community Learning & Development Youth Work Sub-Group if successful.

Noted

560 Community Facilities Legal Agreement

560

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the progress in reviewing and concluding legal documentation arising from the transfer of community facilities to Inverclyde Leisure.

Councillors Ahlfeld, MacLeod and White declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure. 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.

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

Decided: that progress to date be noted and that the Committee agree the development of an interim Service Level Agreement/Service Specification by 30 September 2011 for a 12 month period and the development of a longer term Service Level Agreement following a full review of the transfer and issues arising since transfer, including the forthcoming completion of the pitch strategy.

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)
Building Services - RCH Internal Refurbishment Framework	1 and 6
Proposals for Use of School Sites	2, 6 and 9
Property Assets Management Report	2, 6 and 9
Review of Outstanding Remits	2, 6 and 9
Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive Janitors' Houses, Port Glasgow High School	1, 2 and 9
Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive Discover Inverclyde: Lease of Cathcart Square, Greenock	6 and 9

561 Building Services - RCH Internal Refurbishment Framework

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on (1) the results of the investigation into the non-submission of the tender for River Clyde Homes internal refurbishment contract, (2) the impact of the loss of the contract on the Building Services Unit and (3) the action taken to secure alternative work for the Building Services Unit.

Councillors Clocherty, Fyfe and Nelson declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Members of the Board of River Clyde Homes. 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 Committee note the report;
- (2) that approval be given to the submission of tenders as detailed in paragraph 2.5 of the report;
- (3) that it be noted Officers will carry out a review of the Building Services Unit given the reduced workload and report back to Committee with options on how to address this; and
- (4) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to submit a report to the Policy & Resources Committee on the general issues arising from the non-submission of the internal refurbishment contract tender including the comments of the Corporate Procurement Manager and the lessons learned.

562 Proposals for Use of School Sites

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) on proposals for the school sites at Wellington Academy, Greenock Academy, St Gabriel's Primary School and Highholm Primary School and (2) seeking authority for the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to take action.

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Following a vote, it was agreed (1) that the Committee declare the sites of the former schools at Wellington Academy and Greenock Academy surplus to the Council's requirements and declare that the site of St Gabriel's Primary School become surplus to requirements following its closure; (2) that approval be given to the placing of the site at St Gabriel's Primary School on the open market and negotiations in respect of the former Wellington Academy site; (3) that it be noted a separate report on the agenda seeks approval in principle for the use of the Highholm Primary School site for a park and ride scheme; and (4) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to submit a report to the next meeting of the Committee in respect of an enquiry from a production company for the use of Greenock Academy for filming but that should timescales preclude consideration by the Committee at its next meeting the matter be dealt with via the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive, all as detailed in the appendix.

563 Property Assets Management Report

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on activities and proposals for the management of the Council's property assets. Councillors Ahlfeld, MacLeod and White declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure and Councillor MacLeod also declared a non-financial interest as the proprietor of a house adjacent to the Fyfe Shore Depot. They also formed the view that the nature of their interests 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 Committee note the position regarding the sale of the former social work office at Nicol Street, Greenock;
- (2) that agreement in principle be given to the land shown hatched in appendix 1 to the report being leased to the party and on the terms detailed in the report;
- (3) that the Committee note the current position regarding the Fyfe Shore Depot and that a further report will be submitted following discussions with the other landowner; and
- (4) that the position regarding the lease to Inverclyde Leisure and the refurbishment of the Indoor Bowling premises be noted.

564 Review of Outstanding Remits

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) providing an update with regard to the Committee's outstanding remits and (2) where appropriate, recommending action to be taken.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the position with regard to its outstanding remits as set out in section 5 of the report;
- (2) that the continued funding of the Gardenfest event be considered as part of a future budget setting process; and
- (3) that it be noted it has not been possible to conclude negotiations with the sports clubs over the development of a community sports hub in Gourrock Park and that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to discuss future management arrangements with Inverclyde Leisure and report back to the Committee in due course.

