

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL - 23 FEBRUARY 2012

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 23 February 2012 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, Libraries Manager and Corporate Communications Manager.

123 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 123

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

124 Clyde Coastguard Update: Presentation 124

The Council heard a presentation by Mr Stewart Atkinson, PCS representative, on the implications of the decision of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency to close the Clyde Coastguard Centre at Greenock and the current position of the continuing campaign to retain the Centre.

Following his presentation, Mr Atkinson answered a number of questions from Members.

Decided: that Inverclyde Council continue to support the campaign and continue to co-ordinate actions with the other local authorities within the West of Scotland which form the Concordat in support of the retention of the Clyde Coastguard Centre at Greenock.

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

125 The Inverclyde Council - 1 December 2011 125

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126 Planning Board - 7 December 2011 126

Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.

127 General Purposes Board - 14 December 2011 127

Approved on the motion of Councillor White.

128 Grants Sub-Committee - 15 December 2011 128

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Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.

129 The Inverclyde Council (Special) - 15 December 2011 129

Approved on the motion of Provost McCormick.

130 Planning Board - 4 January 2012 130

Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.

131 Audit Committee - 10 January 2012 131

Approved on the motion of Councillor Blair.

132 General Purposes Board - 11 January 2012 132

Approved on the motion of Councillor White.

133 Inverclyde CHCP Sub-Committee - 12 January 2012 133

Approved on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.

It was noted in relation to paragraph 29(10) (Welfare Reform: Implications for Inverclyde Services and the Funding of the Statutory Homelessness Service), that the Convener had now written to the Secretary of State for Work & Pensions in accordance with the minuted decision and he read out his letter to Members.

134 Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee - 17 January 2012 134

Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.

135 Regeneration Committee - 19 January 2012 135

Approved on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.

136 Education & Lifelong Learning Committee - 24 January 2012 136

Approved on the motion of Councillor Loughran.

137 Planning Board - 1 February 2012 137

Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.

138 Education Appeals Board - 2 February 2012 138

Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.

139 Policy & Resources Committee - 7 February 2012 139

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Cloch Road, Gourrock (Waiting Restrictions & Revocation) Order 2011.

Resolved on the motion of Councillor White seconded by Councillor Ahlfeld that THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL incorporated under the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994 RESOLVE TO MAKE as they HEREBY MAKE a Resolution under Sections 1(1), 2(1) and (2) and Part III of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to introduce Waiting Restrictions & Revocations at Cloch Road, Gourrock 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.

145 Proposal to Appoint an Archivist

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities seeking approval to advertise for and appoint a Council Archivist.

Decided: that approval be given to the creation and advertising of a 0.5 post of Archivist, temporary for two years in the first instance, to be funded by the Watt Trust.

The Provost being of the opinion that the undernoted item was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Council to consider the position in respect of the future of the Community Midwife Unit at Inverclyde Royal Hospital at the earliest opportunity and to make representations in this regard if considered appropriate. This was agreed unanimously.

146 Community Midwife Unit, Inverclyde Royal Hospital

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There was circulated a request from Councillor McIlwee in relation to the Community Midwife Unit at Inverclyde Royal Hospital in the following terms:-

“Considering the report in today’s Telegraph which indicates an imminent closure of the CMU Service at Inverclyde this motion is presented to Full Council.

Concern must be raised around the situation presented in today’s Telegraph about the future of the Community Midwife Unit at Inverclyde Royal. This is a service which was subject to review as part of an agreed redesign by Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health Board in 2008. The Board assured the Council that the decision to maintain the CMU would be for a period of 3 years at which point a review would be conducted. It seems therefore inappropriate that the Board have apparently made a decision without further recourse to the Council.

Any reduction in service to vulnerable individuals within Inverclyde is taken very seriously and in particular this reflects on the provision of primary healthcare.

It is acknowledged that the information appears to have been issued on an informal basis and as such the Council would request that the Chief Executive write directly to the Cabinet Secretary and the Chief Executive of the Board requesting that clarification be provided in respect of the Board intentions.”

Decided: that the Council agree to oppose the closure of the Community Midwife Unit at Inverclyde Royal Hospital as stated in the item circulated and remit it to the Chief Executive to write to the Cabinet Secretary and the Chief Executive of the NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health Board requesting that clarification be provided in respect of the Board’s intentions.

Councillor McCallum left the meeting at this juncture.

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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 two 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 and for the item thereafter, the nature of the exempt information being that defined in the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as detailed in the relevant minute.

Item	Paragraph(s)
Clyde Valley - Progress on Waste Treatment and Disposal Business Case	6, 8 and 9
Property Assets Management Report - Kilmacolm Institute: Remit from Regeneration Committee	2, 6 and 9

147 **Clyde Valley - Progress on Waste Treatment and Disposal Business Case** 147

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (1) advising that an analysis by Officers corporately had concluded that the business case for Inverclyde Council to continue its participation in the shared service scheme in respect of waste treatment and disposal was not sufficiently strong and (2) making a number of recommendations arising from this conclusion.

Decided:

- (1) that the Council note the progress made by the project since the meeting of the Council on 1 December 2011;
- (2) that the Council note the change in focus of the project from the creation of a Public/Public Entity to a joint procurement process;
- (3) that the Council note the analysis of the final outline business case shown in sections 4 and 5 of the report;
- (4) that the Council note the risks analysis as detailed in appendix 4;
- (5) that it be agreed to withdraw from any further participation in the Clyde Valley shared service for waste treatment and disposal for the reasons outlined in the report;
- (6) that it be noted that with Inverclyde withdrawing from the project, there is likely to be an additional financial burden on Councils which decide to participate further as they will have to absorb Inverclyde's share of the procurement costs;
- (7) that it be noted that Inverclyde has seconded a Waste Strategy Officer to the work for the duration of the project to date as part of the core group and that as a result of the decision to withdraw from the scheme, the Officer will return to Inverclyde Council and resume his normal duties on a date to be arranged by the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services in consultation with North Lanarkshire Council to ensure continuity with the project;
- (8) that it be noted that Inverclyde Council has a competitive residual waste contract in place until 30 June 2014 with options to extend by two 12 month periods until 30 June 2016;
- (9) that it be noted that Officers will submit a report to a future meeting of the Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee for approval to tender for a residual waste treatment contract which will be in operation in advance of the existing contract termination dates; and
- (10) that in order to comply with the proposed Zero Waste Regulations, the treatment

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and disposal of residual waste will cost significantly more in the future irrespective of the delivery route ultimately adopted by the Council.

