

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE - 31 OCTOBER 2013

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 31 October 2013 at 3 pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

In attendance: Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Finance Manager, Ms M McCabe (Finance Services), Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Mr G Blackie, Mr M Higginbotham and Mr G Kerr (Environmental & Commercial Services), Head of Regeneration & Planning, Planning Policy & Property Manager, Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management, Property Assets Manager 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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| 663 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 663 |
| | <p>Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Grieve, Jones and MacLeod, with Councillor McIlwee substituting for Councillor Jones.</p> <p>Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty and McIlwee declared an interest in Agenda Item 7 (Regeneration Fund 2013/14 - Performance Update) and Councillors Ahlfeld, McCabe and McIlwee declared an interest in Agenda Item 21 (Proposed Compulsory Purchase Order).</p> | |
| 664 | Environment & Regeneration Revenue Budget 2013/14 - Period 5 to 31 August 2013 | 664 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources and the Head of Finance on the position of the Revenue Budget 2013/14 as at Period 5 (31 August 2013) which showed a projected underspend of £37,000.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £37,000 for 2013/14 as at 31 August 2013; and</p> <p>(2) that approval be given to the virement detailed in appendix 4 to the report.</p> | |
| 665 | Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2013/14 to 2015/16 - Progress | 665 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources and the Head of Finance on the position of the projects within the Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the Committee note the current position of the Capital Programme 2013/16 and the progress on the specific projects detailed in appendices 1 and 2 to the report; and</p> | |

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(2) that approval be given to the virement of £40,000 from the Roads Asset Management Plan to Flooding Works.

666 Environment, Regeneration & Resources - Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2013-2016 - Update 666

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on progress made towards the achievement of key objectives as set out in the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan.

Decided: that the Committee note:-

- (1) that the report reflects the progress made by Property Assets & Facilities Management, Environmental & Commercial Services and Regeneration & Planning Services in delivering their key improvement actions and performance targets as detailed in the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan;
- (2) that further performance progress reports will be submitted to every second meeting of the Committee; and
- (3) that a specific report on action taken and proposals to improve road defects performance will be presented to the next meeting of the Committee.

667 Inverclyde Local Development Plan: Proposed Plan - Representations made to the Plan and Issues for Examination 667

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on representations received on the Inverclyde Local Development Plan: Proposed Plan following public consultation and (2) seeking approval for the next stages of Plan preparation, including issues for Examination.

The Head of Regeneration & Planning advised the Committee that annex 5 to the report required to be amended by deleting the words "for housing" and "for housing and" on pages 68 (line 9) and 69 (line 3) of the agenda respectively.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the scale and range of issues raised through representations received on the Proposed Plan, including the level of support for the Plan;
- (2) that the Committee endorse the approach taken to summarising the substantive issues raised through the public consultation;
- (3) that approval be given to the Schedule 4s as amended (drafted in annex 5) for the forthcoming examination; and
- (4) that should a change be required to a Schedule 4 following discussion with the DPEA or a representor, authority be delegated to the Head of Regeneration & Planning to make any necessary amendments before submission to the appointed Reporter(s).

668 Modern Apprenticeship Programme - 2013/14 Update 668

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the Council's Modern Apprenticeship Programme, specifically the recruitment of 32 additional Modern Apprentices (MAs) for the 2013/14 period.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the ongoing delivery of the Inverclyde Council Modern

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Apprentice Programme; and

(2) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to submit a tender to Skills Development Scotland (SDS) for Modern Apprentice and Employability Programme places for the 2014/15 period via their tendering exercise in November 2013.

669 Regeneration Fund 2013/14 - Performance Update

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the finance and performance of the Regeneration Fund - Employability Services.

Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty and McIlwee declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Directors of Inverclyde Community Development Trust. They also formed the view that the nature of their interest 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 monitoring arrangements in place for external contracts delivering Employability Services; and

(2) that the strong performance of contracts for the period April - August 2013 as set out in appendix 1 to the report be noted.

670 Scottish Government Consultation - Climate Ready Scotland: Draft Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the Draft Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme prepared by the Scottish Government in accordance with Section 53 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 and (2) the Council's response to the related consultation.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the Council's input to the collective response devised by the Sustainable Scotland Network to the Draft Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme; and

(2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to update Members, as appropriate, on potential implications for the Council when the final Programme is published.

671 Flood Management Study - Findings and Funding Priorities

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the findings of the Inverclyde Flood Management Study and the Inverclyde Flood Plan Study, (2) setting out a priority list of flood alleviation schemes in order to identify the funds necessary to extend the present Flood Action Plan Programme beyond 2014 and (3) seeking approval to engage a consultant to support a bid to the Scottish Executive for funding for flooding schemes in view of the extremely short timescales for submission of bids.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the approval of the Corporate Management Team for the direct appointment of Grontmij through the Scotland Excel Framework with a maximum budget of £25,000 to support the proposed bid by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to the Scottish Government for funding on the basis of the estimated costs for the Flood Acting Plan programme beyond 2014 set out

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in table 1 of the report, the budget for the appointment to be funded from the Flood Action Plan design fee estimate already approved;

(2) that if the bid to the Scottish Government for funding is unsuccessful, the projects set out in table 2 of the report be progressed up to a limit of £1m;

(3) that it be noted the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services will bring forward a further report identifying future years annual routine maintenance spend requirements for drainage and culvert maintenance; and

(4) that the Committee note approval of the £30,000 budget to undertake CCTV survey on culverts throughout Inverclyde to comply with the Flood Risk Management Act 2009, the expenditure to be funded from underspend within Waste Management as detailed in the report on the Environment & Regeneration Revenue Budget 2013/14 considered by the Committee earlier in the meeting.