565 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive

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Janitors' Houses, Port Glasgow High School

There was submitted a replacement report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to authorise funding in respect of janitors' houses at Port Glasgow High School to allow the construction of a new shared campus at the site.

Noted

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**Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive
Discover Inverclyde: Lease of Cathcart Square, Greenock**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive 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.

Noted

EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE – 6 SEPTEMBER 2011

Education and Lifelong Learning Committee
Tuesday 6 September 2011 at 4 pm

Present: Provost McCormick, Councillors Rebecchi (for Blair), Brooks, Clocherty, Fyfe, Loughran, McCabe, Moran (for McKenzie), Osborne and Wilson, Father M McMahon, Church Representative and Mr T Tracey, Teacher Representative.

Chair: Councillor Loughran presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education & Communities, Head of Education, Head of Educational Planning & Culture, Ms E Hamilton and Mr I Mills (Education Services), Mr I Cameron (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management, Mr E Montgomery (Property Assets & Facilities Management) 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.

567 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 567

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Grieve, Blair, McKenzie and Mr G Miller, Parent Representative. Councillor Rebecchi substituted for Councillor Blair and Councillor Moran for Councillor McKenzie

No declarations of interest were intimated.

568 HMIe Report on St Mary's Primary School 568

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the results of the HMIe report on St Mary's Primary School. The report advised that of the indicators of quality, three aspects of the school had been judged to be "good", one aspect as "satisfactory" and one aspect as "weak".

Ms Angela Guthrie, Head Teacher, was present and addressed the Committee relative to the inspection report and the action proposed to address the issues raised.

(Provost McCormick entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee endorse the comments made following the HMIe external evaluation of St Mary's Primary School;
- (2) that a copy of the detailed action plan produced by the Head Teacher which outlines how the areas for improvement will be addressed be circulated to all Members and that a report on progress against the action plan be submitted to the Committee in 12 months time; and
- (3) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all staff and pupils for the work undertaken to achieve the aspects of the school judged to be "good" and "satisfactory".

569 Education & Lifelong Learning 2011/12 Revenue Budget - Period 3 569

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Education & Communities on (1) the 2010/11 Revenue Budget final outturn and (2) the 2011/12 position as at Period 3 (30 June 2011) which currently projected an

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underspend of £50,000.

Decided:

- (1) that the final outturn for 2010/11 and the current projected underspend of £50,000 for 2011/12 as at 30 June 2011 be noted; and
- (2) that approval be given to the virement request totalling £15,000 detailed in appendix 4 to the report.

570 Capital Programme 2011 - 15/16 - Progress

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities and the Chief Financial Officer on the progress of the Capital Programme 2011 – 15/16.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress of the specific projects detailed in appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) that approval be given to the addition to the Capital Programme of the new projects detailed in section 11 (St Patrick's Primary School Reception Alterations; Lady Alice Primary School Playground Resurfacing; Clydeview Academy Footpath Upgrading; Kilmacolm Primary School Re-roofing);
- (3) that approval be given to the issue of tenders for the Clydeview Academy footpath upgrading works and the Kilmacolm Primary School re-roofing works and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the lowest acceptable tenders in each case provided that the cost is within the approved project budget;
- (4) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on operational issues relating to (a) Clydeview Academy, (b) the Port Glasgow Shared Campus Secondary School and (c) Notre Dame High School; and
- (5) that in the meantime an interim report on operational issues identified following the opening of Clydeview Academy be circulated to Members.

571 Update on Progress with the Implementation of Curriculum for Excellence

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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:

- (1) that the Committee note the ongoing progress being made with the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence in Inverclyde; and
- (2) that it be noted that the draft Curriculum for Excellence Support and Development Plan and the S1 – S6 Curriculum Model Update will be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

572 Validated Self Evaluation of Inverclyde Education Services

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the outcome of the Validated Self Evaluation (VSE) undertaken by Her Majesty's Inspectors of Education (HMIe) and Inverclyde Education Services.

