

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE - 5 SEPTEMBER 2013

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 5 September 2013 at 3 pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

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

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

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| 511 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 511 |
| | <p>An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor MacLeod with Councillor McEleny substituting.
Councillor Clocherty declared an interest in agenda item 7 (Monitoring of Employability Services - External Contracts).</p> | |
| 512 | Environment & Regeneration Revenue Budget 2013/14 - Period 3 to 30 June 2013 | 512 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on (1) the 2012/13 Revenue Budget outturn and (2) the 2013/14 position as at Period 3 (30 June 2013) which projected an underspend of £151,000.
Decided:
(1) that the Committee note the outturn for 2012/13 and the current projected underspend of £151,000 as at 30 June 2013; and
(2) that approval be given to the virement detailed in appendix 4 to the report.</p> | |
| 513 | Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2013/14 to 2015/16 - Progress | 513 |
| | <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.
Noted</p> | |
| 514 | Scheme of Delegation | 514 |
| | <p>There was submitted an updated report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of an amended Scheme of Delegation prepared under the terms of Section 43A of the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 for determining local developments.
Decided:
(1) that the Committee agree to adopt the amended Scheme of Delegation prepared</p> | |

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under the terms of Section 43A of the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 for determining local developments as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report and subject to approval from Scottish Ministers;

(2) that the amended Scheme of Delegation be submitted to the Scottish Ministers for approval; and

(3) that (1) and (2) above be remitted to The Inverclyde Council for approval.

515 Scottish Government Planning Performance Annual Report and Feedback Report 515

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources informing the Committee of the findings of the Scottish Government's Planning Performance Annual Report and individual Feedback Report on Inverclyde Council.

Decided: that the Committee note the actions, both already undertaken and proposed, in response to the Scottish Government's Planning Performance Annual Report's proposals and individual Feedback Report on Inverclyde Council.

516 Scottish Government Consultations on National Planning Framework 3: Main Issues Report and Scottish Planning Policy (Consultation Draft) 516

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the publication of the Scottish Government's National Planning Framework 3: Main Issues Report and its consultation on Scottish Planning Policy and (2) seeking endorsement of the response outlined in the report and accompanying annexes.

Decided: that the Committee endorse the response outlined in the report to the National Planning Framework 3: Main Issues Report and the consultation draft Scottish Planning Policy, and that it be delegated to the Head of Regeneration & Planning to inform the Scottish Government of the Council's approval of the officer level submission made to it in July.

517 Monitoring of Employability Services - External Contracts 517

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the monitoring arrangements in place for external contracts delivering employability services and (2) providing contract performance information for the period April - June 2013.

Councillor Clocherty declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a Director 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:

(1) that the Committee note the monitoring arrangements in place for external contracts delivering employability services; and

(2) that the Committee note the performance of contracts for the period April - June 2013 as set out in annex 1 to the report.

518 Archaeology Services 518

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on representations received on Inverclyde Council's withdrawal from the

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partnership agreement with the West of Scotland Archaeology Service which took effect on 1 April 2013.

Decided: that the Committee note the representations received on the withdrawal of Inverclyde Council from the West of Scotland Archaeology Service and endorse the decision of the Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee of 8 March 2011 to withdraw from the partnership agreement.

519 Tourism Related Projects

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking the Committee's support for Waverley Excursions Ltd and Newark Castle, two key tourism related projects in Inverclyde.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee support two key tourism related projects in Inverclyde by contributing £45,000 to the cost of the Waverley, subject to North Ayrshire, South Ayrshire, Argyll & Bute and Glasgow City Councils providing the full financial contribution sought from them, and a contribution of £28,000 for the illumination of Newark Castle; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Policy & Resources Committee to consider the use of the one-off contingency as the funding source.

520 Scotland's Only National Campaign Tackling Litter and Mess in 2013 and 2014

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to sign a formal declaration of support for the Keep Scotland Beautiful Clean Up Scotland campaign which aims to engage with communities to highlight the negative effects of litter and mess and to adjust attitudes to prevent the behaviour which gives rise to littering occurring.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the report and agree to the Council formally signing the declaration supporting the Keep Scotland Beautiful Clean Up Scotland campaign; and
- (2) that approval be given to a contribution of £3,000 to Keep Scotland Beautiful in support of the campaign.

521 Parks Management Rules

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services seeking approval of the draft Parks Management Rules appended to the report prior to statutory public consultation.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the draft Parks Management Rules appended to the report for the purposes of statutory public consultation;
- (2) that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services be authorised to implement the statutory public consultation procedure in connection with the proposed Management Rules;
- (3) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to report back to the Committee on the outcome of the public consultation exercise to allow the Committee to consider any objections received and any consequent amendments considered appropriate; and
- (4) that the Committee note the results of the public consultation exercise and the recommendations of the Committee following that exercise will in due course be

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reported to The Inverclyde Council and approval sought from the Council for authority to make the Management Rules.

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| 522 | Maintaining Scotland's Roads - An Audit Update on Councils' Progress | 522 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the content and conclusion of the Audit Scotland report of May 2013 "Maintaining Scotland's Roads - An Audit Update on Councils' Progress" and (2) advising of the Council's progress in meeting the report's findings and recommendations.</p> <p>Noted</p> | |
| 523 | Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On Street) Order No. 2 2013 | 523 |
| | <p>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.</p> <p>Decided: that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On Street) Order No. 2 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.</p> | |
| 524 | Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On Street) Order No. 3 2013 | 524 |
| | <p>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.</p> <p>Decided: that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On Street) Order No. 3 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.</p> | |
| 525 | Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Cardwell Road, Gourock Waiting Restrictions (Amendment No. 1) Order 2013 | 525 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order - Cardwell Road, Gourock Waiting Restrictions (Amendment No. 1) Order 2013.</p> <p>Decided: that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - Cardwell Road, Gourock Waiting Restrictions (Amendment No. 1) 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.</p> | |
| 526 | Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Manor Crescent, Gourock (Waiting Restrictions) Order 2013 | 526 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order - Manor Crescent, Gourock (Waiting Restrictions) Order 2013.</p> | |

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Decided: that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - Manor Crescent, Gourrock (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.