148 Property Assets Management Report - Kilmacolm Institute: Remit from Regeneration Committee 148

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on a remit from the Regeneration Committee of 19 January 2012 requesting that the Inverclyde Council, as Trustees, approve the recommendation of the Committee to set a closing date for receipt of offers for the former Kilmacolm Institute.

Decided: that a closing date of Friday 20 April 2012 be set for the receipt of offers for the former Kilmacolm Institute.

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149 Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee - 17 January 2012 149

Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.

150 Regeneration Committee - 19 January 2012 150

Approved on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.

151 Education Appeals Board - 2 February 2012 151

Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.

AUDIT COMMITTEE - 28 FEBRUARY 2012

Audit Committee

Tuesday 28 February 2012 at 3 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Blair presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Chief Internal Auditor, Chief Financial Officer and Finance Manager.

Present Also: Mr G Devlin and Ms C Bailey (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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| 152 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 152 |
| | There were no apologies for absence. | |
| | Councillor MacLeod declared an interest in agenda item 4 (Internal Audit Progress Report - 5 December 2011 to 3 February 2012). | |
| 153 | Risk Management Progress Report | 153 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising Members of the progress made on risk management since the meeting of the Committee on 10 January 2012. | |
| | Noted | |
| 154 | External Audit Action Plans - Current Actions | 154 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising Members of the status of current actions from External Audit Action Plans at 31 December 2011. | |
| | Decided: that the progress made by Internal Audit during the reporting period be noted. | |
| 155 | Internal Audit Progress Report - 5 December 2011 to 3 February 2012 | 155 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment presenting to Members the monitoring report of Internal Audit activity from 5 December 2011 to 3 February 2012. | |
| | Councillor MacLeod declared a non-financial interest in this item as a board member 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. | |
| | Decided: that the progress made by Internal Audit during the reporting period be noted. | |
| 156 | External Audit - Audit Approach Memorandum 2011/12 | 156 |

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer presenting to Members the External Audit - Audit Approach Memorandum 2011/12.

Decided: that the contents of the Audit Approach Memorandum 2011/12 be noted.

157 Changes in the 2011-2012 Annual Accounts**157**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing Members with advance notice of the main accounting changes that will feature in the Council's 2011-2012 Annual Accounts.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted; and
- (2) that a special meeting of the Audit Committee be held on Thursday 28 June 2012 to review the unaudited 2011-12 accounts prior to their submission to Audit Scotland.

Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership Sub-CommitteeThursday 1 March 2012 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors R Moran (for 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 Glasgow & Clyde Health Board; Mrs N McFadden, Public Partnership Forum; Ms D McCrone, Staff Partnership Forum; and Mr R Murphy, Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership.

Chair: Councillor McIlwee presided.

In attendance: Head of Planning, Health Improvement & Commissioning, Head of Health & Community Care, Head of Children's Services and Criminal Justice, Ms L Bairden (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & 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.

158 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 158

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

Councillor Fyfe declared an interest in agenda item 10 (Housing Support Provision).

159 Community Health & Care Partnership - Financial Report 2011/12 as at Period 9 to 31 December 2011 159

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership on the 2011/12 Revenue and Capital Budget position as at Period 9 to 31 December 2011.

Decided:

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the current projected Revenue Budget underspend of £82,000 for 2011/12 as at 31 December 2011;
- (2) that the Policy & Resources Committee be recommended to approve the creation of an Independent Living Earmarked Reserve with £450,000 to come from the Social Work 2011/12 projected underspend and a further £300,000 to be earmarked from the Social Work 2012/13 Budget;
- (3) that the Sub-Committee note the ongoing prescribing cost pressures and that opportunities continue to be explored to address this pressure;
- (4) that a report on progress made in addressing prescribing cost pressures be submitted to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee;
- (5) that it be noted in respect of the current projected capital position (a) that Social Work capital is projected as being on budget over the life of the projects, (b) that there is Social Work slippage of £590,000 (40% of the 2011/12 planned project budget) as at 31 December 2011 and (c) that the Health capital position is projected to be on budget; and
- (6) that approval be given to the Social Work Budget virements totalling £353,040 detailed in appendix 7 to the report.

160 Mental Health Strategy (2011 - 2015) Consultation 160

There was submitted a report by the Head of Mental Health, Addictions & Homelessness informing the Sub-Committee of the local consultation response processes and outcomes to inform the Scottish Government's Mental Health Strategy (2011-2015) Consultation.

Decided: that the Sub-Committee note and endorse the local Inverclyde consultation response sent to the Scottish Government on 31 January 2012 as set out in the report.

161 Report of the Director of Public Health: Keeping Health in Mind: A Report on the Health of the Population of NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde 2011 - 2013 161

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership appending the recently published Director of Public Health Report - Keeping Health in Mind 2011 - 2013.

Decided: that the Sub-Committee note the publication of the Director of Public Health Report - Keeping Health in Mind 2011 - 2013 and executive summary and acknowledge the key themes and recommendations contained within the report.

162 Development Plan Update 2012/13 162

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership (1) appending the first draft of the CHCP Development Plan Update 2012/13 and (2) informing of the intention to submit a final draft of the document to NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Corporate Planning Team on 31 March 2012.

Decided:

(1) that the Sub-Committee note the requirement of the CHCP to submit a final annual Development Plan Update in the 2010/2013 NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde planning round;

(2) that the content of the draft Development Plan Update 2012/13 submitted to the NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Corporate Planning Team on 3 February 2012 be noted;

(3) that approval be given to the content of the draft Plan, subject to any required changes determined by the Corporate Planning Team, for final submission on 31 March 2012; and

(4) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership to report on any suggested ways of involving Sub-Committee Members in the planning process in the future.

163 Older People's Strategy 2012/13 163

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership informing the Sub-Committee of the outcome of the consultation exercise regarding the Older People's Strategy 2012/13.

Decided: that the Sub-Committee note the outcome of the consultation activity and the revised Older People's Strategy 2012/13.