Noted

573 Education & Communities Directorate Performance Report

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the progress made by the Education & Communities Directorate in achieving its objectives relating to the work and remit of the Education & Lifelong Learning Committee as set out in the Directorate Plan for 2010/11.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress made in the areas of the Directorate's work which relate to the remit of the Education & Lifelong Learning Committee; and
- (2) that it be noted that not all elements of the objectives identified within the Directorate Plan have been identified in the report and that a reporting schedule for each measure has been identified as far as is possible.

574 Education & Communities Directorate Plan 2011-12 574

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the updated Education & Communities Directorate Plan for the current financial year circulated separately to Members.

Noted

575 More Choices, More Chances Update 2010-11 575

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities providing an update regarding key statistics and measures for More Choices, More Chances in 2010-11.

Decided: that the Committee note the positive information contained in the report which represents a success for Inverclyde as an early adopter of 16+ Learning Choices and which also adds to the successes for Inverclyde's young people in the area of post-school transitions.

Councillor Clocherty left the meeting at this juncture.

576 School Term Dates – Session 2012/13 576

There was submitted a report by the Head of Educational Planning & Culture seeking the approval of the Committee for the setting for the school term dates for session 2012/13.

Decided: that approval be given to the school term dates for 2012/13 as set out in appendix 1 to the report.

577 Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) Academic Year 2011/12 577

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities advising the Committee of changes made by the Scottish Government to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) scheme.

Noted

578 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive – Inverkip Primary School Partial Refurbishment - Tender Acceptance 578

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to accept the lowest tender received for the Inverkip Primary School partial refurbishment works, that by Clark Contracts Ltd in the sum of £254,533.46.

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

579 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive – School Transport Contracts (Mainstream) – Tender Acceptances 579

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to accept tenders for mainstream school transport contracts due for renewal from the start of school session 2011/12 as detailed in appendix 1 to the report.

(Councillors Wilson and Osborne left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

- (1) that the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive be noted; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee setting out the tendering and monitoring procedures used in relation to school transport contracts.

PLANNING BOARD – 7 SEPTEMBER 2011

Planning Board

Wednesday 7 September 2011 at 3 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Head of Regeneration & Planning, Development & Building Standards Manager, Mr D Ashman (Planning Services), Mr G Leitch (Environmental & Commercial Services) and Ms V Pollock (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.

580 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 580

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

581 PLANNING APPLICATION SUBMITTED FOR CONTINUED CONSIDERATION 581

**Renewal of planning permission for erection of 28 dwellings (IC/04/447R):
Bridgend, Inverkip (11/0081/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration and Planning regarding an application by Ardgowan Estates for the renewal of planning permission for the erection of 28 dwellings (IC/04/447R) at Bridgend, Inverkip (11/0081/IC) granted in April 2006. (Councillor Nelson entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

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

(1) that before the development hereby permitted starts, full details and samples of all materials to be used on the elevations and roofs of the buildings, including windows, and also the proposed boundary treatments shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority, to ensure the proposed materials are acceptable in the interests of visual amenity;

(2) that before the development hereby permitted begins full details of hard and soft landscaping works shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority; details of the work shall include:

- (i) existing and finished ground levels in relation to a fixed datum;
- (ii) existing landscaping features and vegetation to be retained, and in the case of damage, restored;
- (iii) a programme for the completion and subsequent maintenance of soft landscape works;

to ensure the provision of adequate landscaping on the site, in the interests of visual amenity;

(3) that any planting implemented as part of the approved landscape scheme which in the opinion of the Planning Authority is dying, severely damaged or diseased within five years of planting shall be replaced by species of similar specification to those originally planted, to ensure the provision of adequate landscaping on the site, in the interests of visual amenity;

