

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 9 OCTOBER 2013

General Purposes Board

Wednesday 9 October 2013 at 3.00 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Dorrian, Jones, Loughran, McColgan, McIlwee and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr F Jarvie, (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services) and Inspector I Wood, Police Scotland.

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

597 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 597

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Grieve.

There were no substitutions or declarations of interest intimated.

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 Paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

598 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Craig Ritchie 598

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Ritchie following a representation by the Environmental Enforcement and Licensing Standards Officer.

Mr Ritchie was not present or represented.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the application and the Board's decision at their meeting on 12 June 2013 that in the absence of objections or representations being received delegated powers would not be permitted in respect of Mr Ritchie's renewal application.

There followed a short discussion.

Decided: the application be granted.

599 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: John McLaughlan 599

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr McLaughlan following a Police objection.

Mr McLaughlan was present.

The Board heard Inspector Wood in support of the Police objection and Mr McLaughlan in support of his application

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Decided:

- (i) to continue consideration to the next meeting of the Board for update on Police Scotland Report; and
- (ii) additional documentation to be submitted by Mr McLaughlan in support of his application.

600 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Allan Robertshaw 600

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Robertshaw following a Police representation.

Mr Robertshaw was present.

The Board heard Inspector Wood in support of the Police representation and Mr Robertshaw in support of his application.

Decided: the application be granted.

601 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Paul Atkinson 601

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Atkinson following a Police objection.

Mr Atkinson was not present or represented.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board the letter informing Mr Atkinson to attend the Board had been returned marked "Gone Away" and Licensing staff have been unable to contact him by phone and in the circumstances, the Board may wish to consider to continue to the next meeting to give Mr Atkinson the opportunity to attend.

Decided: to continue consideration to next meeting of the Board.

602 Consideration of Taxi Driver's Licence: Alan Robertson 602

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services requesting the Board to consider the Taxi Driver's Licence granted to Mr Robertson.

Mr Robertson was present.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the report, documentation received in support of the licenceholder and updated medical information.

The Board heard Mr Robertson in support of his licence.

Decided: remove suspension and reinstate licence

603 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Joseph McLaughlan 603

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr McLaughlan following a Police representation.

Mr McLaughlan was present.

The Board heard Inspector Wood in support of the Police representation and Mr McLaughlan in support of his application.

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Following discussion Councillor Campbell-Sturgess moved refusal of the application. As an amendment Councillor Dorrian moved grant of the application. On a vote 2 Members voted for the motion and 6 Members for the amendment which was declared carried.

Decided: the application be granted.

604 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Charles McLaughlin 604

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr McLaughlin following a Police representation.

Mr McLaughlin was present.

The Board heard Inspector Wood in support of the Police representation and Mr McLaughlin in support of his application

Decided: the application be granted with warning.

605 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Neil Cannie 605

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Cannie following a Police representation.

Mr Cannie was present.

The Board heard Inspector Wood in support of the Police representation and Mr Cannie in support of the application.

Following discussion, Councillor Dorrian moved grant of the application. As an amendment, Councillor Rebecchi moved continuation for update from Police Scotland. On a vote 2 Members voted for the amendment and 8 Members for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: the application be granted.

606 Application for Window Cleaners Licence: Ryan McAteer 606

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the grant of a Window Cleaner's Licence following a Police representation.

Mr McAteer was present.

The Board heard Inspector Wood in support of the Police representation and Mr McAteer in support of the application.

Decided: the application be granted.

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL - 10 OCTOBER 2013

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 10 October 2013 at 4 pm

Present: Provost Moran, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, Dorrian, Jones, Loughran, McCabe, McColgan, McCormick, McEleny, McIlwee, Nelson, Rebecchi, Shepherd and Wilson.

Chair: Provost Moran presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Community Health & Care Partnership, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Legal Services Manager (Procurement/Conveyancing), Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Mr R Graham and Mr M Higginbotham (Environmental & Commercial Services), Business/Democratic Services Manager and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications).

607 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Grieve and MacLeod.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:-

Agenda item 4 (Inverclyde Leisure - Resignation of Councillor Wilson) - Councillors Ahlfeld, Loughran and McColgan;

Agenda item 5 (Inverclyde Community Development Trust - Resignation of Councillor McEleny) - Councillors Ahlfeld and Clocherty; and

Agenda item 15 (Inverclyde Leisure - Resignation of Councillor McEleny) - Councillors Ahlfeld, Loughran and McColgan.

**Minutes of Meetings of
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608 The Inverclyde Council - 6 June 2013

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Approved on the motion of Provost Moran.

609 Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee - 12 June 2013

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Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.

610 Grants Sub-Committee - 12 June 2013

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Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.

611 General Purposes Board - 12 June 2013

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Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.

612 Human Resources Appeals Board - 20 June 2013

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- Approved** on the motion of Councillor Brooks.
- 613 Audit Committee (Special) - 25 June 2013 613**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi.
- 614 Environment & Regeneration Committee (Special) - 25 June 2013 614**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor McCormick.
- 615 General Purposes Board (Special) - 11 July 2013 615**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.
- 616 Planning Board - 7 August 2013 616**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor Wilson.
- 617 Local Review Body - 7 August 2013 617**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor Wilson.
- 618 Policy & Resources Committee - 13 August 2013 618**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor McCabe.
- 619 General Purposes Board - 14 August 2013 619**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.
- 620 Audit Committee - 27 August 2013 620**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi.
- 621 Human Resources Appeals Board - 28 August 2013 621**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor Brooks.
- 622 Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership Sub-Committee - 29 August 2013 622**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.
- 623 Health & Social Care Committee - 29 August 2013 623**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.

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| 624 | <p>Planning Board - 4 September 2013</p> <p>Approved on the motion of Councillor Brooks.</p> | 624 |
| 625 | <p>Local Review Body - 4 September 2013</p> <p>Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.</p> | 625 |
| 626 | <p>Environment & Regeneration Committee - 5 September 2013</p> <p>Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.</p> | 626 |
| 627 | <p>Education & Communities Committee - 10 September 2013</p> <p>Approved on the motion of Councillor Loughran.</p> | 627 |
| 628 | <p>General Purposes Board - 11 September 2013</p> <p>Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.</p> | 628 |
| 629 | <p>Policy & Resources Committee - 24 September 2013</p> <p>Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.</p> | 629 |
| 630 | <p>Audit Committee (Special) - 26 September 2013</p> <p>Approval of the minute as a correct record was moved by Councillor Rebecchi subject to correction to include Councillor Clocherty as being present at the meeting.
 Decided: that the minute as corrected be approved.</p> | 630 |
| 631 | <p>Planning Board - 2 October 2013</p> <p>Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.</p> | 631 |
| 632 | <p>Local Review Body - 2 October 2013</p> <p>Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.</p> | 632 |
| 633 | <p>General Purposes Board - 9 October 2013</p> <p>It was noted that the minute of the General Purposes Board of 9 October 2013 would be submitted to the meeting of The Inverclyde Council on 5 December 2013.</p> | 633 |
| 634 | <p>Appointment of Member to the Visiting Committee of Greenock Prison</p> <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) advising of the resignation of Councillor Brooks from the Greenock Prison Visiting Committee and (2) requesting the Council to appoint a member to serve in his place.</p> | 634 |

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Decided: that Councillor Jones be appointed to serve on the Greenock Prison Visiting Committee in place of Councillor Brooks.

635 Inverclyde Leisure - Resignation of Councillor Wilson 635

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) advising of the resignation of Councillor Wilson from Inverclyde Leisure and (2) requesting the Council to appoint a member to serve in his place.

Councillors Ahlfeld, Loughran and McColgan declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Directors of Inverclyde Leisure. 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: that Councillor Clocherty be appointed to serve on Inverclyde Leisure in place of Councillor Wilson.

636 Inverclyde Leisure - Resignation of Councillor McEleny 636

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) advising of the resignation of Councillor McEleny from Inverclyde Leisure and (2) requesting the Council to appoint a member to serve in his place.

Councillors Ahlfeld, Loughran and McColgan declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Directors of Inverclyde Leisure. 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: that Councillor Campbell-Sturgess be appointed to serve on Inverclyde Leisure in place of Councillor McEleny.

637 Inverclyde Community Development Trust - Resignation of Councillor McEleny 637

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) advising of the resignation of Councillor McEleny from Inverclyde Community Development Trust and (2) requesting the Council to appoint a member to serve in his place.