164 The CHCP Development Group 164

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership advising of the work currently underway relating to the establishment of the CHCP Development Group and explaining the remit of the Group.

Decided: that the Sub-Committee note the establishment and remit of the CHCP Development Group and the approach adopted to integrated learning and organisational

development.

165 CHCP Contributions to Consultations 165

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership listing the national consultation exercises to which the CHCP has submitted formal contributions.

Noted

166 Community Payback Orders 166

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

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 6, 8 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

167 Housing Support Provision 167

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership on discussions which were ongoing with River Clyde Homes regarding funding and support arrangements for tenants within sheltered housing complexes and recommending action which was agreed, all as detailed in the appendix.

Councillor Fyfe declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Member of the Board of River Clyde Homes. 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.

At the close of business, Councillor McIlwee referred to the fact that this would be the last scheduled meeting of the Sub-Committee prior to the local government elections in May. He expressed his appreciation to his fellow Sub-Committee members and to Officers for the efficient way in which the Sub-Committee had operated since its establishment and extended his particular thanks to Mr Rab Murphy who would shortly be retiring from the post of Corporate Director.

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Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee

Tuesday 6 March 2012 at 3 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Corporate Director Education & Communities, Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Mr R Graham (Environmental & Commercial Services), Head of Regeneration & Planning, Mrs M McCabe (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr D Hall (for Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities), Mr G Malone (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services) and Corporate Communications Manager.

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| 168 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 168 |
| | There were no apologies for absence or declarations of interest. | |
| 169 | Safe, Sustainable Communities 2011/12 Revenue Budget - Period 9 to 31 December 2011 | 169 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment and Corporate Director Education & Communities on the position of the 2011/12 Revenue Budget as at period 9 (31 December 2011) which projected an underspend of £256,000. | |
| | Noted | |
| 170 | Safe, Sustainable Communities Capital Programme 2011/14 - Progress | 170 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment, Corporate Director Education & Communities and Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Safe, Sustainable Communities Capital Programme 2011/14. | |
| | Noted | |
| 171 | Clune Park Regeneration: Progress Report | 171 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities providing an update on the proposed regeneration of the Clune Park area in Port Glasgow. | |
| | Decided: | |
| | (1) that the current progress towards the regeneration of the Clune Park area be noted; | |
| | (2) that it be noted that the regeneration plan, approved by the Committee at a special meeting on 24 May 2011, has been updated, revised and submitted to the Scottish Government for consideration; | |
| | (3) that the Committee note the additional housing funding allocated to the budget for | |

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the regeneration of Clune Park; and

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

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

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

Decided:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Decided:

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

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

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

Decided:

(1) that the Committee approve the proposed capital budget allocation, including the

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potential £1M for match funding, for the Flood Action Plan for 2012/13 - 2013/14 and beyond;

(2) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to proceed to tender for the new projects listed in appendix 1 to the report, and to grant approval for the acceptance of such tenders in terms of the Council's Financial Regulations and Standing Orders relating to Contracts; and

(3) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, in conjunction with the Chief Financial Officer and Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance to identify the additional appropriate managerial, professional and technical staff necessary to ensure that this programme is delivered.

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

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

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the proposed spend profile, as outlined at paragraph 5.1 of the report and approve the detailed expenditure for 2012/13 as outlined at 5.4 and 5.5;

(2) that the Committee note that, subject to the completion of the geotechnical survey, design and estimated costs for the reinstatement of Dunrod Road, the attached programme may require to be adjusted to accommodate the final estimated cost;

(3) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to proceed to tender for the new projects listed in the report, and to grant approval for the acceptance of such tenders in terms of the Council's Financial Regulations and Standing Orders relating to Contracts;

(4) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to apply appropriate variances as specified at 4.4 of the report;

(5) that the Committee remit it to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, in conjunction with the Chief Financial Officer and the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance to identify the additional appropriate managerial, professional and technical staff necessary to ensure that the 2012/13 - 2014/15 programme is delivered; and

(6) that the Committee note that a full report on the Roads Assessment Management Plan (RAMP) and associated long term investment requirements will be submitted to the Committee in June 2012, which will provide further details on the spend for 2013/14 - 2014/15.

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

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

Decided:

(1) that, subject to further and full consultation with Legal Services on the issues surrounding the proposals, approval is given to issue invitations to tender for the Port

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Glasgow Bus Station improvements contract;

(2) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to proceed to tender for the project, and to grant approval for the acceptance of such tenders in terms of the Council's Financial Regulations and Standing Orders relating to Contracts; and

(3) that the Committee delegate authority to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to appoint URS, consultant engineers, who designed the project, in order to respond to contractors' queries and make design changes during the course of the contract where necessary, the cost of which will be contained within the project funding provided by SPT.

178 Delegated Powers: Authorisation of Officers 178

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

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

179 Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2012 - 2015 179

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

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

180 Proposed Statutory Quality Partnership Scheme 180

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

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

181 Carbon Management Plan 2011-16 181

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

Decided:

(1) that the Committee approve the Carbon Management Plan 2011-16;

(2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment to establish a Carbon Management Group to oversee the Carbon Management Plan's implementation; and

(3) that the Committee agree to receive a 6 monthly progress update from the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on the implementation of the Carbon Management Plan.

182 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive 182

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

Noted

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

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

Decided: that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - Tarbet Street, Gourock (Waiting Restrictions and Revocation) Order 2012 and that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to arrange for implementation of the Order.

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

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

Decided: that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On Street) Order No. 2 2011 and that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to arrange for implementation of the Order.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 13 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

185 Closing Order 185

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

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

PLANNING BOARD - 7 MARCH 2012

Planning Board

Wednesday 7 March 2012 at 3 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

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

186 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 186

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

187 PLANNING APPLICATIONS 187

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

- (a) Formation of new play area:
Land Adjacent to Upper Larkfield Community Hall, Lothian Road, Greenock
(12/0005/IC)**

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

(1) that prior to the commencement of works on site, full details of a pedestrian safety guardrail at the access points to Burns Road and Angus Road must be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The pedestrian safety guardrail shall then be installed as approved prior to the use of the play park, in the interests of road and pedestrian safety;

(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;

(3) that the development shall not commence until a 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

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potential contamination issues in the interests of environmental safety;

(4) 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;

(5) 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; and

(6) that no material shall be imported onto the site until written details of the source of the imported material has 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.