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- (4) that no existing trees or shrubs be lopped, topped, felled, removed or disturbed in any way without the prior written consent of the Planning Authority, to ensure the provision of adequate landscaping on the site, in the interests of visual amenity;
- (5) that existing trees both within the development site and the boundary of the site which are not to be felled or lopped as part of the proposals are to be protected in line with British Standards 5837 – Guidelines for Trees in relation to Construction. No development shall take place until details of tree protection measures have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the provision of adequate landscaping on the site, in the interests of visual amenity;
- (6) that no tree felling, lopping or scrub clearance shall take place within the main bird breeding season, March to June inclusive, to ensure species protection and to comply with the requirements of the Conservation (Natural Habitats) Regulations 1994;
- (7) that before construction works begin on the development hereby permitted, a phasing plan incorporating the details of the comprehensive external refurbishment relating to the existing houses at Bridgend including the grade B Listed Buildings be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority and before the first of the new residential units hereby permitted is occupied, these works shall be completed, to ensure the appropriate phased development of this site in conjunction with the comprehensive external refurbishment of the existing properties at Bridgend, including the Grade B Listed Building, in the interest of securing the heritage value of the site;
- (8) that the proposed means of access to the trunk road shall be located as shown on Drawing No. 411/PL/02C and shall be to a design approved by the Planning Authority in consultation with the Roads Authority. It shall be in accordance with the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges and the Specification for Highway Works. No part of the development shall commence until the new access is formed and the existing accesses are closed off, to minimise interference with the safety and free flow of traffic on the trunk road and to ensure the standard of access complies with the current design standards;
- (9) that visibility splays shall be provided on each side of the new access to the satisfaction of the local Planning Authority. These splays are the triangles of ground bounded on two sides by the first 4.5 metres of the centreline of the access driveway (the set back dimension) and the nearside trunk road carriageway measured 215 metres (the y dimension) in both directions from the intersection of the access with the trunk road. In a vertical plane, nothing shall obscure visibility measured from a driver's eye height of between 1.05 metres and 2 metres positioned at the set back dimensions to an object of between 0.26 metres and 1.05 metres anywhere along the y dimension, to ensure that the drivers of vehicles leaving the site are able to see and be seen by vehicles on the trunk road and join the traffic stream safely;
- (10) that there shall be no drainage connections to the trunk road drainage system, to ensure that the efficiency of the existing drainage network is not affected;
- (11) that the road serving the development will require to be to adoptable standard and will require a Construction Consent, to ensure the provision of adequate vehicular access facilities;
- (12) that prior to the commencement of development on site, design calculations for the proposed soakaway shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Prior to the occupation of the first house on site, the approved soakaway shall be constructed and be fully operational, to prevent flooding of the application site and adjoining land;
- (13) that prior to the commencement of development on site, a copy of communications with the relevant authorities (Scottish Water and SEPA) regarding the site discharge of foul and surface water along with roads drainage details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Prior to the occupation of the first house on site, the approved drainage scheme shall be constructed and be

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fully operational, to prevent flooding of the application site and adjoining land;

(14) 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;

(15) 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;

(16) 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;

(17) 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 for approval, in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that all contamination issues are recorded and dealt with appropriately;

(18) 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 has been submitted for approval, in writing by the Planning Authority. The report shall characterize 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;

(19) that the applicant shall submit to the Head of Regeneration & Planning a detailed specification of the containers to be used to store waste materials and recyclable materials produced on the premises as well as specific details of the areas where such containers are to be located. The use of the residential accommodation shall not commence until the above details are approved in writing by the Head of Regeneration & Planning and the equipment and any structural changes are in place, to protect the amenity of the immediate area, prevent the creation of nuisance due to odours, insects, rodents or birds;

(20) 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 of to light pollution and to support the reduction of energy consumption;

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(21) that the applicant or their main contractor shall consult with the Head of Safer and Inclusive Communities prior to the commencement of works to agree times and method of working in relation to possible noise disruption from the site, to minimise noise disruption; and

(22) that prior to the occupation of the first residential unit within the development, provision shall be made for bus stopping on the A78 in the vicinity of the site to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority in consultation with the Trunk Roads Authority and SPT, to allow the safe stopping of service buses and to ensure that the development proposals are in line with Scottish Government planning guidance on sustainable travel.