527 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive - Trial Purchase of Roadstone

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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 in terms of Standing Order 2.3.2 of the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts to allow a trial of a quotation for the supply of roadstone materials.

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 consider and submit its response to the consultation timeously. This was agreed unanimously.

528 Consultation on Bus Regulation (Scotland) Bill

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of the proposed response outlined in the report to the consultation on the proposed Bus Regulation (Scotland) Bill.

Mr Graham advised the Committee that the deadline for submission of responses had now been extended to 11 October 2013.

After discussion, Councillor McCabe moved that the Committee approve submission of the responses to the 8 questions asked in the consultation by Iain Gray MSP on the proposed Bus Regulation (Scotland) Bill as outlined in the report as Inverclyde Council's response to the consultation. As an amendment, Councillor McEleny moved that the Committee approve submission of the responses subject to the addition of the words "... however Inverclyde Council has concerns that the cost of the scheme could lead to future budget cuts" in the response to question 6.

On a vote, 4 Members voted for the amendment and 6 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that the Committee approve submission of the responses to the 8 questions asked in the consultation by Iain Gray MSP on the proposed Bus Regulation (Scotland) Bill as outlined in the report as Inverclyde Council's response to the consultation.

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)
Lease of Premises - Bridgend Road, Greenock	2, 6 & 9
Lease of Premises - Angus Road, Greenock	2, 6 & 9
Lease of Premises - Tower Drive, Gourrock	2, 6 & 9
Disposal of Land at Earnhill Road, Greenock	2, 6 & 9

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Disposal of Land at Garvald Street, Greenock	2, 6 & 9
Property Assets Management Report	2, 6 & 9
Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive - Battery Park, Sub-Lease of Part of Pavilion	2, 6 & 9
Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive - Lease Extension, Dalrymple Street, Greenock	2, 6 & 9
Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive - Dilapidations Payment, Cathcart House, Cathcart Square, Greenock	6 & 9
Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive - Mansion Avenue, Port Glasgow	2 & 6
Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive - Waterfront Leisure Complex, Refrigeration Plant Replacement	6 & 8
Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive - Central Library Offices - Servitude	6 & 9
Greenock Central Residents Action Group: Play Area Project	2, 6 & 9

529 Lease of Premises - Bridgend Road, Greenock 529

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

530 Lease of Premises - Angus Road, Greenock 530

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

531 Lease of Premises - Tower Drive, Gourock 531

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

532 Disposal of Land at Earnhill Road, Greenock 532

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on proposals for the disposal of land at Earnhill Road, Greenock and the Committee agreed to the action recommended and to remit the report to the Policy & Resources Committee to approve the proposals, all as detailed in the appendix.

533 Disposal of Land at Garvald Street, Greenock 533

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on proposals for the disposal of land at Garvald Street, Greenock and the Committee agreed to the action recommended and to remit the report to the Policy & Resources Committee to approve the proposals, all as detailed in the appendix.

534 Property Assets Management Report 534

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration &

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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 in Inverkip, (2) premises at Nicolson Street, Greenock, (3) premises at Alderwood Road, Port Glasgow and (4) premises at Hunters Place, Greenock, all as detailed in the appendix.

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| 535 | Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive - Battery Park, Sub-Lease of Part of Pavilion | 535 |
| | <p>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 consent to the grant of a sub-lease of part of the pavilion at Battery Park.</p> <p>Noted</p> | |
| 536 | Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive - Lease Extension, Dalrymple Street, Greenock | 536 |
| | <p>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 extend the lease arrangement for premises at Dalrymple Street, Greenock.</p> <p>Noted</p> | |
| 537 | Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive - Dilapidations Payment, Cathcart House, Cathcart Square, Greenock | 537 |
| | <p>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 the full and final settlement of dilapidations at lease expiry for Cathcart House, Cathcart Square, Greenock.</p> <p>Noted</p> | |
| 538 | Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive - Mansion Avenue, Port Glasgow | 538 |
| | <p>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 (1) declare a site at Mansion Avenue, Port Glasgow surplus to requirements and (2) demolish the building on the site and thereafter landscape the site.</p> <p>Noted</p> | |
| 539 | Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive - Waterfront Leisure Complex, Refrigeration Plant Replacement | 539 |
| | <p>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 accept the lowest tender received for the Waterfront Leisure Complex refrigeration plant replacement.</p> <p>Noted</p> | |

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540 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive - Central Library Offices - Servitude 540

There was submitted a report by the Property Assets Manager advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive for approval to enter into a Deed of Servitude in respect of work required in connection with the Central Library Offices.

Noted

The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow, subject to the Committee agreeing the action recommended, Greenock Central Residents Action Group to secure Big Lottery Funding. This was agreed unanimously.

541 Central Greenock Residents Action Group: Play Area Project 541

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services seeking approval for the Council to act as guarantor to Greenock Central Residents Action Group in respect of a Big Lottery Grant awarded to them to part-fund the construction of a play area at Sir Michael Street, Greenock.

Decided: that approval be given to the proposal for the Council to stand as guarantor for the Big Lottery Grant, the maximum value of which is £182,893, awarded to the Greenock Central Residents Action Group for the installation of a play area at Sir Michael Street.