**(b) Upgrade to foyer and toilets (partially in retrospect):
Municipal Buildings, Clyde Square, Greenock (11/0027/LB)**

Decided: that planning permission be granted.

**(c) Change of use of former church to theatre and academy of music and drama with associated café:
Orangefield Baptist Church, Orangefield Place, Greenock (11/0352/IC)**

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

After discussion, Councillor McCallum moved that planning permission be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report. As an amendment, Councillor Books moved that planning permission be refused as the proposal would generate additional traffic which would exacerbate the existing traffic congestion in the vicinity. On a vote, 4 Members voted for the amendment and 5 for the motion which was declared carried.

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

(1) that there shall be no live music, performances, rehearsals and classes undertaken between the hours of 23:00 and 07:00 on any day, to prevent harm to nearby residential properties from noise;

(2) that any noise from performances, rehearsals and classes shall not exceed 35dB LAeq within St Patrick's Church during hours of worship, and shall not exceed 45dB LAeq(16 hours) within any other noise sensitive property, to prevent harm to nearby residential properties from noise; and

(3) that there shall be no means of direct vehicular access to the trunk road, to minimise interference with the safety and free flow of traffic on the trunk road.

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- (d) Change of position and height of two lighting columns (amendment to 10/0228/IC):
Parklea, Parklea Road, Port Glasgow (11/0360/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 condition that development shall be carried out in accordance with Appendix 4 of Land Use Consultants Supporting Information for Appropriate Assessment at Parklea (January 2011), to protect wintering redshanks in the Clyde Special Protection Area and to satisfy the requirements of Scottish Natural Heritage.

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

- (e) Erection of a satellite dish (in retrospect):
Former Mount Zion Church, Church Road, Quarriers Village (11/0019/LB)**

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the condition that the glass reinforced plastic door recess, hereby approved, shall be installed within two months of the date hereof, in order to safeguard the integrity of the design of the Grade B listed building and to secure the removal of the unauthorised chipboard door recess.

- (f) Erection of farm workers cottage and cow shed:
Auchenbothie Farms, Kilmacolm (11/0353/IC)**

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

After discussion, Councillor Fyfe moved that planning permission be refused as the application site is within the designated Greenbelt and as there is sufficient alternative accommodation for farm workers in the vicinity of the site. As an amendment, Councillor Wilson moved that planning permission be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report. On a vote, 3 Members voted for the motion and 7 for the amendment which was declared carried.

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

- (1) that occupation of the dwelling shall be limited to a person solely or mainly employed, or last employed, in the locality in agriculture or to a widow or widower of such a person and to any dependants, to ensure that the approval of planning permission is in compliance with policies DS10 and H4 of the Inverclyde Local Plan;
- (2) that prior to the occupation of the house, the cow shed hereby approved shall be constructed and in use for the sheltering of cattle and/or sheep, to support the sustainable and effective use of the farm unit prior to the occupation of a house on site;
- (3) that the external walls of the house shall be finished in wet dash render. Development thereafter shall proceed utilising the approved materials unless the Planning Authority gives its prior written approval to any alternatives, to comply with the design guidance detailed in the Council's Planning Practice Advice Note No. 5 (Design and Siting of Houses in the Countryside);
- (4) that the basecourse of the house shall be finished in smooth cement render, to comply with the design guidance detailed in the Council's Planning Practice Advice Note No. 5 (Design and Siting of Houses in the Countryside);
- (5) that land drainage shall be provided to prevent water run-off to public roads. Details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Head of Regeneration and Planning prior to completion of the development. Development thereafter shall proceed in accordance with the approved details unless the Planning Authority gives its prior

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written approval to any alternatives, to ensure that any water run off from the development does not impact on road safety;

(6) that a visibility splay of 2.5m x 120m shall be provided at the site entrance, to ensure that drivers leaving the site have clear visibility when entering the public road;

(7) that a junction corner radii of 6m shall be provided at the entrance to the site, to ensure that vehicles entering and exiting the site may do so safely;

(8) 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;

(9) 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; and

(10) 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.

188 PLANNING APPEAL - PRIESTSIDE FARM, AUCHENTIBER ROAD, KILMACOLM 188

There was submitted a report by 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) 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.

Noted

189 PLANNING APPEAL - HIGH MATHERNOCK FARM, AUCHENTIBER ROAD, KILMACOLM 189

There was submitted a report by 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) 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

190 PLANNING APPEAL - BARR'S BRAE, PORT GLASGOW 190

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There was submitted a report by Head of Regeneration & Planning advising that following the decision of the Board at the meeting held on 5 October 2011 to refuse planning permission in principle for residential development, including the formation of a new access road, at Barr's Brae, Port Glasgow (11/0169/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 dismiss the appeal.

Noted

LOCAL REVIEW BODY - 7 MARCH 2012

Local Review BodyWednesday 7 March 2012 at 4 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Mr R Gimby (Regeneration & Planning Services) and Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services).

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

191 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 191

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

192 PLANNING APPLICATION FOR REVIEW 192

**Construction of two detached dwellinghouses:
Land Adjacent to 6 Carron Road, Wemyss Bay (11/0166/IC)**

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review of the refusal of planning permission for the construction of two detached dwellinghouses on land adjacent to 6 Carron Road, Wemyss Bay (11/0166/IC).

Decided:

- (1) that sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and
- (2) that the application for review be dismissed and that planning permission be refused (upholding the appointed Officer's determination) as the loss of the area of public open space and woodland would be severely detrimental to both the appearance of the residential area and the open and spacious nature of the locality, contrary to Local Plan policies H1 and LR1, as set out in the Report of Handling.

GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE - 8 MARCH 2012

Grants Sub-CommitteeThursday 8 March 2012 at 2 pm

Present: Councillors Blair, Clocherty, Loughran, McCallum, Moran (for McKenzie) and Osborne.

Chair: Councillor Clocherty presided.

In attendance: Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Lead Officer - Community Learning & Development and Mr N Duffy (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services).

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

193 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 193

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

Councillor Blair declared an interest in agenda item 2 (Round 3 Applications 2011/12).

194 Round 3 Applications 2011/12 194

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, Greenock Wanderers Rugby Club and the Royal Gourock Yacht Club as a member of these clubs, 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 relative to these applications.

