

**THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL - 1 DECEMBER 2011**

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**The Inverclyde Council**

**Thursday 1 December 2011 at 4 pm**

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

**Chair:** Provost McCormick presided.

**In attendance:** Chief Executive, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Corporate Director Education & Communities, Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Business Manager and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications & Public Affairs).

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

**781      Apologies and Declarations of Interest      781**

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

**782      Annual Report to Members and the Controller of Audit 2010/2011      782**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive appending Audit Scotland's annual report to Members and the Controller of Audit 2010/2011.

Mr Tait spoke to the report.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Council endorse the contents of the Annual Report to Members and the Controller of Audit 2010/2011 as set out in appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) that the report be submitted to the Audit Committee for consideration of those issues which fall within that Committee's remit; and
- (3) that the Council's thanks to Mr Tait and his staff be recorded.

Mr Tait, Ms Boyd and Mr Slavin left the meeting following consideration of this item of business.

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

**783      Planning Board - 5 October 2011      783**

**Approved** on the motion of Councillor Wilson.

**784      Local Review Body - 5 October 2011      784**

**Approved** on the motion of Councillor Wilson.

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- 785     **The Inverclyde Council - 6 October 2011**     785  
           **Approved** on the motion of Provost McCormick.
- 786     **General Purposes Board - 12 October 2011**     786  
           **Approved** on the motion of Councillor White.
- 787     **Inverclyde CHCP Sub-Committee - 20 October 2011**     787  
           **Approved** on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.
- 788     **Human Resources Appeals Board - 24 & 25 October and 18 & 28 November 2011**     788  
           **Approved** on the motion of Councillor Brooks.
- 789     **Audit Committee - 24 October 2011**     789  
           **Approved** on the motion of Councillor Blair.
- 790     **Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee - 25 October 2011**     790  
           **Approved** on the motion of Councillor Moran.
- 791     **Regeneration Committee - 27 October 2011**     791  
           **Approved** on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.
- 792     **Education & Lifelong Learning Committee - 1 November 2011**     792  
           **Approved** on the motion of Councillor Loughran.
- 793     **Planning Board - 2 November 2011**     793  
           Approval of the minute as a correct record was moved by Councillor Wilson subject to correction of paragraph 738 (Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest) by substitution of Councillor Nelson for Councillor Rebecchi at line 2.  
           **Decided:** that the minute as corrected be approved.
- 794     **General Purposes Board - 9 November 2011**     794  
           **Approved** on the motion of Councillor White.
- 795     **Regeneration Committee (Special) - 15 November 2011**     795  
           **Approved** on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.

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- 796 Policy & Resources Committee - 15 November 2011 796**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor McCabe.
- 797 Boundary Commission for Scotland - Sixth Periodic Review of Westminster Constituencies 797**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive advising of (1) the consultation exercise currently underway by the Boundary Commission for Scotland in relation to the Sixth Periodic Review of Westminster Constituencies and (2) the impact of the proposals on the Inverclyde County Constituency.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the position with regard to the consultation exercise in relation to the Sixth Periodic Review of Westminster Constituencies be noted; and
- (2) that if Members wish to make comments to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services, these be submitted to her on or before 14 December 2011 and that authority be delegated to her to forward such comments to the Boundary Commission.
- 798 Armed Forces Community Covenant Request by Councillor Dorrian 798**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on a request from Councillor Dorrian that the Council consider signing an Armed Forces Community Covenant which aims to encourage parties within a community to offer support to the local Armed Forces Community and make it easier for Service personnel, families and veterans to access the help and support available from the MOD, statutory providers and the charitable and voluntary sectors.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Council approve in principle the development of a Community Covenant with the Armed Forces; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Chief Executive to determine the range of partners and signatories for the Community Covenant, with agreed measures for evaluating progress.
- 799 Motion by West Dunbartonshire Council - Introduction of Orthodontic Treatment Need (IOTN) 799**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising of a motion made by West Dunbartonshire Council seeking to reverse the recent decision by the Scottish Government to introduce the Index of Orthodontic Treatment Need (IOTN) Guidance in Scotland.
- Decided:** that the Council note the motion made by West Dunbartonshire Council.
- 800 Update of Financial Strategy 2011/2018 800**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer seeking approval of the revised Financial Strategy.
- Decided:** that the latest revision of the Financial Strategy for 2011/2012 to 2018/2019 appended to the report including the reduction in the Capital Fund contribution to the Early Release Reserve outlined in paragraph 2.5 of the report be approved.

**801 Clyde Valley - Progress on Waste Treatment and Disposal Business Case****801**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (1) on the progress made by the Clyde Valley Working Group in the development of a business case for the formation of a new entity that will manage waste disposal and treatment on behalf of the participating authorities and (2) seeking further approval for the Council to continue to participate in the scheme to support the further work required to develop the detailed business case that will allow each participating authority to validate and compare costs against existing and future year budgets on a like for like basis.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Council note the delay in progress by the Clyde Valley Working Group in submitting a detailed business case and revised financial model;
- (2) that it be agreed to continue to participate in the further development of the Clyde Valley Business Case including the potential creation of a new entity for the treatment and disposal of waste, which will allow officers to evaluate the business case fully;
- (3) that the Council continue to participate in the preparation for the joint procurement process for residual waste, subject to a further report to the Council in February 2012; and
- (4) that it be noted a further report will be submitted to the Council on 23 February 2012 for further consideration when (a) officers have fully evaluated the updated business case including the financial model and (b) the necessary development work for establishing a new entity and joint procurement process is at a more advanced stage.

**802 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Dunlop Street, Greenock Waiting Restrictions (Amendment No. 1) Order 2011****802**

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

**Resolved** on the motion of Provost McCormick seconded by Councillor McCabe 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 amend the existing waiting restrictions at Dunlop Street, 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.

**803 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Chester Road, York Road, Greenock (No Waiting, No Loading At Any Time) Order 2011****803**

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

**Resolved** on the motion of Provost McCormick 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 No Waiting, No Loading at any time at Chester Road and York Road, 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

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of Legal & Democratic Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

**804 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 3 2011 804**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 3 2011.

**Resolved** on the motion of Provost McCormick 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 Section 32(1) and Part III of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to permit the provision of parking places for disabled persons who hold a badge under the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles)(Scotland) Regulations 2000 as amended all as detailed in a copy of the Order forming a supplement to the principal minute hereof and that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Democratic Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

**805 Treasury Management - Mid-Year Review Report 2011/12 - Remit from Policy & Resources Committee 805**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on a remit from the Policy & Resources Committee of 15 November 2011 on the Mid-Year Review Report on Treasury Management for 2011/12.

**Decided:** that the Council approve the Treasury Management Mid-Year Review Report 2011/12.

**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 7A of the Act.**

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**806 Human Resources Appeals Board - 24 & 25 October and 18 & 28 November 2011 806**

**Approved** on the motion of Councillor Brooks.

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**Planning Board**

**Wednesday 7 December 2011 at 3.45 pm**

**Present:** Councillors Brooks, Dorrian, Fyfe, Loughran, Moran, Nelson, Blair (for 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.**

**807 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 807**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Grieve, McCallum and Rebecchi with Councillor Blair substituting for Councillor Rebecchi.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

**808 PLANNING APPLICATION SUBMITTED FOR CONTINUED CONSIDERATION 808**

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

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration and Planning regarding an application by J & C Barbour and Sons for the erection of two 20 Kw wind turbines on 15 metre masts at Murdieston Farm, Old Largs Road, Greenock (11/0209/IC), consideration of which had been continued from the meeting on 2 November 2011 for a site visit.

The report recommended that planning permission be refused as the long views of the turbines from central Greenock, where the turbines are seen to break the skyline, their visual impact on the nearby Old Largs Road (designated as a core footpath route) and Whinhill Golf Course combined to create a dominant and excessively prominent feature within Inverclyde's countryside contrary to:-

- (a) Policy UT6 of the Inverclyde Local Plan (a) and (b);
- (b) the Council's interim policy on Wind Farms UT6A (c);
- (c) the Council's interim policy on Small Wind Turbine Development UT6B criterion (f); and
- (d) Policy LR6 of the Inverclyde Local Plan.

After discussion, Councillor Nelson moved that planning permission be granted in terms of Local Plan policy HR8. As an amendment, Councillor Fyfe moved that planning permission be refused for the reason detailed in the report. On a vote, 3 Members voted for the amendment and 5 for the motion which was declared carried.

**Decided:** that planning permission be granted in terms of Local Plan policy HR8.

## 809 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

**(a) Change of use of Agricultural Ground to Domestic Ground together with the Installation of Free Standing Domestic Solar Panels:  
West Kilbride Farm, Auchenbothie Road, Kilmacolm (11/0283/IC)**

**Decided:** that planning permission be granted subject to the condition that in the event that the equipment becomes obsolete or redundant, it must be removed and the site reinstated within 2 months, to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority to minimise the visual effect on the locality and to ensure reinstatement works are of a satisfactory standard.

**(b) Proposed Erection of Single Detached Dwellinghouse with Attached Carport and Dependant Person's Flat:  
Plot 2, Houston Road, Kilmacolm (11/0220/IC)**

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

- (1) that the dependant person's flat shall only be occupied in association with the house hereby approved, to prevent sub division of the plot and the use of the dependant person's flat as a separate dwelling to the detriment of the established density of development in the Conservation Area;
- (2) that no development shall commence until samples of all external materials have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority; development thereafter shall proceed utilising the approved materials, unless the Planning Authority gives its prior written approval to any alternatives, to ensure a choice of materials appropriate to this part of the Kilmacolm Conservation Area;
- (3) that no development shall commence until fully detailed landscaping proposals have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority; the approved scheme of landscaping shall, thereafter, be implemented in the first planting season following completion of the house hereby approved, and any specimens that in the subsequent 5 years die, become diseased or are damaged shall be replaced in the next planting season with a similar specimen unless the Planning Authority gives its prior written approval to any alternative, to ensure the provision of a quality landscape setting;
- (4) that all surface water run off shall be intercepted within the site. Details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority; the approved drainage shall be implemented prior to the house, hereby approved, being occupied and shall thereafter be maintained in perpetuity, to prevent surface water run off onto Houston Road to the potential detriment of road safety;
- (5) that a visibility splay of 2.4 x 43.0 x 1.05m high shall be achieved at the access onto Houston Road prior to the house, hereby approved, being occupied and shall thereafter be maintained in perpetuity, to ensure appropriate driver visibility when leaving the site, in the interests of road safety on Houston Road;
- (6) that a minimum length of 2.0m of the driveway adjoining the public road shall be surfaced in impervious material. Details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority; the approved surfacing shall be implemented prior to the house, hereby approved, being occupied and shall thereafter be maintained in perpetuity, in the interests of road safety on Houston Road;

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(7) that prior to the start of development, details of a survey for the presence of Japanese Knotweed shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority and that, for the avoidance of doubt, this shall contain a methodology and treatment statement where any is found. Development shall not proceed until treatment is completed as per the methodology and treatment statement. Any variation to the treatment methodologies will require subsequent approval by the Planning Authority prior to development starting on site, to help arrest the potential spread of Japanese Knotweed in the interests of environmental protection;

(8) that the development shall not commence until a risk assessment of all pollutant linkages, including any necessary remediation strategy with timescale for implementation, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The investigations and assessment shall be site-specific and completed in accordance with acceptable codes of practice. The remediation strategy shall include verification/validation methodologies. This may be incorporated as part of a ground condition report and should include an appraisal of options, to satisfactorily address potential contamination issues in the interests of environmental safety;

(9) that on completion of remediation and verification/validation works and prior to the site being occupied, the developer shall submit a Completion Report for approval in writing by the Planning Authority, confirming that the works have been carried out in accordance with the remediation strategy. This report shall demonstrate that no pollutant linkages remain or are likely to occur and include (but not be limited to) a collation of verification/validation certificates, analysis information, remediation lifespan, maintenance/aftercare information and details of imported/disposed/reused materials relevant to the site, to provide verification that remediation has been carried out to the Planning Authority's satisfaction;

(10) that the presence of any previously unrecorded contamination or variation to reported ground conditions that becomes evident during site works shall be brought to the attention of the Planning Authority within one week. Consequential amendments to the Remediation Strategy shall not be implemented unless they have been submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Planning Authority, to ensure that contamination issues are recorded and dealt with appropriately; and

(11) that no material shall be imported onto the site until written details of the source of the imported material have been submitted for approval, in writing, by the Planning Authority. The details, which shall be submitted no later than four weeks prior to the material being imported onto the site, shall include: the source of the imported material, any potential source(s) of contamination within 50 metres of the source of the material to be imported and verification analysis information. The material must not be imported on to the site until written approval has first been received from the Planning Authority. The material from the source agreed only shall be imported in strict accordance with these agreed details, to protect receptors from the harmful effects of imported contamination.

**(c) Formation of Salt Storage Dome:  
Pottery Street Depot, Pottery Street, Greenock (11/0269/IC)**

**Decided:** that planning permission be granted.

**(d) Upgrade of Existing Play Area and Creation of Community Hub:  
Sir Michael Street Play Area, Sir Michael Street, Greenock (11/0245/IC)**

**Decided:** that planning permission be granted subject to the condition that, prior to their use, details of the colour of the external render to be used on the walls and any staining/colour treatment of the seats and benches shall be submitted to and approved



in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the appropriateness of these treatments.

**(e) Formation of a Public Toilet:  
Lunderston Bay Car Park, Cloch Road, Gourock (11/0291/IC)**

The Head of Regeneration & Planning declared an interest in this matter as Client Officer and left the meeting.

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

- (1) that the temporary building hereby approved shall be removed at the expiry of a 5 year date from the date of its erection on site and any works required to reinstate the site shall be completed 3 months thereafter, due to the temporary nature of the building and to ensure the proper reinstatement of the site;
- (2) that prior to the start of development, details of a survey for the presence of Japanese Knotweed shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority and that, for the avoidance of doubt, this shall contain a methodology and treatment statement where any is found. Development shall not proceed until treatment is completed as per the methodology and treatment statement. Any variation to the treatment methodologies will require subsequent approval by the Planning Authority prior to development starting on site, to help arrest the spread of Japanese Knotweed in the interests of environmental protection; and
- (3) that no development shall commence until the colour of the temporary building, hereby approved, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority; development thereafter shall proceed utilising the approved colour, unless the Planning Authority gives its prior written approval to any alternative, to ensure a choice of colour sympathetic to the countryside location.

## GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 14 DECEMBER 2011

**General Purposes Board****Wednesday 14 December 2011 at 3.00 pm**

**Present:** Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Dorrian, Fyfe, Loughran (for McIlwee), MacLeod, McCallum, Moran, Rebecchi and White.

**Chair:** Councillor White presided.

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

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

**810 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 810**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Grieve and McIlwee with Councillor Loughran substituting for Councillor McIlwee.

