

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE - 2 MAY 2013

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 2 May 2013 at 3 pm

Present: Provost Moran, Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, Dorrian, Campbell-Sturgess (for Grieve), MacLeod, McCabe, McCormick, Jones (for McIlwee), Nelson and Shepherd.

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Finance Manager, Mr M Thomson and Ms M McCabe (Finance Services), Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Mr R Graham, Mr M Higginbotham, Mr G Blackie and Mr W Rennie (Environmental & Commercial Services), Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management, Property Assets Manager, Head of Regeneration & Planning, Planning Policy & Property Manager 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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| 313 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 313 |
| | <p>Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Grieve and McIlwee, with Councillor Campbell-Sturgess substituting for Councillor Grieve and Councillor Jones substituting for Councillor McIlwee.</p> <p>Councillor McCabe declared an interest in the additional agenda item (River Clyde Homes Garden Tidy (Tender Outcome)).</p> | |
| 314 | Environment & Regeneration Revenue Budget 2012/13 - Period 11 to 28 February 2013 | 314 |
| | <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 11 (28 February 2013) which showed a projected underspend of £269,000, excluding earmarked reserves.</p> <p>Decided: that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £269,000 for 2012/13 as at 28 February 2013.</p> | |
| 315 | Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2012/13 to 2015/16 - Progress | 315 |
| | <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>The Head of Environmental & Commercial Services updated the Committee on the Highholm Park & Ride contract.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the Committee note the current position of the Capital Programme 2012/16 and the progress on the specific projects detailed in appendices 1 and 2 to the report; and</p> <p>(2) that with regard to the Highholm Park & Ride Contract, it be remitted to officers to</p> | |

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action the necessary repairs to the retaining wall on the south perimeter of the site, the cost to be contained within the overall project costs.

316 Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2013 - 2016 316

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of the Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan for the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Directorate for the period 2013 - 2016.

The Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources made a presentation to the Committee on the contents of the Plan.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2013 - 2016 as outlined in appendix A to the report; and
- (2) that the Service Statements for the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Directorate as outlined in appendix B to the report be noted.

317 Play Area Investment 317

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services (1) updating the Committee on the progress of the Council's play area investment programme in respect of works in progress and (2) seeking approval with regard to the next stage of the programme.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the available play area investment budget of £300,000 to be spent on:-
 - (a) £100,000 to deal with major repairs and minor refurbishments of existing sites, the spend prioritised by officers based on technical assessments and condition reports;
 - (b) £200,000 for the installation of 3 new play areas at Devol (Barr's Brae), Port Glasgow, Drumillan Hill (Braeside), Greenock and Castle Levan (Taymouth Drive), Gourrock; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to proceed to install 3 new play areas on the designated sites through further detailed design, producing tender documents, selecting tenderers and appointing the most economically advantageous tenderers.

318 Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009: Public Bodies Duties - Action Plan 318

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of an action plan devised to ensure the Council meets its obligations under Part 4 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the action plan appended to the report; and
- (2) that the Committee receive annual updates on progress with the plan's implementation.

319 Inverclyde Local Development Plan: Proposed Plan (2013) 319

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) presenting the finalised version of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan: Proposed Plan (2013) and (2) seeking endorsement of the Plan's content and

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seeking approval to publish it for public consultation.

Decided: that approval be given to the publication of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan: Proposed Plan (2013) for public consultation and, alongside it, the accompanying Action Programme.

320 Delivery of Regeneration in Scotland Inquiry - Call for Written Evidence 320

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the Council's response to the Scottish Parliament Local Government and Regeneration Committee in respect of the Delivery of Regeneration in Scotland Inquiry.

Decided: that the Committee approve the consultation response to the Scottish Parliament Local Government and Regeneration Committee in respect of the Delivery of Regeneration in Scotland Inquiry as appended to the report.

321 Youth Employment Scotland Fund 321

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of an application to the Youth Employment Scotland Fund and acceptance of any award made.

Decided: that approval be given to the application to the Youth Employment Scotland Fund and that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to accept any award made by the Scottish Government.

322 National Training Programmes 322

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the outcome of the bidding process required by Skills Development Scotland in securing the Council's 2013-14 contracts to operate National Training Programmes and (2) advising of the considerable change to the Get Ready for Work Training Programme which has been subsumed into the new initiative of the "Employability Fund".

