

**SAFE, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 17 JANUARY 2012**

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**Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee**

**Tuesday 17 January 2012 at 3 pm**

**Present:** Councillors Ahlfeld, Dorrian, Grieve, McCabe, McIlwee, Moran, Nelson, Rebecchi and Wilson.

**Chair:** Councillor Moran presided.

**In attendance:** Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Head of Regeneration & Planning, Mr W Rennie (Environmental Services), Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Mrs M McCabe (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services) and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

**36 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 36**

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

**37 Safe, Sustainable Communities 2011/12 Revenue Budget - Period 7 to 31 October 2011 37**

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 7 (31 October 2011) which projected an underspend of £102,000.

**Noted**

**38 Safe, Sustainable Communities Capital Programme 2011/14 - Progress 38**

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.

(Councillor Rebecchi entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

**Noted**

**39 Regeneration & Environment Directorate Performance Report 39**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising the Committee of progress made by those services within the Regeneration & Environment Directorate in achieving their key objectives as set out in the Regeneration & Environment Directorate Plan 2011-2012 and how they have contributed to the achievement of key corporate priorities.

**Decided:**

(1) that the performance information contained within the report be noted; and

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(2) that it be noted that further reports on the performance will be presented to future meetings of the Committee.

**40 Clune Park Regeneration - Progress Report**

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

**Decided:**

(1) that the current progress towards the regeneration of the Clune Park area be noted;

(2) that it be noted that the regeneration plan, approved by Committee at a special meeting on 24 May 2011, has been updated, revised and submitted to the Scottish Government for consideration;

(3) that the Committee agree that the housing funding arising from Council Tax from second homes from 2010 to 2012 be allocated to the budget for the regeneration of the Clune Park area; and

(4) that it be agreed that further progress reports be submitted to future meetings of the Committee.

**41 Queen Elizabeth Playing Fields Challenge**

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services (1) advising the Committee on the Queen Elizabeth Playing Fields Challenge and (2) seeking approval to nominate three playing fields for inclusion.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee approve the nomination of Battery Park, George Road Playing Fields and Ravenscraig Playing Field and Athletic Track as the three Inverclyde Council sites to be included in the Queen Elizabeth Fields Challenge;

(2) that the Council's participation in the Queen Elizabeth Playing Fields Challenge be agreed in principle, subject to a suitable Minute of Agreement being agreed between the Council and Fields & Trusts; and

(3) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to enter into discussion with Fields & Trusts with a view to negotiating a suitable Minute of Agreement to allow Inverclyde Council to participate in the Queen Elizabeth Fields Challenge.

**42 Inverclyde Local Plan: Annual Monitoring and Review of Housing Strategy (2010-11)**

**42**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment informing the Committee of progress in implementing the Housing Strategy of the Local Plan, reporting on trends, housing completions, the take up and availability of housing land by the market sector and location across the Inverclyde housing market area for the period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee endorse the findings and interpretation of this year's annual monitoring, in accordance with requirements of Local Planning Policy H7; and

(2) that the Committee note there remains sufficient capital in the effective land supply to meet estimated demand and, therefore, there is no requirement to increase the land supply through Greenfield release in advance of the Local Development Plan.

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**43 Waste Strategy Update**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment updating the Committee on the Zero Waste Scotland - Inverclyde Council Waste Strategy report submitted to the Committee at its meeting of 25 October 2011.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the content of the report and the work that has been undertaken to help the Council meet the Scottish Government's targets to date;
- (2) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to conclude discussions with Zero Waste Scotland, in consultation with Finance Services, in line with the Council's Financial Regulations, and commence procurement of capital and revenue items for the implementation of a segregated food waste collection scheme; and
- (3) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to roll out a trial glass collection scheme to a cross section of approximately 10,000 households within Inverclyde, reporting back to the Committee at regular intervals on the performance of the scheme.

**44 Scottish Roads Maintenance Condition Survey (SRMCS) Agreement**

**44**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking the approval of the Committee to enter into a joint agreement between all 32 local authorities for the provision of a Scottish Road Maintenance Condition Survey.