Councillor MacLeod and Moran declared a non-financial interest in Item 8 (Application for General Hire Taxi Operator Licence: Cathal McGhee)

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

**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.**

**811 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Alexander Houston 811**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Houston following a representation by Inverclyde Council's Environmental Enforcement and Licensing Standards Officer and Strathclyde Police.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board that Mr Houston had contacted the Licensing Office prior to today's meeting. Mr Houston indicated that he had not received any documentation in connection with his licence. All correspondence was copied and handed to Mr Houston, in the circumstances he requested the Board to continue his application to a further meeting.

**Decided:** to continue the application to the January 2012 meeting of the Board.

**812 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: David Turner 812**

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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 Turner following a medical examination. Mr Turner was present. Mr Jarvie addressed the Board in terms of the report. The Board heard Mr Turner in support of his application.

**Decided:** that the application be refused.

**813 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Kris Jarrett 813**

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

**Decided:** that the application be refused.

**814 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Sajid Noor 814**

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

**Decided:** that the application be granted.

**815 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Gerald Doyle 815**

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

**Decided:** that the application be refused.

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

**816 Application for General Hire Taxi Operator Licence: Cathal McGhee 816**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for renewal of General Hire Taxi Operator Licence 75 following a Police representation. Mr McGhee was present with his representative Mr Lamb, Maitlands and Mr Brown was in attendance. The Board heard Inspector Thomson in support of the Police representation and Mr Lamb in support of the applicant.

**Decided:** that the application be granted.

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

**817 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Aaron McBryde 817**

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

**Decided:** that the application be granted.

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Inspector Thomson requested a Statement of Reasons in respect of the above item which was agreed.

**818 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Christopher Smith****818**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Smith following a Police representation. Mr Smith was present with his representative Mr Lamb, Maitlands. The Board heard Inspector Thomson in support of the Police representation and Mr Lamb in support of the applicant.

**Decided:** that the application be granted.

**819 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Neil Williams****819**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Williams following a Police objection. Mr Williams was present with his representative Mr Lamb, Maitlands. Mr Jarvie advised the Board that this application had been continued from the previous meeting to allow for CCTV evidence to be produced. The Board heard from Mr Lamb in respect of the CCTV footage being played and moved that this evidence should not be viewed as it had already been the subject of Judicial decision. The Board heard from Inspector Thomson. After discussion the Board agreed not to view the CCTV footage and continued the Hearing. The Board heard from Mr Lamb in support of the applicant and Inspector Thomson in support of the Police objection. Mr Lamb was allowed to respond.

**Decided:** that the application be refused.

## GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE – 15 DECEMBER 2011

Grants Sub-CommitteeThursday 15 December 2011 at 3 pm

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

**Chair:** Councillor Clocherty presided.

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

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

**820 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest****820**

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Councillors Blair and Clocherty declared an interest in agenda item 2 (Round 2 Applications 2011/12).

**821 Round 2 Applications 2011/12****821**

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

Councillor Blair declared a non financial interest in the applications relating to the Ardgowan Club and the Gourock Yacht Club as a member of both clubs. Councillor Clocherty declared a non-financial interest in the application relating to the Inverclyde Naval Club as a member of the club. 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 relative to these applications.

**Decided:**

(1) that grants be made to voluntary organisations as follows:-

Name of Organisation	Award
Rusty Boat Young People's Theatre Company	£500
Kilmacolm Camera Club	£500
Renfrew Speakers Club	nil
Greenock Philharmonic Society	£500
Trix School of Dance	Defer to next round
Brass Sounds Inverclyde	£1,250

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Absent Voices - Greenock Sugar Shed Artist In Residence	nil
Hillend Art Club	nil
Victoria Bowling Club	£2,000
Inverclyde Leisure Indoor Bowling Club	nil
Lady Alice Bowling Club	£2,000 *conditional*
Fort Matilda Bowling Club	£2,000
Rankin Park Bowling Club	nil
Gourock Bowling Club	nil
Hammy's Out Of School Care	nil
The Phoenix Community Health Project	nil
Inverclyde Homeless Forum	£1,000
Quarriers	nil
Enterprise Childcare	nil
Moving On Inverclyde Ltd	nil
Evergreen Home Support Service	£2,500
Ardgowan Hospice	nil
Upper Larkfield Community Hall	nil
Inverclyde Across To Lourdes Group	nil
Greenock Central Residents Action Group	£2,000
Branchton Community Centre Association	£1,300
Kincaid Court Community Association	£500
Port Glasgow Elderly and Disabled Resource Centre	nil
Broomhill Tenants and Residents Association	£2,000

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Park Farm Tenants & Residents	£2,000
Woodhall Community Association	£3,000 *conditional*
Prospecthill Community Focus	nil
Tru-Care Europe Ltd	nil
Overton Tenants & Residents Association	nil
Strone & Maukinhill Tenants Association	nil
The Ripe Bunch	£1,000
SAA	£1,000
Inverkip Community Enterprise	£1,000
Playstation Management Committee	nil
Financial Fitness Resource Team	nil
Bardrainey Tenants & Residents Association	£1,000
RIG Arts Ltd	nil
SMART Community Project	£2,000
Belville Community Association	£1,500
Slaemuir Tenants & Residents Association	£2,000
Greenock Torpedo Factory Club	£1,500
Monkton Place Residents Association	£500
Committee of Crawfordsburn Community Centre	£700
Weans World Parent/Carer Toddler Group	£500
Inverclyde Happy Tots	£2,000
Gourock Park Mother & Toddlers Group	£600
Gourock Park Pre-school & Pandalas Playgroup	nil

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Port Victoria Boxing Club	£2,000
Inverclyde Phoenix American Football Club	nil
Greenock & District Angling Club	£500
Inverclyde Community Tennis Initiative	nil
Waterfront Junior Curling Club	£500
Port Glasgow Otters	£1,000
Inverclyde Skatepark Group	£500
East End United	£500
Inverclyde Schools Athletics	£2,000
Scotsac/Clyde	nil
Greenock Golf Club	£500
Greenock Hockey Club	£500
Paisley District Schools Football Association	£500
Gibshill Amateur Football Club	£500
Ardgowan Tennis Club	nil
Inverclyde Amateur Swimming Club	nil
Royal Gourock Yacht Club	nil
Greenock Otters Swimming Club for the Disabled	£1,000
1st Gourock (CDO) 6th Greenock & District Scout Group	£1,000 *conditional*
Greenock and District Scout Council	£300
Inverclyde Peace Initiative	nil
Inverclyde Naval Club	£3,000 *conditional*
Jericho House	nil



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Port Glasgow Old Peoples Welfare Council	£3,000
Inverclyde Youth Theatre	nil
Inverclyde DOFE (Duke of Edinburgh Award) Support Group	£5,000
Inverclyde Youth for Christ	nil

(2) that the Royal Gourock Yacht Club be advised the £500 previously granted to the organisation be used towards the alteration and refurbishment of the male and female changing rooms (which is the subject of the unmet grant application for which funding had been sought in the current round of applications).

(3) that there is no requirement for Inverclyde Cat Rescue to repay a portion of the previous grant funding; and

(4) that any decision on the two organisations who have not yet submitted their 'End of Term' Return be continued to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

The Inverclyde CouncilThursday 15 December 2011 at 4 pm

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

**Chair:** Provost McCormick presided.

**In attendance:** Chief Executive, Corporate Director Community Health & Care Partnership, Corporate Director Education & Communities, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance, Legal Services Manager (Licensing, Litigation & Advice) and Corporate Communications Manager.

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**822 Apologies and Declarations of Interest**

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

**823 Operating Model Review**

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (1) on the issues associated with the delivery of the Operating Model project which formed part of the Council's Transformation Programme and was one of the Council's 24 savings workstreams which had specific savings targets attached and (2) making recommendations on the most appropriate way for the Council to progress the modernisation of the Council's work in these service areas, together with replacement appendix 2 to the report.

After discussion, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Clocherty moved that the Council:-

- (1) note the content of the report;
- (2) note the successful parts of the Operating Model are scheduled to deliver recurring savings of £1.257 million per annum;
- (3) note that despite the difficulties with the delivery of the Operating Model, the overall workstream savings target for the Council is expected to be delivered in full;
- (4) note the suspension of the development of the Operating Model project until the outcome of the Clyde Valley Shared Services Project is known and, in parallel, detailed and careful consideration of the findings of the Civica report can be undertaken in partnership with the Trades Unions via the Joint Budget Group during 2012/13; and
- (5) that the Chief Executive arrange for a review of the Council's current HR policies related to disciplinary and appeals processes and submit a report to the Policy & Resources Committee as soon as practicable for Members' consideration.

As an amendment, Councillor Nelson seconded by Councillor Blair moved that the Council:-

- (1) note with concern the content of the report;
- (2) note in particular the shortfall of £2.42m in the savings target of £3.83m;
- (3) instruct the Chief Executive to prepare a Supplementary Report dealing with outstanding issues including:
  - (a) failure of effective communication among officers involved in the Operating Model project and recommending steps to be taken to ensure no repetition of this;

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- (b) clear analysis of causes of failure to deliver Phase 2 of the Operating Model including the issue of whether or not it was deliverable in the planned timescale and give conclusive proof that had Phase 2 been allowed to continue it would not have delivered benefits to the Council;
- (c) the full effect of the voluntary severance scheme on Phase 2 of the Operating Model and how changing staff numbers through voluntary severance were factored into Phase 2 of the Operating Model as it progressed up to December 2010;
- (d) clarification of the value to the Council of the work done by Consultants involved in the project and also clear explanation as to the increased reliance the Council presently has on such Consultants. It should further clarify exactly what PWC were contracted to carry out for Phase 2 of the Operating Model and from a value for money perspective how much of this advice was acted upon; and
- (e) details of any investigations carried out prior to suspensions in January 2011 and total costs involved in the associated HR processes to date;
- (4) agree that the Supplementary Report be prepared and submitted within 8 weeks; and
- (5) agree that the Chief Executive arrange for a review of the Council's HR policies relating to disciplinary and appeals processes, this subject to there being no prejudice to the rights of Council employees arising from this.

On a vote, 7 Members voted for the amendment and 11 for the motion which was declared carried.

**Decided:** that the Council:-

- (1) note the content of the report;
- (2) note the successful parts of the Operating Model are scheduled to deliver recurring savings of £1.257 million per annum;
- (3) note that despite the difficulties with the delivery of the Operating Model, the overall workstream savings target for the Council is expected to be delivered in full;
- (4) note the suspension of the development of the Operating Model project until the outcome of the Clyde Valley Shared Services Project is known and, in parallel, detailed and careful consideration of the findings of the Civica report can be undertaken in partnership with the Trades Unions via the Joint Budget Group during 2012/13; and
- (5) that the Chief Executive arrange for a review of the Council's current HR policies related to disciplinary and appeals processes and submit a report to the Policy & Resources Committee as soon as practicable for Members' consideration.

**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 11 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.**

## 824 Report Relating to Review by Civica

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive providing an overview of the work carried out by Civica as a key component in the review of the Operating Model, their role being to provide an independent assessment of the ICT infrastructure, various applications owned by the Council and existing processes and to identify future possible efficiencies and the best use of the remaining Operating Model earmarked reserves, and the resultant findings.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the content of the report be noted;
- (2) that approval be given to the further development of the savings identified by

Civica via the Corporate Management Team and Joint Budget Group during 2012; and (3) that it be noted that further reports with detailed savings proposals will be brought before the appropriate service committees for Members' consideration and approval in advance of the 2013/15 budget process.

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**Planning Board**

**Wednesday 4 January 2012 at 3.00 pm**

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

**Chair:** Councillor Wilson presided.

**In attendance:** Head of Regeneration & Planning, Development & Building Standards Manager, Mr G Leitch and Mr M Higginbotham (Environmental & Commercial Services) and Mr G Malone (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.**

**1 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 1**

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

Councillor Wilson declared an interest in agenda item 2(f) (Use of Land as Farmers' Market: Land Adjacent to Community Centre, Lochwinnoch Road, Kilmacolm (11/0311/IC)).

**2 PLANNING APPLICATIONS 2**

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

**(a) Change of Use from School to Film/TV Set and Production Facilities: Greenock Academy, Madeira Street, Greenock (11/0318/IC)**

The Head of Regeneration & Planning declared an interest in this matter as Client Officer and left the meeting.

During the course of discussion, Members indicated that they wished the timescales for the circulation of representations received after the date of issue of the agenda to be reviewed post May 2012.

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

(1) that the use of the building, hereby approved, shall cease at the expiration of three years from the date on this planning permission, due to the temporary nature of the proposal and in order to allow the condition of the former school on the neighbouring Conservation Area to be assessed; and

(2) that there shall be no heavy goods vehicles entering or leaving the site outwith the hours of 7 am to 8.30 pm, in order to prevent disturbance to adjoining residential properties.

The Head of Regeneration & Planning returned to the meeting at this point.

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(b) **Conversion of Former Car Showroom to form 2 Retail Units:  
Car Showroom, 21 Eldon Street, Greenock (11/0293/IC)**

It was noted that, at the applicant's request, this item had been withdrawn.

(c) **Proposed Erection of Sprinkler System Storage Tank with associated Switch Room:  
St Lawrence's Primary, Ingleston Street, Greenock (11/0301/IC)**

**Decided:** that planning permission be granted subject to the condition that no permission is granted for a dark brown facing brick finish to the sprinkler enclosure hereby permitted. Prior to the commencement of works on site, samples of an appropriate alternative finishing material to be used on the enclosure must be submitted to and approved in writing 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 sprinkler enclosure is visually acceptable with reference to the refurbished school building.

(d) **Formation of Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) and Children's Play Area:  
Dubbs Road, Port Glasgow (11/0310/IC)**

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

(1) that prior to the start of development, details of a survey for the presence of Japanese Knotweed shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority and that, for the avoidance of doubt, this shall contain a methodology and treatment statement where any is found. Development shall not proceed until treatment is completed as per the methodology and treatment statement. Any variation to the treatment methodologies will require subsequent approval by the Planning Authority prior to development starting on site, to help arrest the potential spread of Japanese Knotweed in the interests of environmental protection;

(2) that the presence of any previously unrecorded contamination that becomes evident during site works shall be brought to the attention of the Planning Authority within one week. Consequential remediation shall not be implemented unless a strategy has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that all contamination issues are recorded and dealt with appropriately;

(3) that no fill or landscaping material shall be imported onto the site until written details of the source and intended reuse of the imported materials have been submitted for approval in writing by the Planning Authority. The report shall characterise the chemical quality (including soil-leachate and organic content etc), volume and source of the imported materials with corresponding cross-sections and plans indicating spatial distribution and depth/thickness of material placement within the development site. The material from the source agreed only shall be imported in strict accordance with these agreed details, to protect receptors from the harmful effects of imported contamination;

(4) that all external lighting on the application site should comply with the Scottish Government Guidance Note "Controlling Light Pollution and Reducing Lighting Energy Consumption", to protect the amenity of the immediate area, the creation of nuisance due to light pollution and to support the reduction of energy consumption; and

(5) that use of the floodlights shall only take place between the hours of 8 am and 10 pm, to protect the amenities of occupiers of premises from unreasonable noise

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and vibration levels.

