

**EDUCATION & COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 7 MAY 2013**

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**Education & Communities Committee**

**Tuesday 7 May 2013 at 3 pm**

**Present:** Provost Moran (for Councillor McColgan), Councillors Brennan, Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, Brooks, Jones, Loughran, McCabe, McEleny, Shepherd and Wilson, Rev F Donaldson and Father M McMahan, Church Representatives, Mr R Thomson, Parent Representative and Mr T Tracey, Teacher Representative.

**Chair:** Councillor Loughran presided.

**In attendance:** Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Head of Education, Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy, Ms L Wilkie and Mr D Smith (Education Services), Ms M Paterson (Community Learning & Development), Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Community Safety & Wellbeing Service Manager, Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management, Mr E Montgomery (Property Assets & Facilities Management), Mr I Cameron (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Corporate Policy & Partnership 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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| <b>346</b> | <b>Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest</b>  | <b>346</b> |
|            | <p>Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor McColgan, with Provost Moran substituting, and Rev MacLean.</p> <p>Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:-</p> <p>Agenda Item 3 (Clune Park Regeneration: Progress Report) - Councillor Wilson.</p> <p>Agenda Item 4 (Strategic Local Programme Update) - Councillors McCabe, McEleny and Wilson.</p> <p>Agenda Item 12 (Use of Parklea - Ongoing Negotiations) - Councillor McEleny.</p>  |            |
| <b>347</b> | <b>Communities 2012/13 Revenue Budget Report - Period 11 and Capital Report 2012/16 - Progress</b>  | <b>347</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Education, Communities &amp; Organisational Development on (1) the 2012/13 Revenue Budget position as at Period 11 to 28 February 2013 and (2) the status of the projects forming the Communities Capital Programme 2012/16 and highlighting the overall financial position.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b></p> <p>(1) that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £40,000 for the 2012/13 Revenue Budget as at Period 11 to 28 February 2013; and</p> <p>(2) that the Committee note the progress of the projects forming the Communities Capital Programme 2012/16.</p> |            |

**348 Clune Park Regeneration: Progress Report 348**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities providing an update on the proposed regeneration of the Clune Park area of Port Glasgow. Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a Director of Link Housing Association. 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 current progress towards the regeneration of the Clune Park area of Port Glasgow;
- (2) that further progress updates be submitted to future meetings of the Committee; and
- (3) that a report on a review of the Clune Park Regeneration Plan be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

**349 Strategic Local Programme Update 349**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities advising of updates to the Strategic Local Programme 2012-2015 (the SLP) arising out of additional awards of funding for the Inverclyde Council area from the Scottish Government's Affordable Housing Supply Programme (AHSP).

Councillors McCabe and McEleny declared non-financial interests in this matter as members of the Board of River Clyde Homes and Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest as a Director of Link Housing Association. They also formed the view that the nature of their interests and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision making process.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the updated Strategic Local Programme 2012-2015 as set out in the appendix to the report;
- (2) that the request from the Scottish Government for Inverclyde Council to submit a new Strategic Housing Investment Plan for the 5 year period from 2013-2018 be noted; and
- (3) that approval be given to the updated Strategic Local Programme 2012-2015 submitted by Inverclyde Council to the Scottish Government in April 2013.

**350 Governance Report - External Organisations 350**

It was noted that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

**351 Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment 2013 - 2017 351**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities on the review of the Inverclyde Community Safety Strategic Assessment and seeking the Committee's endorsement of the document, a copy of which was appended to the report.

**Decided:** that the Committee endorse the Inverclyde Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment review document as an evidence based and outcome focused approach to the delivery of services.

- 352 Scottish Statutory Instrument: The Requirements for Community Learning and Development (Scotland) Regulations 2013 352**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) on the Scottish Government's intention to strengthen the legislative base for community learning and development through subordinate legislation under powers granted by the Education (Scotland) Act 1980, (2) advising the Committee of the response made to the consultation on behalf of Inverclyde Council and (3) seeking approval for the delegation of further powers to the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development to develop the implementation plan for the Strategic Guidance for Community Planning Partnerships: Community Learning & Development in line with the new legislation.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the Scottish Government's intention to strengthen the legislative basis for Community Learning and Development;
- (2) that the response to the consultation on "Scottish Statutory Instrument: The Requirements for Community Learning & Development (Scotland) Regulations 2013" submitted on behalf of Inverclyde Council be noted; and
- (3) that approval be given to the delegation of further powers to the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development to develop the implementation plan for the Strategic Guidance for Community Planning Partnerships: Community Learning & Development in line with the new legislation.
- 353 Request for Loan of a Painting from McLean Museum and Art Gallery 353**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development informing the Committee of a request for the loan of 2 paintings from the McLean Museum and Art Gallery (the James Watt Trust).
- Decided:** that agreement be given to the loan of the paintings "Cassis" by J D Fergusson to the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art from July to October 2014 and "The Bridge and Shiehallion" by J D Fergusson to Perth & Kinross Council from December 2013 to June 2014, subject to matters of transport, security and insurance being arranged to the satisfaction of the Libraries Manager.
- 354 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive: The Scottish National War Memorial Campaign 354**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to approve a request submitted by the Trustees of the Scottish National War Memorial for a contribution of £1,500 to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the Great War to enable the organisation to undertake a project which includes creating a website, updating and refurbishing their archives and Rolls of Honour and publishing a book to commemorate the memorial.
- Noted**

