

SAFE, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 25 OCTOBER 2011

Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee

Tuesday 25 October 2011 at 4.30 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Dorrian, MacLeod, McCabe, McIlwee, Moran, Nelson, Rebecchi, White and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Corporate Director Education & Communities, Head of Regeneration & Planning, Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Environmental Services Manager (Roads, Transport & Waste Collection), Mr Ghosh-Ray (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services) and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications and Public Affairs).

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

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| 690 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 690 |
| | An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Grieve. | |
| | No declarations of interest were intimated. | |
| 691 | Safe, Sustainable Communities 2011/12 Revenue Budget - Period 5 to 31 August 2011 | 691 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment and Corporate Director Education & Communities on the position of the 2011/12 Revenue Budget as at Period 5 (31 August 2011) which projected an underspend of £3,000. | |
| | Noted | |
| 692 | Safe, Sustainable Communities Capital Programme 2011/14 - Progress | 692 |
| | 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 | |
| 693 | Air Quality Update | 693 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities advising the Committee on the current situation in relation to air quality within Inverclyde. | |
| | Decided: | |
| | (1) that the contents of the report be noted; and | |
| | (2) that the Committee agree to receive a further update in due course. | |

694 Roads Maintenance Backlog - Additional Funding Allocation**694**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking the Committee's approval to a proposed programme of projects funded from the additional £1M of roads funding allocated by the Policy & Resources Committee on 20 September 2011.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the projects listed in paragraph 5 of the report in respect of the additional funding allocation for 2011/13;
- (2) that the Committee authorise the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to take steps to progress the projects listed in paragraph 5 of the report in terms of the Council's Financial Regulations and Standing Orders relating to Contracts;
- (3) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to apply appropriate variances as specified in paragraph 4.3 of the report;
- (4) that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services be authorised to negotiate with a single supplier, to a total value of £13,000, to assist in the completion of the Roads Asset Management Plan (RAMP), in terms of Standing Order 11.1 of the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts; and
- (5) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to develop for approval, at a date to be agreed, a long term investment plan for the roads network and associated infrastructure.

695 Resilience Initiative Pilot**695**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities providing an overview of the Resilience Model, which the SOA2 Social Regeneration Delivery Group proposes to pilot within Port Glasgow, which involves a re-examination of how services are provided to deprived communities.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted;
- (2) that the Committee support the efforts of the SOA2 Delivery Group to implement the pilot; and
- (3) that the Committee agree to receive further progress reports at a later date.

696 Inverclyde Local Development Plan: Main Issues Report - Representations Received**696**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) informing the Committee of the representations received on the Inverclyde Local Development Plan: Main Issues Report; (2) seeking authority to conduct a further public consultation exercise on those new suggested development sites which were not identified in the MIR; and (3) seeking authority for continued engagement with stakeholders.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the representations received during the consultation on the Main Issues Report;
- (2) that the Committee authorise a further public consultation exercise to be undertaken for those new suggested development sites which were submitted after the publication of the MIR; and
- (3) that the Committee authorise the continued engagement with key agencies, selected other stakeholders and those organisations, developers and individuals who

requested further discussion.

697 Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2012-2017 697

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities advising the Committee of a change to the arrangements for the annual submission of the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) following the recent introduction of the Innovation and Investment Fund (IIF) for housing development.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the alteration to the arrangements for submission of the Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2012-2017 to the Scottish Government; and
- (2) that it be noted that the Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2012-2017 will be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee for approval in early 2012.

698 Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy 2011-2016 698

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities seeking the approval of the Committee to submit the final draft of the Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy 2011-2016 to Scottish Ministers, as required by Section 89 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2011.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the submission of the final draft of the Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy 2011-2016 to Scottish Ministers; and
- (2) that it be noted that the Local Housing Strategy is subject to annual monitoring and review and that updates on progress will be submitted to future meetings of the Committee.

699 Universal Home Insulation Scheme 2011/12 699

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) providing the Committee with information on a recent Scottish Government funding announcement in respect of a £12.5M budget for delivery of area-based energy efficiency schemes; and (2) seeking the Committee's approval to enter into a strategic agreement for continuation of the Council's local energy savings scheme, LESS Inverclyde.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the funding award made to Inverclyde Council;
- (2) that the measures available to Inverclyde home owners be noted;
- (3) that the delivery targets set be noted; and
- (4) that the Committee agree to the proposed strategic arrangements with SOLAS Scotland Ltd.

700 Scheme of Assistance - Funding Adaptations 700

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities proposing a policy amendment for the 2012/13 Scheme of Assistance in relation to the funding arrangements for the delivery of adaptations to home owners and private renting tenants in Inverclyde.

Decided: that the Committee agree the proposed amendments to the Scheme of Assistance as set out in paragraph 5.8 and appendix 1 of the report.