672 Provision of New Bus Shelters under the SPT Bus Shelter Upgrading Programme 2013/14 **672**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) seeking approval for the installation of 5 new bus shelters funded as part of the SPT Bus Shelter Upgrading Programme for 2013/14 and (2) advising that the associated additional revenue maintenance costs will be funded by the Council.

Decided: that the Committee approve the provision of new bus shelters at the 5 proposed locations set out in the report and note that the associated annual maintenance costs will be contained within the Bus Shelter Maintenance Budget.

673 Waste Strategy Update **673**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the current position in respect of glass collections and (2) advising of options available to the Council to meet the requirements of the Waste Scotland Regulations 2012.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the contents of the report and the need to comply with the Waste Scotland Regulations 2012;

(2) that officers submit a funding bid in respect of Option C, kerbside collection, to Zero Waste Scotland in accordance with the Council's policy on external funding and in liaison with Finance Services;

(3) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to consult on the scheme; and

(4) that the financial implications be clarified once the level of funding from Zero Waste Scotland is known and be considered as part of the 2014/16 budget approval process in February 2014.

674 Living Streets **674**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the work of Living Streets in Scotland and the Council's association with their initiatives.

Decided: that the Committee note the content of the report and the correlation between Living Streets' campaign agenda and the Council's Local Transport Strategy and other policies.

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- 675 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Nelson Street Etc., Greenock (Traffic Management) Order 2013 675**
- There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order - Nelson Street Etc., Greenock (Traffic Management) Order 2013.
- After discussion, Councillor Shepherd moved that consideration of the matter be continued to the next meeting of the Committee to allow officers the opportunity to consider the points raised by him in relation to George Square roundabout, Princes Street, West Shaw Street/Nicolson Street and Bruce Street. As an amendment, Councillor McCormick moved that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - Nelson Street Etc., Greenock (Traffic Management) 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.
- On a vote, 2 Members voted for the motion and 7 for the amendment which was declared carried.
- Decided:** that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - Nelson Street Etc., Greenock (Traffic Management) 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.
- 676 Victoria Tower - Refurbishment as Tourist Attraction 676**
- There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on proposals to carry out refurbishment work to the Victoria Tower to facilitate its use as a tourist attraction.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee approve the proposals detailed in paragraph 5.2 of the report in relation to refurbishment work to Victoria Tower to facilitate its use as a tourist attraction and that agreement be given to the issue of tenders for the work; and
 - (2) that a modest charge be levied to cover the cost of providing a guide for the groups accessing the tower.
- 677 Asset Management Plan - Scoping of Future Investment 677**
- There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on proposals to identify future investment requirements for the Council's property stock and (2) seeking approval to appoint consultants to undertake condition surveys.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the proposals for the development of a revised Asset Management Plan, and that this will be reported to the September 2014 meeting of the Committee with a new investment programme and revised funding model for consideration;
 - (2) that it be noted separate Asset Management Plans will be produced for CHCP properties and for grounds and open spaces; and
 - (3) that the Committee note the cost of the consultants and Property Assets & Facilities Management's costs in carrying out surveys will be met from the Asset Management Plan Funding Model/School Estates Management Plan Funding Model.

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- 678 Office and Depot Rationalisation Programme - Update 678**
- There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the progress of the office and depot rationalisation programme.
- Noted**
- 679 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive - Grow Wild Flagship Projects Programme 679**
- 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 accept an offer of external grant monies towards developing proposals for the Belville Street Community Garden in respect of the Grow Wild Programme being run by Kew Gardens and Greenspace Scotland.
- Noted**
- 680 Property Assets Management Report 680**
- There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on activities and proposals for the management of the Council's property assets.
- Decided:**
- (1) that authority be granted to market for lease the former Garvel Deaf Centre, York Road, Greenock as shown on the plan at appendix 1 and to set a closing date when the level of interest expressed deems it appropriate;
 - (2) that the site of Lilybank School, Birkmyre Avenue, Port Glasgow as shown on the plan at appendix 2 and the site at Broadstone Avenue, Port Glasgow as shown on the plan at appendix 3 be declared surplus to the Council's requirements and that authority be granted to place both subjects on the open market for sale and to set a closing date when the level of interest expressed in the sites deems it appropriate; and
 - (3) that it be noted a further report or reports on any offers received for any of the properties referred to in (1) and (2) above will be submitted to the Committee for approval in due course.
- 681 Port Glasgow Strategic Regeneration Project Update 681**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the progress of the development of regeneration projects within Port Glasgow.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the progress to date 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 has been arranged for 14 November 2013 to review progress on projects.
- 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.**

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| Item | Paragraph(s) |
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| Lease of Land - Gibshill Road, Greenock | 2, 6 & 9 |
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| Disposal of Premises - Neil Street, Greenock | 2, 6 & 9 |
| Request to Appoint Lighting Maintenance Contract Consultant | 6 & 9 |

682 Greenlight Environmental Limited 682

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the current contract position in respect of Greenlight Environmental Limited and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

683 Proposed Compulsory Purchase Order 683

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking authority to promote a Compulsory Purchase Order and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

684 Lease of Land - Gibshill Road, Greenock 684

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

685 Disposal of Premises - Port Glasgow Road, Greenock 685

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on proposals for the disposal of premises at Port Glasgow Road, Greenock and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

686 Disposal of Premises - Neil Street, Greenock 686

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

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

687 Request to Appoint Lighting Maintenance Contract Consultant**687**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to appoint a lighting maintenance contract consultant and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.