

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL - 12 APRIL 2012

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 12 April 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, Ms W Bain (for Corporate Director Education & Communities), Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Business/Democratic Services Manager and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications & Public Affairs).

252 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 252

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

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Approved on the motion of Provost McCormick.

254 Audit Committee - 28 February 2012 254

Approved on the motion of Councillor Blair.

255 Inverclyde CHCP Sub-Committee - 1 March 2012 255

Approved on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.

256 Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee - 6 March 2012 256

Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.

257 Planning Board - 7 March 2012 257

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258 Local Review Body - 7 March 2012 258

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259	Grants Sub-Committee - 8 March 2012	259
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
260	Regeneration Committee - 8 March 2012	260
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.	
261	Education & Lifelong Learning Committee - 13 March 2012	261
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Loughran.	
262	General Purposes Board - 14 March 2012	262
	Approved on the motion of Councillor White.	
263	Policy & Resources Committee - 27 March 2012	263
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
264	Appointment Panel - Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership	264
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.	
265	Planning Board - 4 April 2012	265
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
266	General Purposes Board - 11 April 2012	266
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.	
267	Motion by East Dunbartonshire Council - Bus Services Operators' Grants	267

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on a motion received from East Dunbartonshire Council requesting that the Council support its motion regarding changes to Bus Services Operators' Grants introduced by the Scottish Government.

Following discussion, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Wilson moved that the Council support the general terms of the motion by East Dunbartonshire Council and that it be remitted to the Chief Executive to make appropriate representations in this regard to the Scottish Government. As an amendment, Councillor Nelson seconded by Councillor Osborne moved that more information be provided on the consultation process and that a briefing session be arranged as soon as possible for Members on the implications of the East Dunbartonshire motion prior to further consideration of the matter by the Council.

On a vote, 4 Members voted for the amendment and 15 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided:

(1) that the Council support the general terms of the motion made by East Dunbartonshire Council concerning changes to Bus Services Operators' Grants

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introduced by the Scottish Government; and

(2) that it be remitted to the Chief Executive to make appropriate representations in this regard to the Scottish Government.

268 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On Street) Order No 2 2011 268

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On Street) Order No 2 2011.

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Osborne seconded by Councillor Rebecchi that THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL, incorporated under the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994, RESOLVE TO MAKE as they HEREBY MAKE a Resolution under Sections 32(1) and Part III of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to permit the provision of parking places for disabled persons who hold a badge under the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 as amended, all as detailed in a copy of the Order forming a supplement to the principal minute hereof and that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Democratic Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

269 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Tarbet Street, Gourock (Waiting Restrictions & Revocation) Order 2012 269

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

Resolved on the motion of Councillor White seconded by Councillor Moran 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 at Tarbet Street, Gourock 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.

270 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive - Appointment of Members to the Visiting Committee of the New Prison at Low Moss 270

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 appointment of two members of the public, Mr Robert Freebairn and Mr Hugh McGloin, to the Prison Visiting Committee of the new prison HMP Low Moss which opened on 19 March 2012.

Noted

271 Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2012/13 - 2014/15 - Remit from Policy & Resources Committee 271

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment requesting the Council to consider a remit from the Policy & Resources Committee of 27 March 2012 relative to the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2012/13 - 2014/15.

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Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to 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) outlined in the report to the Policy & Resources Committee;
- (2) that approval be given to the formal adoption of the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management (as revised in November 2011); and
- (3) that approval be given to an increase in the Permitted Investments Limit for Term Deposits with UK Nationalised/Part-Nationalised banks to a maximum of 95% of Total investments until 31 March 2013.

272 Review of Decision Making/Committee Structure**272**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (1) advising Members of the outcome of a review by the Corporate Management Team of the operation of the existing decision-making structure of the Council and (2) identifying potential options for a decision-making structure which could be adopted by the new Council after the local government elections on 3 May 2012.

Decided:

- (1) that the Council note the Corporate Management Team review of the operation of the existing decision-making structure;
- (2) that the adoption of a new Thematic Committee Structure be recommended to the new Council subject to further consideration of the detail; and
- (3) that a report be prepared on the detail of a proposed Thematic Committee Structure, taking into account the views of Members of the new Council, for consideration at the Statutory Meeting on 17 May 2012.

Councillors Nelson and Wilson left the meeting at this juncture.

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 (Appendices to Minutes), 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.

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There was submitted Appendix 1 relative to agenda item 6 providing details of the

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selected applicants.

Noted

Councillors Nelson and Wilson returned to the meeting at this point.

Appendices to Minutes

274	Inverclyde CHCP Sub-Committee - 1 March 2012	274
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.	
275	Regeneration Committee - 8 March 2012	275
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.	
276	Appointment Panel - Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership	276
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.	
277	Corporate Management Structure - Phase 3	277

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (1) requesting approval for Phase 3 of the Corporate Management Structure for the Council and (2) seeking appropriate delegated authority for him to allow the recommendations within the report, if agreed by the Council, to be implemented.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the implementation of the proposed Corporate Management Structure incorporating three revised Corporate Directors and the Chief Executive's Service as shown in Appendix A to the report;
- (2) that the Council delegate full authority to the Chief Executive to finalise and issue revised job descriptions where appropriate and to take all the necessary steps required, including the release of Chief Officers, to implement the management structure proposals and the savings identified in Appendix B to the report;
- (3) that approval be given to the matching proposals and associated policy as outlined in paragraphs 6.10 and 6.11 of the report; and
- (4) that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive to release certain Chief Officers, on a voluntary basis, under the terms agreed in paragraphs 5.25 and 6.3 in full compliance with the Council's value for money criteria and approved policy and that a report back be made to the Council in due course.

At the close of business, the Provost thanked all Members and Officers for their advice and assistance during his term of office.

The Chief Executive, on behalf of the Corporate Management Team and Officers of the Council, thanked the Provost and other Members for their support and commitment, particularly those leaving local government after many years of public service.

Councillor Blair then extended his thanks and appreciation to the Provost and to the Chief Executive and other Officers and Members for the assistance given to him during his years as a Councillor and similar sentiments were also expressed by Councillors Brooks, McKenzie, Osborne and Nelson.