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- 701 Food Standards Agency (FSA): Audit of Inverclyde Council's Food Control Service, August 2011 701**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities advising the Committee of the results of an audit of the Council's food controls by the Food Standards Agency Scotland in August 2011.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the findings of the FSA's audit of the Council's food enforcement service be noted; and
 - (2) that the Committee agree to receive an updated enforcement policy for approval in due course, together with an update of the implications of the FSA's cross contamination guidance as previously recommended.
- 702 Keeping Scotland Safe and Strong: A Consultation on Reforming Police and Fire & Rescue Services in Scotland 702**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities seeking agreement on the response to the Scottish Government's consultation on reforming the Police and Fire Rescue Services in Scotland.
- Decided:** that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Education & Communities to respond to the document following consideration by the cross party group comprising Councillors Moran, White, Nelson and Rebecchi.
- 703 Greenock Town Centre Parking Strategy and Decriminalised Parking Enforcement 703**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) informing the Committee of the progress of the Greenock Town Centre Parking Strategy; and (2) seeking the approval of the Committee to incorporate into the strategy consideration of the introduction of Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) within Inverclyde.
- Decide:**
- (1) that the progress made to date on the Greenock Town Centre Parking Strategy, as detailed in paragraph 4.8 of the report, be noted;
 - (2) that the withdrawal of the traffic warden service by Strathclyde Police be noted;
 - (3) that the Committee approve an extension to the Atkins Commission to carry out a feasibility study and associated business case for the introduction of Decriminalised Parking Enforcement for Inverclyde, in conjunction with the Greenock Town Centre Parking Strategy Project; and
 - (4) that the Committee approve a revised date of Summer 2012 for a detailed report on the introduction of the Greenock Town Centre Parking Strategy and the business case for the introduction of Decriminalised Parking Enforcement within Inverclyde.
- 704 Zero Waste Scotland - Inverclyde Council Waste Strategy 704**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising the Committee of the developments being made in regard to the Scottish Government's Zero Waste Plan and the proposed Zero Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2011.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the report and the work undertaken to

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meet the Scottish Government's targets to date;

(2) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to enter into discussions with Zero Waste Scotland in respect of the food waste scheme, subject to the Council's corporate approach to external funding as reported to the Policy & Resources Committee on 2 February 2010;

(3) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to prioritise the allocation of the grant funding and approve such tenders for capital items for the purposes of waste collection, disposal and treatment under the terms of the Standing Orders Relating to Contracts;

(4) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, following clarification of legislation, to bring forward, for the consideration of the Committee, a further report detailing options and costs for glass recycling and the extension of the Council's existing recycling schemes to households not receiving this service;

(5) that the Committee note that the cost of implementing food waste will be in line with the budget pressure paper submitted to the Council as part of the 2011/12 budget setting exercise;

(6) that the Committee note that future recommendations will take account of the Chief Executive's report scheduled to be submitted to the Council on 1 December 2011 regarding potential participation in the Clyde Valley Shared Services for Waste Management and Disposal; and

(7) that the Committee approve the virement of £150,000 of the anticipated underspend allocated against food waste for 2011/12 to the Building Services Unit.

705 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Dunlop Street, Greenock Waiting Restrictions (Amendment No 1) Order 2011 705

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment recommending the making of the Traffic Regulation Order - Dunlop Street, Greenock Waiting Restrictions (Amendment No 1) Order 2011.

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

706 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Chester Road, York Road, Greenock (No Waiting, No Loading at Any Time) Order 2011 706

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment recommending the making of the Traffic Regulation Order - Chester Road, York Road, Greenock (No Waiting, No Loading at Any Time) Order 2011.

Decided: that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - Chester Road, York Road, Greenock (No Waiting, No Loading at Any Time) Order 2011 and that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to arrange for implementation of the Order.

707 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - On Street Parking Places (Without Charges) Order No 3 2011 707

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

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parking bays for the disabled.

Decided: that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - On Street Parking Places (Without Charges) Order No 3 2011 and that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to arrange for implementation of the Order.

708 SPT Funding Grant - (1) Port Glasgow Bus Station and (2) Highholm Avenue Park 'n' Ride 708

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) advising the Committee of the progress on the SPT Funding Grant (a) Port Glasgow Bus Station and (b) Highholm Avenue Park 'n' Ride and (2) seeking the approval of the Committee to accept grant funding from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) for the management and execution of the projects by Environmental & Commercial Services.

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

Decided:

- (1) that the progress of the projects detailed in the report be noted;
- (2) that the Committee approve acceptance of grant funding for the projects on the condition that works will commence during the current financial year; and
- (3) that approval be given to issue competitive tenders for the works and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender provided the costs received in each case are within the budget, all in terms of the Council's Financial Regulations and Standing Orders Relating to Contracts.

709 Clune Park Regeneration: Delegated Powers 709

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities requesting that powers be delegated to the Corporate Director Education & Communities in order to efficiently progress the Clune Park Area Regeneration Plan.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee grant delegated authority to the Corporate Director Education & Communities to (a) serve demolition orders, in terms of Section 115 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987, in respect of the flatted dwellinghouses as listed in appendix 1 of the report, (b) to instruct the District Valuer to value those properties listed in appendix 2 of the report and, thereafter, negotiate and agree suitable Heads of Terms with the owners and owner-occupiers for the acquisition of the properties, (c) to conclude the acquisition of the properties listed in appendix 2 of the report based on the agreed Heads of Terms and subject to any other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the Corporate Director Education & Communities, in consultation with the Head of Legal & Democratic Services and the Chief Financial Officer and (d) to detail progress with Demolition Orders and acquisitions in the regular Clune Park Area Regeneration update report submitted to the Committee; and
- (2) that the Committee approve that contractors are invited to tender for the demolition of housing blocks in the Clune Park Area and that the demolition is only progressed subject to adequate funding being available.

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 13 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

710 Clune Park Regeneration: Delegated Powers

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There was submitted appendix to the Clune Park Regeneration Delegated Powers report providing details of houses classed as being above/below the tolerable standard, as detailed in the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 (as amended), and located in the Clune Park Area, Port Glasgow

Noted