- (e) **Installation of Replacement Flat Roof:  
Kilmacolm Primary, Churchill Road, Kilmacolm (11/0314/IC)**

**Decided:** that planning permission be granted.

- (f) **Use of Land as Farmers' Market:  
Land Adjacent to Community Centre, Lochwinnoch Road, Kilmacolm  
(11/0311/IC)**

The report recommended that planning permission be granted subject to the condition that permission be granted for a temporary period only and shall expire on 4 January 2013, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 and to enable the Planning Authority to assess the impact on general amenity of the development.

Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a Director of the Cargill Trust, vacated the Chair and left the Chamber. Councillor Brooks assumed the Chair for this item of business.

After discussion, Councillor McCallum moved that planning permission be granted subject to the condition detailed in the report. As an amendment, Councillor Fyfe moved that planning permission be granted subject to the condition that permission be granted for a temporary period only and shall expire on 1 December 2012, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 and to enable the Planning Authority to assess the impact on general amenity of the development. On a vote, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 4 for the motion which was declared carried.

**Decided:** that planning permission be granted subject to the condition that the permission hereby granted is for a temporary period only and shall expire on 4 January 2013, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 and to enable the Planning Authority to assess the impact on general amenity of the development.

Councillor Wilson returned to the meeting at this point.

**3 PLANNING APPEAL - 32-36 KEMPOCK STREET, GOUROCK**

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning advising that following the decision of the Board at the meeting held on 7 September 2011 to refuse planning permission for the erection of a four storey building comprising a retail unit at ground floor level, associated storage area at lower ground floor level and office accommodation at first and second floor level at 32-36 Kempock Street, Gourrock (11/0122/IC), an appeal against the refusal of planning permission had been made to the Scottish Government.

**Noted**

**4 PLANNING APPEAL - BARR'S BRAE, PORT GLASGOW**

**4**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning advising that following the decision of the Board at the meeting held on 5 October 2011 to refuse planning permission for residential development in principle, including the

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formation of a new access road, at Barr's Brae, Port Glasgow (11/0169/IC), an appeal against the refusal of planning permission had been made to the Scottish Government.

**Noted**

**5 PLANNING APPEAL - PRIESTSIDE FARM, AUCHENTIBER ROAD, KILMACOLM 5**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning advising that following the decision of the Board at the meeting held on 7 September 2011 to refuse planning permission for the installation of a temporary 50m anemometer mast at Priestside Farm, Auchentiber Road, Kilmacolm (10/0371/IC), an appeal against the refusal of planning permission had been made to the Scottish Government.

**Noted**

**6 PLANNING APPEAL - HIGH MATHERNOCK FARM, AUCHENTIBER ROAD, KILMACOLM 6**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning advising that following the decision of the Board at the meeting held on 7 September 2011 to refuse planning permission for the erection of a wind turbine at High Mathernock Farm, Auchentiber Road, Kilmacolm (10/0340/IC), an appeal against the refusal of planning permission had been made to the Scottish Government.

**Noted**

**7 PLANNING APPEAL - UPPER FLAT, 39 TOWER DRIVE, GOUROCK 7**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning advising that following the refusal of listed building consent for the installation of a new front door, external lighting and a satellite dish (all in retrospect) at the upper flat, 39 Tower Drive, Gourrock (11/0005/LB) and the subsequent appeal by the applicant to the Scottish Government against that refusal, the Reporter appointed by the Scottish Government had issued his decision which was to uphold the appeal and grant planning permission.

**Noted**

**8 PLANNING APPEAL - 18 CAMPBELL STREET, GREENOCK 8**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning advising that following the decision of the Board at the meeting held on 1 June 2011 to refuse planning permission for the change of use of the attic area into two self-contained flatted dwellings at 18 Campbell Street, Greenock (11/0050/IC) and the subsequent appeal by the applicant to the Scottish Government against that refusal, the Reporter appointed by the Scottish Government had issued his decision which was to uphold the appeal and grant planning permission.

**Noted**



**AUDIT COMMITTEE - TUESDAY 10 JANUARY 2012**

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**Audit Committee**

**Tuesday 10 January 2012 at 3 pm**

**Present:** Provost McCormick, Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair, Brooks, Moran (for Dorrian), 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 Ms J Buchanan (for Chief Financial Officer).

**Present Also:** Mr G Devlin (Grant-Thornton).

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

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| <b>9</b>  | <b>Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest</b>   | <b>9</b>  |
|           | Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Dorrian and MacLeod, with Councillor Moran substituting for Councillor Dorrian.  |           |
|           | Councillor Ahlfeld declared an interest in agenda item 3 (External Audit Action Plans - Current Actions).  |           |
| <b>10</b> | <b>Risk Management Progress Report</b>   | <b>10</b> |
|           | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on the progress made on Risk Management since the meeting of the Committee on 24 October 2011.   |           |
|           | <b>Noted</b>   |           |
| <b>11</b> | <b>External Audit Action Plans - Current Actions</b>   | <b>11</b> |
|           | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising Members of the outstanding actions from External Audit Action Plans at 31 October 2011.   |           |
|           | Councillor Ahlfeld declared a non financial interest in this item as a member of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision making process. |           |
|           | <b>Decided:</b>  |           |
|           | (1) that a report detailing the arrangement agreed between Inverclyde Council and Inverclyde Leisure for the transfer and operation of Community Facilities be submitted to a future meeting of the Regeneration Committee; and  |           |
|           | (2) that the matters raised in the report be noted.  |           |
| <b>12</b> | <b>Internal Audit Progress Report - 26 September to 2 December 2011</b>  | <b>12</b> |
|           | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment  |           |

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presenting to Members the monitoring report of Internal Audit activity from 26 September to 2 December 2011.

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

## GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 11 JANUARY 2012

General Purposes BoardWednesday 11 January 2012 at 3.00 pm

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

**Chair:** Councillor White presided.

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

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

**13 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 13**

No apologies or substitutions were intimated.

Councillor Rebecchi declared an interest in Agenda Item 4 (Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Elizabeth Ferguson) by way of familiarity to the applicant.

Councillor Moran declared an interest in Agenda Item 7 (Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Mark Brown) by way of familiarity to the applicant.

**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.**

**14 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Alexander Houston 14**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Houston following a representation by Inverclyde Council's Environmental Enforcement and Licensing Standards Officer and Strathclyde Police. Mr Houston was present.

The Board heard Mr Houston in support of his application and Sergeant MacDonald in support of the Police representation.

**Decided:** that the application be granted with warning.

**15 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: John McLay 15**

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

**Decided:** that the application be refused.

Councillor Rebecchi declared a non-financial interest in the next item by way of

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familiarity to the applicant which precluded his continued presence in the Chamber and his participation in the decision making process. He then left the meeting.

**16 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Elizabeth Ferguson 16**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on an application for renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence by Miss Ferguson following a Police representation. Miss Ferguson was present.

The Board heard Sergeant MacDonald in support of the Police representation and Miss Ferguson in support of her application.

**Decided:** that the application be granted with warning.

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

**17 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Talha Bhatti 17**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Bhatti following intimation from Strathclyde Police that Mr Bhatti had failed to make himself available for interview. Mr Bhatti was not present or represented.

**Decided:** that the application be refused.

**18 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Joseph Cunningham 18**

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

**Decided:** that the application be refused.

Councillor Moran declared a non-financial interest in the next item by way of familiarity to the applicant which precluded his continued presence in the Chamber and his participation in the decision making process. He then left the meeting.

**19 Application for Renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence: Mark Brown 19**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Brown following a Police representation. Mr Brown was present with his representative Mr Lamb, Maitlands.

The Board heard Sergeant MacDonald in support of the Police representation and Mr Lamb in support of the applicant.

**Decided:** that the application be granted with warning.

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

**20 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Frank Shields 20**

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

**Decided:** that the application be refused.

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- 21 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: John Paul Diffin 21**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Diffin following a Police representation. Mr Diffin was not present or represented.
- Decided:** that the application be refused.
- 22 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Gordon McDaid 22**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr McDaid following a Police objection. Mr McDaid was present.
- The Board heard Sergeant MacDonald in support of the Police objection and Mr McDaid in support of his application.
- After discussion the Board requested further information be received from relevant authorities before determining the application.
- The Board enquired of Mr McDaid if he is willing for further information to be requested from outside agencies/authorities in respect of his application. Mr McDaid agreed and signed a Mandate in this regard.
- (Note: Councillor Grieve left the meeting before decision being considered)
- Decided:** (i) remit to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to write to the relevant authorities requesting further information; and  
(ii) continue consideration of the application to the next meeting of the Board.

Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership Sub-CommitteeThursday 12 January 2012 at 3.00 pm

**Present:** Councillors G Dorrian, T Fyfe, J MacLeod, S McCabe and J McIlwee (Inverclyde Council); Dr M Kapasi and Mr K Winter, Non-Executive Directors, NHS Greater and Clyde Health Board; Mrs N McFadden, Public Partnership Forum; and Mr R Murphy, Corporate Director, Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership.

**Chair:** Councillor McIlwee presided.

**In attendance:** Head of Community Care and Strategy, Head of Children & Families and Criminal Justice, Head of Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness Services, Ms L Bairden (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal and Democratic Services), Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications and Public Affairs) and Project Manager - Your Voice, Inverclyde Community Care Forum.

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

**23 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 23**

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Ms D McCrone, Staff Partnership Forum.

It was noted that there was currently a vacancy in the Professional Executive Group representation following Dr Bidwell's retirement in December 2011.

Councillor McIlwee declared an interest in agenda item 13 (Outcome of a Collaborative Tender for the Provision of Supported Living Services).

**24 Prescribing 24**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership providing (1) background information on the historic and current situation regarding prescribing within Inverclyde CHCP, (2) information on the prescribing budget-setting process and prescribing management strategy and (3) an update on the current position, cost pressures and ongoing work in relation to the prescribing of medicines within the CHCP.

Ms Margaret Maskrey, Lead Clinical Pharmacist, was present, spoke to the report and answered questions from Members.

**Decided:** that the Sub-Committee note the report which sets out the current situation regarding prescribing issues within Inverclyde CHCP, with particular reference to (a) the prescribing budget, (b) prescribing management strategy, (c) rational prescribing indicators and GMS Med 10 and GMS QP indicators and (d) ongoing work.

**25 Community Health and Care Partnership - Financial Report 2011/12 as at Period 7 to 31 October 2011 25**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership on the 2011/12 Revenue and Capital Budget position as at period 7 to 31 October 2011.

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

**Decided:**

- (1) that the current projected revenue budget overspend of £330,000 for 2011/12 as at 31 October 2011 be noted;
- (2) that the ongoing prescribing cost pressure and the opportunities which are being explored to address this pressure be noted;
- (3) that in respect of the capital budget, the Sub-Committee note (a) the Social Work capital underspend of £85,000 (3% of the total project cost), (b) Social Work slippage of £440,000 (33% of the 2011/12 planned project budget) as at 31 October 2011 and (c) that the Health capital position is projected to be on budget; and
- (4) that the Social Work budget virements totalling £202,345 detailed in appendix 7 to the report be approved.

**26 Care Service Inspection Report: Throughcare and Aftercare Team - Housing Support Service 26**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership on the outcome of the Care Service inspection of the Housing Support Service provided by the Council's throughcare and aftercare team to young people who were previously looked after. The report advised that the service had maintained the previous quality gradings of 5 (very good) awarded in March 2009 across the two main quality themes (Quality of Care and Support and Quality of Environment).

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the publication of the inspection report; and
- (2) that the Sub-Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all relevant staff for the very good work undertaken to achieve the inspection gradings.

**27 Care Service Inspection Report - Inverclyde Council Care and Support at Home Service 27**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership on the outcome of the recent Care Service inspection of care and support at home services in Inverclyde. The report advised that both elements of the inspection (Quality of Care and Support and Quality of Staffing) had been graded as 5 (very good).

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

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the publication of the inspection report, continue to support the implementation of the review and acknowledge the improvement to the service; and
- (2) that the Sub-Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all relevant staff for the results achieved.

**28 CHCP Major Achievements 2010 - 2011 28**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership outlining the significant achievements made by the Community Health and Care Partnership since its formal establishment on 1 October 2010.

**Decided:** that the Sub-Committee acknowledge the major achievements and considerable progress made by services across the Community Health and Care

Partnership since 1 October 2010.

**29 Welfare Reform: Implications for Inverclyde Services and the Funding of the Statutory Homelessness Service 29**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership outlining (1) the proposals contained in the Welfare Reform Bill and (2) the potential consequences for the residents of Inverclyde and for the delivery of Council and public services, particularly the statutory homelessness service.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the current progress of the Welfare Reform Bill through the UK Parliament and that the Financial Inclusion Partnership is taking forward the broader implications for welfare reform for Inverclyde;
- (2) that the Sub-Committee note the potential implications of the proposed reforms within Inverclyde and for the delivery of Inverclyde Council and other public services;
- (3) that the highly significant impact that changes to housing benefit rules will have on the funding of the Council's statutory homelessness service be noted;
- (4) that the Sub-Committee recognise the impact that welfare reform will have on budgetary and service provision which will require a co-ordinated and partnership approach to prepare for the impact of these changes;
- (5) that further consultation take place with relevant sections of the Council and community planning partners to undertake a full local impact assessment of the proposed changes;
- (6) that support be given to the establishment of a short-term working group bringing together agencies across Inverclyde to work in partnership to develop proposals to support Inverclyde residents to deal with the impacts of welfare reform;
- (7) that support be given to the development of a number of workstreams to target the effective use of existing services and commissioning to develop responses;
- (8) that options be explored in partnership with local Registered Social Landlords in order to seek joint solutions to providing housing options and homelessness prevention activities which continue to provide a high standard of service delivery whilst mitigating the damaging impact of the funding gap created by changes to housing benefit;
- (9) that reports be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee with recommendations for future appropriate action; and
- (10) that it be remitted to the Chair to determine whether he considers it appropriate to forward, on behalf of the Sub-Committee, a summary of the report's contents to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, for his information.

**30 Scottish Government Blue Badge Reform 30**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership advising of reforms made by the Scottish Government to the Blue Badge Scheme which came into force on 1 January 2012 and which will ensure that there is consistency in the operation of the scheme across England, Scotland and Wales.

**Decided:** that the Sub-Committee note the changes to the Blue Badge scheme and the ongoing planning for implementation of the scheme.