Decided:

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

Group	Award
Absent Voices - Greenock Sugar Shed Artist In Residence	£0.00
Comann Nam Parant (Inverclyde)	£1,395.00 (c)
Hillend Art Club	defer
RIG Arts Ltd	£0.00
Trix School of Dance	£1,000.00 (c)
Gourock Bowling Club	defer
Grosvenor Bowling Club	defer
Inverclyde Leisure Indoor Bowling Club	£0.00
Rankin Park Bowling Club	defer
The Ardgowan Club	£0.00
Wellington Park Bowling Club	defer

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Chapelton Tenants & Residents Association	defer
Inverclyde Amateur Swimming Club	£0.00
Inverclyde Council on Disability Ltd	£0.00
Inverclyde Family Contact Centre	£0.00
Inverclyde Voluntary Council of Social Service	£0.00
Strathclyde 4x4 Response - Inverclyde Sub-Team	£1,705.00
Caddlehill Allotment Gardens	£2,000.00
Inverclyde Enable Social Club	£2,000.00
Inverkip Gala Day	£2,000.00 (c)
Kilmacolm Friends of the Old Kirk	£2,000.00
Parklea BINGO Bowlers	£0.00
Strone & Maukinhill Tenants Association	£1,000.00
The Royalle Social Club	£0.00
Upper Larkfield Community Hall	£1,800.00
NSPCC	£0.00
Ocean Youth Trust Scotland	£1,000.00 (c)
Port Glasgow Old Peoples Welfare Council	£0.00
Weans World Parent/Carer Toddler Group	defer
Clyde All Stars Junior Netball Club	£2,000.00
Gourock Youth Athletic Club	£1,800.00 (c)
Greenock Wanderers Rugby Football Club	£5,000.00 (c)
Inverclyde Community Tennis Initiative	defer
Inverclyde Masters Swimming Club	£1,000.00
Inverclyde Phoenix American Football Club	defer
Larkfield Amateur Boxing Club	£3,000.00
Royal Gourock Yacht Club	£0.00
Jericho House	£0.00
Samaritans of Inverclyde	£1,070.00
The Tuesday Club	£1,000.00 (c)
Riverside Youth Band	£1,000.00
70 Greenock and District Scout Group	£1,000.00 (c)
	£32,770.00

(c) denotes conditional

- (2) that £18,000 be allocated to the waivers to let budget; and
(3) that any underspend be allocated to the waivers to let budget.

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 at 31 December 2011 be noted; and

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(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

198

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

199

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

200

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

201

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 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

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(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.

Item	Paragraph(s)
Appendix 3 Relative to Agenda Item 3	1
Inverclyde Leisure Business Plan - Update on Transfer of Community Facilities	6 & 9
Various Measured Term Contracts 2011/13 - Permission to Extend Contracts for One Year	6 & 8
Lease of Premises - Grieve Road, Greenock	2, 6 & 9
Property Assets Management Report	2, 6 & 9
Development of Craigend Resource Centre, Greenock	6
Lease of Premises - Loch Thom, Greenock	2, 6 & 9

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

204 Inverclyde Leisure Business Plan - Update on Transfer of Community Facilities 204

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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.

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.

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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 Craighend 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 Craighend 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.

EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE - 13 MARCH 2012

Education and Lifelong Learning Committee

Tuesday 13 March 2012 at 4.00 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Loughran presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education & Communities, Head of Education, Head of Educational Planning & Culture, Ms E Hamilton and Mr I Mills (Education Services), Ms J Buchanan (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 Corporate Communications Manager.

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

210 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 210

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor McKenzie, with Councillor Moran substituting, and Rev A MacLean and Rev C McGranaghan, Church Representatives.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

211 Education Scotland Report on Mearns Centre 211

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the results of the Education Scotland external evaluation of Mearns Centre, Greenock. The report advised that of the Indicators of Quality, one aspect of the Centre had been judged to be "very good", two to be "good" and two to be "satisfactory".

Mr Bill Crossan, Head of Education at Mearns Centre, was present and addressed the Committee relative to the external evaluation report.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee endorse the comments made following the external evaluation of Mearns Centre, Greenock; and
- (2) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all staff and pupils for the work undertaken to achieve the evaluation.

212 Education & Lifelong Learning 2011/12 Revenue Budget - Period 9 212

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Director Education & Communities on the position of the Revenue Budget 2011/12 as at Period 9 (31 December 2011) which currently projected an underspend of £165,000.

Decided:

- (1) that the current projected underspend of £165,000 for 2011/12 as at Period 9 be noted; and
- (2) that approval be given to the virements totalling £175,500 detailed in appendix 4

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to the report.

213 Capital Programme 2011-15/16 - Progress 213

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities and the Chief Financial Officer on the progress of the Capital Programme 2011-15/16.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress of the specific projects detailed in appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) that approval be given to the addition of the Moorfoot Primary School replacement windows and curtain walling project and the issue of tenders for the work and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the lowest acceptable tender provided that the cost is within the available funding for the project;
- (3) that the Committee note and approve the additional expenditure of £190,400 in the Whinhill Primary School (refurbishment of former Overton Primary School) project detailed in appendix 2; and
- (4) that approval be given to the utilisation of the overall Capital Programme contingency allowance to address the over-expenditure referred to in decision (2) above.

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

214 Addendum Relative to Agenda Item 4 214

There was submitted addendum by the Corporate Director Education & Communities and Chief Financial Officer to agenda item 4 (Capital Programme 2011-15/16 - Progress) relative to the Mearns Centre (refurbishment of St Laurence's Primary School) project.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note and approve the additional expenditure on the Mearns Centre (refurbishment of St Laurence's Primary School) project which has reduced from a projected amount of £285,000 (13.28%) to £193,000 (8.97%);
- (2) that approval be given to utilisation of the overall Capital Programme contingency allowances to address the additional expenditure required; and
- (3) that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the lowest tender received for the project, that by Central Building Contractors (Glasgow) Ltd in the sum of £2,164,285.17.

215 Update on Progress with the Implementation of Curriculum for Excellence 215

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.

216 Mr Iain Mills 216

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The Convener referred at this point to the forthcoming retiral of Mr Iain Mills, Quality Improvement Manager. On behalf of the Committee, he thanked Mr Mills for his contribution to Education Services over the years and extended his best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

Councillor Fyfe left the meeting at this juncture.