582 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) Erection of wind turbine:

High Mathernock Farm, Auchentiber Road, Kilmacolm (10/0340/IC)

Decided: that planning permission be refused as a combination of height and scale, proximity to public roads (including Auchentiber Road, designated as a Core Footpath to encourage the public into the countryside), proximity to residential properties and visual prominence from Kilmacolm, combine to create a dominant and excessively prominent feature in this part of Inverclyde's countryside, contrary to:-

- (a) the Council's interim policy on Small Wind Turbine Development UT6B, criteria (a) and (f);
- (b) the Council's interim policy on Wind Farms UT6A criterion (c); and
- (c) Policy UT6 of the Inverclyde Local Plan, criteria (a), (b) and (c).

(b) Installation of temporary 50m anemometer mast:

Priestside Farm, Auchentiber Road, Kilmacolm (10/0371/IC)

Decided: that planning permission be refused as the associated groundworks to install the anchors for the mast will damage sphagnum and peat resources, thereby undermining the Dwarf Shrub Heath and Mire Habitats on site to the detriment of the Devol Road SINC and contrary to Inverclyde Local Plan Policy HR1.

(c) Residential development in principle, including the formation of a new access road:

Barr's Brae, Port Glasgow (11/0169/IC)

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

Decided: 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.

(d) Rooflights and driveway (in retrospect) and replacement windows:

45 Shankland Road, Greenock (11/0021/IC)

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the condition that no development shall commence until the colour of the railings, hereby approved, has been agreed in writing with the Planning Authority; development thereafter shall proceed

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utilising the approved colour, unless the Planning Authority gives its prior written approval to any alternative, to ensure a colour sympathetic to the property at 45 Shankland Road.

- (e) Proposed erection of a prefabricated building (containing WC, meeting room and store), widening of pedestrian entrance and replacement fence:
Wellington Allotments, Wellington Street, Greenock (11/0164/IC)**

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the condition that no development shall commence until the colour of the fencing, hereby approved, has been agreed in writing with the Planning Authority; development thereafter shall proceed utilising the approved colour, unless the Planning Authority gives its prior written approval to any alternative, in the interests of visual amenity in Wellington Street.

- (f) Proposed alterations to Municipal Buildings to provide additional office accommodation (amendment to Listed Building Consent 10/0016/LB and Planning Permission 10/0206/IC):
Municipal Buildings, Clyde Square, Greenock (11/0014/LB and 11/0160/IC)**

Decided:

- (i) that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-
 (1) that no development shall commence until a sample of the proposed stone for the disabled access ramp has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority; development thereafter shall proceed utilising the approved stone, unless the Planning Authority gives its prior written approval to any alternatives, to ensure a continuity of finishes with the Grade A listed building; and
 (2) that the proposed louvers shall be painted white to match the window frames and the dimensions shall be no greater than the existing infill panels, to ensure a continuity of finishes with the Grade A listed building; and
 (ii) that the listed building application be referred to Historic Scotland as required by Section 12 of the Planning (Listed Buildings in Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997 with a recommendation that listed building consent be granted subject to the following conditions:
 (1) that no development shall commence until a sample of the proposed stone for the disabled access ramp has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority; development thereafter shall proceed utilising the approved stone, unless the Planning Authority gives its prior written approval to any alternatives, to ensure a continuity of finishes with the Grade A listed building; and
 (2) that the proposed louvers shall be painted white to match the window frames and the dimensions shall be no greater than the existing infill panels, to ensure a continuity of finishes with the Grade A listed building.

- (g) Erection of four storey building comprising retail unit at ground floor level and associated storage area at lower ground floor level and office accommodation at first and second floor level:
32 - 36 Kempock Street, Gourock (11/0122/IC)**

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

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

- (1) that as the scale, siting, design and positioning of the proposed building is not in

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keeping with the established Kempock Street streetscene, and as it will overshadow existing adjacent properties, it will consequently not make a positive contribution to the quality of the urban environment and is therefore contrary to policies DS5 and R10(f) of the Inverclyde Local Plan;

(2) that as the proposed development will generate demand for on-street and off-street parking associated with customers and servicing, resulting in congestion on Kempock Street, it will be detrimental to the operation of existing adjacent businesses and thus the vitality and viability of the town centre would be adversely affected, all contrary to Policy R10 (c) and (g) of the Inverclyde Local Plan; and

(3) that the additional traffic and congestion likely to occur as a result of the proposed development will be to the detriment of traffic safety on Kempock Street.