**31 Inverclyde Parenting Strategy 31**



There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership (1) on progress made in the development of a parenting strategy for Inverclyde and (2) seeking approval of activity in this area between October 2011 and March 2012 and for staff members from the Council and the CHCP to be facilitated to participate in the strategy.

(Mrs McFadden left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Sub-Committee approve the workstream on parenting for the period October 2011 to March 2012 as detailed in the appendix to the report; and
- (2) that approval be given to the arrangements to offer parenting seminars for Inverclyde Council and CHCP staff within working hours.

**32 Cashback to Communities Fund**

**32**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership advising the Sub-Committee of the successful bid made by Inverclyde Criminal Justice Social Work Services, in partnership with the Greenock and District Scout Council, to the Cashback to Communities Scheme of the Scottish Government Justice Division to finance projects aimed at improving local sports facilities using offenders on Community Payback Orders with an unpaid work element to carry out the necessary work. The report advised that the award, which was in excess of £80,000, would be used to carry out extensive works at Everton Scout Camp Inverkip.

(Mrs McFadden returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

**Decided:** that the Sub-Committee note the award of funding and support the project implementation.

**33 Barnardo's Big Lottery Fund**

**33**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership advising that Barnardo's, in partnership with the CHCP, had submitted a bid to the Improving Futures Fund of the Big Lottery to support the development of family support services on an early intervention model.

The Head of Children & Families and Criminal Justice advised the Sub-Committee that since the writing of the report, confirmation had been received that the bid had been successful and that funding would be granted for a three year period.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the successful bid made by Barnardo's, in partnership with the CHCP, to the Big Lottery Fund and support the project development plan; and
- (2) that the Sub-Committee's appreciation be extended to all relevant staff for the work undertaken to achieve the successful bid.

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

**34 Care Home Services for Inverclyde**

**34**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership (1) advising of the current position of the joint tender process for

the provision of care home 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 Sub-Committee in relation to the outcome of that process.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Sub-Committee note the current stage of the tendering process which was agreed by the Policy and Resources Committee of the Council and the Quality and Performance Committee of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board on 15 November 2011;

(2) that authority be granted to officers from the Community Health and Care Partnership and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board to engage with the preferred bidder in the period of engagement, prior to conclusion of any contract; and

(3) that a detailed report be submitted to the Sub-Committee at the conclusion of the 12 week engagement period.

**35 Outcome of a Collaborative Tender for the Provision of Supported Living Services**

**35**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership on the outcome of the collaborative tender with Renfrewshire Council for the provision of supported living services.

Councillor McIlwee declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a Director of one of the tendering organisations, vacated the Chair and left the Chamber. Dr Kapasi assumed the Chair for this item of business.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Sub-Committee note the outcome of the collaborative tender with Renfrewshire Council for the provision of supported living services; and

(2) that authority be granted to accept tenders on the basis of the submissions set out in the appendix to the report.

**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.**

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| <b>36</b> | <b>Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest</b>  | <b>36</b> |
|           | Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors MacLeod and White.  |           |
|           | No declarations of interest were intimated.   |           |
| <b>37</b> | <b>Safe, Sustainable Communities 2011/12 Revenue Budget - Period 7 to 31 October 2011</b>   | <b>37</b> |
|           | 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.   |           |
|           | <b>Noted</b>  |           |
| <b>38</b> | <b>Safe, Sustainable Communities Capital Programme 2011/14 - Progress</b>   | <b>38</b> |
|           | 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.<br>(Councillor Rebecchi entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).   |           |
|           | <b>Noted</b>  |           |
| <b>39</b> | <b>Regeneration &amp; Environment Directorate Performance Report</b>  | <b>39</b> |
|           | 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. |           |
|           | <b>Decided:</b>   |           |
|           | (1) that the performance information contained within the report be noted; and  |           |
|           | (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 40**
- 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 41**
- 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.
- 43 Waste Strategy Update 43**

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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.

- 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.

**REGENERATION COMMITTEE - 19 JANUARY 2012**

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**Regeneration Committee**

**Thursday 19 January 2012 at 3 pm**

**Present:** Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair, Clocherty, Loughran, McCallum, McCabe, Dorrian (for McKenzie), MacLeod and Nelson.

**Chair:** Councillor Ahlfeld presided.

**In attendance:** Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Corporate Director Education & Communities, Ms M McCabe (for Chief Financial Officer), Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management, Head of Regeneration & Planning, Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, 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.**

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

**57**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors McKenzie, Osborne and White with Councillor Dorrian substituting for Councillor McKenzie.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:-

Agenda Item 2 (Regeneration Revenue Budget 2011/12 - Period 7) - Councillor Clocherty.

Agenda Item 6 (Regeneration Fund Programme 2011-2012 - Funding Update) - Councillor MacLeod.

Agenda Item 7 (The Tall Ships Event, Greenock, July 2011 - Economic Impact Assessment) - Councillor Clocherty.

Agenda Item 10 (Strategic Leisure Sites: Review of Rankin Park Covered Football Provision) - Councillors Ahlfeld, Dorrian and MacLeod.

**58 Regeneration Revenue Budget 2011/12 - Period 7**

**58**

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 7 (31 October 2011) which showed a projected underspend of £137,000.

Councillor Clocherty declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a member of the Board of Riverside Inverclyde. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision making process.

**Decided:**

(1) that the current projected underspend of £137,000 for 2011/12, as at 31 October 2011, be noted;

(2) that the Committee note that although an underspend of £137,000 is projected, Building Services is reporting an overspend of £151,000, resulting in a net Committee overspend of £14,000; and

(3) that approval be given to the revised Riverside Inverclyde spend profile and the revised allocation across the project areas as summarised in paragraph 9.3 of the report



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and as detailed in appendix 4.

- 59 Building Services Trading Account Revenue Budget 2011/12 - Period 7 59**
- 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 7 (31 October 2011) which showed an overspend of £151,000.  
**Noted**
- 60 Capital Programme 2011/12 to 2013/14 - Progress 60**
- 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**
- 61 Regeneration & Environment Directorate Performance Report 61**
- 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 which report to the Regeneration Committee 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:** that the Committee endorse the performance information contained in the report and note that further reports on performance will be submitted to future meetings of the Committee.
- 62 Regeneration Fund Programme 2011-2012 - Funding Update 62**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) updating the Committee on the delivery of the contracts funded through the Regeneration Fund Programme 2011-2012 and (2) where considered appropriate, seeking authority to extend existing contracts for a further year. There was circulated revised appendix 2 providing updated information.  
 Councillor MacLeod declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Director of Inverclyde Council on Disability. He also formed a 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 extend existing contracts by one year at a level which will not exceed existing contract values and subject to ongoing contract compliance;  
 (2) that it be noted that, as previously agreed, the £112,646 currently unallocated will be offered as a saving for Inverclyde Council and offset against the savings required through the Commissioning Workstream; and  
 (3) that delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to accept the European funds identified in paragraph 4.2 of the report on behalf of the Council.

- 63 The Tall Ships Event, Greenock, July 2011 - Economic Impact Assessment 63**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment providing an overview of the findings of an independent economic impact assessment of the Tall Ships event in Inverclyde in July 2011 carried out by EKOS Limited, a copy of which was appended to the report.
- Councillor Clocherty declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a member of the Board of Sail Inverclyde Limited. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision making process.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the content of the economic impact assessment; and
  - (2) that the positive impacts of the Tall Ships event for both Inverclyde and for the wider Scottish economy be noted.
- 64 Cathcart Square Trial Closure and Future Pedestrianisation 64**
- It was noted that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda.
- 65 Support and Guidance for Community Councils 65**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) updating the Committee on the range of support and guidance being developed for Community Councils and (2) seeking approval for proposed guidance on the use of the Council's grant to Community Councils.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the range of support and guidance being developed for Community Councils; and
  - (2) that approval be given to the proposed guidance on the use of the Council's grant to Community Councils as detailed in annexe 1 to the report.
- 66 Strategic Leisure Sites: Review of Rankin Park Covered Football Provision 66**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising of the review of the proposed covered football provision at Rankin Park by Inverclyde Leisure which concluded that it is difficult to determine whether there is sufficient demand at this stage.
- Councillors Ahlfeld, Dorrian and MacLeod declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure. They also formed the view that the nature of their interest and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision making process.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the report and that a further report will be brought back for Members' consideration in due course; and
  - (2) that approval be given to the development of the grass pitch and necessary related changing accommodation at Rankin Park.
- 67 Asset Management Plan - Update on Progress 67**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on the current status of the Asset Management Plan in respect of office and depot

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rationalisation.

After discussion, Councillor Ahlfeld moved:-

- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the report;
- (2) that the Committee note the proposal for the Central Library Offices to be utilised by the Community Health and Care Partnership, grant approval for the project to proceed to tender and grant delegated authority to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the lowest acceptable tender provided it is within the project budget of £3.6m;
- (3) that approval be given to the proposal to incorporate accommodation for the Building Services Unit in the Pottery Street Depot and for the project to proceed to tender in three phases as detailed in paragraph 5.2 of the report and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the lowest acceptable tender for each phase provided they are within the project budget; and
- (4) that it be noted the Pottery Street development now utilises the whole of the East Hamilton Street Depot and that approval be given to the removal of the anticipated receipt from the project budget and the transfer of the budget for the refurbishment of the Devol Depot to the Pottery Street Depot, giving a revised budget of £12.8m.

As an amendment to (2), Councillor Blair moved that the Committee note the proposal for the Central Library Offices to be utilised by the Community Health and Care Partnership and that prior to tendering there be submitted to the Committee (a) a report detailing the likely car parking impact of the proposals, (b) a report from the Community Health and Care Partnership Sub-Group on their facilities and (c) an indicative report on the long-term location of principal Council Offices.

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

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the report;
- (2) that the Committee note the proposal for the Central Library Offices to be utilised by the Community Health and Care Partnership, grant approval for the project to proceed to tender and grant delegated authority to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the lowest acceptable tender provided it is within the project budget of £3.6m;
- (3) that approval be given to the proposal to incorporate accommodation for the Building Services Unit in the Pottery Street Depot and for the project to proceed to tender in three phases as detailed in paragraph 5.2 of the report and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the lowest acceptable tender for each phase provided they are within the project budget; and
- (4) that it be noted the Pottery Street development now utilises the whole of the East Hamilton Street Depot and that approval be given to the removal of the anticipated receipt from the project budget and the transfer of the budget for the refurbishment of the Devol Depot to the Pottery Street Depot, giving a revised budget of £12.8m.

**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.**

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<b>Community Facility Projects - Gibshill, Inverkip and Clune Park</b>	6	
<b>Lease of Premises - Church Street, Port Glasgow</b>	2, 6 and 9	
<b>Property Assets Management Report</b>	2, 6 and 9	
<b>68 Community Facility Projects - Gibshill, Inverkip and Clune Park</b>		<b>68</b>
<p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Environment updating the Committee on and seeking agreement to a number of issues relating to the community facility projects at Gibshill, Inverkip and Clune Park and the Committee agreed:-</p> <p>(1) that, with regard to Gibshill Community Centre, to accept the principle of collocating the new Community Centre alongside the Gibshill Children's Centre and approve the funding, development and leasing/management arrangements as outlined in paragraph 5.1 of the report subject to the submission and assessment of a revised Business Plan clarifying the estimated net running costs of the proposed facility;</p> <p>(2) that, with regard to Inverkip Community Centre, the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Environment be authorised to continue to negotiate with the relevant parties, submit a report on Inverkip Sports Pitch and appoint the design team consultants outlined in paragraph 5.2 of the report; and</p> <p>(3) that, with regard to Clune Park School, an award of £15,000 be allocated from the Area Renewal Fund to Inverclyde Community Development to undertake a detailed feasibility of Clune Park Primary School and that a further report clarifying capital and revenue implications be submitted to the Committee for consideration in due course, all as detailed in the appendix.</p>		
<b>69 Lease of Premises - Church Street, Port Glasgow</b>		<b>69</b>
<p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Environment seeking approval to grant a lease of premises in Church Street, Port Glasgow and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.</p>		
<b>70 Property Assets Management Report</b>		<b>70</b>
<p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration &amp; Environment on activities and proposals for the management of the Council's property assets. Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended in respect of premises at King Street, Port Glasgow, the former Kilmacolm Institute, ground to the rear of the Strone Maukinhill Tenants' Hall, ground at Sir Michael Street, Greenock and the lease of the Waterfront Cinema, all as detailed in the appendix.</p>		

## EDUCATION & LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE - 24 JANUARY 2012

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### Education & Lifelong Learning Committee

Tuesday 24 January 2012 at 4 pm

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

**Chair:** Councillor Loughran presided.

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

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

#### 71 **Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest** 71

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor McKenzie, with Councillor Moran substituting, Councillor Osborne, with Councillor MacLeod substituting, Rev A MacLean and Rev C McGranaghan, Church Representatives and Mr R Thomson, Parent Representative.

#### 72 **Education Scotland Report on St Francis' Primary School** 72

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the results of the Education Scotland external evaluation of St Francis' Primary School. The report advised that of the indicators of quality, two had been evaluated as 'very good' and three as 'good'.

Ms Anne Marie Mullan, Head Teacher, was present and addressed the Committee relative to the external evaluation report.

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

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee endorse the comments made following the Education Scotland external evaluation of St Francis' Primary School; and
- (2) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all staff and pupils for the work undertaken to achieve the evaluation.

#### 73 **Education Scotland Report on Newark Nursery School** 73

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the results of the external evaluation of Newark Nursery School. The report advised that of the indicators of quality, two had been evaluated as 'very good' and three as 'good'.

Ms Hazel Mitchell, Head Teacher, was present and addressed the Committee relative to the evaluation report.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee endorse the comments made following the Education Scotland external evaluation of Newark Nursery School; and

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(2) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all staff and pupils for the work undertaken to achieve the evaluation.

### 74 Education & Lifelong Learning 2011/12 Revenue Budget - Period 7 74

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 7 (31 October 2011) which currently projected an underspend of £87,000. (Councillor McCabe left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

**Decided:**

- (1) that the current projected underspend of £87,000 for 2011/12 as at period 7 be noted; and
- (2) that approval be given to the virement of £40,000 detailed in appendix 4 to the report.

### 75 Capital Programme 2011-15/16 - Progress 75

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

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the progress of the specific projects detailed in appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) that approval be given to the additional expenditure on the Binnie Street Children's Centre and St Andrew's Primary School (Refurbishment of Earnhill Primary School) projects detailed in appendices 2 and 3 of the report; and
- (3) that approval be given to utilise the overall Capital Programme contingency allowance to address the over-expenditure in respect of (2) above.

### 76 Education & Communities Directorate Performance Report 76

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the progress made by the Education & Communities Directorate in achieving its objectives relating to the work and remit of the Education & Lifelong Learning Committee as set out in the Directorate Plan for 2011/12.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the progress made in the areas of the Directorate's work which relate to the remit of the Education & Lifelong Learning Committee; and
- (2) that it be noted that not all elements of the objectives identified within the Directorate Plan have been updated in the report.

