### Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee

### Tuesday 6 March 2012 at 3 pm

**Present:** Councillors Ahlfeld, Dorrian, Grieve, 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 Environmental & Commercial Services, Mr R Graham (Environmental & Commercial Services), Head of Regeneration & Planning, Mrs M McCabe (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr D Hall (for Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities), Mr G Malone (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.

### 168 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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There were no apologies for absence or declarations of interest.

# 169 Safe, Sustainable Communities 2011/12 Revenue Budget - Period 9 to 31 169 December 2011

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 9 (31 December 2011) which projected an underspend of £256,000.

Noted

#### 170 Safe, Sustainable Communities Capital Programme 2011/14 - Progress

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Corporate Director Education & Communities and Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Safe, Sustainable Communities Capital Programme 2011/14.

#### Noted

### 171 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 the 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 note the additional housing funding allocated to the budget

for the regeneration of Clune Park; and

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

# 172 Inverclyde Local Development Plan: Post Main Issues Report - Representations Received

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment informing the Committee of the representations received on the Inverclyde Local Development Plan: Post Main Issues Report.

#### Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the representations received during consultation on the post MIR suggested development site document, listed as appendix 1 to the report; and
- (2) that the Committee authorise the continued engagement with key agencies, selected other stakeholders and those organisations, developers and individuals who requested further discussion, in advance of drafting the Proposed Plan.

# 173 Inverclyde Local Development Plan: Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement 2012

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking the endorsement of the Committee to the annual update of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan: Development Plan Scheme (DPS) and Participation Statement (PS) for submission to the Scottish Government and subsequent publication.

**Decided:** that the Committee approve the publication of the updated 2012 Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement and its submission to the Scottish Government before 31 March 2012.

### 174 The Scottish Road Works Commissioner - Performance Review 2010 - 2011

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising the Committee on the performance of the Council in relation to its duties under the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991.

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

#### Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the comments of the Scottish Road Works Commissioner in appendix 1 of the report, in particular the recognition that he believes Invercive Council to be one of the best performing authorities in this regard:
- (2) that the Committee note appendix 2 to the report and, in particular the summary comments of the Scottish Road Works Commissioner; and
- (3) that the Committee note the Council's application of the fixed penalty notices and the income associated with it.

# 175 Environmental and Commercial Services (Roads) - Capital Programme (2012/13 and 2013/14) - Flooding

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking the approval of the Committee in relation to a proposed programme of projects in the Flood Action Plan for 2012-14, funded from Environmental & Commercial Services (Roads) Capital Budget for 2012/13 - 2013/14 and beyond.

#### Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the proposed capital budget allocation, including the potential £1M for match funding, for the Flood Action Plan for 2012/13 2013/14 and beyond;
- (2) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to proceed to tender for the new projects listed in appendix 1 to the report, and to grant approval for the acceptance of such tenders in terms of the Council's Financial Regulations and Standing Orders relating to Contracts; and
- (3) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, in conjunction with the Chief Financial Officer and Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance to identify the additional appropriate managerial, professional and technical staff necessary to ensure that this programme is delivered.

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# 176 Environmental and Commercial Services (Roads) Capital Programme (2012/13 - 2014/15)

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) seeking the approval of the Committee in relation to a proposed programme of projects funded from the Environmental & Commercial Services (Roads) Capital Budget for 2012/13 and (2) updating the Committee on the overall allocation for 2013/14 and 2014/15.

#### Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the proposed spend profile, as outlined at paragraph 5.1 of the report and approve the detailed expenditure for 2012/13 as outlined at 5.4 and 5.5:
- (2) that the Committee note that, subject to the completion of the geotechnical survey, design and estimated costs for the reinstatement of Dunrod Road, the attached programme may require to be adjusted to accommodate the final estimated cost;
- (3) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to proceed to tender for the new projects listed in the report, and to grant approval for the acceptance of such tenders in terms of the Council's Financial Regulations and Standing Orders relating to Contracts;
- (4) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to apply appropriate variances as specified at 4.4 of the report;
- (5) that the Committee remit it to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, in conjunction with the Chief Financial Officer and the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance to identify the additional appropriate managerial, professional and technical staff necessary to ensure that the 2012/13 2014/15 programme is delivered; and
- (6) that the Committee note that a full report on the Roads Assessment Management Plan (RAMP) and associated long term investment requirements will be submitted to the Committee in June 2012, which will provide further details on the spend for 2013/14 2014/15.

# 177 Approval to Issue Invitations to Tender for Port Glasgow Bus Station Improvements Contract

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking the approval of the Committee to issue invitations to tender for the Port Glasgow Bus Station improvement works to a value in excess of £250,000, as required by Inverclyde Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts.

### Decided:

(1) that, subject to further and full consultation with Legal Services on the issues

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surrounding the proposals, approval is given to issue invitations to tender for the Port Glasgow Bus Station improvements contract;

- (2) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to proceed to tender for the project, and to grant approval for the acceptance of such tenders in terms of the Council's Financial Regulations and Standing Orders relating to Contracts; and
- (3) that the Committee delegate authority to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to appoint URS, consultant engineers, who designed the project, in order to respond to contractors' queries and make design changes during the course of the contract where necessary, the cost of which will be contained within the project funding provided by SPT.

### 178 Delegated Powers: Authorisation of Officers

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities requesting that the delegated powers of the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities be updated with respect to the authorisation of officers.

**Decided:** that the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities be given delegated powers to authorise officers under the Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010.

### 179 Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2012 - 2015

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities advising the Committee of a change to arrangements for the annual submission of the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) following the publication of revised Scottish Government Guidance in January 2012.

**Decided:** that the Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2012 - 2015 be remitted for approval to the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee on 27 March 2012.

### 180 Proposed Statutory Quality Partnership Scheme

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking the approval of the Committee to promote a Statutory Quality Partnership Scheme along certain route corridors in Inverclyde, in partnership with Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) and Transport Scotland (TS).

**Decided:** that the promotion, by the Council, of a Statutory Quality Partnership with SPT and Transport Scotland be approved.

### 181 Carbon Management Plan 2011-16

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking the Committee's approval of the Carbon Management Plan 2011-16.

### Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the Carbon Management Plan 2011-16;
- (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to establish a Carbon Management Group to oversee the Carbon Management Plan's implementation; and
- (3) that the Committee agree to receive a 6 monthly progress update from the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on the implementation of the Carbon Management Plan.

### 182 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services advising of the use of powers delegated to the Chief Executive since the last ordinary meeting of the Committee for the appointment of planning consultants to represent the Council when an appeal is submitted against the refusal of planning permission to Scottish Ministers, when said refusal is contrary to officer recommendation.

Noted

# 183 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Tarbet Street, Gourock (Waiting Restrictions and Revocation) Order 2012

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment recommending the making of the Traffic Regulation Order - Tarbet Street, Gourock (Waiting Restrictions and Revocation) Order 2012.

**Decided:** that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - Tarbet Street, Gourock (Waiting Restrictions and Revocation) Order 2012 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.

# 184 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On Street) 184 Order No. 2 2011

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment recommending the making of the 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 - Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On Street) Order No. 2 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.

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.

## 185 Closing Order 185

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities identifying the house known as 45 Union Street, Greenock PA16 8DN, a two storey, semi-detached villa with attic, as failing to meet the tolerable standard and seeking the approval of the Committee to take the necessary steps to prohibit its use for human habitation.

**Decided:** that the Council make a Closing Order in terms of Section 14 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 as amended prohibiting the use of the house known as 45 Union Street, Greenock PA16 8DN for human habitation.