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

On a vote, 3 Members voted for the amendment and 6 for the motion which was declared carried.

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

(1) that as the scale, siting, design and positioning of the proposed building is not in keeping with the established Kempock Street streetscene, and as it will overshadow existing adjacent properties, it will consequently not make a positive contribution to the quality of the urban environment and is therefore contrary to policies DS5 and R10(f) of the Inverclyde Local Plan;

(2) that as the proposed development will generate demand for on-street and off-street parking associated with customers and servicing, resulting in congestion on Kempock Street, it will be detrimental to the operation of existing adjacent businesses and thus the vitality and viability of the town centre would be adversely affected, all contrary to Policy R10 (c) and (g) of the Inverclyde Local Plan; and

(3) that the additional traffic and congestion likely to occur as a result of the proposed development will be to the detriment of traffic safety on Kempock Street.

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PLANNING APPEAL – 9-9A ASHTON TERRACE, GOUROCK

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There was submitted a report by Head of Regeneration & Planning advising that following the decision of the Board at the meeting held on 2 March 2011 to refuse planning permission for the erection of a gate in retrospect at 9-9A Ashton Terrace, Gourrock (10/378/IC) and the subsequent appeal by the applicant to the Scottish Government against that refusal, the Reporter appointed by the Scottish Government had issued his decision which was to uphold the appeal and grant planning permission.

Noted

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 14 SEPTEMBER 2011

General Purposes BoardWednesday 14 September 2011 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Dorrian, Fyfe, MacLeod, McCallum, McIlwee, Rebecchi and White.

Chair: Councillor White presided.

In attendance: Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services) and Inspector Thomson, Strathclyde Police.

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

584 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 584

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

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

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.

585 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Anthony Fabiani 585

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for taxi driver's licence by Mr Fabiani following receipt of a police objection. Mr Fabiani was present. The Board heard Inspector Thomson in support of their objection and Mr Fabiani in support of his application.

Decided: that the application be granted.

586 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Thomas Murro 586

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for renewal of taxi driver's licence by Mr Murro following a police representation. Mr Murro was present. The Board heard Inspector Thomson in support of their representation and Mr Murro in support of his application.

Decided: that the application be granted. Strathclyde Police invited to notify the Board of the outcome of a pending case, if they wished to make further representations at a later date.

587 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Stuart Wilson 587

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for taxi driver's licence by Mr Wilson following a police representation. Mr Wilson was present. The Board heard Inspector Thomson in support of their

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representation and Mr Wilson in support of his application.

Decided: that the application be granted.

588 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: David Miller 588

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for taxi driver's licence by Mr Miller following a police objection. Mr Miller was not present or represented.

Decided: that the application be refused.

589 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: James Devenny 589

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for renewal of taxi driver's licence by Mr Devenny following receipt of a police representation. Mr Devenny was not present but contacted the licensing office prior to the meeting requesting that his application be continued to a further meeting of the Board. Mr Douglas advised the Board of an outstanding medical issue and requested the Board to consider writing to Mr Devenny to clarify this issue prior to the next meeting.

Decided: that the Clerk write to Mr Devenny as necessary and to continue the application to a further meeting of the Board.

590 Taxi Driver's Licence: Matthew Smith 590

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for taxi driver's licence by Mr Smith following receipt of a police objection. Mr Smith was not present or represented.

Decided: that the application be refused.

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 20 SEPTEMBER 2011

Policy & Resources Committee

Tuesday 20 September 2011 at 4.30 pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education & Communities, Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Manager, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Mr J Lawrence (Environmental Services), Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance, Business Manager 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.

593 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 593

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Mcllwee with Councillor Ahlfeld substituting.