### 77 The Naming of the New School Amalgamating Lilybank and Glenburn Schools 77

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities requesting the Committee to agree the name Craigmarloch School for the new school amalgamating Lilybank and Glenburn Schools.

**Decided:** that Craigmarloch School be the name of the new school amalgamating Lilybank and Glenburn Schools.

### 78 Update on Progress with the Implementation of Curriculum for Excellence 78

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities providing information on the progress being made with the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence.

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

### 79 **Roll Projections** 79

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) describing the process and procedures used by Inverclyde Council for projecting school rolls and (2) showing projections for all schools from 2012 to 2022.

**Decided:** that the Committee note the procedures followed in projecting future school rolls, roll projections for 2012 to 2022 and capacities and occupancy rates.

### 80 **School Leaver Destination Results 2010-11** 80

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities providing information relating to the annual release on 7 December 2011 of school leaver destination results.

Ms C McQuarrie and Ms M Flynn of Skills Development Scotland were present for this item and answered questions from Members.

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

**Noted**

Councillor Wilson left the meeting at this juncture.

### 81 **Permission to Seek Tenders for the Provision of School Transport** 81

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities seeking approval to procure transport services with a value greater than £250,000.

**Decided:** that authority be granted to the Corporate Director Education & Communities to seek tenders for (a) transport services for pupils with additional support needs and/or medical conditions for school sessions 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15; (b) transport services for consortium, vocational and miscellaneous purposes for school sessions 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15; and (c) transport services for mainstream pupils for up to 4 years in line with the rolling programme of contracts.

### 82 **Royal Diamond Jubilee - 5 June 2012** 82

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities advising the Committee of the arrangements to be put in place for educational establishments as a result of the Policy & Resources Committee decision on 15 November 2011 to grant an additional one-off holiday to recognise the Royal Diamond Jubilee. It was noted that this would involve the in-service day being moved to Wednesday 6 June 2012 with pupils returning to school on Thursday 7 June.

**Decided:** that the Committee note the arrangements being put in place for educational establishments as a result of the Royal Diamond Jubilee holiday on 5 June 2012.

### 83 **Binnie Street Children's Centre Project: Rot Repairs - Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive** 83

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

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advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to accept the lowest quotation received for rot repair works to the Binnie Street Children's Centre.

**Noted**



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**Planning Board**

**Wednesday 1 February 2012 at 3.00 pm**

**Present:** Councillors Brooks, Dorrian, Fyfe, Grieve, Loughran, McCallum, Moran, Nelson, Blair (for Rebecchi), White and Wilson.

**Chair:** Councillor Wilson presided.

**In attendance:** Head of Regeneration & Planning, Development & Building Standards Manager, Mr G Leitch and Mr M Higginbotham (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.**

**84 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 84**

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

Councillor Blair declared an interest in agenda item 2(g) (Formation of Car Park and Boat Marshalling Area at Royal Gourock Yacht Club, Ashton Road, Gourock (11/0019/IC)).

**85 PLANNING APPLICATIONS 85**

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

**(a) Application for Discharge of Occupancy Restriction:  
Valley View Farm, Dougliehill Road, Port Glasgow (11/0001/MP)**

The report recommended that the Section 75 Agreement in respect of planning permissions IC/03/446 and IC/07/272 be discharged.

After discussion, Councillor Wilson moved that the Section 75 Agreement in respect of planning permissions IC/03/446 and IC/07/272 be not discharged for the following reasons:-

(1) as the Section 75 Agreement in respect of planning permissions IC/03/446 and IC/07/272 was necessary to ensure that successors in title were bound by the requirements of the Agreement in order that the adopted planning policies regarding housing in the Green Belt were not undermined and eroded and, as such, the Agreement had a planning purpose, was relevant, appropriate to the scale of development and reasonable;

(2) as planning permission would not have been granted without connection to a rural based business as the proposal would have been contrary to the former Local Plan;

(3) as discharge of the Section 75 Agreement would be contrary to the current adopted Inverclyde Local Plan; and

(4) as discharging the Section 75 Agreement may create an undesirable precedent.

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As an amendment, Councillor Nelson moved that the Section 75 Agreement be discharged.

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

**Decided:** that the Section 75 Agreement in respect of planning permissions IC/03/446 and IC/07/272 be not discharged for the following reasons:-

(1) as the Section 75 Agreement in respect of planning permissions IC/03/446 and IC/07/272 was necessary to ensure that successors in title were bound by the requirements of the Agreement in order that the adopted planning policies regarding housing in the Green Belt were not undermined and eroded and, as such, the Agreement had a planning purpose, was relevant, appropriate to the scale of development and reasonable;

(2) as planning permission would not have been granted without connection to a rural based business as the proposal would have been contrary to the former Local Plan;

(3) as discharge of the Section 75 Agreement would be contrary to the current adopted Inverclyde Local Plan; and

(4) as discharging the Section 75 Agreement may create an undesirable precedent.

**(b) Demolition of Existing High School and Janitor's House and Erection of New Campus School and Enterprise Centre (Amendment Planning Permission 11/0031/IC):**

**Former Port Glasgow High School, Marloch Avenue, Port Glasgow (11/0259/IC)**

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

(1) that the development to which this permission relates must be begun within 3 years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;

(2) that on completion of remediation and verification/validation works and prior to the site being occupied, the developer shall submit a Completion Report for approval, in writing by the Planning Authority, confirming that the works have been carried out in accordance with the Remediation Strategy. This report shall demonstrate that no pollutant linkages remain or are likely to occur and include (but not be limited to) a collation of verification/validation certificates, analysis information, remediation lifespan, maintenance/aftercare information and details of imported/disposed/reused materials relevant to the site, to provide verification that remediation has been carried out to the Authority's satisfaction;

(3) that the presence of any previously unrecorded contamination or variation to reported ground conditions that becomes evident during site works shall be brought to the attention of the Planning Authority within one week. Consequential amendments to the Remediation Strategy shall not be implemented unless it has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that all contamination issues are recorded and dealt with appropriately;

(4) that no material shall be imported onto the site until written details of the source of the imported material have been submitted for approval in writing by the Planning Authority. The details, which shall be submitted no later than four weeks prior to the material being imported onto the site, shall include: the source of the imported material, any potential source(s) of contamination within 50 metres of the source of the material to be imported and verification analysis information. The material must not be imported on to the site until written approval has first been received from the Planning Authority. The material from the source agreed only shall be imported in strict accordance with these agreed details, to protect receptors from the harmful effects of imported contamination;

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- (5) that samples of all facing materials shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to their use, to ensure the suitability of the colour and fabric of materials;
- (6) that any trees, shrubs or areas of grass which die, are removed, damaged or become diseased within five years of completion of the landscaping shall be replaced within the following year with others of a similar size and species, to ensure the retention of the approved planting scheme in the interests of visual amenity;
- (7) that all soft and hard landscaping, including the drop off parking provision on Marloch Avenue, shall be completed and all approved fences erected prior to the first of the schools being brought into use, in the interests of public safety;
- (8) that the outdoor sports pitches shall not be in use outwith the hours of 8am to 9pm Mondays to Fridays, and 8am to 6pm at weekends, in the interests of residential amenity;
- (9) that the bus bays shall be marked out prior to the first of the schools being brought into use, to ensure that adequate provision for bus parking is made; and
- (10) that the floodlights hereby permitted shall be baffled in order that the threshold vertical luminance at the nearest residential property does not exceed 5 lux, in the interests of residential amenity.

**(c) Variation to Condition No. 1 Part (C) of Outline Planning Permission IC/98/299 as amended:  
Former Scott Lithgow and East Glen Yards (Part), Port Glasgow (11/0296/IC)**

There was circulated updated plan showing location of the proposal.

**Decided:** that planning permission be granted.

**(d) Erection of Non-Food Retail Development Including Car Parking, Landscaping, Access Works, Service/Yards, Security Building and ATM pod:  
Land North of Ardgowan Street, Former Scott Lithgow and East Glen Yards (Part), Port Glasgow (11/0298/IC)**

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

- (1) that the development to which this permission relates must be begun within 3 years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;
- (2) that before development starts full details of the specification of lighting columns, street furniture (including seating, bins and bollards), directional signage and a Stanley Spencer feature along the footpath within the south west corner of the site shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure cohesion and continuity between the individual elements of the overall development;
- (3) that before development starts details of the phasing of the proposed development shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that the development proceeds in an agreed sequence;
- (4) that before trading starts from any units hereby approved details of the management of the car parking spaces shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure an adequate level of public car parking to serve businesses, residents and visitors is available at all times during and after the construction of the development;
- (5) that no parking restrictions shall be enforced in the parking areas, with the exception of disabled and parent/toddler parking and staff parking within the service areas, without the prior written approval of the Planning Authority, to ensure an adequate level of public car parking to serve businesses, residents and visitors is

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available at all times during and after the construction of the development;

(6) that the retail units shall not provide for an in-house dry cleaner, post office, travel agent or pharmacy, to protect the retail functions of the existing town centre in the interests of its vitality and viability;

(7) that notwithstanding the provisions of Article 10 of the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (Scotland) Regulations 1984, the express approval of the Planning Authority shall be required in respect of the display of any advertisements of a temporary nature specified in Class IV of Schedule 4 to the Regulations, to safeguard against the proliferation of temporary signage which would otherwise be permitted;

(8) that no retail unit shall be less than 750 square metres gross floor area, to help ensure the nature of future occupiers is unlikely to compete with or result in the displacement of retail outlets within the existing Port Glasgow Town Centre;

(9) that prior to the commencement of development, full details of the hard and soft landscaping scheme, including details of the species, size, numbers and density shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The scheme shall include details of the phasing of landscaping including completion of planting and surfacing upon completion of construction of the approved buildings, to ensure the provision of a standard of landscaping appropriate to the development;

(10) that any trees, shrubs or areas of grass which die, are removed, damaged or become diseased within five years of completion of the landscaping shall be replaced within the following year with others of a similar size and species, to ensure the retention of the approved landscaping scheme in the interests of visual amenity;

(11) that all surface water drainage from the site shall be treated in accordance with the principles of the Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems Manual (C697) (CIRIA 2007). Before development commences, details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority of the maintenance regime for the water detention areas, to control runoff from the site to reduce the risk of flooding;

(12) that floor levels of the buildings shall be no lower than 5.0 metres above Ordnance Datum, to help prevent flooding of the premises;

(13) that before the commencement of development a Drainage Impact Assessment shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the site is adequately drained to help prevent flooding;

(14) that notwithstanding the submitted layout, a revised plan shall be submitted for the approval of the Planning Authority prior to the start of development showing a total of 43 disabled car parking spaces, 43 parent and child car parking spaces and 40 cycle spaces, to ensure the provision of adequate dedicated parking provision; and

(15) that prior to the start of development full details of the pedestrian crossings, including dropped kerbs shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the acceptability of the crossings in the interests of pedestrian safety.

**(e) Planning Permission in Principle for a Public House, Hotel and Restaurant:  
Land North of Ardgowan Street, Former Scott Lithgow and East Glen Yards (Part),  
Port Glasgow (11/0306/IC)**

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

(1) this permission is granted under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 on an application for planning permission in principle and further approval of the Council or of the Scottish Ministers on appeal shall be required with respect to the under mentioned matters hereby reserved before any development is commenced:

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- (a) the siting, design and external appearance of any building(s) to which the planning permission or the application relates;
- (b) details of the access arrangements;
- (c) details of the landscaping of the site, including play provision, to comply with Section 59 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;
- (2) that in the case of matters specified by conditions application for approval must be made before:
  - (a) the expiration of 3 years from the date of the grant of planning permission in principle; or
  - (b) the expiration of 6 months from the date on which an earlier application for such approval was refused; or
  - (c) the expiration of 6 months from the date on which an appeal against such refusal was dismissed,
 whichever is the latest, and provided only one such application may be made in the case after the expiration of the three year period mentioned in sub paragraph (a) above, to comply with Section 59 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;
- (3) that the development to which this permission relates must be begun not later than the expiration of 3 years from the date of this permission or within 2 years from the final approval of matters specified by conditions, whichever is the later, to comply with Section 59 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;
- (4) that finished floor levels within the application site shall be set at or above 5.0 metres above Ordnance Datum, to prevent flooding of the premises; and
- (5) that all surface water drainage from the site shall be treated in accordance with the principles of the Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems Manual (C697) (CIRIA 2007). Before development commences, details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority of the maintenance regime for the water detention areas, to control runoff from the site to reduce the risk of flooding.

**(f) Proposed Erection of Class 1 Retail Unit:  
Fife Road, Greenock (11/0295/IC)**

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

- (1) that no development shall commence until samples of all external materials have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority; development thereafter shall proceed utilising the approved materials unless the Planning Authority gives its prior written approval to any alternatives, to ensure a choice of materials sympathetic to this part of Greenock;
- (2) that the shop hereby approved shall not be open to customers or accept deliveries outwith the hours 07.30 to 20.00 on any day. Staff arriving for work shall do so no earlier than 07.00 and shall leave no later than 20.30 on any day, to safeguard the residential amenity and character of the adjoining residential area;
- (3) that noise from air conditioning units shall be within Noise Rating Curve 25 (between the hours of 23:00 and 07:00) and Noise Rating Curve 35 (between the hours of 07:00 and 23:00) when measured within the nearest noise sensitive property, to protect the amenities of occupiers of premises from unreasonable noise and vibration levels;
- (4) that prior to the start of development, details of a survey for the presence of Japanese Knotweed shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority and that, for the avoidance of doubt, this shall contain a methodology and treatment statement where any is found. Development shall not proceed until treatment is completed as per the methodology and treatment statement. Any variation to the treatment methodologies will require subsequent approval by the Planning Authority

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prior to development starting on site, to help arrest the spread of Japanese Knotweed in the interests of environmental protection;

(5) that the development shall not commence until an environmental investigation and risk assessment, including any necessary Remediation Strategy with timescale for implementation, of all pollutant linkages has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The investigations and assessment shall be site-specific and completed in accordance with acceptable codes of practice. The Remediation Strategy shall include verification/validation methodologies. This may be incorporated as part of a ground condition report and should include an appraisal of options, to satisfactorily address potential contamination issues in the interests of environmental safety;

(6) that on completion of remediation and verification/validation works and prior to the site being occupied, the developer shall submit a Completion Report for approval, in writing by the Planning Authority, confirming that the works have been carried out in accordance with the Remediation Strategy. This report shall demonstrate that no pollutant linkages remain or are likely to occur and include (but not be limited to) a collation of verification/validation certificates, analysis information, remediation lifespan, maintenance/aftercare information and details of imported/disposed/reused materials relevant to the site, to provide verification that remediation has been carried out to the Authority's satisfaction;

(7) that the presence of any previously unrecorded contamination or variation to reported ground conditions that becomes evident during site works shall be brought to the attention of the Planning Authority within one week. Consequential amendments to the Remediation Strategy shall not be implemented unless it has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that all contamination issues are recorded and dealt with appropriately;

(8) that no fill or landscaping material shall be imported onto the site until written details of the source and intended reuse of the imported materials have been submitted for approval in writing by the Planning Authority. The report shall characterise the chemical quality (including soil-leachate and organic content etc), volume and source of the imported materials with corresponding cross-sections and plans indicating spatial distribution and depth/thickness of material placement within the development site. The material from the source agreed only shall be imported in strict accordance with these agreed details, to protect receptors from the harmful effects of imported contamination; and

(9) that access, parking and turning facilities for delivery vehicles within the adjoining yard to the south east of the site, as detailed in docquetted drawing 2094-ST-002, shall be maintained in perpetuity, in the interests of road safety on Fife Road.

