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Planning Board

Wednesday 5 October 2011 at 3 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Head of Regeneration & Planning, Building Standards Manager, Mr G Leitch 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.

616 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Councillors Loughran and Nelson declared an interest in Agenda Item 3(b) (Construction of 42 Terraced and Semi Detached Houses including New Access Road and all Ancillary Works: Vacant School Site between Banff Road and Nairn Road, Greenock (11/0172/IC)).

617 PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR CONTINUED CONSIDERATION

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(a) Proposed Flatted Developments: Killochend Drive, Greenock (08/0300/IC)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & 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 of 4 May 2011 for clarification on the number of parking spaces proposed, from the meeting of 1 June 2011 for a site visit and from the meeting of 3 August 2011 to allow the Head of Regeneration & Planning to explore with the developer the level of car parking and play provision associated with the development.

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 conditions detailed in the report. As an amendment, Councillor Nelson moved that the application be refused for the following reasons (1) as the development's incompatibility as a domineering flatted development is not fitting with the character and amenity of the existing dwellinghouses in the area, contrary to Local Plan Policies H1 and H8; (2) as the splays required to safely exit the site, as laid down in the Council's Road Development Guide, cannot be achieved due to land on each side of the road not being in the control of the developer, contrary to Local Plan Policy H8(f); and (3) as there is insufficient and inadequate provision for parking within the vicinity of the development to take any surplus or overflow parking from the development.

On a vote, 1 Member voted for the motion and 7 for the amendment which was declared carried.

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

(1) as the development's incompatibility as a domineering flatted development is not fitting with the character and amenity of the existing dwellinghouses in the area contrary

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to Local Plan Policies H1 and H8;

- (2) as the splays required to safely exit the site, as laid down in the Council's Road Development Guide, cannot be achieved due to land on each side of the road not being in the control of the developer, contrary to Local Plan Policy H8(f); and
- (3) as there is insufficient and inadequate provision for parking within the vicinity of the development to take any surplus or overflow parking from the development.

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

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

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning regarding an application by Mr G Timoney for a residential development in principle, including the formation of a new access road at Barr's Brae, Port Glasgow (11/0169/IC) consideration of which had been continued from the meting of 7 September 2011 for a site visit.

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

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

- (1) as the development will have an adverse impact on the enjoyment of users of the SUSTRANS cycle track, which is part of the core path network as referred to in Local Plan Policies LR6 and LR7:
- (2) as the development is located on land within the green network of open spaces that provides a physical and attractive buffer between an area of brownfield land and the road on Barr's Brae; and
- (3) as the development is located on land identified in the Local Plan as open space, development of which would be contrary to Local Plan Policy LR1, Safeguarding Open Spaces.

618 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were submitted reports by the Head of Regeneration & Planning on the following applications which were dealt with as follows:-

(a) Change of use of carpet shop to café (class 3): 46 Inverkip Street, Greenock (11/0198/IC)

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

After discussion, Councillor McCallum moved that planning permission be refused on the grounds of the likely adverse affect on road safety. As an amendment, Councillor Wilson moved that planning permission be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report along with the applicant agreeing to a further condition restricting trading hours to 9 am to 10 pm. daily.

On a vote, 3 Members voted for the amendment and 4 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that planning permission be refused as the development would lead to an increase in vehicular and pedestrian activity together with an additional demand for on street parking all of which will result in congestion and confrontation to the detriment of road safety.

(b) Construction of 42 terraced and semi detached houses including new access road and all ancillary works:

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Vacant School Site between Banff Road and Nairn Road, Greenock (11/0172/IC)

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

Councillors Loughran and Nelson declared a non-financial interest in this matter as members of the Board of River Clyde Homes and left the Chambers.

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.

Councillors Loughran and Nelson returned to the meeting following consideration of this item of business.

(c) Partial demolition and alterations to former primary school buildings to facilitate reuse, together with new parking provision and erection of MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) court:

St Lawrence's Primary, Ingleston Street, Greenock (11/0190/IC)

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the condition that prior to the commencement of works on site, samples of the external cladding to be used on the building must be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority. Works shall then proceed as approved unless any alternative is agreed, in writing, by the Planning Authority, to ensure the proposed cladding is visually acceptable.

(d) Change of use of retail to community drop-in and information centre: 24 Moss Road, Port Glasgow (11/0177/IC)

The report recommended that planning permission be granted.

After discussion, Councillor Wilson moved that the application be refused due to being located in close proximity to schools, play parks and housing. As an amendment, Councillor McCallum moved that the application be granted.

On a vote, 2 Members voted for the motion and 4 for the amendment which was declared carried.

Decided: that planning permission be granted.

619 PLANNING APPEAL - 18 CAMPBELL STREET, GREENOCK

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning intimating the notification of a planning appeal at 18 Campbell Street, Greenock (11/0050/IC). **Noted**

LOCAL REVIEW BODY - 5 OCTOBER 2011

Local Review Body

Wednesday 5 October 2011 at 4.45 pm

Present: Councillors Dorrian, 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.

620 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

There were no declarations of interest.

621 CONTINUED PLANNING APPLICATION FOR REVIEW

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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).

Decided:

- (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) 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.

The Inverciyde Council

Thursday 6 October 2011 at 4 pm

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

Chair: Provost McCormick presided.

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

622 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

622

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

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

623	Grants Sub-Committee - 9 June 2011	623
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
624	The Inverciyde Council - 9 June 2011	624
	Approved on the motion of Provost McCormick.	
625	Human Resources Appeals Board - 13 June 2011	625
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
626	Education Appeals Board - 14 June 2011	626
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.	
627	Audit Committee (Special) - 23 June 2011	627
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Blair.	
628	Regeneration Committee (Special) - 4 July 2011	628
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.	
629	Planning Board - 3 August 2011	629

638	Regeneration Committee - 1 September 2011	638
	Approval of the minute as a correct record was moved by Councillor Moran subject to amendment to paragraph 531 (Stopping Up of Footpath, Inverclyde (Parkhill Avenue, Port Glasgow) Order 2011) (a) by deletion of the number "207" on the heading and its replacement with the number "208" and (b) insertion of the words "under Section 208 of the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997" after the words "Order 2011" at decision (1). Decided: that the minute as amended be approved.	
637	Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee - 30 August 2011	637
	Councillor McIlwee indicated in relation to paragraph 509 (Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report 2010/11) that this report would be presented to the Health & Social Care Committee on an annual basis to provide an overview of the Service for scrutiny purposes. Decided: (1) that the minute be approved; and (2) that it be noted that the Chief Social Work Officer's Report will be submitted to the Health & Social Care Committee on an annual basis.	
	Approval of the minute as a correct record was moved by Councillor McIlwee.	
636	Health & Social Care Committee - 25 August 2011	636
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.	
635	Inverciyde CHCP Sub-Committee (Special) - 25 August 2011	635
30 T	Approved on the motion of Councillor Blair.	55 4
634	Audit Committee - 23 August 2011	634
633	Inverclyde Council (Special) - 18 August 2011 Approved on the motion of Provost McCormick.	633
622	Approved on the motion of Councillor McKenzie.	633
632	Policy & Resources Committee - 16 August 2011	632
	Approved on the motion of Councillor White.	
631	General Purposes Board - 10 August 2011	631
	Approved on the motion of Councillor White.	
630	Local Review Body - 3 August 2011	630
	Approved on the motion of Councillor White.	

