

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 5 NOVEMBER 2013

Education and Communities Committee

Tuesday 5 November 2013 at 3.05pm

Present: Councillors Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, Loughran, McCabe, McColgan, McEleny, McIlwee, Shepherd and Wilson, Rev A MacLean, Rev F Donaldson and Father M McMahon, 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, Mr I Cameron (for Chief Financial Officer), Ms G Murphy (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Health Protection Services Manager, Community Safety & Wellbeing Service Manager, Ms M Paterson (Community Learning & Development), Head of Education, Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy, Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management, School Estate Service Manager, Ms G Bond (Education Services) and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

692 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 692

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:-

Agenda Item 3 (Clune Park Regeneration Plan - Review) - Councillor Wilson;
 Agenda Item 4 (Strategic Local Programme 2012-2015) - Councillors McCabe, McEleny and McIlwee; and
 Agenda Item 15 (Junior Football Access Agreement) - Councillor McEleny.

693 Communities 2013/14 Revenue Budget Report - Period 5 to 31 August 2013 and Capital Report 2013/16 - Progress 693

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance and the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) on the 2013/14 Revenue Budget Position as at Period 5 to 31 August 2013 and (2) the status of the projects forming the Communities Capital Programme 2013/16 and the overall financial position.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current projection of on budget for the 2013/14 Revenue Budget as at Period 5 to 31 August 2013; and
- (2) that the Committee note the progress of the projects forming the Communities Capital Programme 2013/16.

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694 Clune Park Regeneration Plan - Review**694**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities on the conclusions of the review of the approved Regeneration Plan for 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 progress to date and the review of the approved Regeneration Plan for the Clune Park area;
- (2) that further progress updates be submitted to future meetings of the Committee;
- (3) that agreement be given to progress the development of a Housing Renewal Area for the Clune Park Regeneration Plan area; and
- (4) that agreement be given to the proposal to facilitate demolitions as outlined in Section 6.5 of the report.

695 Strategic Local Programme 2012 - 2015**695**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities advising the Committee of changes to the Strategic Local Programme 2012 - 2015 arising from an additional award of funding from the Scottish Government's Affordable Housing Supply Programme and an overall increase in subsidy levels.

Councillors McCabe, McEleny and McIlwee declared non-financial interests in this matter as Members of the Board of River Clyde Homes. 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 it be noted that there is no requirement to resubmit the Strategic Housing Investment Plan for the five year period from 2013 - 2018, as approved by the Committee on 10 September 2013;
- (2) that the contents of the updated Strategic Local Programme 2012 - 2015, as detailed in the appendix to the report be noted; and
- (3) that approval be given to the updated Strategic Local Programme 2012 - 2015, as submitted by the Council to the Scottish Government Housing Supply Division.

696 Glasgow 2014 - Queen's Baton Relay and Legacy Plan**696**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) on discussions which had taken place regarding the Glasgow 2014 Queen's Baton Relay route and selection process for baton bearers and (2) providing an update on proposed Commonwealth Games legacy related activity in Inverclyde.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress made with the Queen's Baton Relay arrangements in Inverclyde and that a report on likely costs will be submitted to the Committee in due course; and

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(2) that approval be given to the 2014 Legacy Plan appended to the report.

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)
Junior Football Access Agreement	4 & 6
Delivery Partners for Home Energy Efficiency Packages Scotland: Area Based Schemes (HEEPS: ABS) and Big Lottery Fund Projects	6
Revocation of Closing Order - 52A Ashton Road, Gourrock	6 & 13
Revocation of Closing Order - 1 Moffat Street, Greenock	6 & 13
Recommendations for the reprovion of Community Based Services formerly contracted under the Regeneration Programme - Update	6, 8 & 9

697 Junior Football Access Agreement 697

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) proposing an access agreement for the use of Ravenscraig and Port Glasgow Community Stadiums by Junior Football Clubs and (2) informing the Committee of the response to these proposals from local Junior Football Clubs. In this connection, there was circulated to the Committee a submission by Port Glasgow Juniors Football Club. The Committee agreed to take action, all as detailed in the Appendix.

Councillor McEleny declared a non-financial interest in this item as a member 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.