- 355 Letting Policy for Sport and Community Facilities 355**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities advising of a delay in the original timescale for reviewing the letting policy for sport and community facilities.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the current position with the review of the letting policy for sport and community facilities and approve the submission of a detailed report after the summer recess.
- 356 Inverclyde Leisure Business Plan 356**
- It was noted that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda.
- 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 item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6 & 9 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.**
- 357 Use of Parklea - Ongoing Negotiations 357**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the current position with regard to the ongoing negotiations with Greenock Morton Youth Academy and Greenock Morton Senior Team for access to the facilities at Parklea Community Football Stadium.
- Councillor McEleny declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a registered player of Port Glasgow Juniors Football Club. 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.
- Following a vote, the Committee agreed (1) that the request from Greenock Morton Youth Academy could not be accommodated, (2) that the request from Greenock Morton Senior Team be approved and (3) to delegate authority to the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development to develop a detailed memorandum of understanding with Greenock Morton Football Club on access to facilities and co-operation between the Club and the Council, all as detailed in the appendix.
- The Committee commenced consideration of the Education items of business at 4.25 pm with Rev Donaldson, Father McMahon, Mr Thomson and Mr Tracey joining the meeting at this point.**
- 358 Education 2012/13 Revenue Budget - Period 11 to 28 February 2013 358**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the position of the 2012/13 Revenue Budget as at Period 11 to 28 February 2013.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £211,000 for 2012/13 as at 28 February 2013.

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| <b>359</b> | <b>Education Capital Programme 2012-2015/16 - Progress</b>   | <b>359</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities &amp; Organisational Development and the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the status of the projects forming the Education Capital Programme and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>   |            |
| <b>360</b> | <b>Update on Progress with the Implementation of Curriculum for Excellence</b>   | <b>360</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities &amp; Organisational Development providing information on the progress being made with the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>   |            |
| <b>361</b> | <b>Governance Report - Partner Providers</b>   | <b>361</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities &amp; Organisational Development updating the Committee on the governance arrangements and outcomes for Partner Providers.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>  |            |
| <b>362</b> | <b>Governance Report - Ardfern</b>   | <b>362</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities &amp; Organisational Development updating the Committee on the governance arrangements and outcomes for Ardfern.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>  |            |
| <b>363</b> | <b>Education, Communities &amp; Organisational Development Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan</b>  | <b>363</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities &amp; Organisational Development seeking approval of the Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan for the Education, Communities &amp; Organisational Development Directorate.</p> <p>The Corporate Director Education, Communities &amp; Organisational Development made a presentation to the Committee on the contents of the Plan.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b> that approval be given to the Education, Communities &amp; Organisational Development Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan.</p> |            |
| <b>364</b> | <b>The Equality Act 2010: Specific Duties - Education Authority Equality Outcomes and Mainstreaming Report</b>   | <b>364</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities &amp; Organisational Development providing a set of draft Equality Outcomes and Mainstreaming Report both of which required to be published by 30 April 2013 as part of the Education Authority legislative duties under the Equality Act 2010.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b> that approval be given to the draft Education Authority Equality Outcomes and Mainstreaming Report appended to the report.</p>   |            |

- 365 Community Planning Partnership Report - Skills Development Scotland, February 2013 365**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing information on school leaver destination results, national training and 16-19 year olds who are unemployed and seeking relating to the Inverclyde Council Community Planning Partnership Report, produced by Skills Development Scotland and released in February 2013.
- Noted**
- 366 Admissions and Placing Requests for Primary 1 and Secondary 1 Pupils in School Session 2013/14 366**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing details of the decisions agreed by the Pupil Placement Panel relating to admissions and placing requests for school session 2013/14 affecting Primary 1 and Secondary 1 pupils.
- Noted**
- 367 Speech and Language Therapy Contract 2013/14 367**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on renewal of the Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) contract with the NHS for 2013/14.
- Decided:**
- (1) that agreement be given to the purchase, via a contract for the period 2013 to 2014, of speech and language services for children and young people to be contracted from NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde at the costs specified in the report; and
- (2) that a review of speech and language therapy services contracted by Education Services during 2013/14 be undertaken, with a view to future improvements.
- 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 item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 & 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.**
- 368 Early Years Provision in Port Glasgow 368**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on Early Years Provision in Port Glasgow following the closure of Tree Tops Community Nursery.
- Ms Wilkie updated the Committee with regard to the relocation of children attending Tree Tops Community Nursery.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the report;

- (2) that agreement be given to the adjustment to staffing in Rainbow Family Centre and the reallocation of funding to the Partner Provider budget;
- (3) that the shortfall in the budget savings proposal be noted; and
- (4) that a further report on provision across the authority be submitted when the Children & Young People Bill is published.