Councillors Ahlfeld and Clocherty 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.

Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Clocherty moved that Councillor McIlwee be appointed in place of Councillor McEleny. As an amendment, Councillor McEleny seconded by Councillor Nelson moved that Councillor Brooks be appointed. On a vote, 7 Members voted for the amendment and 10 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that Councillor McIlwee be appointed to serve on Inverclyde Community Development Trust in place of Councillor McEleny.

638 Save Our Royal Mail - Royal Mail Privatisation 638

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources asking the Council to consider a request from the Save Our Royal Mail campaign to support its campaign against the privatisation of Royal Mail.

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After discussion, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Rebecchi moved that the Council support the campaign against privatisation and, with regard to the present timescales affecting the privatisation, that Inverclyde Council record its opposition and call on the next UK Government or Scottish Government to consider the renationalisation of Royal Mail. As an amendment, Councillor Wilson moved in favour of privatisation of Royal Mail. There being no seconder, Councillor Wilson's amendment fell.

Decided: that the Council support the campaign against privatisation and, with regard to the present timescales affecting the privatisation, that Inverclyde Council record its opposition and call on the next UK Government or Scottish Government to consider the renationalisation of Royal Mail.

639 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 2 2013 639

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 2 2013.

Resolved on the motion of Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Clocherty that THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL, incorporated under the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994, RESOLVE TO MAKE as they HEREBY MAKE a Resolution under Section 32(1) and Part III of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to permit the provision of parking places for disabled persons who hold a badge under the Disabled Persons' (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 as amended, all as detailed in a copy of the Order forming a supplement to the principal minute hereof and that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Democratic Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

640 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On Street) Order No. 3 2013 640

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 3 2013.

Resolved on the motion of Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Clocherty that THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL, incorporated under the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994, RESOLVE TO MAKE as they HEREBY MAKE a Resolution under Section 32(1) and Part III of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to permit the provision of parking places for disabled persons who hold a badge under the Disabled Persons' (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 as amended, all as detailed in a copy of the Order forming a supplement to the principal minute hereof and that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Democratic Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

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- 641 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Manor Crescent, Gourock (Waiting Restrictions) Order 2013 641**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Manor Crescent, Gourock (Waiting Restrictions) Order 2013.
- Resolved** on the motion of Councillor Loughran seconded by Councillor Ahlfeld that THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL, incorporated under the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994, RESOLVE TO MAKE as they HEREBY MAKE a Resolution under Sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3) and Parts III and IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to introduce waiting restrictions at Manor Crescent, Gourock, all as detailed in a copy of the Order forming a supplement to the principal minute hereof and that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Democratic Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.
- 642 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Cardwell Road, Gourock, Waiting Restrictions (Amendment No. 1) Order 2013 642**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Cardwell Road, Gourock, Waiting Restrictions (Amendment No. 1) Order 2013.
- Resolved** on the motion of Councillor Loughran seconded by Councillor McEleny that THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL, incorporated under the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994, RESOLVE TO MAKE as they HEREBY MAKE a Resolution under Sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3) and Parts III and IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to introduce waiting restrictions at Cardwell Road, Cove Road and Manor Crescent, Gourock, all as detailed in a copy of the Order forming a supplement to the principal minute hereof and that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Democratic Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.
- 643 Treasury Management - Annual Report 2012/13: Remit from Policy & Resources Committee 643**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a request from the Policy & Resources Committee of 13 August 2013 that approval be given to the Annual Report on Treasury Management 2012/13.
- Decided:** that the Council approve the Annual Report on Treasury Management 2012/13.
- 644 Scheme of Delegation: Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 644**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 5 September 2013 seeking approval of an amended Scheme of Delegation prepared under the terms of Section 43A of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 for determining local developments.

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Decided:

- (1) that agreement be given to the adoption of the amended Scheme of Delegation prepared under the terms of Section 43A of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 for determining local developments as outlined in appendix 1 of the report to the Environment & Regeneration Committee and subject to approval from Scottish Ministers; and
- (2) that the amended Scheme of Delegation be submitted to the Scottish Ministers for approval.

645 Trust Funds Annual Accounts 2012 - 2013 645

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer requesting the Council, as Trustees (1) to review and approve the Annual Accounts for two Trust Funds which are not registered charities and (2) appending the accounts of the McLeod Trust administered by Port Glasgow High School for information.

Decided: that the Council, as Trustees:

- (1) approve the Annual Accounts of the Birkmyre Trust and Watt Institution Trust Fund for the year ended 31 March 2013; and
- (2) note the accounts of the McLeod Trust for the year ended 31 March 2013.

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 for the following item on the grounds that it contained exempt information as defined in the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as detailed in the relevant minute.

Appendices to Minutes

646 Human Resources Appeals Board - 20 June 2013 646

Approved on the motion of Councillor Brooks.

647 Human Resources Appeals Board - 28 August 2013 647

Approved on the motion of Councillor Brooks.

648 Environment & Regeneration Committee - 5 September 2013 648

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.

649 Policy & Resources Committee - 24 September 2013 649

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.

GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE - 22 OCTOBER 2013

Grants Sub-CommitteeTuesday 22 October 2013 at 2pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, Campbell-Sturgess, Dorrian, McColgan (for McIlwee), Shepherd and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Clocherty presided.

In attendance: Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities and Mr N Duffy (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services).

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

650 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest**650**

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor McIlwee, with Councillor McColgan substituting.

Councillor Campbell-Sturgess declared an interest in agenda item 2 (Round 2 Applications 2013/14).

651 Round 2 Applications 2013/14**651**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) giving details of applications received for consideration for funding from the grants to voluntary organisations budget 2013/14 and (2) seeking approval for further payments under the 3 year grant scheme.

Councillor Campbell-Sturgess declared a non-financial interest in the application relating to the Weir Street Residents Group as a member of this group. 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 relative to this application.

Decided:

(1) that grants be made to voluntary organisations as follows:-

Group	Recommendations
c	£5000.00
Greenock Philharmonic Society	£500.00
GREIGARIOUS CAS (Community Arts & Singing) SCIO	£500.00
Inverclyde Juvenile Pipe Band	£500.00
Inverclyde Megawatt Festival Ltd	£5000.00
Pan Breed Productions	£1000.00
Silverline Dancers	£500.00
Gourock Park Bowling Club	£2000.00
Lady Alice Bowling Club Junior Section	£1500.00
Port Glasgow Bowling Club	£2000.00
Rankin Park Bowling Club	£2000.00

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Victoria Bowling Club	£2000.00
Children in Poverty Inverclyde	£2000.00
Inverclyde Out of School Care Network	£2000.00
MindMosaic Counselling and Therapy	£2000.00
Bagatelle Court Tenants Organisation	Nil
Crawfurdsburn Community Centre	£760.00
Greenock Central Residents Action Group	£2000.00
Inverkip Community Enterprise	£2000.00
Inverkip Community Initiative (I.C.I.)	£2000.00
Larkfield Braeside Branchton Community Council	£1500.00
Muirshiel Resource Centre	Nil
Park Farm Community Centre	Nil
Park Farm Tenants & Residents	£1530.00
Prospecthill Community Focus	£2000.00
Royal Court Tenants & Residents Association	£500.00
Weir Street Residents Group	£300.00
Deafblind Scotland	£396.00
Inverclyde Anti Knife Group	£1374.00
Park Farm Over 55's Group	£500.00
The Country Club	£332.00
Kidston Kids	£1500.00
Weans World Parent/Carer Toddler Group	£500.00
Belleaire Football Club	Nil
Greenock Juniors	£4500.00
Waterfront Junior Curling Club	£500.00
Local Association of Guides Kilmacolm Branch	£2000.00
Action on Hearing Loss Scotland	Nil
Friends of the Auchmountain Glen	£2000.00
Inverclyde Radio	£2000.00
Port Glasgow Otters	£1000.00
Port Glasgow Voluntary Trans-Port Group	Nil
Supporting Parents	£2000.00
Inverclyde Duke of Edinburgh Award Support Group	£5000.00
St Andrews BC 97s	£500.00
Paisley & District Schools Association	£500.00
Tuesday Club	£1500.00
TOTAL	£67,192.00

- (2) that no payment be made to Port Glasgow Voluntary Transport Group; and
(3) that a payment of £6800 be made to Inverclyde Voluntary Council of Social Services.