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the successful proposal bids in securing 2013-14 contracts with Skills Development Scotland, securing additional funding support to enhance the Council's National Training Programmes, at an increased financial level from 2012-13;

(2) that the change from the Get Ready for Work Training Programme to that of the Employability Fund be noted; and

(3) that the Committee note the ongoing recruitment process for the 2013-14 National Training Programmes.

323 Heritage Inverclyde - Coastal Communities Fund and Heritage Lottery Fund 323

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the progress of the application to the Coastal Communities Fund and Heritage Lottery Fund seeking resources for further development of Heritage Inverclyde and the Coastal Trail.

Decided: that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to proceed with acceptance of grant awards as appropriate, including the appointment of appropriate staff resources.

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- 324 Area Renewal Fund - Earmarked Reserves 324**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the position of projects funded through Area Renewal Fund Earmarked Reserves.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the progress being made in relation to the Area Renewal Fund.
- 325 Environmental Improvement Fund Projects 325**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services on the progress of projects funded from the Environmental Improvement Fund.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the programme of works being funded by the Environmental Improvement Fund and grant delegated authority to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to revise and amend the programme of works as required in order to contain costs within the approved budget.
- 326 Birkmyre Park, Port Glasgow, Improvement Project 326**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services providing an update on the progress of the proposed improvement works to the former bowling green site within Birkmyre Park, Port Glasgow.
- Decided:**
- (1) that approval be given to the landscape proposals in respect of Birkmyre Park, Port Glasgow; and
 - (2) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to progress the landscape proposals to conclusion through further detailed design, producing tender documents, selecting tenderers and appointing the most economically advantageous tenderers.
- 327 Road Occupation Permits - Revised Skip Charges 327**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services seeking approval to revise the Road Occupation Permit charges for skips.
- Decided:** that approval be given to the introduction of a weekly charge of £25.00 for skips occupying the public road.
- 328 Environmental & Commercial Services (Roads) - SPT Grant Funded Projects (2013/15) 328**
- 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 2013/15 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 2013/14; and
 - (2) that the Committee note the investment by SPT for improvements to the Quality Bus Corridor, extension of the N753 National Cycle Route and design of the National Cycle Route N753 Inverkip to Wemyss Bay.

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- 329 Decriminalised Parking Enforcement - Progress and Detail Approvals 329**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the progress of the implementation of Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) in Inverclyde and (2) seeking approval for detailed elements of the scheme.
- Decided:**
- (1) that approval be given to a standard Penalty Charge throughout the Council area for all contraventions, this being a penalty charge of £60 which will be discounted to £30 for payment within 14 days and increased to £90 for late payment after the service of a Charge Certificate;
- (2) that the Committee approve the initial vehicle removal, storage and disposal charges if and when introduced, as follows;-
 Vehicle Removal - a charge of £105;
 Vehicle Storage - a charge of £12 for each 24 hours or part thereof; and
 Disposal of Unclaimed Vehicle - a charge of £50
 All these charges are initial charges and may be increased by notice in the future should such increases be necessary to adequately cover the Council's expenses in providing these services;
- (3) that the Committee approve the delegation of the Council's authority in terms of the Road Traffic Act 1991 to Parking Attendants employed by the Council;
- (4) that approval be given to the delegation of the Council's authority appropriate to an Authorised Person, as defined in the Traffic Regulation Orders for DPE in Inverclyde and assigned to them by the Road Traffic Act 1991, to the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities and the Community Safety and Wellbeing Service Manager; and
- (5) that the Committee note the progress towards implementation of DPE to date.
- 330 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On Street) Order No. 1 2013 330**
- 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. 1 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.
- 331 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - A761 Kilmacolm Road, Port Glasgow (Part Time 20 MPH) Speed Limit Order 2013 331**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order - A761 Kilmacolm Road, Port Glasgow (Part Time 20 MPH) Speed Limit Order 2013.
- Decided:** that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - A761 Kilmacolm Road, Port Glasgow (Part Time 20 MPH) Speed Limit 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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332 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Kilmacolm Cross, Kilmacolm, Waiting Restrictions (Amendment No. 2) Order 2012 332

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order - Kilmacolm Cross, Kilmacolm, Waiting Restrictions (Amendment No. 2) Order 2012.

Decided: that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - Kilmacolm Cross, Kilmacolm, Waiting Restrictions (Amendment No. 2) 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.