	Approved on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.	
639	Education & Lifelong Learning Committee - 6 September 2011	639
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Loughran.	
640	Planning Board - 7 September 2011	640
	Approved on the motion of Councillor White.	
641	General Purposes Board - 14 September 2011	641
	Approved on the motion of Councillor White.	
642	Human Resources Appeals Board - 19, 20 and 22 September 2011	642
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
643	Policy & Resources Committee - 20 September 2011	643
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
644	Human Resources Appeals Board - 26 September 2011	644
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
645	Audit Committee (Special) - 27 September 2011	645
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Blair.	
646	The Inverciyde Council (Special) - 29 September 2011	646
	Approved on the motion of Provost McCormick.	
647	Planning Board - 5 October 2011	647
	It was noted that the minute of the Planning Board of 5 October 2011 would be submitted to the meeting of The Inverclyde Council on 1 December 2011.	
648	Local Review Body - 5 October 2011	648
	It was noted that the minute of the Local Review Body of 5 October 2011 would be submitted to the meeting of The Inverclyde Council on 1 December 2011.	
649	Clyde Valley Learning & Development Joint Committee - Resignation of Councillor McKenzie	649
	There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) advising of the resignation of Councillor McKenzie from the Clyde Valley Learning and Development Joint Committee and (2) requesting the Council to appoint a Member to serve in his place.	

Decided:

- (1) that Councillor Loughran be appointed to serve on the Clyde Valley Learning & Development Joint Committee in place of Councillor McKenzie; and
- (2) that Councillor Dorrian continue to serve as the substitute Member.

650 St Andrew's Day - Motion by Stirling Council

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising of a motion made by Stirling Council supporting the establishment of St Andrew's Day as an additional statutory public holiday in the annual calendar of holidays for Scotland.

Decided: that the Council note the motion made by Stirling Council.

651 Revised Financial Regulations

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer requesting the Council to approve the revised Financial Regulations appended to the report.

Decided: that the revised Financial Regulations appended to the report be approved.

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

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on the Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Kilmacolm Cross, Kilmacolm Waiting Restrictions (Amendment No 1) Order 2011.

Resolved on the motion of Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor MacLeod that THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL incorporated under the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994 RESOLVE TO MAKE as they HEREBY MAKE a Resolution under Sections 1(1), 2(1) and (2) and Part III of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to introduce alterations to the existing waiting restrictions at Kilmacolm Cross, Kilmacolm 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 the Head of Legal & Democratic Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

653 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Kilblain Court, Greenock (Waiting and Loading Restrictions) Order 2011

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on the Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Kilblain Court, Greenock (Waiting and Loading Restrictions) Order 2011.

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty seconded by Councillor Osborne that THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL incorporated under the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994 RESOLVE TO MAKE as they HEREBY MAKE a Resolution under Sections 1(1), 2(1) and (2) and Part III of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to introduce waiting and loading restrictions at Kilblain Court, Greenock 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 the Head of Legal & Democratic Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

654 Request for Support for the PS Waverley

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment and the Chief Financial Officer on a request for a £15,000 donation to support the PS Waverley received from Waverley Excursions Ltd.

Decided:

- (1) that a donation of £15,000 be made to Waverley Excursions Ltd to support the PS Waverley, subject to the various conditions detailed in paragraph 5.1 of the report; and
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer to determine the sustainability of the proposed business plan and the status of the company's accounts prior to releasing the donation.

655 Charitable Trusts - Annual Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2011

There was submitted an amended report by the Chief Financial Officer requesting Members as Trustees of the Council's charities (1) to review and approve the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 for the Council's charitable trusts and approve their submission to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) by the statutory deadline of 31 December 2011 for the Annual Return and (2) to consider progress on the review of the charitable trusts.

Decided: that the Council as Trustees:

- (1) approve the Annual Accounts for each charity for the year ended 31 March 2011 and approve their onward transmission to OSCR;
- (2) endorse the distribution of the funds of the Diamond Jubilee, Gallagher & Skakle Trusts to the Ardgowan Hospice subject to the prior approval of OSCR and thereafter wind-up and remove the three trusts from the charity register;
- (3) endorse the distribution of the funds of the Analyst, Clark, Duff & Stewart Trusts as shown in appendix 1, subject to the prior approval of OSCR and thereafter wind-up and remove the four trusts from the charity register; and
- (4) note that Officers are exploring options for the use of the Lady Alice Memorial Trust.

656 Findings of the Valuation of the Watt Library Books

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities advising the Council as Trustees of the Watt Trust of the findings of the valuation of the Watt Library book collection undertaken by Christies in January 2011.

Decided: that the Council as Trustees:

- (1) note the present valuation of the Watt Library book collection; and
- (2) agree that there should be no proposal to sell any of the Watt Library book collection.

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 Board.

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657 Human Resources Appeals Board - 13 June 2011

Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.

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658	Education Appeals Board - 14 June 2011	658
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.	
659	Regeneration Committee (Special) - 4 July 2011	659
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.	
660	Policy & Resources Committee - 16 August 2011	660
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McKenzie.	
661	Regeneration Committee - 1 September 2011	661
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.	
662	Human Resources Appeals Board - 19, 20 and 22 September 2011	662
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
663	Human Resources Appeals Board - 26 September 2011	663
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 12 OCTOBER 2011

General Purposes Board

Wednesday 12 October 2011 3 pm

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

Chair: Councillor White presided.

In attendance: Mr F Jarvie (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.

Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

664

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

There were no substitutions intimated.

Councillor Moran declared an interest in agenda item 8 (Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: James Devenny).

665 Taxi Fares Review 2011

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to determine the taxi fares scales and charges following the annual review. Mr Jarvie advised the Board that no objections and representations were received within the statutory period of one month following the date of the advertisement.

Decided: that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to make the necessary arrangements to implement the new taxi fares scales with effect from Sunday 13 November and be completed by the following Sunday 20 November 2011.

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.

666 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Mark Hendry

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Hendry following a police objection. Mr Hendry was present. The Board heard Inspector Thomson in support of their objection and Mr Hendry in support of his application.

Decided: that the application be refused.

Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: David Williams

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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 Williams which expired on 31 August 2011. Mr Williams was present with his representative Miss Malloy, G Keenan & Co.

Noted

668 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: David Williams

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Williams following a police objection. Mr Williams was present with his representative Miss Malloy, G Keenan & Co. The Board heard Inspector Thomson in support of their objection and Miss Malloy in support of her client's application.

Decided: that the application be granted.

669 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: James McClure

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr McClure following a police representation. Mr McClure was present. The Board heard Inspector Thomson in support of their representation and Mr McClure in support of his application.

Decided: that the application be refused.

670 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Thomas Fulton

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Fulton following a police representation. Mr Fulton was not present or represented. Mr Jarvie advised the Board that Strathclyde Police no longer insist on their representation being considered and the application is therefore remitted to the Clerk of the Board.

Noted

Councillor Moran declared a non-financial interest in the following item and left the meeting.

671 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: James Devenny

671

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 a police representation. Mr Devenny was present. The Board heard Inspector Thomson in support of their representation and Mr Devenny in support of his application.

Decided: that the application be granted.

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

672 Application for Street Trader's Licence: Colleen Marie Oliver

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a Street Trader's Licence by Miss Oliver following receipt of a public objection. Miss Oliver was present. The objector was neither present nor represented. The Board heard Miss Oliver in support of her application. After discussion the Board

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requested Miss Oliver to consider amendment of her terminal operating hour to 4 pm. Miss Oliver agreed to this amendment.

