

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE - 7 MARCH 2013

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 7 March 2013 at 3pm

Present: Provost Moran, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan (for Clocherty), Dorrian, MacLeod, McCabe, McCormick, McIlwee and Shepherd.

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Mr M Thomson (for Chief Financial Officer), Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Mr R Graham and Mr G Blackie (Environmental & Commercial Services), Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management, Property Assets Manager, Head of Regeneration & Planning and Mr M Bingham (for Corporate Communications Manager).

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

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| 164 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 164 |
| | <p>Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Clocherty, McEleny and Nelson, with Councillor Brennan substituting for Councillor Clocherty.</p> <p>Councillor MacLeod declared an interest in Agenda Item 18 (Review of Outstanding Remits) and Councillor Ahlfeld declared an interest in the Additional Agenda Item (Regeneration Fund - Procurement of Employability Services).</p> | |
| 165 | Environment & Regeneration Revenue Budget 2012/13 - Period 9 | 165 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the position of the Revenue Budget 2012/13 as at Period 9 (31 December 2012) which showed a projected underspend of £317,000, excluding earmarked reserves.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £317,000 for 2012/13 as at 31 December 2012; and</p> <p>(2) that approval be given to the virement detailed in appendix 4 to the report.</p> | |
| 166 | Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2012/13 to 2015/16 - Progress | 166 |
| | <p>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 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme.</p> <p>Noted</p> | |

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- 167 Inverclyde Local Development Plan: Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement 2013 167**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources 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 2013 Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement and its submission to the Scottish Government before 31 March 2013.
- 168 Business Development Support 168**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources apprising the Committee of the range of support business development products available to local businesses to assist them in their growth and development.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the range of products available under the business development section of Economic Development.
- 169 Employer Recruitment Incentives 169**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on proposals to offer targeted employer recruitment incentives to recruit unemployed residents within the private sector.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the options outlined in paragraph 2.4 of the report to ensure state aid compliance; and
 - (2) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to develop and implement employer recruitment packages directly targeted at local companies within the identified budget.
- 170 Port Glasgow Strategic Regeneration Project Update 170**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the progress of the further consultation and the implementation of proposals for the regeneration of Port Glasgow town centre.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the progress to date in respect of the proposals for the regeneration of Port Glasgow town centre and that further progress reports will be submitted for Members' information and consideration in due course; and
 - (2) that it be noted a meeting of the Port Glasgow Town Centre Members' Working Group will be arranged prior to the next meeting of the Committee to review progress on the preparation by Riverside Inverclyde of a long term regeneration strategy for Port Glasgow town centre.

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171 Environmental & Commercial Services (Roads) - Proposed Capital Programme (2013/14) 171

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services seeking the approval of the Committee in relation to a proposed programme of projects funded from the Environmental & Commercial Services (Roads) Capital Budget for 2013/14.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the programme and spend profile for 2013/14 as outlined in paragraph 5.1 of the report;
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to negotiate and accept, in terms of the Council's Financial Regulations and Standing Orders Relating to Contracts, a tender to a total value of £300,000 from COLAS as the single supplier of proprietary treatments, for appropriate carriageway projects contained within paragraph 5.1 of the report;
- (3) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to achieve full spend of the capital budget through the substitution, where necessary, of carriageway and footway projects from the reserve list of projects contained within paragraph 5.1 of the report;
- (4) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services in conjunction with the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Communications and the Chief Financial Officer to resource staff as required to deliver the approved RAMP spend;
- (5) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services in conjunction with the Chief Financial Officer to procure the required additional vehicles, plant and equipment as required to deliver the approved RAMP spend;
- (6) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services in conjunction with relevant Officers to enter into shared arrangements with neighbouring authorities to resource labour, vehicles, plant, equipment and materials where it would be cost efficient for the delivery of the RAMP; and
- (7) that the Committee note it will be necessary to establish framework agreements and consultant/contractor contracts for the delivery of the RAMP.

172 Environmental & Commercial Services (Roads) - Grant Aided Roads Related Projects - CWSS (2013/14) 172

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking the approval of the Committee in relation to a proposed programme of projects to be undertaken in 2013/14 using grant offers of funding by the Scottish Government for Cycling, Walking and Safer Street projects (CWSS).

Decided: that the list of proposed projects, as detailed in paragraph 5.1 of the report, be approved.

173 Fleet Model - Review 173

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services updating the Committee on the vehicle and plant equipment procurement model efficiency together with its financial sustainability for the next three years.