333 Comet Canopy 333

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to allocate £143,000 from the Port Glasgow Regeneration allocation to the Comet Canopy.

Decided:

- (1) that it be agreed to allocate £143,000 from the Port Glasgow Regeneration allocation to allow the Comet Canopy to be completed; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Policy & Resources Committee to vire £89,000 of the SV Comet allocation back to the Common Good Fund.

334 John Wood Street and Bay Street, Port Glasgow 334

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending that the Committee request the Policy & Resources Committee to approve funding of £95,000 from the Common Good Fund for the refurbishment of shop premises belonging to the Common Good Fund in John Wood Street and Bay Street, Port Glasgow.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted; and
- (2) that the Policy & Resources Committee be requested to approve funding of £95,000 from the Common Good Fund for refurbishment of shop premises belonging to the Common Good Fund in John Wood Street and Bay Street, Port Glasgow.

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)
Non Operational Property Portfolio Information	2, 6 & 9
Scheme of Delegation Register	2, 6 & 9
Lease of Premises - Sir Michael Street, Greenock	2, 6 & 9
Lease of Premises - John Wood Street, Port Glasgow	2, 6 & 9
Lease of Premises - Church Street, Port Glasgow	2, 6 & 9
Update on Progress of Site Disposals	6 & 9

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Property Assets Management Report	2, 6 & 9
Dangerous Building Enforcement Action: Albert Road, Gourock	2, 6 & 9
Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive - Waterfront Leisure Complex	6
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Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive - Premises at Nicolson Street, Greenock	2, 6 & 9
River Clyde Homes Garden Tidy (Tender Outcome)	6 & 9

335 Non-Operational Property Portfolio Information 335
Scheme of Delegation Register

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing information relative to non-operational property for the period May 2012 to March 2013.

Noted

336 Lease of Premises - Sir Michael Street, Greenock 336

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to grant a lease of premises at Sir Michael Street, Greenock and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

337 Lease of Premises - John Wood Street, Port Glasgow 337

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to grant a lease of premises in John Wood Street, Port Glasgow and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

338 Lease of Premises - Church Street, Port Glasgow 338

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to grant a lease of premises in Church Street, Port Glasgow and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

339 Update on Progress of Site Disposals 339

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising of progress being made to dispose of certain sites and the interim management of the vacant sites until a disposal is effected.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the report prepared by the consultants outlining a range of options for the masterplanning of each of the sites referred to in the report;
- (2) that the proposals for marketing of each site be noted;
- (3) that it be noted any definitive proposals for the disposal of any site will be brought back to the Committee for approval and remitted to the Policy & Resources

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Committee for any financial implications; and

(4) that the Committee note the proposals for the interim management and use of the sites pending disposal.

- 340 Property Assets Management Report 340**
- 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 Garvald Street, Greenock, (2) land at Earnhill Road, Greenock, (3) land at Sir Michael Street, Greenock and (4) entering into a Deed of Dedication for a site at Sir Michael Street, Greenock, all as detailed in the appendix.
- 341 Dangerous Building Enforcement Action: Albert Road, Gourrock 341**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on enforcement action on premises at Albert Road, Gourrock and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.
Councillor MacLeod left the meeting during consideration of this item of business.
- 342 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive - Waterfront Leisure Complex 342**
- 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 issue tenders for replacement refrigeration plant at the Waterfront Leisure Complex to a restricted list of tenderers.
Noted
- 343 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive - James Watt Dock LLP 343**
- 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 appoint specialist surveyors to assist with the review of the assets transferred to and financial mechanisms of the James Watt Dock Limited Liability Partnership (JWD LLP) at an estimated cost of up to £9,000 excluding VAT.
Noted
- 344 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive - Premises at Nicolson Street, Greenock 344**
- There was submitted a report by the Property Assets Manager and Manager Health Improvement, Inequalities and Personalisation advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive for approval to grant continuation of the occupation of premises in Nicolson Street, Greenock for a period as set out in the report.
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**

the Committee to be apprised of the position at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.

345 River Clyde Homes Garden Tidy (Tender Outcome)

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the outcome of the tender process for River Clyde Homes Garden Tidy Scheme Contract.

Councillor McCabe declared a non-financial interest in this matter 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.

Noted