Decided: that the application be granted with amendment of the terminal hour to 4 pm..

673 Application for Market Operator's Licence: Farmers' Market, The Square, Lochwinnoch Road, Kilmacolm

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services for a Market Operator's Licence for a Farmers' Market to be held on the first Saturday of each month in The Square, Lochwinnoch Road, Kilmacolm from Renfrewshire Farmers' Markets Ltd per Mr Neil Caskie following receipt of representation and objections. Mr Caskie, applicant, Mr Stevenson representing applicant, Councillor Fyfe, objector, Councillor Wilson representative of Kilmacolm New Community Centre and Mr Leitch, Roads Department were in attendance. The Board heard Councillor Fyfe in support of his objection. The Board heard Councillor Wilson, in support of the application. The Board heard Mr Caskie and Mr Stevenson in support of their application. Following a brief discussion concerns were raised in connection with traffic management including increase in traffic, road safety issues, number of parking spaces, disabled parking and commercial vehicles. The Board heard Mr Leitch.

(Councillor Fyfe left the meeting with other attendees during deliberation of this item).

Decided: (a) that the application be granted for a period of six months, (b) it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to write to consultees for update reports during the operation of the market, (c) roads department to monitor traffic management over next three occasions when markets taking place, and (d) the Head of Legal & Democratic Services submit an updated report to the Board in 3 months time for review.

Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership Sub-Committee

Thursday 20 October 2011 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors G Dorrian, T Fyfe, J MacLeod, T Loughran (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: Head of Planning, Health Improvement & Commissioning, Head of Community Care & Health, Head of Children & Families and Criminal Justice, Head of Mental Health, Addictions & Homelessness Services, Ms L Bairden (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services) and Ms A Paul - 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.

Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

674

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor McCabe with Councillor Loughran substituting.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

675 Community Health & Care Partnership - Financial Report 2011/12 as at Period 5 to 675 31 August 2011

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership on the 2011/12 revenue and capital budget position as at period 5 (31 August 2011).

(Dr Kapasi entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

- (1) that the current projected revenue budget overspend of £284,000 as at 31 August 2011 be noted;
- (2) that the current projected Social Work capital slippage of £300,000 as at 31 August 2011 be noted;
- (3) that approval be given to the Social Work budget virements totalling £8,100 detailed in appendix 7;
- (4) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee on the proposed strategy to be taken forward in relation to prescribing; and
- (5) that a briefing note be submitted to all Members providing clarification of the costs in relation to clinical supplies.

676 Care Inspectorate Scotland Inspection - Neil Street and Redholm Residential 676 Children's Units

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership (1) on the outcome of the inspections of the Neil Street and Redholm

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Residential Children's Units and (2) advising that both units had maintained the previous grading awarded in January 2011 of 6 (excellent) for all four quality themes which is the highest possible grading which can be awarded.

Decided:

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the excellent results of the inspections of the Neil Street and Redholm Residential Children's Units: and
- (2) that the Sub-Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all staff within the units for the work undertaken to achieve the evaluations.

677 CHCP Biannual Performance Improvement Report

677

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership presenting a range of performance measures used across the Community Health & Care Partnership.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance information included in the report be endorsed; and
- (2) that the Sub-Committee Members approve the intentions for future performance and business reporting as detailed and identify any further performance information which they would wish to see included in the next report to the Sub-Committee.

678 Alcohol etc (Scotland) Act 2010 - Implications for NHS Boards

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning, Health Improvement & Commissioning (1) on the new legislation contained within the Alcohol etc (Scotland) Act 2010 and (2) explaining the implications of this legislation for the NHS and the CHCP.

Decided:

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the changes in legislation resulting from the Alcohol etc (Scotland) Act 2010 which came into force on 1 October 2011 and the associated guidance;
- (2) that the arrangements for implementation of the changes brought about by the Act be approved; and
- (3) that the timescale for reporting licensing applications to the Sub-Committee as set out in the report be approved.

679 Inverclyde Carers' Strategy 2012-2015

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership (1) appending the draft Inverclyde Carers' Strategy 2012-2015 developed by Inverclyde CHCP and its partners to acknowledge the important role played by carers in providing unpaid care and (2) seeking agreement for the strategy to be issued with a companion document relating to young carers on Carers' Rights Day in December 2011.

Decided:

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the involvement of carers in the development and production of the draft Inverclyde Carers' Strategy 2012-2015;
- (2) that the Sub-Committee note the involvement of young carers in the current development and production of the companion Young Carers' Strategy; and
- (3) that approval be given to the publication of the Carers' Strategy 2012-2015 and the companion Young Carers' Strategy, when complete, and for these strategies to be launched as partner documents on Carers' Rights Day in December 2011.

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680 Older People's Draft Strategy 2012-2013

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership appending the draft Older People's Strategy 2012-2013.

Decided: that the Sub-Committee note the draft Older People's Strategy 2012-2013 and the proposal to consult with all stakeholders over the next three months.

681 Direct Payments Revised Procedure and Guidance 2011

681

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership on the revised direct payments procedure and guidance for 2011 and associated workstreams.

Noted

682 Collaborative Procurement Tender with Renfrewshire Council and Inverclyde CHCP for the Provision of Supported Living Services - Interim Update

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership providing an update on the progress of the collaborative tender exercise with Renfrewshire Council for the provision of supported living services.

The Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership advised the Sub-Committee that in relation to paragraph 5.2 of the report, the reference to a referral to the 15 November meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee should be deleted as this would no longer be part of the reporting timeline.

Noted

683 NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Corporate Change Programme

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership on the proposal to implement a Corporate Change Programme across NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde.

Decided: that the Sub-Committee approve the development of the Corporate Change Programme across NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde and promote the Change Programme within the Inverclyde CHCP as the platform through which to deliver better outcomes for service users.

HUMAN RESOURCES APPEALS BOARD - 24 & 25 OCTOBER AND 18 & 28 NOVEMBER 2011

Human Resources Appeals Board

Monday 24 & Tuesday 25 October and Friday 18 & Monday 28 November 2011 at 9 am

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

Chair: Councillor Brooks presided.

In attendance: Head of Legal & Democratic Services and Mr S Miller, HR Adviser (MacRoberts Solicitors).

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

Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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

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.

Appeal Against Disciplinary Action - Employee in Organisational Improvement & Resources

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The Board considered an appeal against disciplinary action on behalf of an employee in Organisational Improvement & Resources and agreed, following a vote, 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 - 24 OCTOBER 2011

Audit Committee

Monday 24 October 2011 at 3 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Blair presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Chief Internal Auditor and Mrs J Buchanan (for Chief Financial Officer).

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

686 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Dorrian and MacLeod. No declarations of interest were intimated.

687 Risk Management Progress Report

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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 24 August 2011.

Noted

688 External Audit Action Plans - Current Actions

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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 31 August 2011.

Decided: that the progress to date be noted.

689 Internal Audit Progress Report - 1 August to 23 September 2011

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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 1 August to 23 September 2011.

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

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.

690 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

Safe, Sustainable Communities 2011/12 Revenue Budget - Period 5 to 31 August 2011

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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

Safe, Sustainable Communities Capital Programme 2011/14 - Progress

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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

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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

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

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.

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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

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.

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697 Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2012-2017

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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

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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

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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

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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 Inverciyde.

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.

