

**ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE - 7 JUNE 2012**

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**Environment & Regeneration Committee**

**Thursday 7 June 2012 at 3 pm**

**Present:** Provost Moran, Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, Dorrian, MacLeod, McCabe, Loughran (for McCormick), McEleny, McIlwee, Nelson and Shepherd.

**Chair:** Councillor Clocherty presided.

**In attendance:** Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Finance Manager, Ms M McCabe (Finance Services), Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Mr R Graham and Mr M Higginbotham (Environmental & Commercial Services), Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management, Property Assets Manager, Head of Regeneration & Planning, Corporate Procurement Manager and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications & Public Affairs).

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

**310 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 310**

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor McCormick with Councillor Loughran substituting.

Councillor Dorrian declared an interest in agenda item 19 (Report on Offers Received for the Former Kilmacolm Institute).

**311 Regeneration Capital Programme 2012/13 to 2015/16 - Progress 311**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources and the Chief Financial Officer on the position of the projects within the former Regeneration Capital Programme.

**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 report on over expenditure on the Beacon Theatre detailed in appendix 2; and
- (3) that the Committee note further additional funding will be required in respect of the Gourrock Pool project and that full details will be reported to the next meeting of the Committee.

**312 Former Safe, Sustainable Communities Capital Programme 2012/15 - Progress 312**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources and Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the position of the projects within the former Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee Capital Programme.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the current position of the Capital Programme 2012/15 and the progress on the specific projects detailed in appendix 1 to the report;

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(2) that a report on existing expenditure and proposals for the further £300,000 funding provisionally allocated to 2012/13 for play areas be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee; and

(3) that a report on proposed flooding and roads/footways & lighting investment projects be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee, it being noted that the further funding for these projects is dependent on Government confirmation that funds currently set aside for the Landfill Tax Penalty Scheme will not be required.

**313 Environment & Regeneration Directorate Performance Report**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising the Committee of progress made by those services within the former Regeneration & Environment Directorate which reported to the former Regeneration Committee in achieving their key objectives as set out in the Regeneration & Environment Directorate Plan 2011-2012 and how they have contributed to the achievement of key corporate priorities.

**Decided:** that the Committee endorse the performance information contained in the report and note that further reports on performance will be submitted to future meetings of the Committee.

**314 Gourock Pier Head - Progress Report**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) providing an update on the progress of the development of the Gourock pier and railhead development area and (2) seeking approval relating to a range of issues.

Mr G Hunter and Mr G Williamson, Riverside Inverclyde, were present and outlined Riverside Inverclyde's progress to date.

**Decided:**

(1) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to instruct Riverside Inverclyde to submit the planning application for the revised development framework and, subject to obtaining planning consent, proceed with early implementation of the works;

(2) that the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources provide quarterly progress reports through the Capital Programme report to the Environment & Regeneration Committee and details of the revenue implications of the proposals to the next Committee cycle prior to any legally binding commitment being made by the Council; and

(3) that approval be given to the additional works outlined in paragraph 5.3 of the report subject to the costs being contained within the overall approved budget of £4.7 million.

**315 Budget Proposals - Youth Employment**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources setting out proposals for youth employment initiatives following the decision of the Policy & Resources Committee at the meeting on 27 March 2012 to allocate £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.

**Decided:** that approval be given to the youth employment initiatives detailed in the report following the decision by the Policy & Resources Committee to allocate £450,000 over three years.

- 316 Big Lottery Fund (Coastal Communities Fund and Heritage Lottery) 316**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) advising of the submission of a stage 1 application to the Big Lottery Fund and (2) seeking approval for the submission of a stage 2 application, if stage 1 is successful, under the Coastal Communities and Heritage programmes.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the submission of the stage 1 application to the Big Lottery Fund be noted; and
- (2) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to prepare, if selected, a stage 2 application and if this is successful to accept the award of grant.
- 317 The Waste (Scotland) Regulations and Carbon Metric Performance 317**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012 which came into effect in May 2012 and (2) advising of the Scottish Government's proposed revisions to the carbon metric targets along with the overall household recycling performance by carbon.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Scottish Government's proposed changes to the reporting of recycling performance by carbon metric calculation be noted;
- (2) that it be noted the Council has exceeded the Scottish Government carbon metric whilst significantly reducing the costs of the service;
- (3) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to enter into discussions with Zero Waste Scotland in respect of any support which will enhance and improve on the Council's existing recycling performance; and
- (4) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to report details of such support and the implications for the Council of the anticipated kerbside good practice guide to the Committee.
- 318 Greenock Town Centre Parking Strategy and Decriminalised Parking Enforcement - Business Case Progress 318**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the progress of the proposals for the Greenock Town Centre parking strategy and the business case options for decriminalised parking enforcement (DPE) in Inverclyde.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the progress made on the business case developed for the introduction of DPE within Inverclyde; and
- (2) that the intention to bring forward a report no later than October 2012, on the final findings of the DPE business case analysis be noted.
- 319 Roads Asset Management Plan 319**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the progress and development of the Roads Asset Management Plan (RAMP).
- Noted**