**Decided:** that the Committee agree to enter into a new collective agreement, in conjunction with all other Scottish local authorities, for the provision of a SRMCS.

**45 A and B Class Roads Speed Limit Review**

**45**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment informing the Committee of the findings of the speed limit review which was undertaken for all A and B Class Roads for which Inverclyde Council is responsible.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the assessment carried out and the proposed amendments to some speed limits; and
- (2) that the Committee approve the promotion of the proposed amendments to speed limits, as detailed in the appendix to the report, using Traffic Regulation Orders.

**46 Scheme of Assistance 2012/13 - Budget**

**46**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities providing information on the proposed 2012/13 Scheme of Assistance Budget, subject to confirmation of the final outturn figures following completion of year end procedures, and the subsequent carry forward of committed budgets from 2011/12.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the proposed 2012/13 Scheme of Assistance budget, as set out in appendix 1 of the report, be agreed; and
- (2) that the projected carry forward of committed funding in 2012/13 be noted.

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- 47 Cathcart Square - Trial Closure and Future Pedestrianisation 47**
- It was noted that this report had been withdrawn.
- The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Head of Safer and Inclusive Communities was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Committee to consider the recommendations in respect of the Police and Fire & Rescue Reform: Local Scouting and Engagement Implementation Network at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.**
- 48 Police and Fire & Rescue Reform: Local Scouting and Engagement Implementation Network 48**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities proposing options for participation in the Pathfinder and Network arrangements relative to the Police and Fire & Rescue reform, following an invitation from the Cabinet Secretary for Justice to register formal interest by 31 January 2012.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee approve formal participation in the Pathfinder project in respect of trialling local scrutiny arrangements for the National Police and Fire & Rescue Services;
- (2) that all options for establishing the appropriate scrutiny boards be explored, including the possibility of joint arrangements with neighbouring authorities; and
- (3) that regular update reports on the progress of the Pathfinder project be submitted to the Committee for consideration.
- 49 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive 49**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services advising of the decision taken under the powers delegated to the Chief Executive since the last ordinary meeting of the Committee for (1) the approval of the assignation of street names to a number of new streets forming part of a residential development in Greenock and Port Glasgow and (2) the continuation of the Council's Green Waste Collection Service for an additional cycle in November 2011.
- Noted:**
- 50 Board of Strathclyde Fire & Rescue - Minutes of Meetings of 11 August and 29 August 2011 50**
- There were submitted minutes of meetings of the Board of Strathclyde Fire & Rescue of 11 August and 29 August 2011.
- Noted**
- 51 Strathclyde Police Authority - Minute of Meeting of 23 June 2011 51**
- There was submitted minute of meeting of Strathclyde Police Authority of 23 June 2011.
- Noted**

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- 52 Clyde Muirshiel Park Authority - Minute of Meeting of 10 June 2011 52**
- There was submitted minute of meeting of Clyde Muirshiel Park Authority of 10 June 2011.  
**Noted**
- 53 Strathclyde Partnership for Transport - Minutes of Meetings of 10 June and 19 August 2011 53**
- There were submitted minutes of meetings of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport of 10 June and 19 August 2011.  
**Noted**
- 54 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Cloch Road, Gourock (Waiting Restrictions and Revocation) Order 2011 54**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment recommending the making of the Cloch Road, Gourock (Waiting Restrictions and Revocation) Order 2011.  
**Decided:** that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - Cloch Road, Gourock (Waiting Restrictions and Revocation) Order 2011 and that it be remitted to the Head of Environment & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to arrange for implementation of the Order.
- 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 respect of paragraph 13 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.**
- 55 Closing Order 55**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities identifying a property as failing to meet the tolerable standards and seeking the approval of the Committee to take the necessary steps to prohibit its further use for human habitation, which was agreed, all as detailed in the appendix.
- 56 Revocation of Closing Orders 56**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities seeking approval for the revocation of Closing Orders affecting two properties, which was agreed, all as detailed in the appendix.