698 Delivery Partners for Home Energy Efficiency Packages Scotland: Area Based Schemes (HEEPS: ABS) and Big Lottery Fund Projects 698

There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities (1) advising the Committee of the liquidation of Solas Scotland and (2) providing an options appraisal of potential alternative delivery partners for the Home Energy Efficiency Packages Scotland: Area Based Schemes (HEEPS: ABS) and Big Lottery Fund Inverclyde Fuel Poverty Fix Project, pursuant to Order 11.1 of the Standing Orders relating to Contracts. The Committee agreed to take action relative to the appointment of delivery partners, all as detailed in the Appendix.

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- 699 Revocation of Closing Order - 52A Ashton Road, Gourock 699**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities seeking approval to revoke the Closing Order affecting the eastmost attic flat at 52A Ashton Road, Gourock.
Decided: that it be agreed to make the necessary Order to revoke the Closing Order on the eastmost attic flat at 52A Ashton Road, Gourock.
- 700 Revocation of Closing Order - 1 Moffat Street, Greenock 700**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities seeking approval to revoke the Closing Order affecting the two storey semi-detached property at 1 Moffat Street, Greenock.
Decided: that it be agreed to make the necessary Order to revoke the Closing Order on the two storey semi-detached property at 1 Moffat Street, Greenock.
- 701 Recommendations for the reprovision of Community Based Services formerly contracted under the Regeneration Programme - Update 701**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development making recommendations with regard to the reprovision of community based services formerly contracted under the Regeneration Programme which were agreed, all as detailed in the Appendix.
- The Committee commenced consideration of the Education items of business at 4.25pm with Rev MacLean, Rev Donaldson, Father McMahon, Mr Thomson and Mr Tracey joining the meeting.**
- 702 Scottish FA School of Football - Port Glasgow Community Campus 702**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the progress of the Scottish Football Association School of Football at Port Glasgow Community Campus.
Decided: that the progress to date be noted.
- 703 Education 2013/14 Revenue Budget - Period 5 to 31 August 2013 703**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance and the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the position of the Education Revenue Budget 2013/14 as at Period 5 to 31 August 2013 which projected an overspend of £47,000.
Decided: that the projected overspend of £47,000 in the Education Revenue Budget 2013/14 as at Period 5 be noted.
- 704 Education Capital Programme 2013 - 2015/16 - Progress 704**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and the Head of Finance (1) on the status of the projects forming the Education Capital Programme and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.

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Decided:

- (1) that the progress of the specific projects detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be noted; and
- (2) that the review of the School Estate Funding Model reported separately be noted.

705 Review of School Estate Funding Model 2013**705**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and the Head of Finance (1) providing an update on the current position of the School Estate Funding Model and (2) seeking approval of the revised model.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the revised School Estate Funding Model and associated changes highlighted in paragraph 6.1 of the report; and
- (2) that it be noted that the financial implications of the revised model will be built into the Council's revised Financial Strategy due to be presented to the Council in December 2013.

706 Education & Communities Performance Report**706**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on progress towards the achievement of key objectives as set out in the Education, Communities & Organisational Development Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note that the report reflects the progress made by Education, Inclusive Education & Culture and Safer Communities in delivering the key objectives and performance targets as detailed in the Education, Communities & Organisational Development Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan;
- (2) that it be noted that progress in delivering the remaining CDIP improvement actions which sit within Corporate Policy and Organisational Development, HR & Communications will be reported to the next meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee in a Corporate Services Performance Report; and
- (3) that it be noted that further progress reports will be submitted to every second meeting of the Education & Communities Committee.

707 ASN Monitoring Forum**707**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the progress of the ASN Monitoring Forum established in January 2011 to consider the assessment of pupils with additional support needs.

Decided: that the Committee note the report and the statistics set out in the appendices.

708 Update on Progress with the Implementation of Curriculum for Excellence**708**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing information on progress being made with the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence.

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Decided: that the Committee note the ongoing progress being made with the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence in Inverclyde.

Councillor Wilson left the meeting at this point.

709 Update on Proposed Revised Senior Phase Model for Inverclyde Secondary Schools 709

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing information on the proposed revised Senior Phase model for Inverclyde secondary schools as part of the delivery of Curriculum for Excellence.

Decided: that approval be given to the proposed revised Senior Phase model outlined in appendix 1 to the report as part of the progress being made with the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence in Inverclyde.

710 The Nurturing Collaborative In Early Years - To Get it Right for Every Child 710

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the developments in relation to the Early Years Collaborative and the initiative, Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC).

Decided: that the progress to date be noted.