701 Food Standards Agency (FSA): Audit of Inverclyde Council's Food Control Service, August 2011

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

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

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

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 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;

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- (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

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.

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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 706 Waiting, No Loading at Any Time) Order 2011

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) 707 Order No 3 2011

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

Decided: that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - On Street Parking Places (Without Charges) Order No 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.

Order.

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

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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

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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

Regeneration Committee

Thursday 27 October 2011 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair, Clocherty, Loughran, McCallum, McCabe, McIlwee (for 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 Property Assets & Facilities Management, Head of Regeneration & Planning, Ms M Paterson (Community Learning & Development) 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.

711 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor McKenzie with Councillor McIlwee substituting.

Councillor MacLeod declared an interest in agenda item 8 (Regeneration Fund Programme 2011-2012 - Funding Update) and Councillor Ahlfeld declared an interest in agenda item 11 (Property Assets Management Report).

712 Gourock Pier and Railhead Development Area - Update

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment and the Chief Financial Officer (1) providing an update on the progress of discussions with Riverside Inverclyde regarding the development of the Gourock Pier and Railhead Development Area and (2) advising of and seeking approval for a revised development framework incorporating a one-way system to Kempock Street.

Mr B Nicol, Mr G Williamson and Mr G Gregory, Riverside Inverclyde were present and the Committee heard a presentation by Mr Williamson following which he answered a number of questions from Members.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the revised development framework as outlined in section 5 and Appendix B of the report incorporating the one-way system to Kempock Street: and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Policy & Resources Committee to consider the financial implications of the report.

713 Port Glasgow Strategic Regeneration Project Update

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) on the progress of discussions with Riverside Inverclyde on a development framework for the regeneration of Port Glasgow town centre for consideration by Members and (2) advising of significant investment planned by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport for Port Glasgow.

Mr Gregory made a presentation on the development framework and answered a

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number of questions from Members.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee endorse the development framework appended to the report for the regeneration of Port Glasgow town centre;
- (2) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to negotiate and conclude agreements to enable:
- (a) Riverside Inverclyde to progress the detail of the phased development of Port Glasgow town centre following public consultation;
- (b) Riverside Inverciyde to act as the delivery vehicle and receive up to £1M from the Council, of which it is anticipated that £500,000 will count in part towards the Council's overall contribution to Riverside Inverciyde;
- (c) where necessary and with regard to paragraph 5.6 of the report, the purchase of necessary landholdings by the Council for retention or leaseback to Riverside Inverclyde to facilitate the development, with all purchase costs to be contained within approved budgets; and
- (d) Riverside Inverclyde and Council Officers to consult interested groups and develop and implement where appropriate an Intermediate Labour Market Initiative to undertake some of the environmental works to Coronation Park; and
- (3) that the progress in relation to the redevelopment of the former Highholm Primary School site as a new park 'n' ride facility be noted.

Mr Nicol, Mr Williamson and Mr Gregory departed from the meeting at this juncture.

714 Strategic Leisure Sites

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment providing an update on the progress of the Strategic Leisure Sites programme.

The Head of Regeneration & Planning made a presentation on the current position with regard to the programme and answered a number of questions from Members.

Decided: that the Committee note the contents of the report and the presentation by the Head of Regeneration & Planning.

715 Regeneration Revenue Budget 2011/12 - Period 5

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment and Corporate Director Education & Communities on the position of the Revenue Budget 2011/12 as at Period 5 (31 August 2011) which showed a projected underspend of £5,000.

Decided:

- (1) that the current projected underspend of £5,000 for 2011/12 as at 31 August 2011 be noted; and
- (2) that the virements totalling £92,530 detailed in appendix 4 to the report be approved.

716 Building Services Trading Account Revenue Budget 2011/12 - Period 6

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on the position of the Building Services Trading Account as at Period 6 (30 September 2011) which projected a cash deficit of £62,000.

Decided: that the Committee note the current position of the Building Services Trading Account for 2011/12 as at 30 September 2011 and that a report detailing proposals to address the significant reduction in income in future years will be presented to a special meeting of the Regeneration Committee.

717 Capital Programme 2011/12 to 2013/14 - Progress

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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.

Noted

718 Regeneration Fund Programme 2011-2012 - Funding Update

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) updating the Committee on the delivery of contracts funded through the Regeneration Fund Programme 2011-2012 and (2) seeking authority to disburse unallocated funds within the current financial year.

The Head of Regeneration & Planning advised the Committee that the Department for Work and Pensions had invited bids from its enhanced employability funding and asked the Committee to approve action in this connection.

Councillor MacLeod declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a Director of Inverclyde Council on Disability. 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 delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to allocate £100,000 of unallocated funds for additional activity proposals which will target employability intervention;
- (2) that agreement be given to the principle of allocating £112,646 and any slippage monies (to a combined maximum of £200,000), to earmarked reserves for inclusion in the Regeneration Fund in 2012/13; and
- (3) that approval be given to the submission of two bids for funding from the Department for Work and Pensions enhanced employability funding and that, if successful, authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to accept and disburse the funding awarded.

719 Second Call for Nominations for Community Councillors

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities seeking approval to issue a second call for nominations for Community Councillors in four areas where no or few nominations were received in the first round which closed on 9 September 2011.

Decided: that approval be given to a second call for nominations for Community Councillors to Port Glasgow East, Greenock East, Greenock Central and Hole Farm/Cowdenknowes, to take place prior to 9 March 2012.

720 Disposal of Exhibit from McLean Museum and Art Gallery

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities seeking approval for the transfer or disposal of an engine from the Clyde buoy tender vessel "Torch" from the collections of the McLean Museum and Art Gallery.

During the course of discussion on this item, the Convener, on behalf of the Committee, extended congratulations to the Libraries Manager on being selected to join the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's International Network of Emerging Library Innovators.

Decided: that consideration of the transfer or disposal of the "Torch" engine be

continued to a future meeting of the Committee for more detailed information.

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)

Property Assets Management Report

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Various Measured Term Contracts 2010/12 - Permission to 6 and 8 Extend Contracts for One Year

Lease of Premises: Madeira Street, Greenock 2, 6 and 9

721 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.

Councillor Ahlfeld declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a founder member and honorary secretary of Gourock Youth Athletic Club, vacated the Chair and left the Chambers.

Councillor McCabe assumed the Chair for this item of business.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the proposal to enter into a new lease agreement with Gourock Youth Athletic Club on the basis of the terms noted at paragraph 4.1 of the report in respect of the premises shown shaded on the indicative plan attached as appendix 1, and located adjacent to the Sports pavilion on George Road, Gourock and that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to conclude negotiations and thereafter conclude the lease on terms considered suitable to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services and the Chief Financial Officer;
- (2) that the Committee approve the placing of all surplus Council properties shown on the list attached as appendix 2 on the Council website to make their availability known to the market place, subject to the deletion of the properties at numbers 3 and 17 on the list; and
- (3) that approval be given to the extension of the existing lease of the playground at Papermill Road, Greenock for a period of six months from September 2011, the purchase of the whole site as shown on the plan attached at appendix 3 and that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to conclude negotiations and thereafter conclude the purchase on terms considered suitable to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services and the Chief Financial Officer.

Councillor Ahlfeld returned to the meeting following consideration of this item of business and resumed the Chair.

722 Various Measured Term Contracts 2010/12 - Permission to Extend Contracts for One Year

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment

seeking approval to extend various measured term contracts as detailed in the report which are reaching the end of their respective contract periods.