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Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the efficiency savings that have been made and the reduction of the average age of the fleet that has been achieved since the introduction of the vehicle and plant equipment procurement model;
- (2) that the Committee note that although the model predicts a funding shortfall from 2015/16 onwards, the Service management is confident that this will be corrected prior to this date by further efficiency savings as highlighted in the report;
- (3) that the Committee note that although the model is highly dependent on residual value targets being achieved, it provides the Council with an efficient, flexible and value for money method of procuring and operating fleet items;
- (4) that authority be delegated to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to vary the replacement cycle, should there be a sound financial or operational need to do so and provided costs can be contained in the approved funding model;
- (5) that authority be delegated to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to procure nearly new or used vehicles, plant and equipment where it can be demonstrated that there would be an enhancement to service provision, and costs can be contained in the approved funding model; and
- (6) that it be delegated to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to procure new additions to the fleet, refurbish or modify existing fleet where it can be demonstrated that there would be an enhancement to service provision, such as winter maintenance resilience, it would make sound financial or operational sense to do so and costs can be contained in the approved funding model.

174 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On Street) Order No. 4 2012 174

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 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.

175 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Arthur Street, Greenock (Waiting Restrictions) Order 2013 175

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order - Arthur Street, Greenock (Waiting Restrictions) Order 2013.

Decided: that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - Arthur Street, Greenock (Waiting Restrictions) Order 2013 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.

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176 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Cartsburn Street, Greenock (Waiting Restrictions) Order 2013 176

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order - Cartsburn Street, Greenock (Waiting Restrictions) Order 2013.

Decided: that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - Cartsburn Street, Greenock (Waiting Restrictions) Order 2013 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.

177 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Gateside Road, Kilmacolm (Weight Restriction Revocation) Order 2013 177

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order - Gateside Road, Kilmacolm (Weight Restriction Revocation) Order 2013.

Decided: that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - Gateside Road, Kilmacolm (Weight Restriction Revocation) Order 2013 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.

178 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Netherwood Road, Kilmacolm (Weight Restriction Revocation) Order 2013 178

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order - Netherwood Road, Kilmacolm (Weight Restriction Revocation) Order 2013.

Decided: that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - Netherwood Road, Kilmacolm (Weight Restriction Revocation) Order 2013 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 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)
Disposal of Land - Lower Mary Street, Port Glasgow	2, 6 & 9
Property Assets Management Report	2, 6 & 9
Review of Outstanding Remits	2, 6 & 9

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**Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive - 2 & 6
Janitor's House, Glenburn School/St Stephen's High
School**

**Regeneration Fund - Procurement of Employability 6 & 9
Services**

179 Disposal of Land - Lower Mary Street, Port Glasgow 179

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to dispose of an area of land at Lower Mary Street, Port Glasgow and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

180 Property Assets Management Report 180

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 (1) land at Wateryetts Drive, Kilmacolm, (2) premises in Dalrymple Street, Greenock, (3) premises in Bank Street, Greenock, (4) Lady Octavia Sports Centre and (5) premises in Dalrymple Street, Greenock, all as detailed in the appendix.

181 Review of Outstanding Remits 181

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) providing an update with regard to the Committee's outstanding remits and (2) where appropriate, recommending action to be taken.

Councillor MacLeod declared a non-financial interest in this matter as the proprietor of a house adjacent to the Fyfe Shore Depot. 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.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the position with regard to its outstanding remits as set out in section 5 of the report;

(2) that the remits in respect of (a) land at Drumfrochar Road, Greenock, (b) results from winter 2010 citizens' panel survey on the effect of the employability measures implemented within Inverclyde and (c) Riverside Inverclyde - Operating Plan 2011-12, as detailed in the report, be removed from the outstanding remits list; and

(3) that, in view of the new Committee structure approved by the Council at its meeting on 17 May 2012, it be remitted to the Education & Communities Committee to progress the actions in respect of:-

- (a) Birkmyre Park - Update;
- (b) Community Facilities/Outdoor Leisure - Efficiency Review Update;
- (c) Commonwealth Games National Legacy Plan;
- (d) Review of Outstanding Remits - Gourrock Park;
- (e) Strategic Leisure Sites: Review of Rankin Park Covered Football Provision; and
- (f) Development of Craighend Resource Centre, Greenock.

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182 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive - Janitor's House, Glenburn School/St Stephen's High School 182

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive for approval to grant a Common Law Tenancy in respect of the Janitor's House at Glenburn School and St Stephen's High School.

Noted

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

183 Regeneration Fund - Procurement of Employability Services 183

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the procurement exercise for employability services to be delivered from April 2013, within the Regeneration Fund remit.

Councillor Ahlfeld declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a Board Member of Inverclyde Community Development Trust. 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.

Decided: that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to (a) award contracts to the organisations listed at appendix 1 to the report subject to the Chief Financial Officer carrying out final financial checks on the successful tenderers, (b) continue performance and finance monitoring of all activity to ensure the most effective delivery of services for local residents, (c) accept the award of European Funding, subject to confirmation of award, and (d) provide regular updates to the Environment & Regeneration Committee.