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- 320 Environmental & Commercial Services (Roads) - SPT Grant Funded Projects (2012/13) 320**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising the Committee in relation to the approved programme of projects to be undertaken in 2012/13 using grant funding from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT).
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the SPT approved project list detailed in the report for 2012/13; and
  - (2) that the Committee note the investment by SPT for the improvements to Port Glasgow Bus Station, the construction of a park and ride facility at Highholm Avenue, Port Glasgow and the development of the quality bus corridor on the A8.
- 321 Environmental & Commercial Services (Roads) - Grant Aided Roads Related Projects - CWSS (2012/13) 321**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval in relation to a proposed programme of projects to be undertaken in 2012/13 using grant offers of funding by the Scottish Executive for Cycling, Walking and Safer Street projects (CWSS).
- Decided:** that the list of projects, detailed in paragraph 5.1 of the report, be approved.
- 322 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 4 2011 322**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a 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. 4 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.
- 323 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - West Stewart Street, Greenock (Waiting Restrictions and Revocation) Order 2012 323**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order - West Stewart Street, Greenock (Waiting Restrictions and Revocation) Order 2012.
- Decided:** that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - West Stewart Street, Greenock (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.
- 324 Request to Proceed to Tender - Hire of Surfacing Plant and Road Planing Equipment 324**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to issue tenders for the hire of surfacing plant and road planing equipment and to accept the most economically advantageous tender.

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**Decided:**

- (1) that approval be given to issue tenders in respect of the hire of surfacing plant and planing equipment for a period of two years; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender received.

**325 Request to Proceed to Tender - Blacksmiths 325**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to issue tenders for blacksmiths work.

**Decided:** that approval be given to issue tenders in respect of blacksmiths work for a period of two years.

**326 Proposals for Management of Public Spaces 326**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on proposals for the ongoing management of public spaces specifically Clyde Square, the civic space at 'The Nymph', the civic space at 'Ginger' and the civic space at the Comet.

**Decided:**

- (1) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to deal with applications for consent for the use of Clyde Square and the civic spaces at the 'The Nymph', 'Ginger' and the Comet in accordance with the general policy guidelines set out in the report and to refuse or grant consent subject to appropriate conditions, except in any instance where the Corporate Director considers that consultation with Members is appropriate in which case the Convener and Vice Convener of the Environment & Regeneration Committee and a Member of the Minority Groups be consulted; and
- (2) that the categories of groups considered to be suitable to use the spaces include commercial activities, for which a charge will be levied.

**327 Port Glasgow Strategic Regeneration Project Update 327**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on the progress relating to the further consultation and implementation of proposals for the regeneration of Port Glasgow Town Centre.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the progress to date and that further progress reports will be submitted to the Committee for Members' information and consideration in due course;
- (2) that approval be given to the establishment of a Port Glasgow Town Centre Members' Working Group to include all Ward 1 and 2 Councillors and to be chaired by the Convener of the Environment & Regeneration Committee; and
- (3) that it be noted that costs for maintaining roads and environmental public works will be contained within existing revenue budgets.

**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 as are set opposite each item.**

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**328 Report on Offers Received for the Former Kilmacolm Institute 328**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on offers received for the proposed disposal of the former Kilmacolm Institute plus adjacent properties at Kilmacolm Cross, Kilmacolm and (2) recommending acceptance of an offer.

Councillor Dorrian declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a relative of one of the parties who had submitted a bid and left the Chambers.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

Councillor Dorrian returned to the meeting at this point.

**329 PAFM Consultancy Framework 2009/12 - Permission to Extend Contracts for One Year 329**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking permission to extend various consultants' appointments within the PAFM Consultancy Framework 2009/12 as detailed in the report for a period of one year.

**Decided:** that approval be given to the extension of the various consultants' appointments within the PAFM Consultancy Framework as detailed in the report for a period of one year on terms favourable to the Council, as determined by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources.

**330 Asset Management Plan - Depot Rationalisation 330**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the current status of the Asset Management Plan in respect of the depot rationalisation project, (2) seeking approval to amend the proposals previously agreed and (3) seeking approval to acquire premises. The Committee agreed to the action recommended and that a report on options for the Devol Depot be submitted to the Committee, all as detailed in the appendix.

**331 Everton Scout Camp - Request from Greenock & District Scout Council 331**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources and the Chief Financial Officer on a request received from Greenock & District Scout Council seeking approval to renounce the current lease of Everton Scout Camp and replace it with a service level agreement and the Committee agreed

to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

**332 Property Assets Management Report**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on activities and proposals for the management of the Council's property assets. Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended in respect of premises at Port Glasgow Road, Greenock and land at Inverkip, all as detailed in the appendix.