Decided: that approval be given to the extension of the various measured term contracts detailed in the report for a period of one year at terms favourable to the Council, as determined by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment.

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 lease, if agreed by the Committee, to be concluded at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.

723 Lease of Premises: Madeira Street, Greenock

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) on the proposed use of Greenock Academy as a television studio set and production facilities to film Waterloo Road and (2) seeking approval to lease Greenock Academy to Shed Media (Scotland) Ltd.

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Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to enter into a lease agreement with Shed Media on the basis of the terms and conditions noted at paragraph 4.1 of the report in respect of the former Greenock Academy, shown outlined on the indicative plan attached at appendix 1, and that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to conclude negotiations and thereafter conclude the lease on terms considered suitable to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services and the Chief Financial Officer; and
- (2) that the report be remitted to the Policy & Resources Committee to consider the wider financial implications of the proposed lease.

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Education and Lifelong Learning Committee

Tuesday 1 November 2011 at 4.00 pm

Present: Provost McCormick, Councillors Blair, Brooks, Clocherty, Fyfe, MacLeod (for Grieve), Loughran, McCabe, Osborne and Wilson, Rev A MacLean, Church Representative, Mr R Thomson, Parent 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 J Ferrie (Education Services), Ms M Paterson (Community Learning & Development), Chief Financial Officer, Mr I Cameron (Finance Services), Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management, Mr E Montgomery (Property Assets & Facilities Management) and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

724 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Grieve, with Councillor MacLeod substituting, Councillor McKenzie and Father McMahon.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

725 Election and Appointment of a Parent Representative to the Education and Lifelong Learning Committee

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the outcome of the election held for the purposes of appointing a parent representative to the Education & Lifelong Learning Committee. The report advised that two nominations had been received for the position of parent representative and that Mr Robin Thomson, Wemyss Bay Primary Parent Council had been successful in the subsequent election.

Mr Thomson was present and the Convener welcomed him to the meeting.

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

Decided: that the Committee note the appointment of Mr Robin Thomson as the parent representative on the Education & Lifelong Learning Committee.

726 Duke of Edinburgh Award in Inverclyde

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) providing an update on the recent successes and achievements of the Duke of Edinburgh Award in Inverclyde, (2) advising of plans to develop the Award in Inverclyde and (3) inviting the Committee to accept the renewed licence for the delivery of the Award on behalf of Inverclyde Council.

Mr Barry Fisher, Duke of Edinburgh Scotland Director, was present and addressed the Committee in relation to this item.

Decided:

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(1)	that the Committee note the progress and achievements of the Duke of Edinburgh	
Award in Inverclyde;		
(2)	that the plans for the development of the Award in Inverclyde be endorsed; and	
(3)	that the Committee accept the licence to deliver the Duke of Edinburgh Award on	
behalf of Inverclyde Council.		

727 St Mary's Primary School – Action Plan following HMle Report

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities appending the HMIe action plan prepared by St Mary's Primary School which outlines how the areas for improvement identified following the HMIe inspection of the school in May 2011 will be addressed.

Decided: that the Committee note the content of the St Mary's Primary School HMIe action plan.

728 Education and Lifelong Learning 2011/12 Revenue Budget – Period 5

728

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the position of the Revenue Budget 2011/12 as at Period 5 (31 August 2011) which currently projected an underspend of £109,000. (Councillor Wilson returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

- (1) that the current projected underspend of £109,000 for 2011/12 as at period 5 be noted; and
- (2) that approval be given to the virement of £92,530 detailed in appendix 4 to the report.

729 Capital Programme 2011-15/16 - Progress

729

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 appendix1 to the report; and
- (2) that the Committee note the review of the School Estate Funding Model which is a separate item on the agenda.

730 Update on Progress with the Implementation of Curriculum for Excellence

730

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: that the Committee note the ongoing progress being made with the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence in Inverclyde.

731 Review of School Estate Funding Model 2011

731

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities and the Chief Financial Officer (1) providing an update on the current position of the School Estate Funding Model and (2) seeking approval of the revised Model. **Decided:**

(1) that the Committee approve the revised Funding Model and associated savings

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highlighted in paragraph 6.1 of the report; and

(2) that it be agreed that the financial implications of the revised Model be built into the Council's revised financial strategy due to be presented to the Council in December 2011.

Report on Clydeview Academy, Notre Dame High School and the Port Glasgow Temporary Shared Campus (St Stephen's High School and Port Glasgow High School)

732

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities providing information on 3 key projects associated with the School Estate Management Plan, being (1) the temporary shared campus for St Stephen's High School and Port Glasgow High School, (2) the new Clydeview Academy and (3) the new Notre Dame High School.

Noted

733 Inverclyde Academy – Wind Turbine

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) providing a summary of the issues experienced in relation to the wind turbine at Inverclyde Academy and (2) advising of the strategy being adopted to address these issues.

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

Noted

734 Refreshed Strategy for Community Learning and Development: Community Learning and Development Annual Report 2010-2011

734

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) seeking approval for the adoption of the refreshed strategy for Community Learning and Development in Inverclyde 2011-2014 and (2) advising of the production of the Annual Report on Community Learning and Development in Inverclyde for 2010-2011.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee endorse the refreshed strategy for Community Learning and Development in Inverclyde 2011-2014; and
- (2) that the Committee note the production of the Annual Report on Community Learning and Development in Inversive 2010-2011.

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 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 the heading to each item.

Item Paragraph(s)

Use of Supplier for Unique Services to Education 6 and 8

School Transport Processes for Tendering and Monitoring of 6, 8 and 9 Contracts

Port Glasgow Shared Campus - Review of Tenders and Post 6, 8 and 9

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Contract Strategy

735 Use of Supplier for Unique Services to Education

735

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities seeking the Committee's approval to secure the service of Chris Ward (Chris Ward Cooperative Learning Consulting Ltd) who provides a unique CPD programme which supports learning and teaching across all education sectors.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the use of Chris Ward (Chris Ward Co-operative Learning Consulting Ltd) for the provision of a unique CPD programme to support learning and teaching across all education sectors for the financial year 2011/12; and
- (2) that it be noted that a report seeking approval for the use of unique suppliers will be submitted to the Committee on an annual basis.

736 School Transport Processes for Tendering and Monitoring of Contracts

736

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities providing information on the processes undertaken in relation to the tendering and monitoring procedures for school transport contracts.

Noted

737 Port Glasgow Shared Campus – Review of Tenders and Post Contract Strategy

737

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment reviewing the tender evaluation for the Port Glasgow Shared Campus project, advising of the strategy being adopted to ensure that the specification and build quality remain as intended and that the project is delivered within budget.

Noted

PLANNING BOARD - 2 NOVEMBER 2011

Planning Board

Wednesday 2 November 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 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.

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738 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Councillors Fyfe, Loughran and Rebecchi declared an interest in agenda item 2 (construction of 42 terraced and semi-detached houses including new access road at the vacant former school site between Banff Road and Nairn Road, Greenock (11/0172/IC)).

739 PLANNING APPLICATION SUBMITTED FOR CONTINUED CONSIDERATION

Construction of 42 terraced and semi-detached houses including new access road:

Vacant Former School Site between Banff Road and Nairn Road, Greenock (11/0172/IC)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning regarding an application by River Clyde Homes for the construction of 42 terraced and semi-detached houses including new access road at the vacant former school site between Banff Road and Nairn Road, Greenock (11/0172/IC).