AUDIT COMMITTEE - 22 OCTOBER 2013

Audit Committee

Tuesday 22 October 2013 at 3.10pm

Present: Provost Moran, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, Dorrian, Jones, McColgan (for Loughran) and MacLeod.

Chair: In the absence of the Convener and Vice-Convener, it was agreed unanimously that Councillor Ahlfeld should assume the Chair.

In attendance: Ms G Murphy (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services) and Chief Internal Auditor.

652 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 652

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Loughran, with Councillor McColgan substituting, and Councillors Nelson and Rebecchi.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

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

653 Risk Management Progress Report 653

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the progress made on Risk Management since the meeting of the Committee on 27 August 2013.

Noted

654 External Audit Action Plans - Current Actions 654

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the status of current actions from the External Audit Action Plan at 31 August 2013.

Noted

655 Internal Audit Progress Report - 5 August to 27 September 2013 655

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources appending the monitoring report in respect of Internal Audit activity for the period 5 August to 27 September 2013.

Noted

APPOINTMENT PANEL - CORPORATE DIRECTOR EDUCATION, COMMUNITIES & ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT - 22 OCTOBER 2013

Appointment Panel - Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development

Tuesday 22 October 2013 - 4 pm

Present: Councillors M Brennan, K Brooks, V Jones and S McCabe and Mr J Mundell, Chief Executive.

Present Also: Mr A Henderson, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and Mr A Moore, Head of Organisational Development, HR & Communications (Advisors to the Panel).

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

Apologies: Councillors Loughran and Rebecchi.

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

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 for the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7A) of the Act.

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Shortlisting and Arrangements for Interview of Applicants - Post of Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development

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There were submitted copies of applications received from 19 candidates for the post of Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development. The Panel decided to call a shortlist of 5 candidates for interview, all as detailed in the appendix, and thereafter make an appointment.

Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership Sub-CommitteeThursday 24 October 2013 at 3.00 pm

Present: Councillors V Jones, J MacLeod, S McCabe and J McIlwee (Inverclyde Council); Mr K Winter, Non Executive Director, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board; Mrs N McFadden, Public Partnership Forum; Ms D McCrone, Staff Partnership Forum; and Mr B Moore, Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership.

Chair: Councillor McIlwee presided.

In attendance: Head of Planning, Health Improvement & Commissioning, Head of Mental Health, Addictions & Homelessness, Head of Health & Community Care, Acting Service Manager, Children & Families, Service Manager, Mental Health & Wellbeing, Ms L Bairden (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Mr M Bingham, Corporate Communications and Project Manager - Your Voice, Inverclyde Community Care Forum.

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

657 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 657

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Rebecchi and Dr H Macdonald, Professional Executive Group.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

658 Summary of Mental Health Services 658

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership on the provision of mental health services in Inverclyde.

The Sub-Committee heard a presentation on this subject by the Head of Mental Health, Addictions & Homelessness who, along with the Service Manager, Mental Health & Wellbeing, answered a number of questions from Members.

(Councillor McCabe entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the report and the arrangements for the delivery of mental health services by the CHCP to the people of Inverclyde; and
- (2) that the proposed developments for the period 2014/15 as detailed in the report and presentation be noted.

659 Community Health & Care Partnership - Financial Report 2013/14 as at Period 5 to 31 August 2013 659

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership on the 2013/14 Revenue and Capital Budget position as at Period 5 to 31 August 2013.

Decided:

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the current year Revenue Budget and the projected underspend of £222,000 for 2013/14 as at 31 August 2013;

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(2) that the Sub-Committee note that the Social Work Capital position is projected to budget at £183,000 in the current year and is on target over the life of the projects and that the Health Capital position is projected to budget at £102,000;

(3) that the Sub-Committee note the current Earmarked Reserves position and that a detailed report on new Reserves will be submitted to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee;

(4) that approval be given to the Social Work Budget virements totalling £94,000 detailed in appendix 7 to the report; and

(5) that the position in respect of Prescribing be noted.

660 Reshaping Care for Older People

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership providing an update on the 2013/14 mid year report of the Local Change Plan currently driving the Scottish Government Directive, Reshaping Care for Older People.

Decided: that the content of the mid year report and the progress made with regard to implementing the Local Change Plan be noted.

661 NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Clinical Services Fit for the Future - Update

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership providing an update on the current NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Clinical Services Review following the report to the Sub-Committee in January 2013. It was reported that the Board of NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde had produced a paper outlining the process the review had taken to date, which had included the development of emerging service models by the 7 clinically led groups.

(Mrs McFadden left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided: that the Sub-Committee note the Clinical Review paper which describes the service models developed by the 7 clinically led groups.

662 Inverclyde CHCP - NHS Continuing Care Facilities and Community Services for Specialist Nursing: Older People's Dementia and Adult Mental Health Intensive Supported Living

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership on the current progress of the provision of new NHS continuing care facilities on the Inverclyde Royal Hospital site and of the commissioning process for the provision of specialist nursing care for older people with dementia and adult mental health supported living services in Inverclyde.

(Mrs McFadden returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

(1) that the progress made in the development of NHS continuing care facilities be noted; and

(2) that the agreement by NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde to non-recurring transitional funding to develop the community based mental health services be noted.

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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> <p>(2) that approval be given to the virement of £40,000 from the Roads Asset</p> | |

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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 Apprentice Programme; and
- (2) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration

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

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- (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.

675 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Nelson Street Etc., Greenock (Traffic Management) Order 2013 675

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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

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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

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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.

678 Office and Depot Rationalisation Programme - Update

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the progress of the office and

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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.

Item	Paragraph(s)
Greenlight Environmental Limited	6,8 & 9
Proposed Compulsory Purchase Order	13

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Lease of Land - Gibshill Road, Greenock	2, 6 & 9
Disposal of Premises - Port Glasgow Road, Greenock	2, 6 & 9
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.

LOCAL POLICE & FIRE SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE - 5 NOVEMBER 2013

Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Tuesday 5 November 2013 at 2pm

Present: Councillors Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, Loughran, McCabe, McColgan, McEleny, McIlwee and Shepherd.

Chair: Councillor Loughran presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities and Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services).

In attendance also: Superintendent Mark Shepherd (for Chief Superintendent Alan Speirs) and Chief Inspector Robert Kennedy, Police Scotland.

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

688 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 688

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

689 Police Scotland - Public Counter Service Review 689

There was submitted public briefing paper relative to the Public Counter Service Review affecting 'K' Division (Renfrewshire and Inverclyde).

(Councillor Clocherty entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided: that a meeting be arranged involving the Convener, Vice-Convener (Communities), Councillors Brooks and Shepherd to discuss the basis of a formal response to the extended consultation process on the Public Counter Service Review which will reflect the concerns of the political groups as expressed at the Sub-Committee and the concerns of the local community.

690 Local Police Plan Update 690

There was circulated statistical report for the period April to September 2013, including a comparison with the same period in 2012.

Noted

691 Local Fire and Rescue Plan Update 691

It was noted that work on the Local Fire and Rescue Plan was ongoing and that this would be the subject of a report to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

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 |
| | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> | |
| 700 | Revocation of Closing Order - 1 Moffat Street, Greenock | 700 |
| | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> | |
| 701 | Recommendations for the reprovision of Community Based Services formerly contracted under the Regeneration Programme - Update | 701 |
| | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> | |
| 702 | Scottish FA School of Football - Port Glasgow Community Campus | 702 |
| | <p>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.</p> <p>Decided: that the progress to date be noted.</p> | |
| 703 | Education 2013/14 Revenue Budget - Period 5 to 31 August 2013 | 703 |
| | <p>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.</p> <p>Decided: that the projected overspend of £47,000 in the Education Revenue Budget 2013/14 as at Period 5 be noted.</p> | |
| 704 | Education Capital Programme 2013 - 2015/16 - Progress | 704 |
| | <p>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.</p> | |

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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.

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Planning Board

Wednesday 6 November 2013 at 3pm

Present: Provost Moran, Councillors Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Dorrian, Jones, Loughran, McColgan, McIlwee, Nelson and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor Brooks presided.

In attendance: Head of Regeneration & Planning, Development & Building Standards Manager, Mr M Higginbotham (for Head of Environmental & Commercial Services), Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services) and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications).

