

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL - 14 FEBRUARY 2013

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 14 February 2013 at 4 pm

Present: Provost Moran, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, Dorrian, Grieve, Jones, Loughran, MacLeod, McCabe, McColgan, McCormick, McEleny, McIlwee, Nelson, Rebecchi, Shepherd and Wilson.

Chair: Provost Moran presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Organisational Development, HR & Communications, Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Business/Democratic Services Manager, Finance Manager, Revenue Accountancy Manager, CHCP Finance Manager, Legal Services Manager (Procurement & Conveyancing) and Corporate Communications Manager.

100 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 100

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

101 Revenue Budget 2013/16, Capital Programme 2013/16 and Common Good Budget 2013/16 101

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing information to enable the Council to set a balanced 2013/16 Revenue Budget, 2013/16 Capital Programme and 2013/16 Common Good Budget.

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

- (1) that the Council approve the specific proposals in respect of the Commissioning Workstream detailed in appendix 5 to the report;
- (2) that the Council agree the 2013/16 Capital Programme on the basis that the shortfall in resources does not exceed 1.5% of available resources over the three year period;
- (3) that the Council note the Risk Register contained in appendix 8 to the report and that the Equalities Impact Assessment will be completed by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development following confirmation of all budget decisions;
- (4) that the Council grant delegated powers to the Chief Executive to release individuals who meet the value for money criteria and form part of the approved budget savings until 30 September 2013 on the basis that an update report will be submitted to the Policy & Resources Committee detailing releases and costs approved under this delegated authority;
- (5) that the Council note that a report on the further potential extension of the deadline for offering six added years in order to achieve certain budget savings will be submitted to the March Policy & Resources Committee;

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- (6) that the 2013/16 General Fund Revenue Budget and 2013/16 Capital Programme be agreed in terms of the Administration's submission (appendix 1 to the minute);
- (7) that a review of classroom support be undertaken with any savings identified being reinvested;
- (8) that the Council agree the 2013/16 Common Good Budget contained in appendix 7 to the report and in addition allocate the unused Common Good events contingency towards improving Christmas decorations and Christmas Light Switch Ons as well as future events;
- (9) that approval be given to the proposed £1m investment funded via the Capital Fund to assist in accelerating St John's and Kilmacolm Primary School refurbishments; and
- (10) that there be no increase in the Council Tax for financial year 2013/14 and that accordingly the 'Band D' Council Tax be set at £1,198.

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

- (1) that the Council approve the specific proposals in respect of the Commissioning Workstream detailed in appendix 5 to the report;
- (2) that the Council agree the 2013/16 Capital Programme on the basis that the shortfall in resources does not exceed 1.5% of available resources over the three year period;
- (3) that the 2013/16 General Fund Revenue Budget and 2013/16 Capital Programme be agreed in terms of the SNP Group's submission (appendix 2 to the minute);
- (4) that the Council agree the 2013/16 Common Good Budget as contained in appendix 7 to the report;
- (5) that the Council note the Risk Register contained in appendix 8 to the report and that the Equalities Impact Assessment will be completed by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development following confirmation of all budget decisions;
- (6) that the Council grant delegated powers to the Chief Executive to release individuals who meet the value for money criteria and form part of the approved budget savings until 30 September 2013 on the basis that an update report will be submitted to the Policy & Resources Committee detailing releases and costs approved under this delegated authority; and
- (7) that the Council note that a report on the further potential extension of the deadline for offering six added years in order to achieve certain budget savings will be submitted to the March Policy & Resources Committee.

On a vote 6 Members voted for the amendment and 12 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided:

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- (3) that the Council note the Risk Register contained in appendix 8 to the report and that the Equalities Impact Assessment will be completed by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development following confirmation of all budget decisions;

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- (4) that the Council grant delegated powers to the Chief Executive to release individuals who meet the value for money criteria and form part of the approved budget savings until 30 September 2013 on the basis that an update report will be submitted to the Policy & Resources Committee detailing releases and costs approved under this delegated authority;
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- (10) that there be no increase in the Council Tax for financial year 2013/14 and that accordingly the 'Band D' Council Tax be set at £1,198.

102 Resolution: Council Tax 2013/14**102**

Arising from the foregoing paragraph, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Clocherty moved that there be no increase in the Council Tax for financial year 2013/14 and, accordingly, resolved to set the 'Band D' Council Tax at £1,198.

Decided: that the 'Band D' Council Tax for 2013/14 be set at £1,198.