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

Councillors Fyfe, Loughran and Nelson declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Members of the Board of River Clyde Homes and left the Chambers.

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

- (1) as the height of the proposed houses would be detrimental to the amenity of existing residents in the vicinity of the proposed development;
- (2) as there is a history of flooding in the area which may be exacerbated by the proposals to the detriment of the amenity of existing residents and the residents of the new houses; and
- (3) as the increased traffic generated by the development and the consequent requirement for additional on-street parking on a length of road which is presently subject to high demand for on-street parking would lead to congestion and confrontation to the detriment of road safety.

As an amendment, Councillor Moran moved that planning permission be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report. On a vote, 3 Members voted for the amendment and 4 for the motion which was declared carried.

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

- (1) as the height of the proposed houses would be detrimental to the amenity of existing residents in the vicinity of the proposed development;
- (2) as there is a history of flooding in the area which may be exacerbated by the proposals to the detriment of the amenity of existing residents and the residents of the new houses; and
- (3) as the increased traffic generated by the development and the consequent requirement for additional on-street parking on a length of road which is presently subject to high demand for on-street parking would lead to congestion and confrontation to the detriment of road safety.

Councillors Fyfe, Loughran and Nelson returned to the meeting following consideration of this item of business.

740 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

740

There were submitted reports by the Head of Regeneration & Planning on the following applications which were dealt with as follows:-

(a) Erection of two 20Kw wind turbines on 15m masts: Murdieston Farm, Old Largs Road, Greenock (11/0209/IC)

The report recommended that planning permission be refused for the reason detailed in the report.

The Head of Regeneration & Planning advised the Committee that should planning permission be refused minor amendments would be required to the reason for refusal to reflect late information received.

After discussion, Councillor Nelson moved that planning permission be granted in terms of Local Plan Policy HR8. As an amendment, Councillor Brooks moved that consideration of the application be continued for a site visit. On a vote, 4 Members voted for the motion and 6 for the amendment which was declared carried.

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.

(b) Mixed use "urban village" development including residential, business, community use and small scale retail: Inverkip Power Station (09/0175/IC)

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

741 PLANNING APPEAL - UPPER FLAT, 39 TOWER DRIVE, GOUROCK (11/0005/LB)

741

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 and listed building consent for the installation of a new front door and the erection of a garden shed (all in retrospect) at the upper flat, 39 Tower Drive, Gourock (11/0005/LB), an appeal against the refusal of listed building consent had been made to the Scottish Government.

Noted

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 9 NOVEMBER 2011

General Purposes Board

Wednesday 9 November 2011 at 3.00 pm

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

Chair: Councillor White presided.

In attendance: Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services) and Inspector Boyle and Sergeant McDonald, Strathclyde Police.

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

742 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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

There were no substitutions intimated.

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

743 Houses in Multiple Occupation: New Legislation

743

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services informing the Committee that Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) Licences are now considered under the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006, as amended from 31 August 2011.

The Board were asked to consider granting delegated authority to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the following points:-

- 1. grant HMO licences under Part 5 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006, as amended for a maximum period of 3 years where no objections have been received from council services or members of the public;
- 2. vary HMO licences under Section 138 of the said Act;
- 3. revoke HMO licences under Section 139 of the said Act;
- 4. grant temporary exemption orders under Section 142 of the said Act;
- 5. grant temporary exemption order (to improve safety and security) under Section 143 of the said Act:
- 6. suspend the rent or other sums for occupation payable under any tenancy or occupancy arrangement under Section 144 of the said Act;
- 7. serve a notice of decisions under Section 158 of the said Act;
- 8. increase the fees charged for the granting of HMO licences under Section 161 of the said Act and
- 9. remit to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to determine the new fees.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board of a few amendments to the list namely number 3 be deleted and number 9 be subject to approval by the Board at a further meeting following consultation with relevant bodies.

There followed a discussion on implementation of the new legislation and conditions of

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licence.

Decided:

- 1. noted the change in legislation;
- 2. agree to the delegated authority recommendation (numbers 1 to 9), as amended;
- 3. remit to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to determine the new fees following consultation with the relevant bodies and subject to approval by the Board; and
- 4. a report be submitted to a further meeting outlining the main aspects of the new Act and conditions pertaining to licences.

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.

744 Consideration of Taxi Driver Licence: James Moore

744

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to consider a Taxi Driver's Licence held by Mr Moore which expires on 31 May 2012 following a request for suspension by Strathclyde Police. Mr Moore was present with his agent, Mr Lamb, Maitlands Solicitors. The Board heard Inspector Boyle in support of the suspension and Mr Lamb and Mr Moore in support of his licence.

Decided: not to suspend Mr Moore's licence.

745 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Neil Williams

745

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Williams following a police objection. Mr Williams was present with his representative Mr Travers. The Board heard Inspector Boyle who intimated that CCTV evidence may be available to the Board at a later date and requested that the Board consider to continue the application.

Decided: that the application be continued to a further meeting of the Board.

746 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Ronald Smallridge

746

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Smallridge following a police representation. Mr Smallridge was not present or represented.

Decided: that the application be refused.

747 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Peter McGartland

747

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr McGartland following a police objection. Mr McGartland was not present or represented.

Decided: that the application be refused.

748 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Stephen Docherty

748

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Docherty following a police objection. Mr

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Docherty was present. The Board heard Inspector Boyle in support of the objection and Mr Docherty in support of his application.

Decided:

- 1. that the applicant undergo a medical to confirm he is drug-free;
- 2. two independent references be sought on behalf of the applicant; and
- 3. it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to consider a decision on the application once responses have been received.

749 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Gary Docherty

749

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Docherty following a police representation. Mr Docherty was present. The Board heard Inspector Boyle in support of the representation and Mr Docherty in support of his application.

Decided: that the application be granted.

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Regeneration Committee

Tuesday 15 November 2011 at 2 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Ahlfeld presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Chief Financial Officer, Ms M McCabe (Finance Services), Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

750 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor McKenzie, with Councillor Moran substituting.

Councillors Clocherty and Osborne declared an interest in Agenda Item 2 (Riverside Inverclyde - Partner Funding).

751 Riverside Inverclyde - Partner Funding

751

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) advising of the proposed financial settlement for 2012/13 from the Scottish Government/Enterprise for Riverside Inverclyde and (2) requesting the Committee's authority to engage with the Scottish Government to seek a long term commitment to Riverside Inverclyde.

Councillors Clocherty and Osborne declared a non-financial interest in this matter as members of the Board of Riverside Inverclyde. 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.

After discussion, Councillor Ahlfeld moved (1) that the Committee note the contents of the report and that a further report be submitted to Members in due course regarding the implications of the Scottish Government's proposal on the future operational activities of Riverside Inverclyde; and (2) that the Committee agree the terms set out in paragraph 2.6 of the report and engage with the Scottish Government/Enterprise to seek a long term commitment to Riverside Inverclyde. As an amendment, Councillor Nelson moved that this Council recognises the cuts imposed on the Scottish Government by Westminster and that it be agreed to write to the Westminster Government to seek assurances regarding future Scottish Block Grants which would in turn ensure a long term commitment to Riverside Inverclyde. On a vote, 3 Members voted for the amendment and 8 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the report and that a further report be submitted to Members in due course regarding the implications of the Scottish Government's proposal on the future operational activities of Riverside Inverclyde; and
- (2) that the Committee agree the terms set out in paragraph 2.6 of the report and

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engage with the Scottish Government/Enterprise to seek a long term commitment to Riverside Inverclyde.