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

711 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 711

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Wilson.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

712 CONTINUED PLANNING APPLICATION 712

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning on a continued application for planning permission by Inverclyde Windfarm Limited for the erection of a 70m meteorological mast at Corlic Hill, Greenock (13/0116/IC), consideration of which had been continued from the meeting of 4 September 2013 for a site visit.

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

(1) that the mast and all associated equipment shall be removed 3 years from the date of this permission (or immediately upon the development becoming redundant if earlier) and all reinstatement on a like-for-like basis shall be completed within a further two months, in view of the stated temporary nature of the development and to secure satisfactory reinstatement;

(2) that bird diverters shall be fixed to the guy lines upon erection of the mast, to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority in consultation with Scottish Natural Heritage and that they be checked every 6 months to ensure that they remain effective for the period of operation, in the interests of ecology;

(3) that construction works shall take place outwith the main bird breeding season (i.e. outwith April to July inclusive). If this is not possible an ornithologist shall be engaged to survey the ground prior to such works to advise of any bird nesting activity and a report shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of work, in the interests of ecology;

(4) that the developer shall secure the implementation of an archaeological watching brief, to be carried out by an archaeological organisation acceptable to the Planning Authority, during all ground disturbance. The retained archaeological organisation shall be afforded access at all reasonable times and allowed to record, recover and report items of interest and finds. A method statement for the watching brief will be submitted by the applicant and approved by the Planning Authority prior to commencement of the watching brief. The name of the archaeological organisation retained by the developer shall be given to the Planning Authority in writing not less than 14 days before

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development commences, in the interests of antiquity; and

(5) that all surface water drainage from the site shall be treated in accordance with the principles of the Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems Manual (C697) (CIRIA 2007). Before development commences, details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority of the maintenance regime for the water detention areas, to control runoff from the site to reduce the risk of flooding.

713 PLANNING APPLICATION

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Alteration to design of a detached dwellinghouse and formation of a garage/carport (variation to 10/0237/IC):

Former ARP Station, Lochwinnoch Road, Kilmacolm (13/0246/IC)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning on an application for planning permission by Mr K MacConnacher for alteration to design of a detached dwellinghouse and formation of a garage/carport (variation to 10/0237/IC) at the former ARP Station, Lochwinnoch Road, Kilmacolm (13/0246/IC).

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

(1) that no development shall commence until samples of all external materials have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority; development thereafter shall proceed utilising the approved materials unless the Planning Authority gives its prior written approval to any alternatives, to ensure a choice of finishes consistent with the countryside location;

(2) that notwithstanding the information in the approved drawings, no development shall commence until details of bin storage have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, in order to provide satisfactory measures for the storage and uplift of waste materials;

(3) that if works are to be undertaken between March and October inclusive, roofing felt shall be removed by hand prior to renovation/demolition. If bats are subsequently found to be present SNH shall be contacted to advise on necessary licensing requirements, in order to avoid any offence being committed under the Habitats Regulations 1994;

(4) that prior to the start of development, details of a survey for the presence of Japanese Knotweed shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority and that, for the avoidance of doubt, this shall contain a methodology and treatment statement where any is found. Development shall not proceed until treatment is completed as per the methodology and treatment statement. Any variation to the treatment methodologies will require subsequent approval by the Planning Authority prior to development starting on site, to help arrest the spread of Japanese Knotweed in the interests of environmental protection;

(5) that the development shall not commence until an environmental investigation and risk assessment, including any necessary remediation strategy with timescale for implementation, of all pollutant linkages has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The investigations and assessment shall be site-specific and completed in accordance with acceptable codes of practice. The remediation strategy shall include verification/validation methodologies. This may be incorporated as part of a ground condition report and should include an appraisal of options, to satisfactorily address potential contamination issues in the interests of environmental safety;

(6) that on completion of remediation and verification/validation works and prior to the site being occupied, the developer shall submit a Completion Report for approval in writing by the Planning Authority confirming that the works have been carried out in

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accordance with the remediation strategy. This report shall demonstrate that no pollutant linkages remain or are likely to occur and include (but not be limited to) a collation of verification/validation certificates, analysis information, remediation lifespan, maintenance/aftercare information and details of imported/disposed/reused materials relevant to the site, to provide verification that remediation has been carried out to the Authority's satisfaction;

(7) that the presence of any previously unrecorded contamination or variation to reported ground conditions that becomes evident during site works shall be brought to the attention of the Planning Authority within one week. Consequential amendments to the Remediation Strategy shall not be implemented unless it has been submitted to and approved, in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that all contamination issues are recorded and dealt with appropriately;

(8) that the use of the development shall not commence until the applicant has submitted a completion report for approval, in writing by the Planning Authority, detailing all fill or landscaping material imported onto the site. This report shall contain information of the material's source, volume, intended use and verification of chemical quality (including soil-leachate and organic content etc) with plans delineating placement and thickness, to protect receptors from the harmful effects of imported contamination;

(9) that the planting scheme detailed in approved drawing 367.01.01 under planning permission 10/0237/IC shall be completed within the first planting season following completion of the development hereby approved; thereafter, any specimens which die, become diseased or are damaged shall be replaced in the next planting season with a similar specimen, unless the Planning Authority gives its prior written approval to any alternative, to ensure the provision of a quality landscape setting; and

(10) that prior to the house, hereby approved, being occupied the hedge along the site frontage shall be reduced in height to 1m: thereafter it shall be maintained at 1m high in perpetuity, in order to ensure a safe sightline for vehicles exiting the site onto Lochwinnoch Road.

LOCAL REVIEW BODY - 6 NOVEMBER 2013

Local Review Body

Wednesday 6 November 2013 at 4pm

Present: Provost Moran, Councillors Dorrian, Loughran, Nelson and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Mr R Gimby (Regeneration & Planning Services) and Mr J Kerr (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services).

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

714 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 714

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

715 PLANNING APPLICATION FOR REVIEW 715

**Erection of two 67m high to blade tip wind turbines:
Priestside Farm, Auchentiber Road, Kilmacolm (13/0036/IC)**

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review of the refusal of planning permission for the erection of two 67m high to blade tip wind turbines at Priestside Farm, Auchentiber Road, Kilmacolm (13/0036/IC).

Decided:

- (1) that sufficient information had not been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and
- (2) that, in terms of Regulation 16 of the Town & Country Planning (Schemes of Delegation and Local Review Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, consideration of the application for review be continued for an unaccompanied site inspection to be arranged by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 13 NOVEMBER 2013

General Purposes BoardWednesday 13 November 2013 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Dorrian, Jones, Loughran, McColgan, McIlwee and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services) and Inspector S Adams, Police Scotland.

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

716 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 716

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Grieve.

There were no substitutions or declarations of interest intimated.

717 Taxi Fares Review 2013 717

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services requesting the Board to determine the taxi fares and scale charges following the annual review.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board that no objections or representations were received within the statutory period of one month following the date of the advertisement.

Decided: Remit to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to make the necessary arrangements to implement the new taxi fares and scale charges with effect from Sunday 24 November 2013.

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 Paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

718 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: John McLaughlan 718

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr McLaughlan following a Police objection.

Mr McLaughlan was present.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the report and consideration of the application had been continued from previous meetings.

The Board heard Inspector Adams in support of the Police objection and Mr McLaughlan in support of his application.

Decided: the application be granted.

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- 719 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Paul Atkinson 719**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Atkinson following a Police objection.
Mr Atkinson was not present or represented.
Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the report.
The Board heard Inspector Adams in support of the Police objection.
Decided: the application be refused.
- 720 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Henry O'Hare 720**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr O'Hare following a Police representation.
Mr O'Hare was present.
Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the report.
The Board heard Inspector Adams in support of the Police representation and Mr O'Hare in support of his application.
Decided: the application be granted.
- 721 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Scott Ellis 721**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Ellis following a Police representation.
Mr Ellis was present.
Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the report.
The Board heard Inspector Adams in support of the Police representation and Mr Ellis in support of his application.
Decided: the application be granted.
- 722 Application for General Hire Taxi Operator Licence Plate 95: SM Taxis Service Inverclyde Ltd 722**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the renewal of General Hire Taxi Operator Licence 95 by SM Taxis Service Inverclyde Ltd following a Police representation.
Ms Stacey Miller, Director, was not present or represented.
Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the report and that no letter had been submitted by Ms Miller in support of her application.
There followed a short discussion.
Decided: to continue consideration to the next meeting of the Board and request Ms Miller to attend.
- 723 Application for General Hire Taxi Operator Licence Plate 152: SM Taxis Service Inverclyde Ltd 723**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the renewal of General Hire Taxi Operator Licence 152 by SM Taxis Service Inverclyde Ltd following a Police representation.
Ms Stacey Miller, Director, was not present or represented.