217 **Prioritisation and Acceleration of Primary School Refurbishment Programme** 217

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on proposals in respect of the prioritisation and acceleration of aspects of the Primary School Refurbishment Programme which forms part of the School Estate Management Plan.

(Councillors Grieve and Blair left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current condition and suitability of the properties as contained in appendix 1 to the report and approve the proposed programme for the primary school refurbishment to 2016 as detailed in paragraph 5.1;
- (2) that the Committee note the report on the proposed acceleration of aspects of the primary school refurbishment programme as detailed in section 6 and approve the projects detailed in appendix 2; and
- (3) that approval be given to the revised Funding Model highlighted in paragraph 7.2 and included as appendices 4.1 and 4.2.

218 **Communication Friendly Schools** 218

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities informing the Committee of the plan gradually to develop Communication Friendly educational establishments throughout Inverclyde.

Noted

Councillor McCabe left the meeting at this juncture.

219 **Additional Support Needs Monitoring Forum** 219

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities providing an update on the progress of the Additional Support Needs Monitoring Forum (ASNMF).

Decided: that the Committee note the positive progress which has been made through the ASNMF in meeting children's needs more effectively.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 14 MARCH 2012

General Purposes Board

Wednesday 14 March 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), 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.

220 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 220

No apologies, substitutions or declarations of interest were intimated.

221 Market Operator's Licence 221
Farmer's Market, The Square, Lochwinnoch Road, Kilmacolm

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on the updated position of the operation of the farmer's market at The Square, Lochwinnoch Road, Kilmacolm as requested by the Board at their meeting held on 12 October 2011.

The licence holder was not present or represented.

Mr Jarvie advised on the updated position and asked the Board to consider the request by Environmental and Commercial Services on additional conditions being added to the Licence namely:-

- (i) The Licence Holder shall advise traders that it is an offence to drive on the footway; and
- (ii) Traders vehicles must be unloaded at the roadside and goods/equipment carried or trolled to their destination on the Square.

The Board heard from Inspector Thomson on the Road Traffic Regulations.

After discussion Councillor White moved to note the updated report and no action to be taken with regard to the additional conditions. As an amendment Councillor Fyfe moved to note the updated report and agree to the additional conditions being added to the licence as outlined by Environmental and Commercial Services. On a vote, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 5 Members voted for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: (i) Noted the updated position; and
(ii) No additional conditions to be added to the Market Operator Licence.

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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.

222 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Noble Whitelaw 222

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

Mr Whitelaw was present. The Board heard from Inspector Thomson in support of the Police representation and Mr Whitelaw in support of his application.

Decided: that the application be refused.

223 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Brian Harkins 223

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

Mr Harkins was not present or represented.

Decided: that the application be refused.

224 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Robert McIntyre 224

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

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

Decided: to continue consideration to the next meeting of the Board.

225 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: Gary Docherty 225

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to consider suspension of Mr Docherty's Taxi Driver's Licence which is due to expire on 31 May 2012 .

Mr Docherty was present. The Board heard from Inspector Thomson in support of the Police representation and Mr Docherty in support of his licence.

Councillor Grieve left the meeting during consideration of this item as he had to attend another meeting.

Decided: that Mr Docherty's Taxi Driver's Licence be suspended with immediate effect for the remainder of its term.

- 226** **Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Hugh McLaughlin** **226**
There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr McLaughlin following a Police representation.
- Mr McLaughlin was not present or represented.
Decided: that the application be refused.

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 27 MARCH 2012

Policy & Resources Committee

Tuesday 27 March 2012 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors Blair, Brooks, Clocherty, McCabe, McIlwee, Loughran (for McKenzie), MacLeod, Moran, Wilson and Ahlfeld (for 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, Head of Mental Health, Addictions & Homelessness, Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance, Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Mr D Hall (for Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities), Business/Democratic Services Manager, Corporate Communications Manager, Finance Manager and Ms A Edmiston (Finance Services).

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

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| 227 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 227 |
| | Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor White, with Councillor Ahlfeld substituting, Councillor McKenzie, with Councillor Loughran substituting, and Councillor Nelson. | |
| | Councillors Clocherty and Loughran declared an interest in agenda item 5 (General Fund Revenue Budget 2011/12 - Period 10). | |
| 228 | Policy & Resources Capital Programme 2011/12 - 14/15 - Progress Report | 228 |
| | 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 January 2012. | |
| | Noted | |
| 229 | Capital Programme 2011/15 | 229 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the latest position of the 2011/15 Capital Programme. | |
| | Decided: | |
| | (1) that the Committee note the current position of the 2011/15 Capital Programme following the decisions taken at the special meeting of the Inverclyde Council on 9 February 2012; | |
| | (2) that the £0.048M underspend reported by the Regeneration Committee be retained as a contribution to reducing the overall shortfall in the Capital Programme; and | |
| | (3) that the Committee agree in principle to provide 50% of the cost increase at the Beacon Arts Facility up to a maximum of £250,000 subject to a detailed report on this matter being submitted to the next meeting of the Regeneration Committee. | |
| 230 | Policy & Resources Committee 2011/12 Revenue Budget - Period 10 | 230 |

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment and the Chief Financial Officer on the position of the 2011/12 Revenue Budget as at Period 10 (31 January 2012) which projected an underspend of £1.558M excluding Earmarked Reserves.

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

Noted

231 General Fund Revenue Budget 2011/12 - Period 10

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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 10 (31 January 2012) which currently projected an underspend of £3.78M.

Councillors Clocherty and Loughran declared a non-financial interest in this item as members of the Board of River Clyde Homes. 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 latest position in respect of the 2011/12 Revenue Budget, General Fund Reserves, Earmarked Reserves and Savings Workstreams;

(2) that approval be given to the creation of a Winter Maintenance Earmarked Reserve and an Independent Living Earmarked Reserve from 1 April 2012;

(3) that in light of the SNP Government's failure to allocate any funding to Inverclyde to address youth unemployment, the Committee agree to commit £450,000 from the surplus General Fund Reserves in 2012/13 to supplement the already approved additional £600,000, giving a total fund of £1.05M for this purpose; and

(4) that it be remitted to Officers to submit a report to the next meeting of the Committee with proposals to ensure that the Council maintains free General Fund Reserves at £4.2M in line with the Chief Financial Officer's recommendation and current Council policy.