**(g) Formation of Car Park and Boat Marshalling Area:  
Royal Gourock Yacht Club, Ashton Road, Gourock (11/0019/IC)**

The report recommended that planning permission be refused for the following reasons:-

(1) as the proposed development is contrary to the aims of policies LR1, LR6, LR7 and DS6 in that the construction of the car park and boat marshalling area would be a detrimental visual intrusion into an otherwise mainly natural environment, which would not support, safeguard or enhance the designated open space, core path or strategic cycle route and would be detrimental to the environment of the coastline; and

(2) as the car park and boat marshalling area has the potential to form a detrimental setting for the C(S) Listed Royal Gourock Yacht Club building.

Councillor Blair declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a social member of the Club. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business

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did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision making process.

**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.

**86 PLANNING APPEAL - 32-36 KEMPOCK STREET, GOUROCK****86**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning advising that following the decision of the Board at the meeting held on 7 September 2011 to refuse planning permission for the erection of a four storey building comprising a retail unit at ground floor level, associated storage area at lower ground floor level and office accommodation at first and second floor level at 32-36 Kempock Street, Gourrock (11/0122/IC) and the subsequent appeal by the applicant to the Scottish Government against that refusal, the Reporter appointed by the Scottish Government had issued his decision which was to uphold the appeal and grant planning permission subject to a number of conditions.

**Noted**

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**Education Appeals Board**

**Thursday 2 February 2012 at 11.00 am**

**Present:** Councillors Dorrian, Brooks (for MacLeod), Moran and Nelson.

**Chair:** Councillor Moran presided.

**In attendance:** Ms W Bain (for Corporate Director Education & Communities) and Ms B McQuarrie and Mr A Wilson (for Head of Organisational Development & Human Resources).

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

**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.**

**87      Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest      87**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors MacLeod, McIlwee, McCabe and Rebecchi, with Councillor Brooks substituting for Councillor MacLeod.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

**88      Grievance Appeal: Employee in Education Services      88**

The Board considered a Grievance Appeal on behalf of an employee in Education Services and it was agreed that the grounds of the appeal had not been substantiated and that the appeal be not upheld, all as detailed in the appendix.



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**Policy & Resources Committee**

**Tuesday 7 February 2012 at 3 pm**

**Present:** Councillors Blair, Brooks, Clocherty, McCabe, McIlwee, Loughran (for McKenzie), MacLeod, Moran, Nelson, Wilson and White.

**Chair:** Councillor McCabe presided.

**In attendance:** Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education & Communities, Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Chief Financial Officer, Mr A Wilson (for Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance), Head of Education, Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management, Finance Manager, Ms A Edmiston (Finance Services), Chief Internal Auditor, Corporate Procurement Manager, Corporate Policy & Partnership Manager, Business Manager and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

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| <b>89</b> | <b>Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest</b>  | <b>89</b> |
|           | An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor McKenzie with Councillor Loughran substituting.<br>Councillor Clocherty declared an interest in agenda item 22 (Gourock Pierhead Enabling Works).  |           |
| <b>90</b> | <b>Policy &amp; Resources Capital Programme - (2011/12 - 13/14) - Progress Report</b>   | <b>90</b> |
|           | 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 actual spend as at 31 December 2011.<br><b>Noted</b>  |           |
| <b>91</b> | <b>Capital Programme 2011/14</b>  | <b>91</b> |
|           | There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the latest position of the 2011/14 Capital Programme.<br>(Councillor Wilson entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).<br><b>Decided:</b> that the Committee note the current position of the 2011/14 Capital Programme and that decisions to close the current funding gap will be taken at the special meeting of the Council on 9 February 2012. |           |
| <b>92</b> | <b>Policy &amp; Resources Committee 2011/12 Revenue Budget - Period 8</b>   | <b>92</b> |
|           | 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 8 (30 November 2011) which projected an underspend of £1,193,000 excluding earmarked reserves.<br><b>Noted</b>  |           |

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- 93 General Fund Revenue Budget 2011/12 - Period 8 93**
- 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 8 (30 November 2011) which currently projected an underspend of £2.688m.
- Noted**
- 94 Review of Saving Workstream Targets 94**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer seeking approval of revised workstream savings targets following a review by the Corporate Management Team.
- Decided:** that approval be given to the latest targets in respect of the savings workstreams.
- 95 Revenue Budget 2012/13, Capital Programme 2011/15 and Common Good Budget 2012/13 95**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the latest position in respect of the previously agreed Revenue Budget 2012/13, Capital Programme 2011/15 and Common Good Budget 2012/13 in advance of the special meeting of the Council on 9 February 2012.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the updated position in respect of the Revenue Budget 2012/13, Capital Programme 2011/15 and Common Good Budget 2012/13; and
  - (2) that it be noted specific decisions in respect of the budget will be considered at the special meeting of the Council on 9 February 2012.
- 96 Procurement - Update 96**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the progress being made with procurement since the last report to the Committee in November 2011.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee welcome the achievement of 'Conformance Status' following the recent Procurement Capability Assessment audit;
  - (2) that approval be given to the refreshed 2012/14 Procurement Strategy Action Plan appended to the report; and
  - (3) that the Committee note the progress made in savings delivery.
- 97 Organisational Improvement & Resources Directorate Performance Report 97**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance and the Chief Financial Officer (1) providing an update on the progress made by the Organisational Improvement & Resources Directorate in achieving its key objectives as set out in its Directorate Plan for 2011/12 and (2) advising on performance in relation to key performance indicators.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee endorse the performance information contained in the report; and
  - (2) that it be noted that further reports on the performance of the Organisational Improvement & Resources Directorate will be submitted to future meetings of the Committee.

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- 98      Regeneration & Environment Directorate Performance Report      98**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on (1) progress made by the Regeneration & Environment Directorate in achieving its key objectives as set out in its Directorate Plan for 2011/12 and (2) performance in relation to key performance indicators.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the performance information contained in the report be endorsed; and  
(2) that it be noted that further reports on performance will be submitted to future meetings of the Committee.
- 99      Consultation on Council Tax on Long-Term Empty Properties      99**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities and the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the Scottish Government Consultation Paper on Council Tax on Long-Term Empty Properties and (2) providing details of the Council's response to the consultation, which closed on 10 January 2012.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the Scottish Government Consultation Paper on Council Tax on Long-Term Empty Properties; and  
(2) that approval be given to the consultation responses submitted to the Scottish Government on behalf of the Council.
- 100      Information Governance and Management      100**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership seeking approval of an Information Governance and Management Framework, a copy of which was appended to the report.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee approve the Information Governance and Management Framework as the overarching policy framework for this area of responsibility; and  
(2) that it be noted further reports providing the policy and guidance structure to underpin the framework will be presented to the Committee.
- 101      Corporate Equalities Group Update and Action Plan 2011-12      101**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) providing an update on the work of the Corporate Equalities Group in the light of the Equality Act 2010 and (2) seeking approval of the Action Plan 2011-12, a copy of which was appended to the report.
- Decided:** that approval be given to the Corporate Equalities Group's Action Plan 2011-12 for implementation across all Directorates and Services.
- 102      Fair Trade      102**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) requesting the Committee to reaffirm its support for the Fair Trade campaign and (2) recommending a Corporate Lead Officer to progress the Council's participation in the Fair Trade Nation Campaign.
- Decided:**
- (1) that agreement be given to the Council pursuing Fair Trade Zone status and that

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this should be achieved as quickly as practicable; and

(2) that it be agreed the Corporate Director Education & Communities be the Corporate Lead at Officer level on Fair Trade matters, reporting to the Committee on progress as and when required.

**103 Depopulation Research Study**

**103**

There was submitted a report by the Chair of the Single Outcome Agreement Programme Board (1) advising of the key findings and recommendations of the Depopulation Research Study carried out by Slims Consulting and (2) advising of the course of action agreed by the Alliance Board to progress the key findings and recommendations on a partnership basis.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the report and the Final Study Report; and
- (2) that the Committee endorse the course of action agreed by the Alliance Board to address the key findings and recommendations of the Study on a partnership basis.

**104 Results from Spring 2011 and Autumn 2011 Citizens' Panel Surveys**

**104**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance providing details of the headline results from the Spring 2011 and Autumn 2011 Citizens' Panel Surveys.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the content of the report be noted; and
- (2) that it be agreed that the feedback from the Citizens' Panel be used to inform the Council's approach to customer service and public performance reporting.

**105 Young Citizens' Panel Pilot Survey**

**105**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance (1) informing the Committee of the newly established Young Citizens' Panel and (2) highlighting the results from a pilot survey carried out in Spring 2011.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the content of the report be noted;
- (2) that it be agreed regular surveys be carried out through the Young Citizens' Panel; and
- (3) that it be agreed that the feedback from the Young Citizens' Panel be used to inform service development.

**106 Asbestos Policy**

**106**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance seeking approval of a Management of Asbestos Policy for the Council.

**Decided:**

- (1) that approval be given to the Management of Asbestos Policy appended to the report; and
- (2) that the Committee support the policy by active promotion of Health and Safety.

**107 Revised Code of Conduct and Whistleblowing Policy**

**107**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR &

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Performance seeking approval of a revised Code of Conduct and a revised Whistleblowing Policy.

**Decided:** that approval be given to the revised Code of Conduct and revised Whistleblowing Policy attached as appendices 1 and 2 to the report.

**108 Inverclyde Sports Personality of the Year Awards - 2012 108**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities seeking approval to provide one off emergency funding to the Inverclyde Sports Personality of the Year Awards 2012 following the demise of the previous main sponsor.

**Decided:** that agreement be given to the provision of one off funding of £5,000 to the Inverclyde Sports Personality of the Year Awards 2012 from the Council's Contingency Fund in 2011/12.

**109 Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board - Update 109**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer appending the minutes of the meetings of the Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board of 26 August and 18 November 2011.

**Noted**

**110 Gourock Pierhead Enabling Works 110**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment (1) on the progress of the development of the Gourock Pier and Railhead Development Area and (2) seeking approval relating to a range of issues including implementation of the enabling works.

Councillor Clocherty declared a non-financial interest in this item as a member of the Board of Riverside Inverclyde. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision making process.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee approve the early implementation of enabling works as set out in paragraph 5.1 of the report; and

(2) that approval be given to the support and funding for the project.

**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 11 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.**

**111 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive Employment Tribunals Equal Pay Claims 111**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisation Development, HR & Performance advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to approve action in respect of Employment Tribunal Equal Pay Claims.

**Noted**

## GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 8 FEBRUARY 2012

**General Purposes Board****Wednesday 8 February 2012 at 3.00 pm**

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

**Chair:** Councillor White presided.

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

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

**112 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 112**

No apologies or substitutions were intimated.

Councillor McIllwee and Moran declared an interest in Agenda Item 6 (Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: James Compston). Councillor McIllwee's declaration as neighbour of the applicant and Councillor Moran by way of personal acquaintance with the applicant.

**113 Licensing of Booking Offices 113**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services requesting the Board to consider an additional condition to the Booking Office Licences in that the Booking Office and call handling facilities must be placed and operated within Inverclyde Council boundaries.

There followed a brief discussion.

**Decided:** to remit to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to consult with the local trade and other relevant local authorities and report back to a future meeting.

**It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.**

**114 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Gordon McDaid 114**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr McDaid following an objection by Strathclyde Police. At their Meeting on 11 January 2012, the Board requested further information from outside agencies before making a decision on Mr McDaid's application.

Mr McDaid was present. The Board heard from Sergeant MacDonald in support of the

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Police objection and Mr McDaid in support of his application.

**Decided:** that the application be granted with warning.

**115 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Robert McIntyre 115**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr McIntyre following a representation by Strathclyde Police.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board that Mr McIntyre had requested by telephone call that consideration of his application be continued to a further meeting of the Board as he is unable to attend today.

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

**116 Application for Street Trader's Licence: Daniel Rodgers 116**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on an application for a Street Trader's Licence by Mr Rodgers following a Police representation. Mr Rodgers was present.

The Board heard Sergeant MacDonald in support of the Police representation and Mr Rodgers in support of his application.

**Decided:** (i) that the application be continued to the April sitting of the Board to await outcome of pending cases; and  
(ii) Mr Rodgers be advised that he may drive the vehicle but he is not licensed to sell any items.

Councillor McIlwee and Moran declared a non-financial interest in the next item which precluded their continued presence in the Chamber and their participation in the decision making process. They then left the meeting.

**117 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: James Compston 117**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services requesting to uphold the decision to suspend Mr Compston's Taxi Driver's Licence which expires on 29 February 2012. Mr Compston's licence was suspended with immediate effect on 31 January 2012 following receipt of a letter of complaint by Strathclyde Police.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board of the contents of a letter received from Mr Compston.

**Decided:** the suspension be upheld and noted terms of letter.

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**The Inverclyde Council**

**Thursday 9 February 2012 at 4 pm**

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

**Chair:** Provost McCormick presided.

**In attendance:** Chief Executive, Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership, Corporate Director Education & Communities, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Business Manager and Corporate Communications Manager.

**118      Apologies and Declarations of Interest      118**

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

**119      Revenue Budget 2012/13, Capital Programme 2011/15 and Common Good Budget 2012/13      119**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer requesting the Council to agree the 2012/13 Revenue Budget, the 2011/15 Capital Programme and the 2012/13 Common Good Budget and thereafter agree the level of Band D Council Tax for the financial year 2012/13.

After discussion, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Clocherty moved:-

- (1) that the Council agree to accept the conditions set out in the letter from the Cabinet Minister for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth dated 8 December 2011 and agree that the Council Leader respond by the deadline of 11 March 2012;
- (2) that the Council confirm the 2012/13 General Fund Revenue Budget detailed in appendix 3 of the Policy & Resources Committee budget report dated 7 February 2012;
- (3) that the Council agree the 2012/13 Common Good Fund Budget as set out in appendix 9 of the Policy & Resources Committee budget report of 7 February 2012;
- (4) that the 2012/15 Capital Programme be agreed in terms of the Coalition Administration's submission (appendix 1 to the minute);
- (5) that agreement be given to the proposals in respect of the General Fund Reserve on the basis of the Coalition Administration's submission taking into account the Chief Financial Officer's recommendation that the General Reserve Balance should not fall below £4.2m;
- (6) that the proposals in respect of the Clune Park Area and accelerated primary school investment included in the Coalition Administration's submission be agreed; and
- (7) that there be no increase in the Council Tax for financial year 2012/13 and that accordingly, the "Band D" Council tax be set at £1,198.