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Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the report and that no letter had been submitted by Ms Miller in support of her application.

There followed a short discussion.

Decided: to continue consideration to the next meeting of the Board and request Ms Miller to attend.

724 Application for General Hire Taxi Operator Licence Plate 159: SM Taxis Service Inverclyde Ltd 724

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the renewal of General Hire Taxi Operator Licence 159 by SM Taxis Service Inverclyde Ltd following a Police representation.

Ms Stacey Miller, Director, was not present or represented.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the report and that no letter had been submitted by Ms Miller in support of her application.

There followed a short discussion.

Decided: to continue consideration to the next meeting of the Board and request Ms Miller to attend.

725 Application for General Hire Taxi Operator Licence Plate 227: Mr Anthony McKenzie 725

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the renewal of the General Hire Taxi Operator Licence 227 by Mr McKenzie following a Police representation.

Mr McKenzie was not present or represented.

There followed a short discussion.

Decided: the application be granted.

726 Application for General Hire Taxi Operator Licence Plate 8: MD Taxi Services Inverclyde Ltd 726

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the renewal of the General Hire Taxi Operator Licence 8 by MD Taxi Services Inverclyde Ltd following a Police representation.

Miss Docherty, Director was not present or represented but had submitted a letter dated 11 October 2013 in support of her application.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the report.

There followed a short discussion.

Decided: the application be granted.

727 Application for General Hire Taxi Operator Licence Plate 81: MD Taxi Services Inverclyde Ltd 727

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the renewal of the General Hire Taxi Operator Licence 81 by MD Taxi Services Inverclyde Ltd following a Police representation.

Miss Docherty, Director was not present or represented but had submitted a letter dated 11 October 2013 in support of her application.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the report.

There followed a short discussion.

Decided: the application be granted.

**APPOINTMENT PANEL - CORPORATE DIRECTOR EDUCATION, COMMUNITIES &
ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Appointment Panel - Corporate Director Education, Communities &
Organisational Development**

Monday 18 November 2013 at 9.30am

Present: Councillors M Brennan, K Brooks, V Jones, T Loughran, S McCabe, L Rebecchi and Mr J Mundell, Chief Executive.

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Mr A Henderson, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Mr A Moore, Head of Organisational Development, HR & Communications and Mr D Parr (Adviser).

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

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 for the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

728	Appointment of Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development	728
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The Panel interviewed five candidates and agreed to appoint Ms Patricia Cassidy to the post of Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, all as detailed in the appendix.

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Policy & Resources Committee

Tuesday 19 November 2013 at 3.05pm

Present: Councillors McColgan (for Provost Moran), Clocherty, Loughran, MacLeod, McCabe, McCormick, McEleny, McIlwee, Nelson, Rebecchi and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership, Head of Finance, Ms A Edmiston, Ms F Borthwick and Ms E Brown (Finance Services), Mr G Malone (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Legal Services Manager (Procurement & Conveyancing), Ms K McCready (for Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy), Head of Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness, Ms E Tamburrini (Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership), Head of Organisational Development, HR & Communications, Transitional Head of ICT, Libraries, Museum & Archives Manager, Ms M Cree (Property Assets & Facilities Management) and Corporate Communications Manager.

With the exception of the decision marked “C”, which is open for confirmation or otherwise, the following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Committee.

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| 729 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 729 |
| | <p>An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Provost Moran, with Councillor McColgan substituting.</p> <p>Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:-</p> <p>Agenda Item 12 (Annual Update in respect of Governance of External Organisations) - Councillors Clocherty, Loughran, MacLeod, McCabe, McEleny, McIlwee and Wilson; and</p> <p>Agenda Item 22 (Hydro Electric Schemes: Inverclyde Council and Scottish Water Horizons - Potential Development Site) - Councillors McCabe, McEleny and McIlwee.</p> | |
| 730 | Policy & Resources Capital Programme - 2013/14 - 15/16 - Progress | 730 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources and the Head of Finance (1) providing an update on the status of the projects forming the Policy & Resources Capital Programme 2013/14 - 15/16 and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.</p> <p>Decided: that the Committee note the current position of the 2013/16 Capital Programme and the progress of the specific projects details in appendix 1.</p> | |
| 731 | Capital Programme 2013/16 | 731 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the latest position of the 2013/16 Capital Programme.</p> <p>Decided: that the Committee note the current position of the 2013/16 Capital Programme.</p> | |
| 732 | Policy & Resources Committee 2013/14 Revenue Budget - Period 6 to 30 | 732 |

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September 2013

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and Head of Finance on the 2013/14 projected out-turn for the Policy & Resources Committee as at Period 6 (30 September 2013).

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the 2013/14 projected underspend of £249,000 for the Policy & Resources Committee as at Period 6;
- (2) that the projected fund balance of £137,260 for the Common Good Fund be noted; and
- (3) that approval be given to the virement detailed in appendix 4 to the report.

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General Fund Revenue Budget 2013/14 as at 30 September 2013

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the position of the General Fund Revenue Budget as at 30 September 2013 and (2) providing an update on the position of (a) the General Fund Reserves, which shows that the projected balance at 31 March 2014 is £4.983M, £0.983M greater than the minimum recommended balance of £4M, and (b) Workstream Savings.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the latest position of the 2013/14 Revenue Budget and General Fund Reserve;
- (2) that the Committee note the 2013/16 Workstream Savings position; and
- (3) that the Committee approve the virements detailed in appendix 6 to the report.

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Corporate Services Performance Report

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on (1) the progress made by the Council's Corporate Services towards achieving their key objectives and meeting performance targets, as detailed in the Education, Communities & Organisational Development and the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plans (CDIPs) for 2013/16 and (2) performance in relation to meeting the performance targets as detailed within the respective Plans.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note that the report reflects the progress made by the Council's Corporate Services in delivering their improvement actions as detailed within their respective Corporate Directorate Improvement Plans 2013/16;
- (2) that it be noted progress in delivering the remaining improvement actions that sit within the Education, Communities & Organisational Development and the Environment, Regeneration & Resources CDIPs will be reported to the appropriate Committee; and
- (3) that further Corporate Services progress reports be submitted to every second meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee.

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- 735 2013 Procurement Capability Assessment Score 735**
- There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources informing the Committee of the 2013 Procurement Capability Assessment Score.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the Procurement Capability Assessment 2013 score and welcome the achievement of Improved Performance Status by the Council.
- 736 Treasury Management - Mid-Year Review Report 2013/14 736**
- There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the operation of the treasury function and its activities at the mid-year of 2013/14 in compliance with the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the contents of the Mid-Year Review Report on Treasury Management for 2013/14 be noted; and
 - (2) that the Mid-Year Review Report be remitted to The Inverclyde Council for approval.
- 737 Insurance Fund Position as at 30 September 2013 737**
- There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) advising the Committee of the position of the Council's Insurance Fund as at 30 September 2013 and (2) highlighting a number of relevant issues.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the contents of the report and the continued strong position of the Insurance Fund.
- 738 Modernisation Programme Update November 2013 738**
- There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the status of the projects involved in the Council's ongoing Modernisation Programme.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the current position of the projects that form the overall Modernisation Programme for the Council;
 - (2) that the Committee note the funds allocated by the Modernisation Corporate Improvement Group as set out in paragraph 2.6 of the report and delegate to the CIG the allocation of the Modernisation Funds on the basis of the business case;
 - (3) that the Committee note the Checks for Public Services Network Policy attached as appendix 2 to the report; and
 - (4) that reports on Modernisation progress be submitted to every alternate meeting of the Committee as a minimum.

739 Welfare Reforms Budget Position**739**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing (1) an update in respect of the various budgets relating to welfare reforms and (2) proposals to ensure resources are fully utilised in a managed way during 2013/14.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the proposals contained in appendices 1 and 2 of the report to amend the Discretionary Housing Payments Policy and ensure that required spend is achieved in 2013/14;
- (2) that agreement be given to the transfer of £120,000 of grant funding allocated for Crisis Grants to Community Care Grants;
- (3) that it be noted a report will be brought to Committee before the summer recess detailing proposals in respect of child poverty, these proposals to be progressed by the SOA 6 Officer Group; and
- (4) that one off funding of £7,000 be given to Starter Packs to meet rental costs for their new premises and that officers bring back proposals to see how the Council can support the work of this organisation in the longer term.