232 Corporate Performance Report

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance providing corporate performance information collected in mid February 2012.

Decided:

(1) that the corporate performance information contained in the report be endorsed; and

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

233 Budget Profiling and Zero Based Budgeting

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer requesting the Committee to consider the Council's approach to Budget Profiling and Zero Based Budgeting (ZBB), an issue which had been highlighted in the 2011/12 Audit Members' letter.

Decided:

(1) that it be agreed that all Revenue Budget lines above £100,000 and Capital projects with projected spend in 2012/13 of £250,000 be profiled, this change to take place for 2012/13; and

(2) that it be agreed to continue with the hybrid budget setting methodology currently

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in place.

234 Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2012/13 - 2014/15 234

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2012/15, Treasury Policy Limits, the Council's Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators for the next three years and the List of Permitted Investments.

Decided:

- (1) that the Treasury Management Strategy, Annual Investment Strategy, Treasury Policy Limits, Prudential Indicators, Treasury Management Indicators and List of Permitted Investments (including those for the Common Good Fund) be remitted to the Inverclyde Council for approval;
- (2) that it be remitted to the Council to approve the formal adoption of the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management (as revised in November 2011);
- (3) that the Committee approve an increase in the Counterparty Limit with the Bank of Scotland to £70M until the end of April 2013; and
- (4) that the Committee homologate the exceeding of the Treasury Management Practices Limit with the Bank of Scotland for one day in January 2012.

235 Olympic Torch Relay 2012 235

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services (1) advising of the visit of the Olympic Torch Relay to Inverclyde and (2) proposing arrangements for effective event management.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the arrangements in support of the Olympic Torch Relay visit to Inverclyde as detailed in the report; and
- (2) that a budget allocation of £26,000 be approved and that it be remitted to the Project Team to implement the planned delivery.

236 The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 236

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment setting out proposals as to how the Council can mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the report and the arrangements in place to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee;
- (2) that it be agreed that the Council host a small ceremony at the Lyle Hill to light the Beacon already located there and that the Chief Executive and Provost be asked to lead the ceremony; and
- (3) that it be remitted to the Corporate Communications Manager to publicise the event and official guidance "Your Guide to Taking Part" on the Council's website and through press activity to encourage participation.

237 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive: Hydroelectric Schemes: Inverclyde Council 237

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive advising of the use of the powers delegated to him to advertise by Prior Information Notice the holding of a market awareness meeting for the micro hydroelectric schemes approved in principle at the Committee meeting in November 2011.

Noted

238 Corporate EDRM Solution - Request to Proceed to Tender 238

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) seeking approval to proceed to tender for a corporate EDRM solution (EDRMS), the contract for which ends in May 2013, and (2) highlighting how EDRMS underpins a number of the Council's modernisation initiatives.

Decided: that approval be given to the issuing of tenders for a corporate EDRMS contract for an initial period of 5 years with the option to extend for a further 3 years on a year by year basis.

239 Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2012 - 2015 239

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on a remit from the Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee of 6 March 2012 requesting the Committee to consider the Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2012 - 2015 (the SHIP) which incorporates revised Scottish Government guidance issued to all local authorities in January 2012.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the Inverclyde Council Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2012 - 2015 for submission to Scottish Ministers; and
- (2) that it be agreed that the Inverclyde Council Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2012 - 2015 be submitted to the Scottish Government prior to 30 March 2012.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the ground that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as are set opposite each item:-

Item	Paragraph(s)
Care Home Services for Inverclyde	6, 8 and 9
Voluntary Severance Scheme: Update on Employees Released and Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive to Authorise Employee Releases	1

240 Care Home Services for Inverclyde 240

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership on the present position of the joint commissioning exercise between the Council and the NHS for care home services for Inverclyde.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the present position in respect of the engagement process with the preferred bidder and the present position with the joint commissioning exercise; and

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(2) that it be noted that the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health Care Partnership will liaise further as appropriate with the Health Board and will submit a further report to the June 2012 meeting of the Committee.

Councillor Wilson left the meeting at this juncture.

241 Voluntary Severance Scheme: Update on Employees Released and Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive to Authorise Employee Releases

241

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance (1) providing an update on employees released under the Council's Voluntary Severance Scheme and (2) advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to authorise him to release employees under the Scheme.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note that 32 employees have been released under the Council's Voluntary Severance Scheme as detailed in appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) that the Committee note the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to extend his delegated authority to release employees under the Scheme; and
- (3) that it be noted that a report will be submitted to the Committee providing an update on the release of employees by the Chief Executive under his delegated authority.

**APPOINTMENT PANEL - CORPORATE DIRECTOR INVERCLYDE COMMUNITY
HEALTH & CARE PARTNERSHIP**

**Appointment Panel - Corporate Director Inverclyde Community
Health & Care Partnership**

Thursday 29 March 2012 at 9 am

Present: Councillors J McIlwee and S McCabe and Mr J Mundell (Inverclyde Council), Mr A Robertson, Dr M Kapasi and Mr R Calderwood (NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde).

Chair: Councillor McIlwee presided.

In attendance: Mr A Moore, Head of Organisational Development, HR & Performance (Inverclyde Council) and Ms L Stockey, Recruitment Manager (NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde).

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

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.

242	Appointment of Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership	242
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The Panel interviewed four candidates and agreed to appoint Mr Brian Moore to the post of Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership, all as detailed in the appendix.

PLANNING BOARD - 4 APRIL 2012

Planning Board

Wednesday 4 April 2012 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors Brooks, Dorrian, Fyfe, Grieve, Loughran, McCallum, Moran, Nelson, Rebecchi, White and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Head of Regeneration & Planning, Development & Building Standards Manager, Mr M Higginbotham (Environmental & Commercial Services) and Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services).

Prior to the commencement of business, Councillor Wilson paid tribute to the Elected Members on the Board and Officers for support over the past 5 years.

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

243 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 243

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Councillor Wilson declared an interest in agenda item 2(g) (Formation of a Temporary Car Park on Existing Grass Open Space, Including a New Permanent Access Off Shore Street: Gourock Railway Station (Grass Open Space Off Shore Street), Gourock (12/0053/IC)).