Councillors Clocherty and Wilson declared an interest in agenda item 3(b) (The Tall Ships Races 2011, Greenock - Remit from Regeneration Committee).

594 Policy & Resources Committee 2011/12 Revenue Budget - Period 4 to 31 July 2011 594

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment and Chief Financial Officer on the position of the 2011/12 Revenue Budget as at Period 4 (31 July 2011).

Decided: that the Committee note the outturn for 2010/11 and the current projected underspend of £177,000 for 2011/12 as at 31 July 2011.

595 General Fund Revenue Budget 2011/12 - Period 4 595

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the projected position of the 2011/12 General Fund Revenue Budget as at Period 4 (31 July 2011) and (2) requesting the Committee to consider recommendations regarding the surplus General Fund Reserves contained in section 7 of the report.

Members asked a number of specific questions on this agenda item and then considered the reports relative to agenda items 3(a), 3(b), 3(c) and the additional agenda item, all of which included requests for additional funding, prior to consideration of the recommendations contained in this item.

596 Roads Maintenance Backlog - Investment 596

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment requesting the Committee to provide additional investment in the roads network to reduce the current maintenance backlog.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the request of the Convener of the Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee and the Leader of the Council for a report on options for

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additional funding to address, in the short term, measures to reduce the winter maintenance backlog and to rectify damage done to the roads network as a result of recent severe winters;

(2) that it be agreed to provide additional investment of £1M from the General Fund Reserves in the roads network to reduce the current maintenance backlog;

(3) that the contents of the Scottish Road Maintenance Condition Survey summary information contained in paragraph 4.6 of the report be noted;

(4) that the Committee note the deterioration of Inverclyde's roads network and the calculated cost of £11.235M to eliminate the maintenance backlog and to bring the network to a good state of repair;

(5) that it be noted that between financial years 2007/08 and 2010/11 over £7.1M has been invested in surfacing and repairs to the Council's roads and footways;

(6) that the Committee note the investment of £1M of capital funding in the current financial year to address carriageway and footway reconstruction as approved by the Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee on 8 March 2011;

(7) that it be remitted to the Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee to approve the proposed programme of works to reduce the current maintenance backlog;

(8) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to prioritise the additional expenditure to reduce the maintenance backlog within the roads network by targeting specific areas as identified in the tables set out in paragraph 4.6 of the report and that the Committee grant approval for the acceptance of such tenders to carry out the work in terms of the Standing Orders relating to Contracts; and

(9) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to bring forward for consideration to a future meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee a detailed long term investment plan for all roads network assets within Inverclyde.

**597 The Tall Ships Races 2011, Greenock
Remit from Regeneration Committee**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on a remit from the Regeneration Committee of 1 September 2011 requesting that the Policy & Resources Committee agree to provide 50% of the event funding shortfall up to a maximum of £100,000.

Councillors Clocherty and Wilson 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: that it be agreed to provide 50% of the event funding shortfall up to a maximum of £100,000 from the General Fund Reserves.

**598 Development of a Community Facility at Inverkip
Remit from Regeneration Committee**

598

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on a remit from the Regeneration Committee of 1 September 2011 relative to the funding package for the development of a community facility within Inverkip Village as outlined in paragraph 5.5 of the report to the Regeneration Committee including the provision of advance payment and funding source by the Council in lieu of tranche 2 from the Section 69 Agreement.

Decided: that the proposed funding for the development of a community facility within Inverkip Village as set out in paragraph 5.5 of the report to the Regeneration Committee be approved and that it be remitted to officers to include advance payment of £300,000 by the Council in lieu of tranche 2 from the Section 69 Agreement as part of the 2012/13 budget process, the funding potentially being sourced from the General Fund Reserves.

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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 purchase of the equipment, if agreed by the Committee, at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.

599 Winter Maintenance Resilience - Funding for Additional Equipment 599

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval for additional funding for winter maintenance equipment to improve the Council's winter maintenance resilience.