740 Annual Update in respect of Governance of External Organisations**740**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) providing the annual update in respect of the governance of external organisations and (2) proposing changes to the scoring matrix. The following Members declared a non-financial interest in this item:-

Councillor Clocherty as a Board Member of Inverclyde Community Development Trust, Inverclyde Leisure and Riverside Inverclyde;

Councillor Loughran as a Board Member of Inverclyde Leisure;

Councillor MacLeod as a Director of Inverclyde Council on Disability and a member of Parklea Association;

Councillor McCabe as a Board Member of Riverside Inverclyde, Kilmacolm New Community Centre Co Ltd and River Clyde Homes;

Councillor McEleny as a Board Member of River Clyde Homes;

Councillor McIlwee as a Board Member of River Clyde Homes; and

Councillor Wilson as a Board Member of Riverside Inverclyde and Kilmacolm New Community Centre Co Ltd and a member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

All of the Members 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 2013 performance in respect of the governance of external organisations as shown in appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) that the Committee approve the amended scoring matrix shown in appendix 2; and
- (3) that the Committee approve the list of external organisations that will form part of this framework for 2014 as shown in appendix 3.

741 SOLACE Indicators**741**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) providing an overview of the relevant SOLACE (Society

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of Local Authority Chief Executives) indicators which benchmarked specific data for the financial years 2010/11 and 2011/12 and (2) highlighting Inverclyde Council's position for the Corporate Services indicators relevant to the Policy & Resources Committee and any proposed action.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the report and approve the proposals on the action for each of the indicators; and
- (2) that the Committee note that a report on the 2012/13 indicators will be presented to the Committee as soon as the results are published with the performance and proposed actions and annually thereafter.

742 Non-Domestic Rates - Relief Policy

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of the Non-Domestic Rates Relief Policy appended to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the draft Policy for Non-Domestic Rates Relief as set out in the appendix to the report; and
- (2) that the Committee note the £30,000 increase in spend in 2013/14 arising from Discretionary Relief.

743 Inverclyde Alliance Repopulation Outcome Delivery Plan Progress Report

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on progress towards the delivery of the actions agreed in regard to promoting repopulation in Inverclyde via the Inverclyde Alliance.

Decided: that the Committee note the progress on the delivery of the actions set out in the Repopulation Outcome Delivery Plan and the reallocation of underspend to the actions set out in paragraph 4.7 of the report.

744 Gypsy Traveller Consultation

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership on the outcome of the public consultation on the proposed transit site for Gypsy Travellers at Kelburn Park.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the findings of the consultation process;
 - (2) that it be noted Officers have not been able to identify any suitable alternative sites in addition to those already considered as part of the options appraisal process;
 - (3) that the Committee do not approve the establishment of an authorised transit site for Gypsy Travellers in Kelburn Park or at any other Inverclyde site at this time in recognition of the outcome of the consultation process and (2) above;
 - (4) that approval be given to the revised policy and procedure for the management of unauthorised sites appended to the report; and
 - (5) that the £50,000 previously agreed for the creation of a transit site at Kelburn Park be utilised to upgrade and improve Kelburn Park and other Council parks that have been adversely affected by unauthorised encampments in the recent past and that details of the proposal be the subject of a report to the Environment & Regeneration Committee to be held on 16 January 2014.
- Councillor Clocherty left the meeting at this juncture.

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745 Public Information Notices (PINs) Portal: "Tell Me Scotland"

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Communications (1) on the development of the national Public Information Notices portal "Tell Me Scotland" and (2) seeking agreement to the Council's involvement.

Decided: that the Committee agree to the Council's participation in the "Tell Me Scotland" portal site, it being noted that statutory notices will continue to be advertised in the local press.

746 Noise at Work Policy

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Communications seeking approval of the reviewed Noise at Work Policy appended to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the Noise at Work Policy set out in the appendix to the report; and
- (2) that the Committee support the Policy by active promotion of Health and Safety.

747 Media and Social Media Protocol

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Communications seeking approval of the draft Media and Social Media Protocol appended to the report.

Councillor Clocherty returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business.

During consideration it was agreed unanimously that Appendix 1 (Invitation List) for photocalls be amended to include relevant ward councillors for events or activities with a strong local connection.

Thereafter, following discussion, Councillor McCabe moved that the Committee agree the introduction of the new Media and Social Media Protocol. As an amendment, Councillor McEleny moved that the Committee agree the introduction of the new Media and Social Media Protocol subject to:-

- (1) insertion of new paragraph 4.7 to state that future publications of the Council's InView magazine include a proportionate number of articles from Opposition Members on matters that are not of a political nature; and
- (2) deletion of "after" and substitution of "at the same time" under the heading Distribution of Press Releases (line 2) in Appendix 2 to the Protocol.

On a vote, 4 Members voted for the amendment and 7 for the motion which was declared carried.

Those Members who had voted in favour of the amendment then requested in terms of the relevant Standing Order that the matter be referred to The Inverclyde Council for decision in terms of the amendment.

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Decided: that the Committee agree the introduction of the new Media and Social Media Protocol with the agreed photocall invitation list.

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Councillor Wilson left the meeting at this juncture.

748 Watt Complex Refurbishment - Project Development

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) on the progress made to date on developing a Round 1 Bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for partnership funding to refurbish, extend and improve the building and services available at the McLean Museum and Watt Library and (2) seeking authority to submit a Round 1 Bid to the HLF.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the submission of a Round 1 Bid to HLF for the refurbishment of the Watt Complex;
- (2) that if a full funding package for Option A is not in place by December 2015, Officers report back to the Committee with a view to progressing Option B;
- (3) that it be noted there is estimated to be a net increase of £30,000 in the annual running costs of Option A, over and above the efficiencies identified by the Service; and
- (4) that the decisions of the Committee be referred to the next meeting of the Council for noting as Trustees of the Watt Institution.

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)
Request for a Temporary Extension of Wide Area Network Contract	6 and 9
Hydro Electric Schemes: Inverclyde Council and Scottish Water Horizons - Potential Development Site	6, 8 and 9
Lease of Land - Gibshill Road, Greenock: Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee	2, 6 and 9

749 Request for a Temporary Extension of Wide Area Network Contract

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to negotiate with the incumbent supplier of the existing Wide Area Network contract and enter into a short term contract to accommodate the timetable for the introduction of the Scottish Wide Area Network and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

750 Hydro Electric Schemes: Inverclyde Council and Scottish Water Horizons - Potential Development Site

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (1) outlining the progress made by the Council in developing Hydro Electric Schemes within Inverclyde and (2) seeking approval of (a) a high-level partnership with Scottish Water Horizons (SWH) for investigating the feasibility and developing outline schemes of mutual interest in Inverclyde and (b) investment and further detailed development with SWH of the scheme at the Holeburn at Greenock Cut as detailed in appendix 1 to the report. Councillors McCabe, McEleny and McIlwee declared a non-financial interest in this item as Board Members 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

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the Chamber or their participation in the decision making process.

Decided: that the Committee approve:-

- (1) a high level partnership, in principle, between the Council and Scottish Water Horizons to explore options for the development of further hydro renewables energy generation in Inverclyde; and
- (2) the project proposals and investment in partnership with SWH for hydro development of the Holeburn at Greenock Cut as detailed in the project summary appended to the report, it being remitted to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Head of Legal & Democratic Services and the Head of Finance to enter into formal partnership arrangements for this project and to report back on progress in due course.

751**Lease of Land - Gibshill Road, Greenock: Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee****751**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 31 October 2013 requesting the Committee to approve proposals for the lease of land at Gibshill Road, Greenock which were agreed, all as detailed in the appendix.

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE - 27 NOVEMBER 2013

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Wednesday 27 November 2013 at 2.30pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

In attendance: Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Finance Manager, Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Environmental Services Manager Roads, Transport & Waste Collection and Mr M Higginbotham (Environmental & Commercial Services).