244 PLANNING APPLICATIONS 244

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

**(a) Erection of dwellinghouse with ancillary flat:
Lukeston Farm, Branchal Road, near Quarriers Village (11/0001/IC)**

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the condition that occupation of the dwelling shall be limited to a person solely or mainly employed, or last employed in the locality in agriculture or to a widow or widower of such a person and to any dependants, to ensure that the approval of planning permission is in compliance with policies DS10 and H4 of the Inverclyde Local Plan.

**(b) Demolition of house and construction of two new houses:
The Lodge, Hazelmere Road, Kilmacolm (12/0033/IC)**

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

After discussion, Councillor Fyfe moved that planning permission be refused (1) as the proposed development would result in backland and/or tandem development and as such would have a detrimental impact on the adjacent category list B building at Nether Knockbuckle and (2) in the interests of road safety as there is restricted visibility at the junction of Florence Drive/Hazelmere Road.

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As an amendment, Councillor Loughran moved 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. On a vote, 4 Members voted for the motion and 7 for the amendment which was declared carried.

Decided: that consideration of the application be continued for a site visit to be arranged by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services in consultation with the Convener.

**(c) Erection of a dwellinghouse:
Knapps, Houston Road, Kilmacolm (12/0030/IC)**

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

After discussion, Councillor Fyfe moved that planning permission be refused (1) as the sub-division of the grounds of Knapps would set a precedent to the detriment of the character of the Conservation Area; (2) as the access to the site is within the Greenbelt which should not be developed further; (3) as the proposal would result in backland development; and (4) as the proposed development would have an undesirable impact on Knapps which is a category B listed building.

As an amendment, Councillor Moran moved 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.

On a vote, 4 Members voted for the motion and 7 for the amendment which was declared carried.

Decided: that consideration of the application be continued for a site visit to be arranged by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services in consultation with the Convener.

**(d) Change of use to hot food takeaway:
74B Belville Street, Greenock (11/0309/IC)**

Decided: that planning permission be refused as no satisfactory means for the dispersal of cooking odours has been submitted, to the detriment of the residential amenity of the flats above the proposed hot food take away, contrary to policy H1 of the Local Plan.

**(e) Alterations including formation of new access to facilitate conversion of library to offices:
7 - 8 Clyde Square, Greenock (12/0068/IC)**

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

After discussion, Councillor Wilson moved that planning permission be granted. As an amendment Councillor Fyfe moved that planning permission be refused as there is no parking strategy associated with the proposal. On a vote, 4 Members voted for the amendment and 6 for the motion which was declared carried.

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 prior to their use, details and/or samples of the new facing materials shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that the

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materials to be used are of appropriate quality and colour; and

(3) that prior to the use of the premises commencing, a Travel Plan shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, in the interests of sustainability.

**(f) Erection of 7 houses with associated works:
Renton Road, Greenock (11/0111/IC)**

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

Decided: that consideration of the application be continued for a site visit, to which Scottish Water and other relevant bodies be invited, to be arranged by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services in consultation with the Convener.

**(g) Formation of a temporary car park on existing grass open space, including a new permanent access off Shore Street:
Gourock Railway Station, (Grass Open Space Off Shore Street), Gourock (12/0053/IC)**

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

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

(1) that the car park shall be removed and the ground reinstated to its original condition, unless subject to another planning permission, within 2 years of the date of this permission, to ensure the long term visual amenity of the area; and

(2) that the new access hereby permitted shall be surfaced to sealed wearing course prior to the car park hereby permitted being brought into use, to prevent deleterious material being carried onto the carriageway.

Councillor Wilson returned to the meeting at this point and resumed the Chair.

**(h) Erection of extension and formation of balcony:
46 Dunvegan Avenue, Gourock (12/0038/IC)**

The report recommended that planning permission be granted subject to the condition that prior to the commencement of works on site, samples of all facing materials shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Works shall then proceed on this basis unless any alternative is agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to enable the Planning Authority to retain effective control of facing and finishing materials in the interests of visual amenity.

After discussion, Councillor White moved that planning permission be granted subject to the condition detailed in the report. As an amendment, Councillor Loughran moved 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. On a vote, 4 Members voted for the amendment and 6 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the condition that prior to the commencement of works on site, samples of all facing materials to the extension hereby permitted shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Works shall then proceed on this basis unless any alternative is agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to enable the Planning Authority to retain effective control of facing and finishing materials in the interests of visual amenity.

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- (i) **Amendment to woodland management plan:
Hill Farm, Inverkip (IC/06/008)**

Decided: that the amendment to the Woodland Management Plan be approved.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 11 APRIL 2012

General Purposes Board

Wednesday 11 April 2012 at 3.00 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Ahlfeld 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.

245 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 245

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors White and MacLeod with Councillor Ahlfeld assuming the Chair.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

246 Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 246
Criminal Justice & Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010
Changes to Licensing of Public Entertainment

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services advising the Board on the changes to the legislation within the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 relating to Public Entertainment.

Mr Jarvie addressed the Board on the changes to legislation and the proposed consultation process.

Decided: (i) noted the updated position;
(ii) remit to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to carry out consultation process; and
(iii) submit an updated report to a future meeting of 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 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.

247 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Robert McIntyre 247

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

Mr McIntyre was not present or represented.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board that Mr McIntyre's application had been continued from the previous two meetings of the Board at Mr McIntyre's request.

The Board heard from Sergeant McDonald in support of the Police representation.

Decided: that the application be refused.

248 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Patrick Donnachie 248

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

Mr Donnachie was present.

The Board heard from Sergeant McDonald in support of the Police representation and Mr Donnachie in support of his application.

Decided: that the application be granted with warning.

249 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Ronald Toal 249

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

Mr Toal was present.

The Board heard from Sergeant McDonald in support of the Police representation and Mr Toal in support of his application.

Decided: that the application be granted.

250 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: John Lyons 250

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

Mr Lyons was not present or represented.

Decided: that the application be refused.

251 Application for Street Trader's Licence: Daniel Rodgers 251

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on an

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application for a Street Trader's Licence by Mr Rodgers following a Police representation.

Councillor Ahlfeld advised the Board that this application has been withdrawn.

Decided: Noted.