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

752 Building Services - Workload and Financial Issues

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising of (1) the current position in respect of the Building Services Unit (BSU) workload, (2) the financial implications of the reduction in income and (3) proposals for re-structuring the service.

Decided:

- (1) that the current position in respect of the BSU be noted;
- (2) that it be noted a trawl for voluntary severance and the identification of suitable redeployment options are being carried out and the results will be reported back to the Committee:
- (3) that, subject to approval by the Policy and Resources Committee, the BSU retain its Significant Trading Operation status for the period 2011/13 and that this be reviewed by September 2012; and
- (4) that the Committee note the estimated reduction in the BSU surplus and request the Policy and Resources Committee to adjust the 2012/13 budget surplus for the BSU as part of the 2012/13 budget review.

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Policy & Resources Committee

Tuesday 15 November 2011 at 3.10 pm

Present: Councillors Blair, Clocherty, McCabe, McIlwee, Loughran, MacLeod, Moran, Nelson, Wilson and White.

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education & Communities, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance, Head of Planning, Health Improvement & Commissioning, Head of Mental Health, Addictions & Homelessness Services, Finance Manager, Ms A Edmiston (Finance Services), Corporate Policy & Partnership Manager, Corporate Procurement Manager, Libraries Manager, Corporate Communications Manager and Business Manager.

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

753 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

753

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Brooks and McKenzie with Councillor Loughran substituting for Councillor McKenzie.

Councillors Blair, Loughran, McCabe, Nelson, White and Wilson declared interests in Agenda Item 12 (Consultation on the Future of the Greenock Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board Office).

Councillors Clocherty, Loughran, Nelson and Wilson declared interests in Agenda Item 13 (Proposed Review of Council Tax Discount on Empty Homes).

Councillor Loughran declared an interest in Agenda Item 27 (Lease of Premises: Madeira Street, Greenock - Remit from Regeneration Committee).

754 Policy & Resources Committee 2011/12 Revenue Budget - Period 6

754

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 6 (30 September 2011) which currently projected an underspend of £1,015,000 excluding earmarked reserves.

(Councillor MacLeod entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business). **Noted**

755 General Fund Revenue Budget 2011/12 - Period 6

755

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the projected position of the 2011/12 General Fund Revenue Budget as at Period 6 (30 September 2011) which currently projected an underspend of £2,300,000.

Noted

756 Policy & Resources Capital Programme - 2011/12 - 13/14 - Progress Report

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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 act	ual spend as at 30	September 2011.
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Noted

757 Capital Programme 2011/14

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

Noted

758 ICT Capital Programme Review

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) providing an update on the changes to the ICT Capital Programme commencing 2012/13 and (2) seeking approval for the proposals.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee agree to the revised ICT Capital Programme as detailed in the report; and
- (2) that agreement be given to the capital spend on the existing data centre and server virtualisation.

759 Treasury Management - Mid-Year Review Report 2011/12

759

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the operation of the treasury function and its activities at the mid-year of 2011/12 in compliance with the revised CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the Mid-Year Review Report on Treasury Management for 2011/12 be noted and that the exceeding of Council limits as detailed in paragraph 4.13 of the report be homologated; and
- (2) that the Mid-Year Review Report be remitted to The Inverclyde Council for approval.

760 Procurement - Update

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the progress being made with procurement since the last report to the Committee in September 2011 and (2) requesting approval to replace the current Strategic Procurement Framework with a refreshed strategy for 2012/14 and for the Council to sign up to the Scottish Government Suppliers Charter.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress made since the last report in September 2011:
- (2) that the new Strategic Procurement Framework as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report be approved; and
- (3) that the Council adopt the Scottish Government Suppliers Charter as set out in Appendix 3 to the report.

761 Insurance Fund Position as at 30 September 2011

761

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) advising the Committee of the position of the Council's Insurance Fund as at 30 September 2011 and (2) highlighting a number of relevant issues.

Decided: that the Committee note the contents of the report and the continued financial benefits which the Council is achieving from the current Insurance Strategy.

762 Corporate Performance Report - Statutory Performance Indicators (SPIs) 2010/11

762

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance and the Chief Financial Officer on the corporate performance report, including the Statutory Performance Indicators (SPIs) for 2010/11.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the change in the way in which the SPIs are monitored and reported;
- (2) that support be given to the roll out of "Inverclyde Performs"; and
- (3) that support be given to a dialogue with Services on the refinement of realistic targets and alarms to ensure that a realistic picture of performance can be portrayed for the year ahead.

763 Gourock Highland Games 2011 - Request for Additional Funding

763

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) advising the Committee of a £16,890 overspend in the 2011 Gourock Highland Games and (2) seeking approval for a virement of £16,890 from the general contingency to fund the overspend.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the report and the reasons for the overspend in the 2011 Gourock Highland Games; and
- (2) that approval be given to a virement of £16,890 from the general contingency to fund the overspend.

764 Consultation on the Future of the Greenock Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board Office

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) on the ongoing consultation being undertaken by the Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board relating to the potential closure of the Cathcart Street office and (2) advising of a future option for the delivery of the Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board Services within Inverclyde.

Councillors Blair, Loughran, Nelson and Wilson declared non-financial interests in this item as Members of the Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board and Councillors McCabe and White declared non-financial interests as substitute Members of the Board. 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 ongoing consultation being undertaken by the Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board;
- (2) that it be agreed that the proposal contained within the report to incorporate the Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board Service for Inverclyde within the new Customer Service Centre should continue to be pursued by officers; and
- (3) that delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to negotiate with Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board the terms of any early termination of the Cathcart Street property lease and to report thereon to the Regeneration Committee.

765 Proposed Review of Council Tax Discount on Empty Homes

765

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities and the Chief Financial Officer seeking approval to alter the levels of Council Tax discount granted on long term empty properties with a view to generating increased revenue to support housing projects in the Inverclyde Council area.

Councillors Clocherty, Loughran and Nelson declared non-financial interests in this item as Members of the Board of River Clyde Homes and Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest as a Director of Link Housing Association. 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 agreement be given to alter Council Tax discount levels as set out in paragraph 5.1 of the report;
- (2) that it be agreed that additional revenues generated by the above decision be used to fund housing projects which will be the subject of specific reports to the relevant Committees; and
- (3) that the Committee note the current Scottish Government consultation which is underway in relation to proposals for Council Tax on long term empty properties and the Housing Support Grant which will be the subject of a future report to Committee.

766 Royal Diamond Jubilee - 5 June 2012

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance (1) advising the Committee that the UK and Scottish Governments have announced that there will be an additional one-off holiday on Tuesday 5 June 2012 to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and (2) requesting the Committee to decide whether the Council should recognise the Royal Diamond Jubilee Day on 5 June and to consider whether to make Monday 4 June a compulsory annual leave day so that the celebrations can be over a long weekend.

Decided: that it be agreed to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Tuesday 5 June 2012 and to make Monday 4 June 2012 a compulsory annual leave day subject to the exigencies of the service, as outlined in paragraph 5.1 of the report.