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

752 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 752

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Provost Moran and Councillors Ahlfeld and Grieve, with Councillor McColgan substituting for Provost Moran and Councillor Campbell-Sturgess substituting for Councillor Grieve.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

753 Decriminalised Parking Enforcement - Consultation on Traffic Regulation Orders 753

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the outcome of the consultation procedure undertaken for the five Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) associated with the introduction of Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) in Inverclyde, (2) recommending the appointment of an independent Reporter to hold a public hearing to consider objections made and not withdrawn in relation to four of the TROs and (3) advising of the requirement to hold a public hearing in relation to the remaining TRO.

Councillor Nelson entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the requirement to appoint an independent Reporter to hold a hearing in relation to the following Traffic Regulation Order:

(a) C132 The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Port Glasgow, Kilmacolm & Quarriers Village) (Waiting Restrictions) Order 2013

and remit it to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to make the necessary arrangements;

(2) that the Committee agree to the appointment of an independent Reporter to hold a public hearing to consider the objections made and not withdrawn in relation to the following Traffic Regulation Orders:

(a) C130 The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Inner Greenock) (Controlled Parking Zone) Order 2013

(b) C131 The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) Order 2013

(c) C133 The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Gourock, Inverkip & Wemyss Bay)

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(Waiting Restrictions) Order 2013

(d) C134 The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2013

and remit it to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to make the necessary arrangements; and

(3) that the Committee note the proposed modifications to the C134 The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2013, as follows:

(a) extension of the time limit on the Lochwinnoch Road car park in Kilmacolm from 2 hours to 24 hours; and

(b) provision of a free car park for residents to the rear of Cathcart Buildings in Greenock.

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, 8 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

754 Materials Recycling Facility - Suspension of Contract Standing Orders

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking permission to suspend the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts to undertake a quotation exercise to appoint a Materials Recycling services provider on a short term basis.

Decided:

(1) that approval be given in terms of Standing Order 2.3.2 of the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts to suspend Standing Orders 6.1 and 6.2 to enable a quotation exercise to be undertaken to appoint a short term provider of Materials Recycling services; and

(2) that the financial implications of the temporary contract be remitted to the Policy & Resources Committee for consideration and approval.

HUMAN RESOURCES APPEALS BOARD – 28 NOVEMBER 2013

Human Resources Appeals Board

Thursday 28 November 2013 at 1pm

Present: Provost Moran (for Councillor McIlwee), Councillors Brennan, Brooks, Jones and Shepherd.

Chair: Councillor Brooks presided.

In attendance: Mr J Hamilton (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services) and Head of Organisational Development, HR & Communications.

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

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| 755 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 755 |
| | <p>An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor McIlwee with Provost Moran substituting.</p> <p>No declarations of interest were intimated.</p> <p>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 for the following items on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.</p> | |
| 756 | Grievance Appeal: Employee in Regeneration & Planning | 756 |
| | <p>The Board considered a grievance appeal on behalf of an employee in Regeneration & Planning and agreed that the grounds of the appeal had not been substantiated and that the appeal be not upheld, all as detailed in the appendix.</p> | |
| 757 | Grievance Appeal: Employee in Finance | 757 |
| | <p>The Board considered a grievance appeal on behalf of an employee in Finance and agreed that the grounds of the appeal had not been substantiated and that the appeal be not upheld, all as detailed in the appendix.</p> | |

PLANNING BOARD - 4 DECEMBER 2013

Planning Board

Wednesday 4 December 2013 at 3pm

Present: Provost Moran, Councillors Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Dorrian, Jones, Loughran, McColgan, McIlwee, Nelson, Rebecchi and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Head of Regeneration & Planning, Development & Building Standards Manager, Mr M Higginbotham (for Head of Environmental & Commercial Services) and Mr J Kerr (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services).

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

758 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 758

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Councillor Dorrian declared an interest in agenda item 2(b) (Alterations and extension to hotel including works to function suite and formation of restaurant in basement: Tontine Hotel, 6 Ardgowan Square, Greenock (13/0090/IC)) and agenda item 2(c) (Alterations and extension to hotel including works to function suite and formation of restaurant in basement: Tontine Hotel, 6 Ardgowan Square, Greenock (13/0015/LB)).

759 PLANNING APPLICATIONS 759

There were submitted reports by the Head of Regeneration & Planning on the following applications which were dealt with as follows:

**(a) Change of use to convenience store and hot food takeaway:
48-50 Princes Street, Port Glasgow (13/0215/IC)**

Decided: that planning permission be refused as the proposal would have an adverse effect on the residents of King Street, whose properties back on to the application site, by virtue of smells and noise emanating from the premises.

Councillor Campbell-Sturgess entered the meeting following consideration of this item of business.

(b) Alterations and extension to hotel including works to function suite and formation of restaurant in basement:

Tontine Hotel, 6 Ardgowan Square, Greenock (13/0090/IC)

Councillor Dorrian declared a financial interest in this item and the following item 2(c) (Alterations and extension to hotel including works to function suite and formation of restaurant in basement: Tontine Hotel, 6 Ardgowan Square, Greenock (13/0015/LB)) due to a business association and left the meeting.

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

- (1) that the use hereby permitted shall not operate between 00.00 hours and 10.00 hours daily, to protect occupants of nearby housing from noise/disturbance late in the evening/early morning;

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(2) that permission is not granted for the bin store location on approved drawing number 03. Prior to the commencement of work on site details of an alternative bin store location shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the Planning Authority. Development shall thereafter be implemented in accordance with the approved plan unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that the bin store location is sited away from nearby housing;

(3) that prior to the commencement of works on site, samples of all external materials to be used in construction (including any hardstanding) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Works shall then proceed as approved unless any alternative is agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure all external materials are appropriate for the listed building;

(4) that prior to the commencement of works on site, full details of the design and finished colour of all doors and windows shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Works shall then proceed as approved unless any alternative is agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the finished appearance of all doors and windows is appropriate for the listed building; and

(5) that the presence of any ground contamination that becomes evident during site works shall be brought to the attention of the Planning Authority within one week. Consequential remediation work shall not be implemented unless a report has been submitted to and approved, in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that all contamination issues are recorded and dealt with appropriately.

**(c) Alterations and extension to hotel including works to function suite and formation of restaurant in basement:
Tontine Hotel, 6 Ardgowan Square, Greenock (13/0015/LB)**

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

(1) that prior to the commencement of works on site, samples of all external materials to be used in construction (including any hardstanding) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Works shall then proceed as approved unless any alternative is agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure all external materials are appropriate for the listed building; and

(2) that prior to the commencement of works on site, full details of the design and finished colour of all doors and windows shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Works shall then proceed as approved unless any alternative is agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the finished appearance of all doors and windows is appropriate for the listed building.

LOCAL REVIEW BODY - 4 DECEMBER 2013

Local Review Body

Wednesday 4 December 2013 at 4pm

Present: Provost Moran, Councillors Dorrian, Loughran, Nelson and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Mr R Gimby (Regeneration & Planning Services) and Mr J Kerr (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services).

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

760 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 760

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

761 CONTINUED PLANNING APPLICATION FOR REVIEW 761

**(a) Erection of two 67m high to blade tip wind turbines:
Priestside Farm, Auchentiber Road, Kilmacolm (13/0036/IC)**

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review of the refusal of planning permission for the erection of two 67m high to blade tip wind turbines at Priestside Farm, Auchentiber Road, Kilmacolm (13/0036/IC), consideration of which had been continued from the meeting held on 6 November 2013 for an unaccompanied site inspection.

