

REGENERATION COMMITTEE - 8 MARCH 2012

Regeneration Committee

Thursday 8 March 2012 at 3 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Ahlfeld presided.

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

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

195 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 195

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Councillors Ahlfeld, MacLeod and White declared an interest in Agenda Item 9 (Inverclyde Leisure Business Plan - Update on Transfer of Community Facilities).

196 Regeneration Revenue Budget 2011/12 - Period 9 196

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 9 (31 December 2011) which showed a projected underspend of £95,000.

Decided:

- (1) that the current projected underspend of £95,000 for 2011/12, as at 31 December 2011, be noted;
- (2) that the Committee note that although an underspend of £95,000 is projected, Building Services is reporting an overspend of £151,000, resulting in a net Committee overspend of £56,000;
- (3) that approval be given to the virements detailed in appendix 4 to the report; and
- (4) that approval be given to a one-off virement in 2012/13 of £50,000 from the Regeneration Fund within the Committee to the Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership Sub-Committee to support the implementation of new governance, management and operational delivery arrangements for financial advice and support services.

197 Building Services Trading Account Revenue Budget 2011/12 – Period 9 197

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 9 (31 December 2011) which showed an overspend of £151,000.

Decided:

- (1) that the current position of the Building Services Trading Account for 2011/12 as

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at 31 December 2011 be noted; and

(2) that it be noted that a 3 year business plan will be presented to a future meeting of the Committee.

198 Capital Programme 2011/12 to 2014/15 - Progress

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment and the Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Capital Programme 2011/12 to 2014/15.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the progress on the specific projects detailed in appendix 1 to the report; and

(2) that approval be given to the cost increase on the Gourrock Pool refurbishment contract, as detailed in appendix 2, and the reallocation of funding from the Leisure and Pitches Contingency to fund the increase.

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

199 Addendum Relative to Agenda Item 4

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There was submitted addendum relative to agenda item 4 (Capital Programme 2011/12 to 2014/15 - Progress) on the progress of the Ravenscraig Stadium and Clyde Square landscaping projects.

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to the proposal to remove the track works from the Ravenscraig Stadium project, engage the company detailed in the report to design and supervise the works and to issue tenders for the works; and

(2) that approval be given to the addition of the Clyde Square landscaping works to the customer centre contract.

200 Request for Loan of a Painting from McLean Museum & Art Gallery

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities advising of a request from the McManus Art Gallery for the loan of the painting Crème de Menthe for an exhibition organised by the National Galleries of Scotland.

Decided: that approval be given to the loan of the painting Crème de Menthe to the McManus: Dundee's Art Gallery and Museum from March until June 2012, subject to matters of transport, security and insurance being arranged to the satisfaction of the Libraries Manager.

201 Budget Proposals - Youth Employment and Business Development

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment providing details of the Youth Employment and Business Development projects following the decision of the Council to allocate £600,000 to each initiative from reserves as part of the 2012/13 budget.

Decided:

(1) that agreement be given to the Youth Employment and Business Development

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projects as set out in the report following the decision of the Council to allocate £600,000 to each initiative from reserves as part of the 2012/13 budget; and
 (2) that agreement be given to the non-standard intervention rate associated with the property initiatives at Dubbs Road, Port Glasgow and the West Station, Greenock.

202 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive - European Regional Development Fund: New Call for Applications - Transport Projects 202

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to approve the submission of applications to the European Regional Development Fund for transport projects.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to agree to the submission of applications under the ERDF transport call and delegate authority to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to accept the grants in relation to the Port Glasgow regeneration project and the Gourock Pier and Railhead development area project if successful; and
 (2) that it be noted eligibility for the Port Glasgow regeneration project may be affected by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's obligations.

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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203 Appendix 3 Relative to Agenda Item 3 203

There was submitted appendix 3 relative to agenda item 3 (Building Services Trading Account Revenue Budget 2011/12 - Period 9) providing information relative to the voluntary severance trawl.

Noted

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- 204 Inverclyde Leisure Business Plan - Update on Transfer of Community Facilities 204**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) presenting Inverclyde Leisure's updated Business Plan for approval and (2) providing information on the progress of the transfer of community facilities and other leisure sites.
- Councillors Ahlfeld, MacLeod and White 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 approval be given to the updated Business Plan for Inverclyde Leisure, a copy of which was appended to the report; and
- (2) that the Committee note the position with the review of the current arrangements for the management of leisure and community facilities.
- 205 Various Measured Term Contracts 2011/13 - Permission to Extend Contracts for One Year 205**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval to extend the various measured term contracts as detailed in the report for a period of one year.
- Decided:** that approval be given to the extension of the various measured term contracts as detailed in the report for a period of one year on terms favourable to the Council, as determined by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment.
- 206 Lease of Premises - Grieve Road, Greenock 206**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval to grant a lease of premises in Grieve Road, Greenock and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.
- 207 Property Assets Management Report 207**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & 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 the gas governor site at the site of the former Kempock House, Kirn Drive, Gourrock, land at Princes Street, Port Glasgow, land at Whinhill Crescent, Greenock and Redholm Children's Home, all as detailed in the appendix.
- The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the development of the detailed feasibility and business plan, if agreed by the Committee, to progress at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.**

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208 Development of Craigend Resource Centre, Greenock**208**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking the Committee's support for the preparation of a detailed feasibility and business plan for the potential further development of Craigend Resource Centre.

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to the allocation of £15,000 from the Area Renewal Fund to fund a detailed feasibility and business plan to be undertaken by Craigend Resource Centre in collaboration with the Council on the potential development of the Centre as outlined in paragraph 2.2 of the report; and

(2) that the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment be authorised to engage with representatives of the Craigend Resource Centre to enable them to select appropriate qualified tenderers and appoint the most economically advantageous to prepare the detailed study and business plan and to report back to the Committee in due course.

The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the lease, if agreed by the Committee, to be concluded at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.

209 Lease of Premises - Loch Thom, Greenock**209**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment seeking approval to grant a lease of an area of land at Loch Thom, Greenock and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.