As an amendment, Councillor Nelson seconded by Councillor Brooks moved:-

- (1) that the Council agree to accept the conditions set out in the letter from the Cabinet Minister for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth dated 8 December 2011 and agree that the Council Leader respond by the deadline of 11 March 2012;
- (2) that the Council confirm the 2012/13 General Fund Revenue Budget detailed in appendix 3 of the Policy & Resources Committee budget report dated 7 February 2012;
- (3) that the Council agree the 2012/13 Common Good Fund Budget as set out in appendix 9 of the Policy & Resources Committee budget report of 7 February 2012;



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(4) that the Budget proposals as contained in the SNP Group's submission (appendix 2 to the minute) be agreed; and

(5) that there be no increase in the Council Tax for financial year 2012/13 and that, accordingly the "Band D" Council Tax be set at £1,198.

As a further amendment, Councillor Blair seconded by Councillor Rebecchi moved:-

(1) that the Council agree to accept the conditions set out in the letter from the Cabinet Minister for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth dated 8 December 2011 and agree that the Council Leader respond by the deadline of 11 March 2012;

(2) that the Council confirm the 2012/13 General Fund Revenue Budget detailed in appendix 3 of the Policy & Resources Committee budget report dated 7 February 2012;

(3) that the Council agree the 2012/13 Common Good Fund Budget as set out in appendix 9 of the Policy & Resources Committee budget report of 7 February 2012;

(4) that the Budget proposals as contained in the Liberal Democrat Group's submission (appendix 3 to the minute) be agreed; and

(5) that there be no increase in the Council Tax for financial year 2012/13 and that, accordingly, the "Band D" Council Tax be set at £1,198.

On a vote between the 2 amendments, 3 Members voted for the amendment by Councillor Blair and 5 for the amendment by Councillor Nelson. The amendment by Councillor Blair then fell. On a vote between the amendment by Councillor Nelson and the motion by Councillor McCabe, 5 Members voted for the amendment and 12 for the motion which was declared carried.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Council agree to accept the conditions set out in the letter from the Cabinet Minister for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth dated 8 December 2011 and agree that the Council Leader respond by the deadline of 11 March 2012;

(2) that the Council confirm the 2012/13 General Fund Revenue Budget detailed in appendix 3 of the Policy & Resources Committee budget report dated 7 February 2012;

(3) that the Council agree the 2012/13 Common Good Fund Budget as set out in appendix 9 of the Policy & Resources Committee budget report of 7 February 2012;

(4) that the 2012/15 Capital Programme be agreed in terms of the Coalition Administration's submission (appendix 1 to the minute);

(5) that agreement be given to the proposals in respect of the General Fund Reserve on the basis of the Coalition Administration's submission taking into account the Chief Financial Officer's recommendation that the General Reserve Balance should not fall below £4.2m;

(6) that the proposals in respect of the Clune Park Area and accelerated primary school investment included in the Coalition Administration's submission be agreed; and

(7) that there be no increase in the Council Tax for financial year 2012/13 and that accordingly, the "Band D" Council Tax be set at £1,198.

**120 Resolution: Council Tax 2012/13**

**120**

Arising from the foregoing paragraph, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Clocherty moved that there be no increase in the Council Tax for financial year 2012/13 and, accordingly, resolved to set the "Band D" Council Tax at £1,198.

**Decided:** that the "Band D" Council Tax for 2012/13 be set at £1,198.

Administration Budget Proposals

	Proposal	Further Detail	Amount from Reserves £000	Funding from other sources £000	Ongoing Costs £000
1.	Youth Employment Support	Approximately 25 placements per year for three years.	£600k		NIL
2.	Business Support Initiative/Improvement of shop fronts.	2x2 year Business Development Posts and associated grants plus £250k on Physical Works. To include Dubbs Road, Port Glasgow shops and West Station area of Greenock.	£600k		NIL
3.	Clune Park Area Regeneration	£500k approved in 2011/12 for staffing and acquisition costs. Additional £379k earmarked in Scheme of Assistance for 12/13. Provide further £1m to bring total investment to £1.879m.		Funded from Council Tax Empty Homes extra income £1million	NIL
4.	Local Environment Improvement Fund	E.g. painting and replacement of pedestrian railings; litter, dog waste and footway gritting bins; replacement of park benches. Elected Members and community council to be asked to identify priorities for each ward.	£200k		Contained by Service
5.	Greenock Town Centre	Clyde Square hard/soft landscaping, etc	£250k		NIL
6.	Greenock Town Centre Parking Strategy	Implementation of parking strategy. Revenue costs subject to report by the summer of 2012.	£300k		To be confirmed

	Proposal	Further Detail	Amount from Reserves £000	Funding from other sources £000	Ongoing Costs £000
7.	Port Glasgow Town Centre Refresh of Town Hall (Provosts Room, toilets, public areas, etc.)	Refresh of Town Hall (Provosts Room, toilets, public areas, etc).	£250k		NIL
8.	Birkmyre Park, Port Glasgow	Refurbish ex-bowling green site and wider park.	£200k		NIL
9.	Further roll out of play area programme/upgrade of Battery Park Skate Park	Use to address gaps in play area provision and create flagship skate park.	£300k		Contained by Service
10.	Inverkip Community Facility – Further contribution.	Policy & Resources Committee (September 2011) agreed to support a further £0.3 million for the new facility in lieu of 2 <sup>nd</sup> tranche of Developers contribution which may not be paid in the short/medium term due to economic downturn.	£300k		NIL
11.	Complete funding package for Watt Complex refurbishment.	£3 million already included in 2011/14 Programme. Further £1 million will complete Council's contribution.	£1.0 million		TBC
12.	Investment Fund for Council-owned Bowling Clubs	Priority to be given to essential fabric repairs.	£200k		NIL

	Proposal	Further Detail	Amount from Reserves £000	Funding from other sources £000	Ongoing Costs £000
13.	Whinhill Golf Club	Subject to consultation on priorities with Whinhill Golf Club.	£200k		NIL
14.	General support for 2012/15 Capital Programme	Per CMT recommendations, this extra contribution from reserves brings the 2012/15 Capital Programme financial position within acceptable parameters.	£3.0 million		NIL
15.	Additional Flooding Works Investment 2012/14	Flooding alleviation projects subject to Government confirming it will not implement a Landfill Penalty Scheme.	£1.0 million		NIL
16.	Additional Roads/Footways & Street Lighting Investment 2012/14	To include some investment on paths in parks, burial grounds, etc. Also to include possible traffic management improvements in Kirn Drive, Gourrock. £2.2 million of this is subject to Government confirming that it will not implement a Landfill Penalty Scheme.	£3.6 million		NIL
17.	Accelerated Primary School Investment – 2012/14	Advancement of various works including decoration to 8 Primary Schools.		Contain within overall SEMP Model £2.6million	NIL
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>£12.0 million</b>	<b>£3.6 million</b>	<b>NIL</b>

Total investment from Reserves £12.0 million

Total available from Reserves £8.8 million plus £3.2 million Landfill Tax Penalty Scheme balance (31<sup>st</sup> March 2012) – Subject to Government confirmation that the scheme will not be implemented.

As part of our budget proposals we intend to accelerate the Primary School Estate Programme by creating a package of £2.5 million. An initial discussion with officers regarding the current condition of the schools has resulted in the outlined programme attached. Further detailed work will be carried out by officers and a report will come to the next Education & Lifelong Learning Committee for approval.

Primary School - Accelerated Investment (2012/14)

School	Capital Investment Proposal	£000	Revenue Investment Proposal	£000	Notes
Gourock Primary School	-	-	Decoration and minor works	40	-
Kilmacolm Primary School	Toilet Refurbishment	205	Floor Finishes and Decoration	90	Excludes re-roofing due to commence early 2012
Lady Alice Primary School	a) Toilet Refurbishment b) Renew External Doors c) Playground Resurfacing	125 30 20	Floor Finishes and Decoration	60	-
Moorfoot Primary School	a) Window and curtain Walling b) Toilet Refurbishment c) Upgrade Grass Pitch	337 230 75	Floor Finishes and Decoration	90	Window and curtain walling funded from Lifecycle Fund
St John's Primary School	a) Roof overhaul b) Dining Area Extension	100 210	Floor Finishes and Decoration	60	-
St Mary's Primary School	a) Toilet Refurbishment b) Renew External Doors c) Electrical Rewire	135 20 337	Floor Finishes and Decoration	90	Electrical Rewire funded from Lifecycle Fund
St Ninian's Primary School	a) Toilet Refurbishment b) Renew External Doors	210 15	Floor Finishes and Decoration	70	-
St Patrick's Primary School	a) Playground Resurfacing	75	-	-	Revenue works excluded as draft proposals indicate a full refurbishment starting 2015
Ardgowan Primary School	-	-	-	-	No proposals as draft proposals indicate a full refurbishment starting 2013
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	Proposal	Current Position	Extra One-off Costs £	Extra Recurring Costs £
1.	Tackling Youth Unemployment - Apprenticeships	Significant sum to be spent over three years. Officers to lever external support to optimise impact.	£1.0 million	Nil
2.	Community Clean Up Team	2 Operatives and 5 of the apprentices from above proposal for 2 years plus plant/equipment.	£0.13 million	Nil
3.	Clean Up of Murdiston Dam area.	Partial draining of dam, environmental cleanup, upgrade path around dam, install new gate and valve.	£0.11 million	Nil
4.	Early Intervention/Prevention Spend – 2012/15	Fund for special projects in Primary Schools/Early Years establishments to meet Government's Prevention Agenda. £150k per year for 3 years.	£0.45 million	Nil
5.	Older Persons Preventative Spend – 2012/15	Fund to increase the Councils financial input to the Governments Preventative spend agenda including no reduction in Wardens Service. £150k per year for 3 years.	£0.45 million	Nil
6.	Flooding	Significant investment spent over the next year to address some of the areas flooding blackspots.	£0.5 million	Nil
7.	Roads & Footways	Significant investment spent over the next year to improve the areas roads/footways infrastructure.	£0.5 million	Nil

8.	Port Glasgow Town Hall	Would fund essential electrical works, refurbishment of ground floor toilets and kitchen, replacement of lift plus new unisex accessible toilet, foyer/first floor decoration and refurbish Provosts room.	£0.65 million	Contained by Service
9.	Welfare Reform – Increase number of Welfare Rights Officers	Proposal is to employ 2 extra Welfare Rights Officers for 2 years to deal with claims/appeals/advice relating to Welfare Reform	£0.15 million	Nil
10.	Shops Frontage Upgrades	Fund to invest in shops in Housing Estates to upgrade appearance.	£0.4 million	Nil
11.	Campus Cops	Proposal is to employ 2 x Campus Cops for 2 years to support the 6 Secondary Schools.	£0.18 million	Nil
12.	Boglestone/Dubbs Place Port Glasgow Play Area	Overall project will cost £200k of which £180k is already set aside. This will allow completion of link path, cable slide and safety surface.	£20K	Nil
13.	General support for 2012/15 Capital Programme.	Per CMT recommendations, this extra contribution from reserves brings the 2012/15 Capital Programme financial position within acceptable parameters.	£3.0 million	Nil
14.	Complete funding package for Watt Complex refurbishment.	£3 million already included in 2011/14 Programme. Further £1 million will complete Council's contribution.	£1.0 million	Nil
15.	Inverkip Community Facility – Further contribution.	Policy & Resources Committee (September 2011) agreed to support a further £0.3 million for the new facility in lieu of 2 <sup>nd</sup> tranche of Developers contribution which may not be paid in the short/medium term due to economic downturn.	£0.3 million	tbc
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>£8.84 million</b>	<b>Nil</b>

Total one off spend – £8.84 million



Liberal Democrats Budget Proposals

	Proposal	Further Detail	Amount from Reserves £	Funded from Prudential Borrowing £	Ongoing Costs £
1.	Flooding Prevention Works – West Station Area	Various works to fully alleviate flooding in West Station Area.	Nil	£0.5 million	£40k
2.	Roads, Footways and Street Lighting	Would double the 2012/13 Capital allowance.	£1.4 million		Nil
3.	Sports Development Fund	Recurring fund to increase participation in sport by young people. Fund to be used to pay for coaching, equipment etc.	Nil		£50k
4.	Investment in Port Glasgow Town Centre	Fund to provide a 50% subsidy for rents in Port Glasgow Town Centre for a 4 Year Period.	£0.6 million		Nil
5.	Environmental Improvements	Tree maintenance, environmental improvements, litter bins and removal of graffiti.	£0.5 million		Nil
6.	Kempock Street, Gourrock -2 Lane By-Pass	Increased allowance to move from proposed 1 lane by-pass to a 2 lane by-pass.	£2.0 million		Nil
7.	Reduce Corporate Communications costs by 50%		Nil		(£90k)
8.	Complete funding package for Watt Complex refurbishment.	£3 million already included in 2011/14 Programme. Further £1 million will complete Council's contribution.	£1.0 million		tbc

9.	Inverkip Community Facility – Further contribution.	Policy & Resources Committee (September 2011) agreed to support a further £0.3 million for the new facility in lieu of 2 <sup>nd</sup> tranche of Developers contribution which may not be paid in the short/medium term due to economic downturn.	£0.3 million	tbc
10.	General support for 2012/15 Capital Programme.	Per CMT recommendations, this extra contribution from reserves brings the 2012/15 Capital Programme financial position within acceptable parameters.	£3.0 million	Nil
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£8.8 million</b>	<b>£0.5 million</b>
			<b>£8.8 million</b>	<b>Nil</b>

Total Proposed = £8.8 million  
Total Available = £8.8 million

**Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership Sub-Committee**

**Monday 13 February 2012 at 2.00 pm**

**Present:** Councillors T Fyfe, J MacLeod, S McCabe and J McIlwee (Inverclyde Council); Dr M Kapasi and Mr K Winter, Non-Executive Directors, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board; Ms D McCrone, Staff Partnership Forum; Mrs N McFadden, Public Partnership Forum; and Mr R Murphy, Corporate Director, Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership.

**Chair:** Councillor McIlwee presided.

**In attendance:** Head of Community Care and Strategy, Head of Children & Families and Criminal Justice, Head of Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness Services, Ms L Bairden (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal and Democratic Services) and Project Manager - Your Voice, Inverclyde Community Care Forum.

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

**121      Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest      121**

No apologies for absence, substitutions or declarations of interest were intimated.