Decided:

- (1) that it be agreed to fund the purchase of the equipment detailed in paragraph 4.5 of the report at a total estimated cost of £32,100 from the General Fund Reserves;
- (2) that it be noted that, in the first instance, the equipment will be utilised to treat footway priority areas as identified within the Winter Service, Policy, Procedures and Resources document and that the cost of such work will be included within the Council's Winter Maintenance Budget with any other requests to provide assistance outwith these areas being dependent on available resources and being carried out on a rechargeable basis by Environmental & Commercial Services; and
- (3) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to prioritise the use of the equipment and labour during severe winter weather.

600 General Fund Revenue Budget 2011/12 - Period 4 600

The Committee resumed consideration of this item of business.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the latest projection for the General Fund Revenue Budget 2011/12 and the information contained in the various appendices to the report;
- (2) that it be agreed to provide additional investment of £1M from the General Fund Reserves in the roads network to reduce the current maintenance backlog;
- (3) that it be agreed to provide 50% of the Tall Ships Event 2011 funding shortfall up to a maximum of £100,000 from the General Fund Reserves; and
- (4) that it be agreed to fund the purchase of the winter maintenance equipment detailed in paragraph 4.5 of the report on Winter Maintenance Resilience - Funding for Additional Equipment at a total estimated cost of £32,100 from the General Fund Reserves.

601 Policy & Resources Capital Programme - (2011/12 - 13/14) - Progress Report 601

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 2011/12 - 13/14 and (2) highlighting the actual spend as at 31 July 2011.

Noted

602 Capital Programme 2011/14 602

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the current position of the 2011/14 Capital Programme.

Noted

603 Procurement - Update 603

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) providing an update on the progress being made with procurement, particularly against the Strategic Procurement Framework, since the last report to the Committee in March 2011 and (2) giving an update on the savings achieved.

(Councillors Nelson and Wilson left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided: that the Committee note the progress made since the last report and that further updates on the implementation of the Strategic Procurement Framework and procurement savings will be submitted as required.

604 Debt Recovery Performance 2010/11

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer advising of the Council's debt recovery performance during 2010/11 and of future plans in this regard.

Decided: that the Committee note the Council's continued good performance in the area of debt recovery in 2010/11.

605 Organisational Improvement & Resources Directorate Performance Report

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance and the Chief Financial Officer (1) providing a final update on the progress made by the Organisational Improvement & Resources Directorate in achieving its key objectives as set out in its Directorate Plan for 2010/11 and (2) advising on performance in relation to key performance indicators.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee endorse the performance information contained in the report; and

(2) that it be noted this is the last performance report relating to the Organisational Improvement & Resources Directorate Plan 2010/11 and that future reports will detail performance in relation to the new 2011/12 Directorate Plan.

606 Organisational Improvement & Resources Directorate Plan 2011-12

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance and the Chief Financial Officer on the Organisational Improvement & Resources Directorate Plan 2011-12.

Decided: that the Committee approve the Organisational Improvement & Resources Directorate Plan 2011-12 as set out in the appendix to the report.

607 Regeneration & Environment Directorate Plan

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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.

HUMAN RESOURCES APPEALS BOARD - 26 SEPTEMBER 2011

Human Resources Appeals Board

Monday 26 September 2011 at 9.30 am

Present: Councillors Brooks, Clocherty, McIlwee, Nelson (for MacLeod), Moran and Blair (for Rebecchi).

Chair: Councillor Brooks presided.

In attendance: Head of Legal & Democratic Services and Ms F Ross, HR Adviser (MacRoberts Solicitors).

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

608 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

608

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors MacLeod, Osborne and Rebecchi with Councillor Nelson substituting for Councillor MacLeod and Councillor Blair for Councillor Rebecchi.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

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 paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

609 Appeal Against Disciplinary Action - Employee in Education & Communities

609

The Board considered an appeal against disciplinary action by an employee in Education & Communities and agreed, following a vote, that the grounds of the appeal had been substantiated and that the appeal be upheld, all as detailed in the appendix.

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL - 29 SEPTEMBER 2011

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 findings from the detailed Business Case for Clyde Valley Shared Support Services

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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.