767 Revised Voluntary Severance Policy

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance proposing a revised Voluntary Severance Policy which covers all employees and in this regard making proposals in respect of the discretionary added years awarded to employees and the introduction of an employee severance selection matrix.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the revised Voluntary Severance Policy detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) that agreement be given to the following reduction in discretionary added years provision:

Up to 31 March 2013 - up to a maximum of 6 added years From 1 April 2013 - up to a maximum of 3 added years;

(3) that a selection criteria matrix be used to identify displaced employees only when

all other options have been exhausted, that the selection criteria be used from 1 October 2012 and that a restricted interview process be used in the interim period to replace "last in first out" as the selection criterion;

- (4) that the selection criteria to be used from October 2012 be (a) disciplinary record; (b) performance appraisal outcome; (c) attendance record; and (d) length of service but that in respect of teaching staff, until such time as it is possible to incorporate performance appraisal, the only criteria to be used be disciplinary record, attendance record and length of service; and
- (5) that where all voluntary options have been explored, any decision in respect of further releases of employees be referred back to the Committee for consideration.

768 Attendance Management - Refresh of Strategy

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance proposing a revised absence target for the Council and for further measures to be put in place applicable to all employees designed to assist in reducing absenteeism levels.

Decided:

- (1) that a revised absence target of 4.75% be set for the Council;
- (2) that all employees who are the subject of disciplinary action relating to absenteeism receive no occupational sick pay in respect of the period of absence which led to formal procedures (i.e. the last period of absence);
- (3) that employees on long term sick leave have their contract of employment terminated, if appropriate, at the point of time when it is known there will be no return to work and that all appropriate payments be made to the employee;
- (4) that disciplinary action be instigated in all cases where all alternative measures have been exhausted, without discernible improvement;
- (5) that Services choose an absence management champion from senior staff to ensure the policy and procedures governing attendance management are strictly adhered to and that the managing of absence is promoted within each Service; and
- (6) that employee appeals at all levels against a disciplinary sanction issued on the grounds of poor attendance be considered at officer level for a trial period of one year between January and December 2012.

769 Scotland's Public Finances - Addressing the Challenges

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) highlighting the key issues and risks identified in the Audit Scotland report "Scotland's Public Finances - Addressing the Challenges" and (2) providing an assessment of how the Council is placed in respect of the main matters raised in the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the Audit Scotland report "Scotland's Public Finances Addressing the Challenges" be noted; and
- (2) that the Committee endorse the Corporate Management Team's assessment of those areas which require further work and agree that officers should continue to progress the development of these through the Organisational Improvement Plan Groups.

Proposals for the Establishment of Area Support Teams - Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive

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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 a response to the National Convener's consultation document on proposals for the establishment of Area Support Teams which required to be submitted by 21 October 2011.

Noted

771 Public Contracts Scotland - Difficulties when the Council Tenders

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the issues arising following the submission of the Building Services Unit's tender for River Clyde Homes internal refurbishment contract on the Public Contracts Scotland web portal and (2) highlighting circumstances where difficulties could arise in the future.

Noted

772 Request for Delegated Authority to Accept Banking Services Tender

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer requesting that the Head of Legal & Democratic Services be granted delegated authority in terms of Order 9.2(ii) of the Standing Orders relating to Contracts to accept the tender for the Council's banking services.

Decided: that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender for the Council's banking services contract due to commence on 1 April 2012, in terms of Order 9.2(ii) of the Standing Orders relating to Contracts.

773 Trial of Electronic Tendering

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer seeking approval to suspend Order 6.5 of the Standing Orders relating to Contracts to trial electronic tendering for three contracts as detailed in the report.

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to the suspension of Order 6.5 of the Standing Orders relating to Contracts to trial electronic tendering for:

Hire of Surfacing Plant - £120,000

Dilapidation Surveyors - £230,000

Nelson Street Sports Centre Refurbishment Project - £600,000; and

(2) that it be noted that a report on the outcome of the trial will be submitted to the Committee in due course.

774 Gourock Pier and Railhead Development Area - Update: 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 27 October 2011 that the Committee consider the financial implications arising from the revised Development Framework for the Gourock Pier and Railhead Development area which incorporates the one way system at Kempock Street.

Decided:

(1) that agreement be given to proceed with the one way system on the basis of the Regeneration Committee report and that the specific funding route be considered as

part of the overall 2012/13 budget review exercise; and

(2) that it be agreed that all future funding allocated for Riverside Inverclyde will be subject to (a) ongoing financial support of a substantial nature from the Scottish Government and/or Scottish Enterprise and (b) Riverside Inverclyde submitting and seeking specific approval from the Council for all future management and operating costs

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 ground 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)
Care Homes Services for Inverclyde	6,8 & 9
Budget Reduction Proposals - Organisational Improvement & Resources	1
ICT Revenue Budget Shortfall 2012/13	1
Hydro Electric Schemes: Inverclyde Council	8 & 9
Lease of Premises: Madeira Street, Greenock - Remit from Regeneration Committee	2, 6 & 9
Building Services - Workload and Financial Issues: Remit from Regeneration Committee	1 & 6

775 Care Homes Services for Inverclyde

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Community Health & Care Partnership (1) on the current position of the joint tender process for the provision of care homes services and the construction of a residential care and NHS continuing care facility within Inverclyde and (2) recommending that a period of engagement take place prior to conclusion of any contract with the preferred bidder and that a future detailed report be submitted to the Committee in relation to the outcome of that process.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current stage of the tendering process;
- (2) that it be remitted to the Community Health & Care Partnership, along with Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board, to engage with the preferred bidder in the period of engagement, prior to the conclusion of any contact; and
- (3) that a detailed report be considered by the Committee as soon as practicable after the conclusion of the 12 week engagement period.

776 Budget Reduction Proposals - Organisational Improvement & Resources

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer seeking approval for a number of savings proposals generated as part of the recent Clyde Valley Shared

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Service exercise.

Decided: that the Committee approve the savings proposals generated by the Organisational Improvement & Resources Directorate as detailed in the report.

777 ICT Revenue Budget Shortfall 2012/13

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) advising the Committee of the extent of the estimated ICT budget shortfall for 2012/13 and (2) seeking approval for remedial action to close the budget gap.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the projected budget deficit for ICT services in 2012/13; and
- (2) that approval be given to the savings identified in Appendix 3.

778 Hydro Electric Schemes: Inverclyde Council

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (1) on the results of the Hydro Electric Scheme appraisal of Council-controlled sites and (2) recommending three locations be investigated for both competitive interest and for Community Interest Company involvement.

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

Decided:

- (1) that the outcome of the Hydro Electric Scheme appraisal be noted;
- (2) that it be remitted to the Chief Executive to investigate further the options for site development of the three locations indicated in the report as suitable for Hydro Electric projects with detailed consideration of options for competitive tendering and the involvement of any Community Interest Companies; and
- (3) that a report on any proposals for development be submitted to the Committee for future consideration.

779 Lease of Premises: Madeira Street, 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 27 October 2011 seeking approval of the financial implications of the proposed lease agreement with Shed Media in respect of the former Greenock Academy.

Councillor Loughran declared a non-financial interest in this item as the owner of a neighbouring property. 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: that approval be given to the financial implications of the proposed lease agreement with Shed Media as detailed in the report to the Regeneration Committee and that it be noted that these will be reflected in the updated financial strategy.

780 Building Services - Workload and Financial Issues: 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 15 November 2011 that the Committee

adjust the 2012/13 budget surplus for the Building Services Unit as part of the 2012/13 budget review.

Decided: that it be agreed to adjust the 2012/13 budget surplus for the Building Services Unit as part of the 2012/13 budget review.