**122      Reshaping Care for Older People - Inverclyde Local Change Plan      122**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership (1) providing an update on the development and progress of the local Change Plan currently driving the Scottish Government Directive, Reshaping Care for Older People which had been previously reported upon and (2) seeking approval to submit to Scottish Government Ministers the prepared submission for continued allocation of Change Funds for 2012/13 to progress the Change Plan to the next stage. (Dr Kapasi and Ms McCrone entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the progress made with regard to implementing the Local Change Plan and the Scottish Government agenda on Reshaping Care for Older People 2011/12;
- (2) that the Sub-Committee endorse the prepared submission for funding allocation to the Change Fund 2012/13 as detailed in the report; and
- (3) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership to refer the matter to the Inverclyde Alliance Board for consideration.



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(4) that the Budget proposals as contained in the SNP Group's submission (appendix 2 to the minute) be agreed; and

(5) that there be no increase in the Council Tax for financial year 2012/13 and that, accordingly the "Band D" Council Tax be set at £1,198.

As a further amendment, Councillor Blair seconded by Councillor Rebecchi moved:-

(1) that the Council agree to accept the conditions set out in the letter from the Cabinet Minister for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth dated 8 December 2011 and agree that the Council Leader respond by the deadline of 11 March 2012;

(2) that the Council confirm the 2012/13 General Fund Revenue Budget detailed in appendix 3 of the Policy & Resources Committee budget report dated 7 February 2012;

(3) that the Council agree the 2012/13 Common Good Fund Budget as set out in appendix 9 of the Policy & Resources Committee budget report of 7 February 2012;

(4) that the Budget proposals as contained in the Liberal Democrat Group's submission (appendix 3 to the minute) be agreed; and

(5) that there be no increase in the Council Tax for financial year 2012/13 and that, accordingly, the "Band D" Council Tax be set at £1,198.

On a vote between the 2 amendments, 3 Members voted for the amendment by Councillor Blair and 5 for the amendment by Councillor Nelson. The amendment by Councillor Blair then fell. On a vote between the amendment by Councillor Nelson and the motion by Councillor McCabe, 5 Members voted for the amendment and 12 for the motion which was declared carried.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Council agree to accept the conditions set out in the letter from the Cabinet Minister for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth dated 8 December 2011 and agree that the Council Leader respond by the deadline of 11 March 2012;

(2) that the Council confirm the 2012/13 General Fund Revenue Budget detailed in appendix 3 of the Policy & Resources Committee budget report dated 7 February 2012;

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(4) that the 2012/15 Capital Programme be agreed in terms of the Coalition Administration's submission (appendix 1 to the minute);

(5) that agreement be given to the proposals in respect of the General Fund Reserve on the basis of the Coalition Administration's submission taking into account the Chief Financial Officer's recommendation that the General Reserve Balance should not fall below £4.2m;

(6) that the proposals in respect of the Clune Park Area and accelerated primary school investment included in the Coalition Administration's submission be agreed; and

(7) that there be no increase in the Council Tax for financial year 2012/13 and that accordingly, the "Band D" Council Tax be set at £1,198.

**120 Resolution: Council Tax 2012/13**

**120**

Arising from the foregoing paragraph, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Clocherty moved that there be no increase in the Council Tax for financial year 2012/13 and, accordingly, resolved to set the "Band D" Council Tax at £1,198.

**Decided:** that the "Band D" Council Tax for 2012/13 be set at £1,198.

Administration Budget Proposals

	Proposal	Further Detail	Amount from Reserves £000	Funding from other sources £000	Ongoing Costs £000
1.	Youth Employment Support	Approximately 25 placements per year for three years.	£600k		NIL
2.	Business Support Initiative/Improvement of shop fronts.	2x2 year Business Development Posts and associated grants plus £250k on Physical Works. To include Dubbs Road, Port Glasgow shops and West Station area of Greenock.	£600k		NIL
3.	Clune Park Area Regeneration	£500k approved in 2011/12 for staffing and acquisition costs. Additional £379k earmarked in Scheme of Assistance for 12/13. Provide further £1m to bring total investment to £1.879m.		Funded from Council Tax Empty Homes extra income £1million	NIL
4.	Local Environment Improvement Fund	E.g. painting and replacement of pedestrian railings; litter, dog waste and footway gritting bins; replacement of park benches. Elected Members and community council to be asked to identify priorities for each ward.	£200k		Contained by Service
5.	Greenock Town Centre	Clyde Square hard/soft landscaping, etc	£250k		NIL
6.	Greenock Town Centre Parking Strategy	Implementation of parking strategy. Revenue costs subject to report by the summer of 2012.	£300k		To be confirmed

	Proposal	Further Detail	Amount from Reserves £000	Funding from other sources £000	Ongoing Costs £000
7.	Port Glasgow Town Centre Refresh of Town Hall (Provosts Room, toilets, public areas, etc.)	Refresh of Town Hall (Provosts Room, toilets, public areas, etc).	£250k		NIL
8.	Birkmyre Park, Port Glasgow	Refurbish ex-bowling green site and wider park.	£200k		NIL
9.	Further roll out of play area programme/upgrade of Battery Park Skate Park	Use to address gaps in play area provision and create flagship skate park.	£300k		Contained by Service
10.	Inverkip Community Facility – Further contribution.	Policy & Resources Committee (September 2011) agreed to support a further £0.3 million for the new facility in lieu of 2 <sup>nd</sup> tranche of Developers contribution which may not be paid in the short/medium term due to economic downturn.	£300k		NIL
11.	Complete funding package for Watt Complex refurbishment.	£3 million already included in 2011/14 Programme. Further £1 million will complete Council's contribution.	£1.0 million		TBC
12.	Investment Fund for Council-owned Bowling Clubs	Priority to be given to essential fabric repairs.	£200k		NIL

	Proposal	Further Detail	Amount from Reserves £000	Funding from other sources £000	Ongoing Costs £000
13.	Whinhill Golf Club	Subject to consultation on priorities with Whinhill Golf Club.	£200k		NIL
14.	General support for 2012/15 Capital Programme	Per CMT recommendations, this extra contribution from reserves brings the 2012/15 Capital Programme financial position within acceptable parameters.	£3.0 million		NIL
15.	Additional Flooding Works Investment 2012/14	Flooding alleviation projects subject to Government confirming it will not implement a Landfill Penalty Scheme.	£1.0 million		NIL
16.	Additional Roads/Footways & Street Lighting Investment 2012/14	To include some investment on paths in parks, burial grounds, etc. Also to include possible traffic management improvements in Kirn Drive, Gourrock. £2.2 million of this is subject to Government confirming that it will not implement a Landfill Penalty Scheme.	£3.6 million		NIL
17.	Accelerated Primary School Investment – 2012/14	Advancement of various works including decoration to 8 Primary Schools.		Contain within overall SEMP Model £2.6million	NIL
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>£12.0 million</b>	<b>£3.6 million</b>	<b>NIL</b>

Total investment from Reserves £12.0 million

Total available from Reserves £8.8 million plus £3.2 million Landfill Tax Penalty Scheme balance (31<sup>st</sup> March 2012) – Subject to Government confirmation that the scheme will not be implemented.



As part of our budget proposals we intend to accelerate the Primary School Estate Programme by creating a package of £2.5 million. An initial discussion with officers regarding the current condition of the schools has resulted in the outlined programme attached. Further detailed work will be carried out by officers and a report will come to the next Education & Lifelong Learning Committee for approval.

Primary School - Accelerated Investment (2012/14)

School	Capital Investment Proposal	£000	Revenue Investment Proposal	£000	Notes
Gourock Primary School	-	-	Decoration and minor works	40	-
Kilmacolm Primary School	Toilet Refurbishment	205	Floor Finishes and Decoration	90	Excludes re-roofing due to commence early 2012
Lady Alice Primary School	a) Toilet Refurbishment b) Renew External Doors c) Playground Resurfacing	125 30 20	Floor Finishes and Decoration	60	-
Moorfoot Primary School	a) Window and curtain Walling b) Toilet Refurbishment c) Upgrade Grass Pitch	337 230 75	Floor Finishes and Decoration	90	Window and curtain walling funded from Lifecycle Fund
St John's Primary School	a) Roof overhaul b) Dining Area Extension	100 210	Floor Finishes and Decoration	60	-
St Mary's Primary School	a) Toilet Refurbishment b) Renew External Doors c) Electrical Rewire	135 20 337	Floor Finishes and Decoration	90	Electrical Rewire funded from Lifecycle Fund
St Ninian's Primary School	a) Toilet Refurbishment b) Renew External Doors	210 15	Floor Finishes and Decoration	70	-
St Patrick's Primary School	a) Playground Resurfacing	75	-	-	Revenue works excluded as draft proposals indicate a full refurbishment starting 2015
Ardgowan Primary School	-	-	-	-	No proposals as draft proposals indicate a full refurbishment starting 2013
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Proposal	Current Position	Extra One-off Costs £	Extra Recurring Costs £
1. Tackling Youth Unemployment - Apprenticeships	Significant sum to be spent over three years. Officers to lever external support to optimise impact.	£1.0 million	Nil
2. Community Clean Up Team	2 Operatives and 5 of the apprentices from above proposal for 2 years plus plant/equipment.	£0.13 million	Nil
3. Clean Up of Murdiston Dam area.	Partial draining of dam, environmental cleanup, upgrade path around dam, install new gate and valve.	£0.11 million	Nil
4. Early Intervention/Prevention Spend – 2012/15	Fund for special projects in Primary Schools/Early Years establishments to meet Government's Prevention Agenda. £150k per year for 3 years.	£0.45 million	Nil
5. Older Persons Preventative Spend – 2012/15	Fund to increase the Councils financial input to the Governments Preventative spend agenda including no reduction in Wardens Service. £150k per year for 3 years.	£0.45 million	Nil
6. Flooding	Significant investment spent over the next year to address some of the areas flooding blackspots.	£0.5 million	Nil
7. Roads & Footways	Significant investment spent over the next year to improve the areas roads/footways infrastructure.	£0.5 million	Nil

8.	Port Glasgow Town Hall	Would fund essential electrical works, refurbishment of ground floor toilets and kitchen, replacement of lift plus new unisex accessible toilet, foyer/first floor decoration and refurbish Provosts room.	£0.65 million	Contained by Service
9.	Welfare Reform – Increase number of Welfare Rights Officers	Proposal is to employ 2 extra Welfare Rights Officers for 2 years to deal with claims/appeals/advice relating to Welfare Reform	£0.15 million	Nil
10.	Shops Frontage Upgrades	Fund to invest in shops in Housing Estates to upgrade appearance.	£0.4 million	Nil
11.	Campus Cops	Proposal is to employ 2 x Campus Cops for 2 years to support the 6 Secondary Schools.	£0.18 million	Nil
12.	Boglestone/Dubbs Place Port Glasgow Play Area	Overall project will cost £200k of which £180k is already set aside. This will allow completion of link path, cable slide and safety surface.	£20K	Nil
13.	General support for 2012/15 Capital Programme.	Per CMT recommendations, this extra contribution from reserves brings the 2012/15 Capital Programme financial position within acceptable parameters.	£3.0 million	Nil
14.	Complete funding package for Watt Complex refurbishment.	£3 million already included in 2011/14 Programme. Further £1 million will complete Council's contribution.	£1.0 million	Nil
15.	Inverkip Community Facility – Further contribution.	Policy & Resources Committee (September 2011) agreed to support a further £0.3 million for the new facility in lieu of 2 <sup>nd</sup> tranche of Developers contribution which may not be paid in the short/medium term due to economic downturn.	£0.3 million	tbc
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>£8.84 million</b>	<b>Nil</b>

Total one off spend – £8.84 million

Liberal Democrats Budget Proposals

	Proposal	Further Detail	Amount from Reserves £	Funded from Prudential Borrowing £	Ongoing Costs £
1.	Flooding Prevention Works – West Station Area	Various works to fully alleviate flooding in West Station Area.	Nil	£0.5 million	£40k
2.	Roads, Footways and Street Lighting	Would double the 2012/13 Capital allowance.	£1.4 million		Nil
3.	Sports Development Fund	Recurring fund to increase participation in sport by young people. Fund to be used to pay for coaching, equipment etc.	Nil		£50k
4.	Investment in Port Glasgow Town Centre	Fund to provide a 50% subsidy for rents in Port Glasgow Town Centre for a 4 Year Period.	£0.6 million		Nil
5.	Environmental Improvements	Tree maintenance, environmental improvements, litter bins and removal of graffiti.	£0.5 million		Nil
6.	Kempock Street, Gourrock -2 Lane By-Pass	Increased allowance to move from proposed 1 lane by-pass to a 2 lane by-pass.	£2.0 million		Nil
7.	Reduce Corporate Communications costs by 50%		Nil		(£90k)
8.	Complete funding package for Watt Complex refurbishment.	£3 million already included in 2011/14 Programme. Further £1 million will complete Council's contribution.	£1.0 million		tbc

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10.	General support for 2012/15 Capital Programme.	Per CMT recommendations, this extra contribution from reserves brings the 2012/15 Capital Programme financial position within acceptable parameters.	£3.0 million	Nil
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£8.8 million</b>	<b>£0.5 million</b>
			<b>£8.8 million</b>	<b>Nil</b>

Total Proposed = £8.8 million  
Total Available = £8.8 million

**Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership Sub-Committee**

**Monday 13 February 2012 at 2.00 pm**

**Present:** Councillors T Fyfe, J MacLeod, S McCabe and J McIlwee (Inverclyde Council); Dr M Kapasi and Mr K Winter, Non-Executive Directors, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board; Ms D McCrone, Staff Partnership Forum; Mrs N McFadden, Public Partnership Forum; and Mr R Murphy, Corporate Director, Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership.

**Chair:** Councillor McIlwee presided.

**In attendance:** Head of Community Care and Strategy, Head of Children & Families and Criminal Justice, Head of Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness Services, Ms L Bairden (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal and Democratic Services) and Project Manager - Your Voice, Inverclyde Community Care Forum.

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

**121      Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest      121**

No apologies for absence, substitutions or declarations of interest were intimated.

**122      Reshaping Care for Older People - Inverclyde Local Change Plan      122**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership (1) providing an update on the development and progress of the local Change Plan currently driving the Scottish Government Directive, Reshaping Care for Older People which had been previously reported upon and (2) seeking approval to submit to Scottish Government Ministers the prepared submission for continued allocation of Change Funds for 2012/13 to progress the Change Plan to the next stage. (Dr Kapasi and Ms McCrone entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the progress made with regard to implementing the Local Change Plan and the Scottish Government agenda on Reshaping Care for Older People 2011/12;
- (2) that the Sub-Committee endorse the prepared submission for funding allocation to the Change Fund 2012/13 as detailed in the report; and
- (3) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership to refer the matter to the Inverclyde Alliance Board for consideration.