After discussion, Councillor Nelson moved:-

(1) that sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and
(2) that the review be upheld and that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

(i) The permission hereby granted shall endure for a period of 25 years from the commencement of the development. At the end of that period, unless a further application for its retention has been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority, the wind turbines, structures and ancillary equipment shall be dismantled and removed from the site, and the ground fully reinstated to its former condition to a depth of no less than one metre below surface level, or such other means of restoration shall be carried out as may be agreed in writing by the Planning Authority; all such restoration to be completed within six months of the end of the 25 year period, in recognition of the expected lifespan of the wind turbine and to ensure the proper restoration of the site, in the interests of safety and visual amenity, at the end of the permitted period;

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(ii) In the event that the turbines fail to produce any electricity supplied to the grid for a continuous period of twelve months then they shall be deemed to have ceased to be required and, unless agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, the wind turbines, structures and ancillary equipment shall be dismantled and removed from the site, and the ground fully reinstated to its former condition in accordance with the requirements of condition (i), in the interests of the visual amenity of the area by removing redundant or partially dismantled equipment;

(iii) The wind turbines shall be finished in a non-reflective, semi-matt finish and no advertising shall be displayed on any part of the turbines unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Planning Authority. Details of the finish and colour of all externally visible components shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of development, in the interests of the visual amenity of the area;

(iv) That prior to the start of development, details of a survey for the presence of Japanese Knotweed shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority and that, for the avoidance of doubt, this shall contain a methodology and treatment statement where any is found. Development shall not proceed until treatment is completed as per the methodology and treatment statement. Any variation to the treatment methodologies will require subsequent approval by the Planning Authority prior to development starting on site, to help arrest the spread of Japanese Knotweed in the interests of environmental protection;

(v) That the presence of any previously unrecorded contamination or variation to anticipated ground conditions that becomes evident during site works shall be brought to the attention of the Planning Authority within one week. Consequential remediation shall not be implemented unless it has been submitted to and approved, in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that all contamination issues are recorded and dealt with appropriately;

(vi) That no fill or landscaping material shall be imported onto the site until written details of the source and intended reuse of the imported materials has been submitted for approval, in writing by the Planning Authority. The report shall characterise the chemical quality (including soil-leachate and organic content etc), volume and source of the imported materials with corresponding cross-sections and plans indicating spatial distribution and depth/thickness of material placement within the development site. The material from the source agreed only shall be imported in strict accordance with these agreed details, to protect receptors from the harmful effects of imported contamination;

(vii) The level of noise emissions from the wind turbines when measured at any dwelling, lawfully existing at the date of permission, shall not exceed:

(a) between the hours of 23:00 and 07:00 the greater of 43dB L_A90 (10 min) or 5dB(A) above the Night Hours Background Noise level at that property; or

(b) between the hours of 07:00 and 23:00 the greater of 40dB L_A90 (10 min) or 5dB(A) above the quiet Waking Hours Day Time Background Noise Level at that property, to protect the amenities of occupiers of premises from unreasonable noise and vibration levels;

(viii) No development shall commence until the size and weight of vehicles required to transport components and carry out maintenance, their route, locations of infrastructure required to be changed to accommodate the vehicles, number of proposed delivery trips, date of trips and details of likely remediation works to roads and verges have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, in the interests of road safety on Inverclyde's road network; and

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(ix) No development shall commence until drainage details, a drainage impact assessment and confirmation that SEPA's permission has been granted to cross any stream or river have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to prevent harm from flooding.

As an amendment, Provost Moran moved:-

(1) that sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and

(2) that the application for review be dismissed and that planning permission be refused (upholding the appointed Officer's determination) for the following reason as set out in the Report of Handling dated 18 April 2013:-

The height and scale of the proposed turbines and their proximity to the wind turbine granted planning permission at High Mathernock, nearby housing, Auchentiber Road, Auchenbothie Road, the B788, Kilmacolm village and the eastern part of upper Port Glasgow have a cumulative impact in creating an unexpected and dominant collective feature in this part of the Inverclyde countryside to the detriment of visual amenity and landscape character and thus contrary to:

(a) Policy UT6 of the Inverclyde Local Plan, criterion (b) which requires regard to be given to the landscape, especially when viewed from major transport corridors;

(b) Interim Inverclyde Local Plan Policy UT6A, criterion (c) which requires turbines to be sited within the landform to ensure that they do not have a detrimental effect on the landscape and wider environment;

(c) Interim Inverclyde Local Plan Policy UT6B, criterion (f) which requires regard to be given to the landscape, especially when viewed from public vantage points, including local roads, neighbouring settlements and when set against the skyline.

On a vote, 2 Members voted for the motion and 2 for the amendment. There being equality in voting, the Chair exercised his casting vote in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

Decided:

(1) that sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and

(2) that the review be upheld and that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

(i) The permission hereby granted shall endure for a period of 25 years from the commencement of the development. At the end of that period, unless a further application for its retention has been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority, the wind turbines, structures and ancillary equipment shall be dismantled and removed from the site, and the ground fully reinstated to its former condition to a depth of no less than one metre below surface level, or such other means of restoration shall be carried out as may be agreed in writing by the Planning Authority; all such restoration to be completed within six months of the end of the 25 year period, in recognition of the expected lifespan of the wind turbine and to ensure the proper restoration of the site, in the interests of safety and visual amenity, at the end of the permitted period;

(ii) In the event that the turbines fail to produce any electricity supplied to the grid for a continuous period of twelve months then they shall be deemed to have ceased to be required and, unless agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, the wind turbines, structures and ancillary equipment shall be dismantled and removed from the site, and the ground fully reinstated to its former condition in accordance with the requirements of condition (i), in the interests of the visual amenity of the area by removing redundant or partially dismantled equipment;

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(iii) The wind turbines shall be finished in a non-reflective, semi-matt finish and no advertising shall be displayed on any part of the turbines unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Planning Authority. Details of the finish and colour of all externally visible components shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of development, in the interests of the visual amenity of the area;

(iv) That prior to the start of development, details of a survey for the presence of Japanese Knotweed shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority and that, for the avoidance of doubt, this shall contain a methodology and treatment statement where any is found. Development shall not proceed until treatment is completed as per the methodology and treatment statement. Any variation to the treatment methodologies will require subsequent approval by the Planning Authority prior to development starting on site, to help arrest the spread of Japanese Knotweed in the interests of environmental protection;

(v) That the presence of any previously unrecorded contamination or variation to anticipated ground conditions that becomes evident during site works shall be brought to the attention of the Planning Authority within one week. Consequential remediation shall not be implemented unless it has been submitted to and approved, in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that all contamination issues are recorded and dealt with appropriately;

(vi) That no fill or landscaping material shall be imported onto the site until written details of the source and intended reuse of the imported materials has been submitted for approval, in writing by the Planning Authority. The report shall characterise the chemical quality (including soil-leachate and organic content etc), volume and source of the imported materials with corresponding cross-sections and plans indicating spatial distribution and depth/thickness of material placement within the development site. The material from the source agreed only shall be imported in strict accordance with these agreed details, to protect receptors from the harmful effects of imported contamination;

(vii) The level of noise emissions from the wind turbines when measured at any dwelling, lawfully existing at the date of permission, shall not exceed:

(c) between the hours of 23:00 and 07:00 the greater of 43dB L_A90 (10 min) or 5dB(A) above the Night Hours Background Noise level at that property; or

(d) between the hours of 07:00 and 23:00 the greater of 40dB L_A90 (10 min) or 5dB(A) above the quiet Waking Hours Day Time Background Noise Level at that property, to protect the amenities of occupiers of premises from unreasonable noise and vibration levels;

(viii) No development shall commence until the size and weight of vehicles required to transport components and carry out maintenance, their route, locations of infrastructure required to be changed to accommodate the vehicles, number of proposed delivery trips, date of trips and details of likely remediation works to roads and verges have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, in the interests of road safety on Inverclyde's road network; and

(ix) No development shall commence until drainage details, a drainage impact assessment and confirmation that SEPA's permission has been granted to cross any stream or river have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to prevent harm from flooding.

762 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

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**(a) Erection of conservatory and decking to rear of property:
17 Cullen Crescent, Inverkip (13/0140/IC)**

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review of condition 2 of the planning permission granted for the erection of conservatory and decking to the rear of the property at 17 Cullen Crescent, Inverkip (13/0140/IC) requiring that the obscure glazing on the south-west elevation of the conservatory, hereby approved, shall be retained in perpetuity, to prevent overlooking of the neighbouring garden at No 15 Cullen Crescent.

Decided:

- (1) that sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and
- (2) that the application for review be upheld and condition 2 of the planning permission granted in terms of the Decision Notice dated 30 July 2013 be deleted.

**(b) Single storey extension with integral garage:
Old Fire Station, 1 Torr Avenue, Quarriers Village, (12/0345/IC)**

There were submitted papers relative to the application for the review of the refusal of planning permission for a single storey extension with integral garage at the Old Fire Station, 1 Torr Avenue, Quarriers Village (12/0345/IC).

Decided:

- (1) that sufficient information had not been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and
- (2) that, in terms of Regulation 16 of the Town and Country Planning (Schemes of Delegation and Local Review Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, consideration of the application for review be continued for an unaccompanied site inspection to be arranged by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair.