

LOCAL POLICE & FIRE SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE - 20 FEBRUARY 2014

Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Thursday 20 February 2014 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: Chief Superintendent Alan Speirs and Inspector Ian Woods, Police Scotland, Area Manager Paul Tanzilli, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Mr Douglas Yates, Scottish Police Authority.

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

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| 108 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 108 |
| | No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated. | |
| 109 | Scottish Fire and Rescue Service - Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Inverclyde 2014-2017 | 109 |
| | There was submitted Scottish Fire and Rescue Service draft Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Inverclyde for the period 2014-2017.
(Councillor Brooks entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
Decided: that approval be given to the draft Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Inverclyde 2014-2017 subject to the final Plan being submitted to the Sub-Committee for consideration. | |
| 110 | Police Scotland Interim Policing Plan 2013-14 - Update and Review | 110 |
| | There was submitted interim Inverclyde Local Policing Plan 2013-14 together with statistical report for the period April 2013 to November 2013 including a comparison with the same period in 2012.
Noted

Councillors Clocherty and McEleny left the meeting at this point. | |
| 111 | Inverclyde Local Police Plan 2014-2017 | 111 |
| | There was submitted draft Inverclyde Local Police Plan for the period 2014-2017.
Decided: that approval be given to the draft Local Police Plan 2014-2017 subject to submission of the final Plan to the Sub-Committee for consideration. | |

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The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 20 February 2014 at 4pm

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

Chair: Provost Moran presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Head of Finance, Head of Organisational Development, HR & Communications, Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Business/Democratic Services Manager, Libraries, Museums & Archives Manager and Corporate Communications Manager.

112 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 112

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Councillors Ahlfeld, Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, Loughran, McColgan and Wilson declared interests in Agenda Item 3 (2014/16 Budget).

**Minutes of Meetings of
The Inverclyde Council, Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards**

113 Appointment Panel - Head of Legal & Property Services - 29 November 2013 113

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.

114 Inverclyde Council - 5 December 2013 114

Approved on the motion of Provost Moran.

115 General Purposes Board - 11 December 2013 115

Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.

116 Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee - 16 December 2013 116

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.

117 Appointment Panel - Head of Legal & Property Services - 17 December 2013 117

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.

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118	Audit Committee - 7 January 2014	118
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi.	
119	Inverclyde CHCP Sub-Committee - 9 January 2014	119
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.	
120	General Purposes Board - 15 January 2014	120
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
121	Inverclyde Council (Special) - 16 January 2014	121
	Approved on the motion of Provost Moran.	
122	Environment & Regeneration Committee - 16 January 2014	122
	Approval of the minute as a correct record was moved by Councillor McCormick subject to amendment of paragraph 44 (Lease of Premises - Dubbs Road, Port Glasgow) where the rental figure was incorrectly recorded in the report, the correct figure to be specified during consideration of the business in the appendix.	
123	Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee - 21 January 2014	123
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
124	Education & Communities Committee - 21 January 2014	124
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Loughran.	
125	Human Resources Appeals Board - 30 January 2014	125
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Brooks.	
126	Policy & Resources Committee - 4 February 2014	126
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
127	Planning Board - 5 February 2014	127
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
128	Local Review Body - 5 February 2014	128
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
129	General Purposes Board - 12 February 2014	129
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	

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130 Human Resources Appeals Board - 13 February 2014 130

Approved on the motion of Councillor Brooks.

131 Local Policy & Fire Scrutiny Sub-Committee - 20 February 2014 131

It was noted that this minute would be submitted to the next scheduled meeting of the Inverclyde Council.

132 2014/16 Budget 132

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing Members with the necessary information in order that they can approve the 2014/16 Budget and set the "Band D" Council Tax for the financial year 2014/15.

Councillors Ahlfeld, Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, Loughran and McColgan declared non-financial interests in this item as Members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure and Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest as a former Member of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure. Each Member was of the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision making process.

Following discussion, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Clocherty moved:-

- (1) that recommendations 3.3, 3.6, 3.7 and 3.8 of the report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources be agreed;
- (2) that agreement be given to the proposals in respect of the General Fund Revenue Budget, General Fund Reserve and Workstream Savings on the basis of the Administration's submission (Appendix 1 to the minute), taking into account the recommendations of the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources that the General Fund Reserve Balance should not fall below £3.8M;
- (3) that Officers submit reports on detailed proposals for those projects indicated in the Administration's submission;
- (4) that agreement be given to the 2014/16 Common Good Fund Revenue Budget contained in Appendix 4 of the report subject to the amendment that a one-off sum of £150,000 be allocated for the regeneration of Port Glasgow Town Centre; and
- (5) that the Chief Executive write to CoSLA before 31 March 2014 to advise that Inverclyde Council will terminate its membership with effect from 1 April 2015 but reserves the right to withdraw its notice of termination at any point during 2014/15 depending on the outcome of the current review of the CoSLA Constitution and Standing Orders.

As an amendment, Councillor McEleny seconded by Councillor MacLeod moved that recommendations 3.1 to 3.8 of the report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources be approved (1) on the basis of the SNP's proposals (attached as Appendix 2) and (2) subject to paragraph 3.5 requiring that any further reports thereon be submitted to the Policy & Resources Committee for consideration and approval.

On a vote, 6 Members voted for the amendment and 14 for the motion which was declared carried.

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Decided:

- (1) that the Council approve the 2014/16 Capital Programme;
- (2) that the Council note that the Corporate Management Team will submit proposals in respect of the £750,000 Directorate 2015/16 savings to the Policy & Resources Committee later in the year;
- (3) that it be agreed that Officers prepare proposals in respect of a 2015/18 three year Revenue and Capital Budget to be considered by the Council in February 2015;
- (4) that it be noted that the setting of the "Band D" Council Tax for financial year 2014/15 will be through a formal resolution following consideration of the matters in the report;
- (5) that agreement be given to the proposals in respect of the General Fund Revenue Budget, General Fund Reserve and Workstream Savings on the basis of the Administration's submission (Appendix 1 to the minute), taking into account the recommendation of the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources that the General Fund Reserve balance should not fall below £3.8M;
- (6) that Officers submit reports on detailed proposals for those projects indicated in the Administration's submission;
- (7) that agreement be given to the 2014/16 Common Good Fund Revenue Budget contained in Appendix 4 of the report subject to the amendment that a one-off sum of £150,000 be allocated for the regeneration of Port Glasgow Town Centre; and
- (8) that the Chief Executive write to CoSLA before 31 March 2014 to advise that Inverclyde Council will terminate its membership with effect from 1 April 2015 but reserves the right to withdraw its notice of termination at any point during 2014/15 depending on the outcome of the current review of the CoSLA Constitution and Standing Orders.

133 Resolution: Council Tax 2014/15**133**

Arising from the foregoing paragraph, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Clocherty moved that there be no increase in the Council Tax for financial year 2014/15 and, accordingly, resolved to set the "Band D" Council Tax at £1,198.

Decided: that the "Band D" Council Tax for 2014/15 be set at £1,198.

134 Prohibition of Election Posters on Council Property - Motion by Councillor McIlwee**134**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a motion by Councillor McIlwee, countersigned by Councillor Brennan, in relation to the prohibition of election posters on Council property which had been submitted in accordance with Standing Order 22 in the following terms:-
 "This Council rightly places great emphasis on health and safety amongst its employees, many of whom work at heights and use ladders. It is therefore inconsistent that we either personally take part in, or are party to, the erection of election posters on Council lighting columns and street furniture, and their subsequent removal, without normally adopting any of the procedures we would expect Council employees to use.
 It is noted that the display of election posters is already banned within a number of local authorities across Scotland. It is also noted that the display of election posters is banned on trunk roads under the control of Transport Scotland.

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Therefore, we propose that in the interests of health and safety, this Council revokes, with immediate effect, its consent under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, to allow the display of election posters on property, including lighting columns, roadside verges and street furniture, in the direct ownership of the Council."

As an amendment, Councillor McEleny seconded by Councillor Campbell-Sturgess moved:-

(1) it is noted that recent Scottish by-election results in areas in which local authorities have banned election posters on lampposts have seen very low turnouts in the elections. Many people stated that they were not aware that an election was taking place;

(2) it is noted that the use of ladders is widespread within Inverclyde by the employees of Inverclyde Council. It would therefore not be consistent to expect Council staff to carry out short time tasks of a comparable risk to mounting election posters but for the Council to deem this unsafe for members of the public. If the risk is appropriately assessed and the task is carried out adhering to any control measures identified it is an activity that has a low risk of accident;

(3) it is noted though that political parties not currently represented within Inverclyde Council will be affected by this decision as will future independent candidates. Their views have not been consulted, neither have the views of our recognised trade unions and indeed the public of Inverclyde;

(4) therefore the Council instructs officers to:

(a) undertake a consultation to seek the views of members of the public, recognised trade unions and political parties regarding forbidding the erection of election posters on lampposts; and

(b) inform members which of Scotland's other local authorities have taken the action of banning lamppost posters and what measures have they undertaken to better promote public awareness when elections are being held.

On a vote 10 Members voted for the motion and 10 for the amendment. There being equality in voting, the Provost exercised his casting vote in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that the Council support the motion as submitted by Councillor McIlwee.

Councillor Shepherd left the meeting at this juncture.

135 Scottish Steelworkers Memorial Fund - Request by Councillor McCabe

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a request by Councillor McCabe that the Council consider a letter from the Committee Chairman of the Scottish Steelworkers Memorial Fund seeking a contribution towards the cost of a structure in memory of those who lost their lives in the Scottish Steel Industry.

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

Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor McEleny moved that a contribution of £500 be made to the Scottish Steelworkers Memorial Fund. As an amendment, Councillor Wilson moved that no action be taken. As there was no seconder for the amendment, this fell.

Decided: that a contribution of £500 be made to the Scottish Steelworkers Memorial Fund, funded from the Revenue Contingency.

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136 Statutory Review of Polling Places

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services (1) advising Members of the need to carry out a statutory review of the Council's Polling Scheme and (2) asking Members to approve the draft Polling Scheme detailed in Appendix 3 and the timetable as detailed in Appendix 1.

(Councillors Clocherty and Shepherd returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

(1) that the Council note the requirements to undertake a review of the Polling Scheme between 1 October 2013 and 31 January 2015;

(2) that approval be given to the timetable relating to the statutory review of the Polling Scheme as outlined in Appendix 1;

(3) that approval be given to the draft Polling Scheme forming Appendix 3 and that the Head of Legal & Democratic Services be authorised to carry out consultations in relation to the draft Polling Scheme; and

(4) that it be noted that a further report will be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 10 April 2014 once the consultation period has ended.

137 Establishing a Shadow Health and Social Care Partnership in Inverclyde

137

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership providing the Council with an update on the local preparations for the transition to Shadow Health and Social Care Partnership arrangements in preparation for the enactment of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Bill 2013.

Decided: that the Council reaffirm its support for the current Inverclyde CHCP arrangements and approve the proposed process for transition to a Shadow Health and Social Care Partnership from 1 April 2014.

138 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No 4 2013

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On Street) Order No 4 2013.

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Loughran seconded by Councillor McCabe 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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139 Community Council Champion - Remit from Education & Communities Committee 139

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Education & Communities Committee of 21 January 2014 that the Council appoint a Member as Community Council Champion. Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Clocherty moved that Councillor Brennan be appointed as Community Council Champion. As an amendment, Councillor MacLeod seconded by Councillor Brooks moved that Councillor McEleny be so appointed. On a vote, 8 Members voted for the amendment and 10 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that Councillor Brennan be appointed as Community Council Champion.

140 Proposed Management Rules (Libraries): Public Consultation Response - Remit from Education & Communities Committee 140

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Education & Communities Committee of 21 January 2014 that the Council approve new Management Rules for Libraries.

Decided: that approval be given to the new Management Rules for Libraries and that the Head of Legal & Democratic Services be authorised to make arrangements to have the Management Rules sealed with the Council's Seal and signed by a Proper Officer.

141 Proposed Management Rules (Museums): Public Consultation Response - Remit from Education & Communities Committee 141

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Education & Communities Committee of 21 January 2014 that the Council approve new Management Rules for Museums.

Decided: that approval be given to the new Management Rules for Museums and that the Head of Legal & Democratic Services be authorised to make arrangements to have the Management Rules sealed with the Council's Seal and signed by a Proper Officer.

At this point the Provost referred to the forthcoming retirements of Albert Henderson, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Elaine Paterson, Head of Legal & Democratic Services and Alasdair Moore, Head of Organisational Development, HR & Communications. On behalf of the Council he thanked all three Officers for their many years of service to the Council and conveyed his best wishes for long and happy retirements.

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, for the next 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 and for the item thereafter on the grounds that it contained exempt information as defined in paragraph 1.

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142	Proposal to Extend Contract	142
	<p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval from the Council as Watt Trustees to extend and increase the hours of a temporary contract, which was agreed, all as detailed in the appendix.</p>	
	Appendices to Minutes	
143	Appointment Panel - Head of Legal & Property Services - 29 November 2013	143
	<p>Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.</p>	
144	Inverclyde Council - 5 December 2013	144
	<p>Approved on the motion of Provost Moran.</p>	
145	Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee - 16 December 2013	145
	<p>Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.</p>	
146	Appointment Panel - Head of Legal & Property Services - 17 December 2013	146
	<p>Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.</p>	
147	Environment & Regeneration Committee - 16 January 2014	147
	<p>Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick subject to amendment of paragraph 44 (Lease of Premises - Dubbs Road, Port Glasgow) to insert the correct rental figure, which is detailed in the appendix to this minute.</p>	
148	Education & Communities Committee - 21 January 2014	148
	<p>Approved on the motion of Councillor Loughran.</p>	
149	Human Resources Appeals Board - 30 January 2014	149
	<p>Approved on the motion of Councillor Brooks.</p>	
150	Human Resources Appeals Board - 13 February 2014	150
	<p>Approved on the motion of Councillor Brooks.</p>	
151	CO/146 Salary Agreement 2013-2015	151
	<p>There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, HR & Communications (1) advising the Council of an anomaly which has arisen in respect of Chief Officers' salaries as a result of Circular CO/146 Salary Agreement 2013-2015 issued by CoSLA and (2) making recommendations in respect of a salary, which were agreed, all as detailed in the appendix.</p>	

Administration 2014/16 Budget - Proposals

No.	Projects	Financial One-Off £000	Impact Recurring £000
1/	Increased expenditure on Roads Defects and Drainage works over 2014/16.	500	-
2/ *	Increased funding for Regeneration projects. Lower Port Glasgow (Includes £150,000 from the Common Good) East Central Greenock Central Gourock Employability	500 500 150 400	- - - -
3/ *	Fund the Commonwealth Flotilla event at James Watt Dock from 20th-25th July 2014. - Cost includes the purchase of pontoons to provide a legacy for the area.	250	-
4/ *	Play Areas Investment - Continued investment in line with Play Area Strategy	150	
5/ *	Birkmyre Park, Kilmacolm, Rugby Pitch/Drainage improvements - Proposal allows for a £100,000 contribution to the project jointly funded from Reserves and the Birkmyre Trust.	100	-
6/	Broomberry Drive Walled Gardens - Provision of modular toilet facility. Revenue costs met from Revenue Impacts of capital programme budget.	40	5
7/ *	Further investment in I-Zone (Port Glasgow & Gourock) - Allows for provision of 2 year funding to be added to a Big Lottery Funding bid.	213	-
8/ *	Ravenscraig Sports Barn - Keep open pending receipt of Inverclyde Leisure Business Plan and further consultation. One off costs include allowance for 2014/15 revenue costs. Any on going revenue costs from 2015/16 to be met from the Pressure Contingency.	600	62
9/ *	SEMP - Increased investment in MUGAs within Primary School Estate (subject to Government confirming 2015/16 Flat Cash Settlement)	1,100	
10/	Create Loan Charge earmarked reserve to meet spike in loans charges from 2016/17.	1,200	-
11/ *	Workstream Savings - Terms & Conditions - Reduce Savings Target from £170,000 to £30,000 Income & Charging - Increase Target by £120,000 to £470,000 Travel - Reduce cost and emission generated by employee travel as per the Energy Savings Trust "Grey Fleet" Initiative.	- - -	140,000 (120,000) (20,000)
12/	Reduce existing Earmarked Reserves Balance by £500,000 - See attached.	(500)	-
	Total	5,203	67

Available Funding - Available Free Reserves	3903
- 2015/16 Flat Cash Grant (Estimate)	1100
- Common Good Fund	150
- Birkmyre Trust	50
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* = report on proposals to be submitted to the appropriate Service Committee

Earmarked Reserves Write Back
CMT Proposals

<u>Earmarked Reserves</u>	Available Balance £000	Proposed Write Back £000	<u>Comments</u>
1/ SEMP	469	50	Reduces ability to absorb increases in one off or project costs.
2/ Self Directed Support/SWIFT	251	25	Top slice from project costs.
3/ Deferred Income	238	50	Top slice from overall cost of projects.
4/ Adoptions/Fostering/Residential Childcare	519	50	Reduces balance available but large under-spend to be added to balance is 2013/14.
5/ AMP - Office Rationalisation	619	50	No immediate impact but Greenock Municipal Buildings needs significantly more spent on it than currently allowed for.
6/ Local Env Improvement Fund	22	20	No impact as this writes back unallocated balance.
7/ Winter Maintenance	233	30	No immediate impact given last 2 mild winters.
8/ Greenock Town Centre Police	80	10	Based on 13/14 costs. No impact.
9/ Procurement Development Fund	42	10	Top Slice from project/staff development costs.
10/ Workforce Development Fund	22	5	Unallocated Balance.
11/ Equalities Office (Temp)	25	25	Unallocated Balance due to post being filled part time.
12/ Revenue Contingency	433	50	Reduces amount for one off projects in period to 31.3.16.
13/ Early retiral/Redundancy Reserve	2410	125	Following 4.2.14 decision this is the only funding set aside for releases over 2014/18. budget period
Total		500	

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SNP 2014/16 Budget - Proposals

No.	Projects	Financial One-Off £000	Impact Recurring £000
1/ *	Parents have option to attend Breakfast clubs at Primary Schools with their children - Officers to clarify how this would operate in practice.	-	0.2
2/ *	£10 to every S4, S5, S6 pupil to start a Credit Union Account. Recurring for S4 pupils thereafter - Officers to confirm whether capacity within Credit Unions require to be increased.	21	7.5
3/ *	Birkmyre Park, Kilmacolm - Rugby Pitch/Drainage Improvements - 50% contribution to costs.	175	-
4/ *	Study into provision of Public Wi-Fi with local businesses and telecoms partners. Study to consider tie in with future CCTV provision. Funding for technical work and potentially a small pilot.	25	-
5/ *	Ravensraig Sports Barn - Retain as is until new IL Business Plan is implemented. Costs to be contained in existing allowance.	600	-
6/ *	St Ninian's Primary School - Convert discussed blaes pitch into a 50 space car park. Cost allows for some specific site works.	275	
7/	Refurbish George Road Pavilion.	150	-
8/ *	Trade Apprenticeships - Create 5 Trade Apprenticeships.	350	-
9/	Increased funding for Pass Plus scheme which supports young drivers to improve their driving skills	3	-
10/	Create Loan Charge Earmarked Reserve to meet spike in loans charges from 2016/17.	1200	-
11/	Increased expenditure on Roads Defects and Drainage works over 2014/16.	500	-
12/	Substitute funding for Employability Activities.	625	-
	Total	3,924	7.7

Available Resources per Appendix 2 of the Budget Report

3,903

Add: Funding from Welfare Reforms Budget

21

7.7

Total Funding Available for Proposals

3,924

7.7

* reports on proposals to go to Service Committee

AUDIT COMMITTEE - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

Audit Committee

Tuesday 25 February 2014 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor Rebecchi presided.

In attendance: Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Chief Internal Auditor, Information Governance Officer and Ms G Murphy (Legal & Democratic Services).

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| 152 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 152 |
| | <p>Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Ahlfeld and MacLeod, with Councillor Brooks substituting for Councillor MacLeod.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p> | |
| 153 | External Audit Action Plans - Current Actions | 153 |
| | <p>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 December 2013.</p> <p>Noted</p> | |
| 154 | Internal Audit Progress Report - 2 December 2013 to 31 January 2014 | 154 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources appending the monitoring report in respect of Internal Audit activity for the period 2 December 2013 to 31 January 2014.</p> <p>Noted</p> | |
| 155 | Information Governance and Management Review - Progress Report | 155 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership updating the Committee on the progress of the work of the Information Governance Steering Group (IGSG) in relation to addressing the actions arising from the review of Information Governance and Management, carried out by Internal Audit in May 2007.</p> <p>Noted</p> | |

HUMAN RESOURCES APPEALS BOARD – 26 FEBRUARY 2014

Human Resources Appeals Board

Wednesday 26 February 2014 at 1pm

Present: Councillors Brennan, Brooks, Jones, McIlwee and Shepherd.

Chair: Councillor Brooks presided.

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

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| 156 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 156 |
| | No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were 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 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. | |
| 157 | Appeal Against Dismissal: Employee in Education Services | 157 |
| | The Board considered an appeal against dismissal on behalf of an employee in Education Services and agreed that the grounds of the appeal had been substantiated and that the appeal be upheld, all as detailed in the appendix. | |

Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership Sub-Committee

Thursday 27 February 2014 at 3pm

Present: Councillors V Jones, M Campbell-Sturgess (for J MacLeod), S McCabe, J McIlwee and L Rebecchi (Inverclyde Council); Dr M Kapasi and Mr K Winter, Non-Executive Directors, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health Board; Ms D McCrone, Staff Partnership Forum; Mrs M Telfer (for Mrs N McFadden), Public Partnership Forum; Dr H MacDonald, Professional Executive Group 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 Service, Head of Health & Community Care, Acting Service Manager, Children & Families, Ms L Bairden (for Head of Finance), Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services) 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.

158 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 158

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor MacLeod, with Councillor Campbell-Sturgess substituting and Mrs McFadden, with Mrs Telfer substituting.

Councillors McCabe and McIlwee declared interests in Agenda Item 8 (Inverclyde CHCP - NHS Continuing Care Facilities and Community Services for Specialist Nursing, Older People's Dementia and Adult Mental Health Intensive Supported Living).

159 Update on Prescribing 159

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership providing an update on (1) the current budget position regarding prescribing within Inverclyde CHCP and (2) the prescribing data, challenges, action plan, progress and ongoing work in relation to prescribing of medicines within the CHCP.

Ms Margaret Maskrey, Lead Clinical Pharmacist, was present, spoke to the report and accompanying presentation and answered questions from Members.

Decided: that the Sub-Committee note the current position regarding prescribing issues within the CHCP in relation to (a) the prescribing budget expenditure position and prescribing data analysis, (b) current pressures and potential prescribing issues and (c) the prescribing action plan, progress and ongoing work.

At this point the Sub-Committee relocated to Board Room 1.

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160 Community Health & Care Partnership - Financial Report 2013/14 as at Period 9 to 31 December 2013 160

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 9 to 31 December 2013.

Decided:

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the current year Revenue Budget and projected underspend of £31,000 for 2013/14 as at 31 December 2013;
- (2) that the Sub-Committee note the revenue contribution of £145,000 to fund works on Caladh House with the final contribution being subject to the year end outturn and final costs of works;
- (3) 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 £167,000;
- (4) that the current position in respect of earmarked reserves be noted; and
- (5) that the position in respect of prescribing be noted.

161 Self Directed Support Implementation Update 161

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership providing an update on (1) the status of the implementation of the Self Directed Support (Scotland) Act which received Royal Assent in January 2013 and which will be enacted on 1 April 2014 and (2) the preparations locally to meet the duties under the Act.

Decided: that the Sub-Committee note the work being undertaken at a national level and locally by Inverclyde CHCP.

162 Family Placement Strategy - Review of Allowances and Fees for Foster Carers 162

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership proposing an increase in allowances and fees paid to foster carers.

Decided: that approval be given to the proposed increase in allowances and fees paid to foster carers as detailed in the report, effective from 1 April 2014.

163 The Scottish Strategy for Autism - Inverclyde's Draft Local Strategy and Associated Action Plan 163

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership informing the Sub-Committee of the development of a local Autism Strategy and associated Action Plan which incorporate services delivered by Inverclyde CHCP, Education Services, third sector organisations and carers.

Decided:

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the development of Inverclyde's draft local Autism Strategy and associated Action Plan; and
- (2) that approval be given to progress Inverclyde's draft local Autism Strategy and associated Action Plan through a local launch and a wider three month consultation period with service users, carers and third sector organisations.

164 **“Making Well-being Matter in Inverclyde”** 164

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership (1) appending “Making Well-being Matter in Inverclyde” the CHCP Mental Health Improvement Delivery Plan for the period 2014-2016 and (2) seeking approval for its implementation.

Decided:

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the ongoing work and progress being achieved in respect of improving and sustaining the mental well-being of the local population and the developments and proposals set out in the report; and
- (2) that the Inverclyde CHCP Mental Health Improvement Delivery Plan “Making Well-being Matter in Inverclyde” for the period 2014-2016, set out in Appendix 1 to the report be endorsed.

165 **Inverclyde CHCP - NHS Continuing Care Facilities and Community Services for Specialist Nursing, Older People’s Dementia and Adult Mental Health Intensive Supported Living** 165

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.

Councillors McCabe and McIlwee declared non-financial interests in this item as Members of the Board of River Clyde Homes. Both 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 current position with regard to the provision of the new NHS continuing care facilities on the IRH site be noted;
- (2) that the Sub-Committee note the approval by the Quality and Performance Committee of NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health Board on 21 January 2014 of the Outline Business Case for the Inverclyde Adult and Older People’s Mental Health Continuing Care Facility, to be approved by the Scottish Government Capital Investment Group at its meeting on 11 March 2014;
- (3) that the Committee note the progress of the work and the development of the tendering arrangements for the community facilities and service funded through agreement with NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health Board on a non-recurring transitional funding basis until Ravenscraig Hospital is closed, when resource transfer will be available; and
- (4) that the timetable for the provision of services and for the Ravenscraig Hospital closure as detailed in the report be noted.

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

166 Social Work Complaints Review Committee: List of Independent Persons**166**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for the re-appointment of individuals previously appointed as members of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee to consider and finally determine unresolved complaints regarding the delivery of Social Work Services in Inverclyde.

Decided: that approval be given to the re-appointment of the five independent persons detailed in Appendix 1 to the report for the purposes of dealing with unresolved complaints under the Social Work (Representations Procedure) (Scotland) Directions 1996 for the period to 31 March 2017 subject to the necessary Disclosure checks.

PLANNING BOARD - 5 MARCH 2014

Planning Board

Wednesday 5 March 2014 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.

167 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 167

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

168 CONTINUED PLANNING APPLICATION 168

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning on a continued application for planning permission by Hungry Horse for the erection of a restaurant/pub with associated staff accommodation, parking, landscaping, access and servicing at Victoria and East India Harbours, Rue End Street, Greenock (13/0358/IC), consideration of which had been continued from the meeting of 5 February 2014 for a site visit.

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

- (1) that before the commencement of development, samples of all facing materials to be used on the building and associated walls, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The approved materials shall thereafter be used unless an alternative is approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the suitability of the materials;
- (2) that samples of the surfacing materials to be used in the hard landscaping of the outdoor seating area, the beer garden and the play area shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The approved materials shall thereafter be used unless an alternative is approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the suitability of the materials;
- (3) that before the commencement of development, a detailed specification of the boundary railing and the railing topping the frontage wall shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The approved materials shall thereafter be used unless an alternative is approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the suitability of the railing design;
- (4) that prior to the commencement of development, full details of the soft landscaping of the site, including number and mix of species and height of planting shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The approved planting scheme shall thereafter be carried out within the first planting season following the restaurant/pub being brought into use, to ensure the provision of suitable soft landscaping in the interests of visual amenity;

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- (5) that any of the planting approved in terms of condition 4 above which dies, becomes diseased, is damaged or removed within 5 years of planting shall be replaced within the following planting season with others of a similar size and species, to ensure retention of the approved landscaping scheme;
- (6) that prior to the building hereby permitted being brought into use, all parking spaces and manoeuvring areas shall be finished in a final sealed wearing course, the details of which shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to their use unless an alternative is approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure safe and adequate access to the property;
- (7) 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;
- (8) 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;
- (9) that no material shall be imported onto the site until written details of the source of the imported material have been submitted for approval, in writing by the Planning Authority. The details, which shall be submitted no later than four weeks prior to the material being imported onto the site, shall include: the source of the imported material, any potential source(s) of contamination within 50 metres of the source of the material to be imported and verification analysis information. The material must not be imported on to the site until written approval has first been received from the Planning Authority. 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;
- (10) 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 have 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;
- (11) 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 materials 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;
- (12) that the applicant shall submit to the Planning Authority a detailed specification of the containers to be used to store waste materials and recyclable materials produced on the premises as well as specific details of the areas where such containers are to be located. The use of the development shall not commence until the above details are approved in writing by the Planning Authority and the equipment and any structural changes in place, to protect the amenity of the immediate area, prevent the creation of nuisance due to odours, insects, rodents or birds; and

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(13) that all external lighting on the application site should comply with the Scottish Government Guidance Note "Controlling Light Pollution and Reducing Lighting Energy Consumption", to protect the amenity of the immediate area, the creation of nuisance due to light pollution and to support the reduction of energy consumption.

169 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

**(a) Proposed change of use from Class 5 industrial to three Class 1 retail units and associated external alterations:
13 Clarence Street, Greenock (13/0340/IC)**

The report recommended that planning permission be granted subject to a number of conditions.

After discussion, Councillor Campbell-Sturgess moved that planning permission be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report. As an amendment, Councillor Rebecchi moved that consideration of the application be continued for a site visit to be arranged by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair. On a vote, 5 Members voted for the amendment and 6 for the motion which was declared carried.

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

(1) that the premises shall be used solely as non-food retail warehouses for the sale of comparison goods and for no other purpose including any other purpose in Class 1 of the Schedule to the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) (Scotland) Order 1997, or in any provision equivalent to that Class in any statutory instruments revoking and re-enacting that Order, to protect the vitality and viability of the wider Greenock Town Centre;

(2) that the proposed 12 parking spaces shall be formed, marked out and available for use by staff and customers, to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority, prior to the commencement of the retail use hereby permitted. The spaces shall then remain available for use by staff and customers at all times thereafter, to ensure appropriate parking provision for the premises;

(3) that the applicant shall submit to the Planning Authority a detailed specification of the containers to be used to store waste materials and recyclable materials produced on the premises as well as specific details of the areas where such containers are to be located. The use of the development shall not commence until the above details are approved in writing by the Planning Authority and the equipment and any structural changes are in place, to protect the amenity of the immediate area, prevent the creation of nuisance due to odours, insects, rodents or birds;

(4) 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 have 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;

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(5) 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 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; and

(6) 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.

**(b) Proposed conversion of social club to respite unit (Class 8) with associated alterations to building:
Former Social Club, 8-10 John Street, Gourock (13/0328/IC)**

The report recommended that planning permission be granted subject to a number of conditions.

After discussion, Councillor Jones moved that consideration of the application be continued for a site visit to be arranged by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair. As an amendment, Councillor Wilson moved that planning permission be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report. On a vote, 5 Members voted for the motion and 6 for the amendment which was declared carried.

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

(1) that prior to use on site, a sample of the proposed render shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Works shall then proceed as approved unless agreed otherwise in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the render is visually appropriate;

(2) that prior to the erection on site, full details of the design, height and materials of the proposed gate and fence to the access lane shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Works shall then proceed as approved unless agreed otherwise in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the gate and fence are visually appropriate;

(3) that the development shall not commence until a detailed specification regarding the collection, treatment and disposal of cooking odours has been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority. Such specification shall include precise details on the location of equipment used for the cooking and heating of food, canopies, grease filters, rates of air movement over the canopy, make-up air, air disposal points etc, to protect the amenity of the immediate area and prevent the creation of odour nuisance; and

(4) that the applicant shall submit to the Planning Authority a detailed specification of the containers to be used to store waste materials and recyclable materials produced on the premises as well as specific details of the areas where such containers are to be located. The use of the development shall not commence until the above details are approved in writing by the Planning Authority and the equipment and any structural changes are in place, to protect the amenity of the immediate area, prevent the creation of nuisance due to odours, insects, rodents or birds.

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- (c) **Discharge of Section 50 Agreement on planning permission IC/87/137 (use of tennis courts land):
Tennis Court, Site of Demolished Ramada Jarvis Hotel, Cloch Road, Gourock (14/0001/MP)**

The report recommended that the Section 50 Agreement in respect of planning permission IC/87/137 be discharged.

After discussion, Councillor Nelson moved that the application to discharge the Section 50 Agreement in respect of planning permission IC/87/137 be refused as the site remains in the greenbelt, under Policy DS8 within the Inverclyde Local Plan and is within the current boundary of Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park under Policy DS11. As an amendment, Provost Moran moved that the Section 50 Agreement be discharged. On a vote, 2 Members voted for the motion and 6 for the amendment which was declared carried.

Decided: that the Section 50 Agreement in respect of planning permission IC/87/137 be discharged.

170 PLANNING APPEAL - LAND OFF LITHGOW WAY, PORT GLASGOW

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning advising that following the decision of the Board at the meeting held on 4 September 2013 to refuse planning permission for a proposed residential development (in principle) at land off Lithgow Way, Port Glasgow (13/0035/IC) and the subsequent appeal by the applicant to the Scottish Government against that refusal, the Reporter appointed by the Scottish Government had issued his decision which was to dismiss the appeal.

Noted

LOCAL REVIEW BODY - 5 MARCH 2014

Local Review Body

Wednesday 5 March 2014 at 4.05pm

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.

171 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 171

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

172 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW 172

**(a) Change of use of house to a house and child minding operation for up to 10 children (in retrospect):
7 Fox Street, Greenock (13/0305/IC)**

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review of the refusal of planning permission for change of use of house to a house and child minding operation for up to 10 children at 7 Fox Street, Greenock (13/0305/IC).

Mr Kerr referred to new matters raised by the applicant's agent in the form of letters of support and a Scottish Government Appeal Decision Notice. He asked the Local Review Body whether it wished to have regard to these in determining the application for review of the refusal of planning permission in terms of Section 43(B) of the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997. It was agreed that the Local Review Body consider the letters of support and the Scottish Government Appeal Decision Notice and copies of these were circulated.

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 that planning permission be granted subject to the condition that the child minding operation, hereby approved, shall not operate outwith the hours of 0800 to 1730, to prevent early morning and evening disturbance and to safeguard residential amenity and character.

**(b) Change of use from residential flat (Class 9) to children's nursery (Class 10):
18 Eldon Street, Greenock (13/0242/IC)**

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review of the refusal of planning permission for change of use from residential flat (Class 9) to children's nursery (Class 10) at 18 Eldon Street, Greenock (13/0242/IC).

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Mr Kerr referred to new matters raised by the applicant's agent in their letter submitting the Notice of Review form. He asked the Local Review Body whether it wished to have regard of this information in determining the application for review of the refusal of planning permission in terms of Section 43(B) of the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997. It was agreed that the Local Review Body take account of this information and copies of the full letter were circulated.

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.

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE - 6 MARCH 2014

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 6 March 2014 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Mr M Thomson (for Head of Finance), Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Environmental Services Manager, Roads, Transport & Waste Collection, Environmental Services Manager, Roads, Manager of Street Scene, Burial Grounds & Registrars, Head of Regeneration & Planning, Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management 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.

173 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 173

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:-

Agenda Item 3 (Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2013/14 to 2015/16 - Progress) - Councillor MacLeod;

Agenda Item 12 (Inverclyde Economic Development & Regeneration Operating Plan 2014-2017) - Councillors Clocherty and McCabe; and

Agenda Item 16 (Property Assets Management Report) - Councillor MacLeod.

174 Environment & Regeneration Revenue Budget 2013/14 - Period 9 to 31 December 2013 174

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 9 (31 December 2013) which showed a projected underspend of £41,000.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £41,000 for 2013/14 as at 31 December 2013; and

(2) that the Committee approve, in principle, the carry forward of earmarked reserves as outlined in paragraphs 6.2 and 6.3 of the report, subject to confirmation through the normal earmarked reserve approval process.

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175 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2013/14 to 2015/16 - Progress

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There was submitted updated report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources and the Head of Finance (1) on the position of the projects within the Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme and (2) seeking suspensions and approvals, as required in terms of the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts, to install a culvert at Cardwell Road/Steel Street, Gourrock.

Councillor MacLeod declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a neighbour to Fyfe Shore Depot. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision making process.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the current position of the Capital Programme 2013/16 and the progress of the specific projects detailed in appendices 1 and 2 to the report;

(2) that the Committee note the 2014/15 Property Capital Allocation as detailed in appendix 3; and

(3) that the Committee:

(i) approve the appointment of Scottish Water's contractor, pursuant to Standing Order 11.1 of the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts, to insert a culvert at Cardwell Road/Steel Street, Gourrock provided this represents Best Value to the Council and if this is not the case,

(ii) in the alternative, pursuant to Standing Order 2.3.1, approve the suspension of Standing Order 6 (Advertising) as jointly recommended by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, the Head of Legal & Democratic Services and the Head of Finance to permit quotations to be obtained for the project, and

(iii) in either case, delegate authority to the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources in consultation with the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to make the necessary contractual arrangements to minimise disruption in the Cardwell Road/Street Street area arising from the installation of a culvert to Steel Street.

176 Environment, Regeneration & Resources - Performance Report

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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 (CDIP).

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 CDIP; and

(2) that further performance progress reports will be submitted to every second meeting of the Committee.

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177 Inverclyde Local Development Plan: Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement 2014 177

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking the Committee's endorsement of the annual update of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan: Development Plan Scheme (DPS) and Participation Statement (PS) for submission to the Scottish Government and subsequent publication.

Decided: that the Committee approve the publication of the updated 2014 Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement and its submission in a refreshed desktop published format to the Scottish Government before 31 March 2014.

178 Planning Performance Framework 2013: Scottish Government Feedback Report 178

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the Scottish Government's Feedback Report assessing the Council's Planning Performance Framework (PPF) published in September 2013.

Decided: that the Committee note the Minister for Local Government and Planning's response to the Council's PPF, the current position relative to the performance markers and the actions to be included in the 2014 PPF.

179 High Hedges (Scotland) Act 2013 179

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the implications of the High Hedges (Scotland) Act 2013 for Inverclyde Council, (2) requesting that authority be delegated to the Head of Regeneration & Planning to issue guidance, consider and determine applications and make and take enforcement action under the Act and (3) seeking approval for the setting of the fee for the submission of such applications.

The Head of Regeneration & Planning advised the Committee that the Act was likely to be enacted with effect from 1 April 2014. In view of this and given that the next meeting of the Inverclyde Council is 10 April 2014, being after the date of enactment, he requested that the Committee remit the recommendations to the Policy & Resources Committee for approval rather than the Inverclyde Council as set out in paragraph 3.3. of the report, which would result in the appropriate authority being in place to deal with matters arising under the Act as from 1 April 2014.

Decided:

- (1) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Regeneration & Planning to carry out the Council's powers, duties and obligations in terms of the Act, including:
 - the issuing of guidance;
 - the consideration, dismissal and determination of applications;
 - the issue, variation or withdrawal of notices; and
 - the undertaking of any enforcement action, including any appropriate recovery of costs;
- (2) that the Council set an application fee linked to that for a planning application for an enlargement, alteration or extension to a dwellinghouse, as set by the Scottish Government, the fee currently being £192; and
- (3) that the report be remitted to the Policy & Resources Committee with the Committee's recommendation that it be approved.

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180 Play Area Investment Update**180**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on (1) the progress of the Council's play area investment programme in respect of works in progress and (2) the outcome of recent consultations regarding the next tranche of works.

(Councillor Nelson left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

(1) that the Committee approve the installation of new play areas at Barr's Brae, Port Glasgow and Braeside, Greenock utilising funding previously approved for these projects; and

(2) that the proposal to install a new play area at Taymouth Drive, Gourrock be withdrawn and that the funding already approved for play area investment be utilised instead to expand the existing play area in Wellpark, Greenock.

181 Roads Asset Management Plan 2014/16**181**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval in relation to a proposed programme of projects to be undertaken in 2014/16 using Roads Asset Management Plan (RAMP)/Capital Funding and grant offers of funding by the Scottish Government for Cycling, Walking and Safer Street projects (CWSS).

Decided:

(1) that the list of proposed projects for the 2014/15 RAMP/Capital and CWSS grant aided roads related projects be approved;

(2) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to achieve full spend of the RAMP/Capital Budget through the substitution of projects from a reserve list when necessary;

(3) that in accordance with Contract Standing Order 3.4.1, approval be granted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to enter into a collaborative procurement exercise with Renfrewshire Council for the provision of a street lighting survey and development of a business case for investment in relation to street lighting; and

(4) that the Committee note an update report in respect of the potential street lighting collaboration will be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

182 Traffic Regulation Order Procedure**182**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the procedure and decision making process involved in the promotion of permanent Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO).

Decided: that the Committee note the procedure and decision making process involved in the promotion of permanent Traffic Regulation Orders in terms of the Local Authorities' Traffic Order (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 and approve the addition of the proposed briefing to all Councillors in the case of TROs which are likely to generate significant public interest.

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183 Litter and Fly Tipping Fixed Penalties

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising that the Scottish Government has written to all Scottish Local Authorities to advise of new levels of litter and fly tipping fixed penalties.

Decided:

- (1) that the increased level of fines for littering and fly tipping be noted;
- (2) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to support the national publicity campaign at a local level; and
- (3) that the report be remitted to the Education & Communities Committee for its interest, together with additional information relating to the number of fixed penalty notices issued in Inverclyde and the methods used to catch those who litter and/or fly tip.

184 Inverclyde Economic Development & Regeneration Operating Plan 2014-2017

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources and the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of the Final Draft Inverclyde Economic Development and Regeneration Single Operating Plan, a single plan between Riverside Inverclyde and Inverclyde Council's Regeneration Services, a copy of which was attached to the report. Councillors Clocherty and McCabe declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Board Members of Riverside Inverclyde. 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 approve the Inverclyde Economic Development and Regeneration Single Operating Plan outlined in Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (2) that the Committee endorse the priority projects and investments as outlined in Section 6 and Appendix B of the Plan document.

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)
Advertising Bus Shelters - JC Decaux Contract Expiry	6 and 9
Lightways (Contractors) Ltd	6, 8 and 9
Path Agreement for N753 Cycle Path	6 and 9
Property Assets Management Report	2, 6 and 9

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- 185 Advertising Bus Shelters - JC Decaux Contract Expiry 185**
- There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on (1) the expiry of the current 15 year bus shelter advertising contract between the Council and JC Decaux and (2) proposals by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) to replace the existing contract.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee agree to the Council entering into the proposed SPT tender exercise for the 17 advertising bus shelters within Inverclyde; and
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to enter into a new advertising bus shelter contract in conjunction with SPT on behalf of the Council.
- 186 Lightways (Contractors) Ltd 186**
- There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the financial settlement reached with Lightways (Contractors) Ltd in relation to the completion of the lighting maintenance contract on 31 December 2013.
- Decided:** that the Committee note (1) the financial settlement agreed with Lightways (Contractors) Ltd in relation to the completion of the lighting maintenance contract and (2) that the costs will be contained within the 2013/14 Directorate Revenue Budget.
- 187 Path Agreement for N753 Cycle Path 187**
- There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to enter into a Path Agreement with the landowner to enable the N753 cycle track to be completed between Lunderston Bay and Inverkip Marina and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.
- 188 Property Assets Management Report 188**
- 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. Councillor MacLeod declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Chair of Woodhall Community 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. Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended in respect of (1) premises at Bank Street, Greenock, (2) land at Whinhill Crescent, Greenock, (3) former tied houses, (4) Craigend Resource Centre and (5) ground at Parkhill Avenue, Port Glasgow, all as detailed in the appendix.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 11 MARCH 2014

Education and Communities Committee

Tuesday 11 March 2014 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Brennan, MacLeod (for Brooks), Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, Loughran, McCabe, McColgan, McEleny, McIlwee, Shepherd and Wilson, 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 Head of Finance), Ms G Murphy (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Community Safety & Wellbeing Service Manager, Health Protection Service Manager, Libraries, Museums & Archives Manager, Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy, Head of Education, Ms L Wilkie and Ms E Hamilton, Quality Improvement Managers, Education Services, Corporate Policy & Partnership Manager, Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management, Service Manager, School Estate and Mr M Bingham, (Corporate Communications).

Prior to the commencement of business, reference was made by the Convener to the fact that this would be Mr Henderson's last Committee meeting and he conveyed his best wishes for the future. He also welcomed to the meeting, Patricia Cassidy, the newly appointed Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development who was attending the meeting as an observer.

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

189 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Brooks, with Councillor MacLeod substituting, and Rev MacLean.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 3 (Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy Monitoring Report February 2014 and Progress Report on Strategy Implementation) - Councillors McCabe, McEleny, McIlwee and Wilson.

Agenda Item 5 (Policy for the Granting of Waivers to Letting Charges for Sports and Community Facilities) - Councillor Campbell-Sturgess.

Agenda Item 9 (Inverclyde Leisure - Business Plan and Draft Funding Agreement for Indoor Leisure Facilities) - Councillors Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, McColgan and Loughran.

Agenda Item 10 (Education Scotland and Care Inspectorate Report on Kilmacolm School and Nursery Class) - Councillor McCabe.

Agenda Item 15 (St Patrick's Primary School - Project Options) - Councillors McEleny and McIlwee.

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190 Communities 2013/14 Revenue Budget Report - Period 9 to 31 December 2013 and Capital Report 2013/16 - Progress 190

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance and Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on (1) the 2013/14 Revenue Budget position as at Period 9 to 31 December 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 projected underspend of £68,000 for the 2013/14 Revenue Budget as at Period 9 to 31 December 2013;
- (2) that the Committee note the progress of the projects forming the Communities Capital Programme 2013/16; and
- (3) that approval be given to the virement of £15,000 within Safer Communities as detailed in Appendix 4 to the report.

191 Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy Monitoring Report February 2014 and Progress Report on Strategy Implementation 191

There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities providing monitoring information relative to the Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy.

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

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the monitoring report to the Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy Steering Group in February 2014 and the progress made in implementation of the Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy to date;
- (2) that further progress reports on the implementation of the Local Housing Strategy be submitted to the Committee annually;
- (3) that representations be made to the Scottish Government Planning and Housing Ministers with the aim of imposing a legal requirement on developers to provide wheelchair/lifetime housing; and
- (4) that clarification be sought regarding the approach adopted by Glasgow City Council to the provision of wheelchair/lifetime housing.

192 Clune Park Regeneration Plan - Progress Report 192

There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities providing an update on the proposed regeneration of the Clune Park area of Port Glasgow.

Decided: that the Committee note the progress to date and agree that further progress updates be submitted to future meetings of the Committee.

193 **Policy for the Granting of Waivers to Letting Charges for Sports and Community Facilities** 193

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development proposing a new framework for agreeing and funding waivers to the standard letting charges for sports and leisure facilities managed by, or on behalf of, Inverclyde Council.

Councillor Campbell-Sturgess declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Chairman of 49F Greenock Air Training Corps. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision making process.

Following discussion, Councillor Loughran moved:

- (1) that approval be given to the categories of waivers to let contained in Appendix 2 to the report;
- (2) that approval be given to the terms and conditions of the access and registration process for both community and sports organisations benefiting from discounted access to Council facilities, as detailed in Appendix 4;
- (3) that approval be given to the selection of option 3 of Appendix 3 (clubs given an allowance of hours based upon player/team numbers) resulting in approval of the terms and conditions of access for free under 19 sports club use detailed in Appendices 5 and 6;
- (4) that approval be given to the cessation of the current leisure pass scheme and its replacement with a scheme to be developed by Inverclyde Leisure;
- (5) that an update be submitted to the Committee in due course on any substantive changes recommended to the proposed terms and conditions arising from consultation with affected organisations;
- (6) that an update be submitted in due course on any detailed proposals for other sports as detailed in paragraph 5.5 of the report; and
- (7) that an update report be submitted in due course on proposals for a discounted rate for adult teams making responsible, debt free use of facilities and for clubs participating in Community Sports Hubs.

As an amendment, Councillor McEleny moved that consideration of the matter be continued to the next meeting of the Committee to allow a public consultation exercise to be undertaken.

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

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the categories of waivers to let contained in Appendix 2 to the report;
- (2) that approval be given to the terms and conditions of the access and registration process for both community and sports organisations benefiting from discounted access to Council facilities, as detailed in Appendix 4;
- (3) that approval be given to the selection of option 3 of Appendix 3 (clubs given an allowance of hours based upon player/team numbers) resulting in approval of the terms and conditions of access for free under 19 sports club use detailed in Appendices 5 and 6;
- (4) that approval be given to the cessation of the current leisure pass scheme and its replacement with a scheme to be developed by Inverclyde Leisure;

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(5) that an update be submitted to the Committee in due course on any substantive changes recommended to the proposed terms and conditions arising from consultation with affected organisations;

(6) that an update be submitted in due course on any detailed proposals for other sports as detailed in paragraph 5.5 of the report; and

(7) that an update report be submitted in due course on proposals for a discounted rate for adult teams making responsible, debt free use of facilities and for clubs participating in Community Sports Hubs.

194 Review of Procedures for Grants to Voluntary Organisations - Delegated Authority for Decision 194

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising that the report on the review procedures for grants to voluntary organisations had been approved using the delegated authority granted by the Committee at its meeting on 21 January 2014.

Decided: that the Committee note the approval of the report on the review of procedures for grants to voluntary organisations.

195 Request for Loan of Paintings from the McLean Museum and Art Gallery 195

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising of a request for the loan of two paintings from the McLean Museum and Art Gallery (the James Watt Trust).

Decided: that approval be given to the request for the loan of two paintings "The Strutted Close" and "Families on the Pier" by Margaret Wright to Kirkcudbright 2000 Ltd from 16 June to August 2014, subject to matters of transport, security and insurance being arranged to the satisfaction of the Libraries, Museums and Archives Manager.

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 the Committee to be apprised of the change in fixed penalty notices for litter and fly tipping and additional information at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.

196 Litter and Fly Tipping Fixed Penalties - Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 196

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising that the Environment & Regeneration Committee at its meeting on 6 March 2014 had considered a report on the change in fixed penalty notices in respect of litter and fly tipping and had remitted the report to the Education & Communities Committee for its interest, together with additional information relating to the number of fixed penalty notices issued in Inverclyde and the methods used to catch those who litter and/or fly tip.

Decided: that the Committee note, for its interest, the changes in fixed penalty notices in respect of litter and fly tipping and the additional information relating to the number of fixed penalty notices issued in Inverclyde and the methods used to catch those who litter and/or fly tip.

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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 the heading to each item.

Item	Paragraph(s)
Clune Park Regeneration Plan Update - Structural Conditions	13
Inverclyde Leisure Business Plan and Draft Funding Agreement for Indoor Leisure Facilities	6

197 Clune Park Regeneration Plan Update - Structural Conditions 197

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising the Committee of recent and significant developments in relation to a major structural defect in the tenement buildings in the Clune Park area and how this impacts on the current Regeneration Plan.

Decided:

- (1) that the Council make Demolition Orders in terms of Section 115 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 on the houses listed in Appendix 3 to the report;
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, in consultation with the Head of Legal & Democratic Services and the Head of Finance, to agree a compensation plan for eligible owner-occupiers and tenants;
- (3) that it be noted that a short term working group will be set up with relevant Council services and external partners to address the re-housing needs of the owner-occupiers and tenants; and
- (4) that the Committee note the option of the use of compulsory purchase powers in respect of the acquisition of all 45 tenements in the area and it be agreed that a report both on this issue and also proposing an amended Regeneration Plan be submitted to the Committee as soon as is practicable.

198 Inverclyde Leisure Business Plan and Draft Funding Agreement for Indoor Leisure Facilities 198

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval of the Inverclyde Leisure Draft Business Plan and for delegated powers to Officers to enter into a new Funding Agreement for indoor leisure facilities with Inverclyde Leisure.

Councillors Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, Loughran and McColgan declared non-financial interests in this item as Members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure. Each Member 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 approve the draft Inverclyde Leisure Business Plan appended to the report; and

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(2) that delegated powers be granted to the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, in consultation with the Head of Legal & Democratic Services and the Head of Finance, to enter into a new Funding Agreement based predominantly on the previous Funding Agreement with amendments as set out in the report and subject to consultation with Inverclyde Leisure.

The Committee commenced consideration of the Education items of business at 5pm with Father McMahon, Rev Donaldson, Mr Thomson and Mr Tracey joining the meeting.

199 Education Scotland and Care Inspectorate Report on Kilmacolm School and Nursery Class 199

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the results of the Education Scotland and Care Inspectorate external evaluation of Kilmacolm Primary School and Nursery Class. The report advised that of the Indicators of Quality, 5 aspects of the school and nursery had been judged to be “very good”, two aspects as “good”, three aspects as “satisfactory”, one aspect as “adequate” and one aspect as “weak” and an explanation was given to the Committee for the “weak” grading.

Councillor McCabe declared a non-financial interest in this item as the parent of a pupil of Kilmacolm Primary School. 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 approve the report on Kilmacolm Primary School and Nursery Class; and
- (2) that the Committee’s appreciation be conveyed to all staff and pupils for the work undertaken to achieve the evaluation.

200 Education 2013/14 Revenue Budget - Period 9 to 31 December 2013 200

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance and Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the position of the Education Revenue Budget 2013/14 as at Period 9 to 31 December 2013 which projected an underspend of £82,000.

Decided: that the projected underspend of £82,000 for the Education Revenue Budget as at Period 9 to 31 December 2013 be noted.

201 Education Capital Programme 2013 - 2015/16 - Progress 201

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and Head of Finance (1) on the status of the projects forming the Education Capital Programme and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.

Decided: that the Committee note the progress of the specific projects detailed in Appendix 1.

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202 Education & Communities Performance Report 202

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 (CDIP).

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note that the report reflects the progress made by Education, Inclusive Education & Culture and Safer Communities Services 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 on 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.

203 Update on Progress with the Implementation of Curriculum for Excellence 203

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.

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

204 St Patrick's Primary School - Project Options 204

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update in respect of options for progressing the St Patrick's Primary School project which has funding support from the latest round of the Scottish Government Schools for the Future Programme.

Councillors McEleny and McIlwee declared non-financial interests in this item as former pupils of St Patrick's Primary School. Each Member formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision making process.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the options for the project as outlined in the report and approve the progression of the new build option; and
- (2) that the Committee note and approve the proposed procurement route via Hub West Scotland Limited.

205 Increase in Nursery Entitlement to 600 Hours 205

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) providing details of the implementation of the increase in the entitlement of nursery provision from 475 hours to 600 hours for children from August 2014, (2) providing information on the resource requirements and financial implications of the increase in entitlement and (3) advising Members of the increase in entitlement for 2 year olds from workless households.

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Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the model for delivery of 600 hours of provision as of August 2014, described in the report;
- (2) that it be agreed that further flexibility be developed in future years ensuring equality of provision across Inverclyde;
- (3) that agreement be given to the financial commitments as detailed in the report;
- (4) that the implications of the increase in entitlement for 2 year olds from workless households be noted; and
- (5) that it be noted that a detailed report on 2 year olds from workless households will be submitted to the Committee in May 2014.

206 Transport Policy Review**206**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval to continue the interim transport arrangements for St Columba's High School with a view to reviewing mileage limits and/or introducing charging by August 2015.

Decided: that approval be given to continue with the current arrangements until mileage limits and/or appropriate charging proposals can be considered by February 2015.

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

207 Education Capital Programme 2013-2015/16 Progress - Addendum**207**

There was submitted addendum report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and Head of Finance providing an update in respect of the status of the Ardgowan Primary School project.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note and approve the proposed additional expenditure on the Ardgowan Primary School project;
- (2) that approval be given to the utilisation of the overall SEMP funding model and part Capital Programme Contingency Allowance to address the over expenditure; and
- (3) that subject to there being no challenge during the standstill period, approval be given to the acceptance of the tender from Central Building Contractors Limited in the amount of £5.853M including all associated direct costs and the issue of a formal letter of acceptance by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services.

Following the conclusion of business, Mr Tracey paid tribute, on behalf of the Committee, to Mr Henderson's many years of service and commitment to Education Services within Inverclyde and extended his best wishes to him for a long and happy retirement.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 12 MARCH 2014

General Purposes BoardWednesday 12 March 2014 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Dorrian, Grieve, 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.

208 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 208

There were no apologies, substitutions or declarations 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.

209 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Frank Falconer 209

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services on the renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Falconer following a Police representation. Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the application and intimated that Mr Falconer was unable to attend the meeting however his representative Cook, Stevenson & Co, Solicitors lodged written submissions on his behalf by letter dated 20 February. This letter was circulated to Members. The Board heard Inspector Wood in support of the Police representation. **Decided:** the application be granted.

210 Application for Taxi Driver's Licences (x3): John McCafferty 210

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to consider three applications for non-transferable General Hire Taxi Operator Licences for Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles by Mr McCafferty following a public objection. Mr McCafferty was present with his representative Mr Lamb, Maitlands, Solicitors. Inverclyde Taxis Ltd representative Mr Glasgow, objector was present with his representative Mr McEntagart, TLT, Solicitors. Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the application and intimated a letter had been received dated 4 March 2014 from Maitlands together with a letter from Mr McCafferty received 28 February 2014. This documentation was circulated to all Members.

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Mr McEntagart addressed the Board on a preliminary matter that he had not had sight of the letters circulated.

The Chair moved that in fairness the Board consider this item at a later point in the meeting to allow Mr McEntagart and his client to view the papers submitted.

The Board unanimously agreed and the persons in attendance left the meeting.

211 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: Joseph McLaughlan

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services requesting the Board to consider the suspension of Mr McLaughlan's Taxi Driver's Licence which expires on 31 July 2014.

Mr McLaughlan was not present or represented.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board that following receipt of a letter dated 14 February 2014 from Police Scotland Mr McLaughlan's Taxi Driver's Licence had been immediately suspended on 21 February 2014 and requested the Board to uphold the decision of suspension and to continue consideration whether or not the suspension is extended as additional information from Police Scotland has been provided.

The Board heard Inspector Wood in support of the Police Scotland recommendations of their letter dated 14 February 2014.

Decided:

- (1) to uphold the immediate suspension; and
- (2) to continue consideration of any further suspension to the next meeting of the Board.

Inspector Wood left the meeting following consideration of this item as further items on the agenda involved no Police matters.

Mr Jarvie addressed the Board on the next items 5 and 6 and intimated that item 6 is no longer required as all the information is covered in item 5. The Board noted the position and agreed item 6 (Application for Taxi Driver's Licence - Allan Foreman) is contained in item 5.

212 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence: Allan Foreman

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services requesting the Board to consider the suspension of Mr Foreman's Taxi Driver's Licence which expires on 31 October 2014.

Mr Foreman was not present or represented.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board that following receipt of a medical report by Regent Medical Practice dated 21 February 2014 Mr Foreman's Taxi Driver's Licence had been immediately suspended from 25 February 2014 and requests the Board to uphold the decision of suspension and to consider whether or not the suspension is continued.

Decided:

- (1) to uphold the immediate suspension; and
- (2) to continue the suspension for the unexpired portion of his licence to 31 October 2014.

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213 Application for Taxi Operator Licences (x3): John McCafferty**213**

The Board resumed consideration of this item and all attendees returned to the meeting. The Board heard Mr McEntagart in support of the objector and Mr Lamb in support of the applicant.

Mr McEntagart referred to a letter issued to Mr Glasgow by Legal & Democratic Services dated 28 January 2014. This letter was copied and circulated to the Board.

The Board heard further from Mr McEntagart and Mr Lamb.

There followed a full discussion after which Councillor Loughran moved grant of the applications which was seconded by Councillor Brennan. On a vote, 9 Members voted for the motion, 1 Member against the motion and 1 Member abstained. The Clerk confirmed the licences as granted.

Decided: the three applications be granted.

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 25 MARCH 2014

Policy & Resources Committee

Tuesday 25 March 2014 at 3pm

Present: Provost Moran, Councillors Clocherty, MacLeod, McCabe, McCormick, McEleny, McColgan (for McIlwee), Nelson, Loughran, 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 F Borthwick (Finance Services), Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Head of Education, Ms K McCready (for Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy), Acting Head of Organisational Development, HR & Communications, Transitional Head of ICT, Mr A McDonald (ICT), Corporate Communications 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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| 214 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 214 |
| | An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor McIlwee, with Councillor McColgan substituting. | |
| | No declarations of interest were intimated. | |
| 215 | Policy & Resources Capital Programme - 2013/14 - 15/16 - Progress | 215 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources and 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. | |
| | Decided: that the Committee note the current position of the 2013/16 Capital Programme and the progress of the specific projects detailed in Appendix 1. | |
| 216 | Capital Programme 2013/16 | 216 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the latest position of the 2013/16 Capital Programme. | |
| | Decided: that the Committee note the current position of the 2013/16 Capital Programme. | |
| 217 | Policy & Resources Committee 2013/14 Revenue Budget - Period 10 to 31 January 2014 | 217 |
| | 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 outturn for the Policy & Resources Committee as at Period 10 (31 January 2014). | |

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Decided:

- (1) that the 2013/14 projected underspend of £257,000 for the Policy & Resources Committee as at Period 10 be noted; and
- (2) that the projected fund balance of £145,290 for the Common Good Fund be noted.

218 General Fund Revenue Budget 2013/14 as at 31 January 2014 218

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 31 January 2014 and (2) providing an update on the position of the Reserves and Workstream Savings.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the latest position of the 2013/14 Revenue Budget and General Fund Reserves;
- (2) that the Committee note the 2013/16 Workstream Savings position; and
- (3) that the Committee note the latest position of the 2015/16 grant settlement.

219 Corporate Services Performance Report 219

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on 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.

Decided: that the Committee note:

- (1) 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 progress in delivering the remaining improvement actions that sit within the Education, Communities & Organisational Development and the Environment, Regeneration & Resources CDIPs has been reported to the appropriate Committee;
- (3) that an annual review of the Education, Communities & Organisational Development and the Environment, Regeneration & Resources CDIPs will be carried out and the corporate actions submitted to a future meeting of the Committee; and
- (4) that further Corporate Service progress reports will continue to be submitted to every second meeting of the Committee.

220 Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy - 2014/15 - 2016/17 220

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2014/17, Treasury Policy Limits, the Council's Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators for the next three years and the list of Permitted Investments.

Decided:

- (1) that the following, as outlined in the report, be remitted to the Inverclyde Council for approval:
 - (a) Treasury Management Strategy;
 - (b) Annual Investment Strategy;

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- (c) Treasury Policy Limits;
 - (d) Prudential Indicators;
 - (e) Treasury Management Indicators; and
 - (f) List of Permitted Investments (including those for the Common Good Fund); and
- (2) that approval be given to a revised £60m limit for investments that may be held with the Bank of Scotland until the end of June 2015.

221 Modernisation Update

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) providing an update on the status of the Council's ongoing Modernisation Programme and (2) requesting authorisation to proceed with the procurement of Lagan Enterprise 14R1 upgrade and Integrated Self Service in support of the Council's Digital Access Strategy.

Decided:

- (1) that the current position of the projects which form the overall Modernisation Programme for the Council be noted;
- (2) that the Committee authorise the procurement of Lagan Enterprise 14R1 upgrade and self service software from the Modernisation Earmarked Reserve; and
- (3) that the Committee approve funding from the Modernisation Earmarked Reserve to allow a 12 month extension to the Project Officer's appointment.

222 PSN Accreditation Update 2014

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) updating the Committee on the current position with the Public Services Network (PSN) accreditation process and (2) highlighting changes that may be required to allow for continued accreditation.

Decided:

- (1) that it be noted the Council has successfully completed the PSN accreditation process for 2013/2014;
- (2) that the Committee note accreditation is an ongoing process and that there will be further changes required to Information Security policies, practices and infrastructure; and
- (3) that it be noted ICT will continue to work in conjunction with services and the Information Governance Steering Group to ensure the implementation of the necessary changes required to maintain the Council's PSN accreditation.

223 Repopulation Outcome Delivery Group - Update

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee in respect of the work of the Repopulation Outcome Delivery Group (ODG) which supports the delivery of the Repopulation Outcome of the Single Outcome Agreement.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress being made in respect of promoting Inverclyde and developing strategies to repopulate the area; and
- (2) that approval be given to the proposal in respect of the Graduate Entry Scheme outlined in paragraph 5.4 of the report.

224 Welfare Reforms Update

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) updating the Committee in respect of the Council's response to Welfare Reform changes and (2) seeking approval of a revised Discretionary Housing Payments Policy to come into effect from 1 April 2014.

There were circulated to the Committee, amended recommendations and Appendix 3 (Discretionary Housing Payments Policy).

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the content of the report;
- (2) that approval be given to the amended Discretionary Housing Payments Policy and that Disability Living Allowance be disregarded when assessing an applicant's income;
- (3) that, in order to maximise Discretionary Housing Payments in 2013/2014, the financial hardship limit be increased from £40 to £60 per week;
- (4) that the Committee's concern at the late notification of the increase in the 2013/2014 Discretionary Housing Payments ceiling be recorded and that a letter be sent from the Council Leader to Mr David Mundell MP raising concerns and highlighting the implications for those impacted by the "bedroom tax"; and
- (5) that a report on sources of funding for central heating be submitted to the Education & Communities Committee.

225 Job Centre Plus Wage Incentive

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the JobCentre Plus Wage Incentive Programme and seeking support from the Council for engagement with the Programme.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the JobCentre Plus Wage Incentive Programme, support the Council's participation in the scheme, agree that the relevant services liaise with JCP management to provide a single point of contact and, if monies are received from DWP, they be treated as found income and allocated to existing employability budgets within the Regeneration & Planning Service; and
- (2) that a report on youth employment, including information on the number of part time and full time jobs, be submitted to the Environment & Regeneration Committee.

226 Scottish Procurement Policy Note Actions on Blacklisting

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the Scottish Government's Procurement Policy Note providing advice on the exclusion from public contracts of companies which engage in the practice of blacklisting and (2) recommending that the Council adopt the approach outlined in the Policy Note.

Decided: that the Council adopt the proposals outlined in the Scottish Government's Scottish Procurement Policy Note, wherever it is appropriate, proportionate and legal to do so with effect from 1 April 2014.

227 Employee Survey 2012 – Actions Update

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Head of Organisational Development, HR & Communications on progress following the last Council wide employee opinion survey carried out in 2012, specifically with regard to the action points raised by the employee focus groups.

(Councillor Rebecchi left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

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(1) that the Committee note the feedback given and action taken and action ongoing; and

(2) that it be noted the next employee survey is Spring 2015.
(Councillor Rebecchi returned to the meeting at this juncture).

228 Sickness Absence Reporting

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Head of Organisational Development, HR & Communications proposing a change in the Council approach to sickness absence reporting.

Decided:

(1) that quarterly absence statistics be drawn directly from the HR payroll system;

(2) that the statistical analysis format be changed to reflect the annual SOLACE Statutory Performance Indicator of number of days absence per full time equivalent employee as set out in the report;

(3) that annual absence reporting figures run from April to April in line with the SOLACE benchmarking indicators;

(4) that services utilise the reporting functions of the HR payroll system to monitor and manage absence;

(5) that the changeover to drawing absence data from the HR payroll system commence on 1 April 2014;

(6) that the Council set an amended absence target of nine days absence per full time equivalent employee; and

(7) that senior management continue to develop strategies and proposals to further improve absence rates within the Council.

229 Early Release – Earmarked Reserve

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee in respect of the current status of the Early Release Voluntary Severance Earmarked Reserve.

Decided: that the Committee note the position in respect of the Council's Early Release Earmarked Reserve.

230 High Hedges (Scotland) Act 2013 - Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 6 March 2014 seeking approval of the Committee's recommendations in relation to the High Hedges (Scotland) Act 2013.

Decided: that the Committee approve the recommendations from the Environment & Regeneration Committee in relation to the High Hedges (Scotland) Act 2013 as set out in the report.

PLANNING BOARD - 2 APRIL 2014

Planning Board

Wednesday 2 April 2014 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor Brooks presided.

In attendance: Head of Regeneration & Planning, Mr D Ashman (Planning Services), Mr M Higginbotham (for Head of Environmental & Commercial Services) and Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Property Services).

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

231 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 231

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors McIlwee, Rebecchi and Wilson.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

232 PLANNING APPLICATIONS 232

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

**(a) Change of use from Class 1 (laundrette) to Class 2 (bookmaker) together with the installation of a new shopfront, aerial and associated alterations:
22 Kilblain Street, Greenock (14/0023/IC)**

The report recommended that planning permission be granted.

Decided: that planning permission be refused for the following reasons:

(1) as the proposal will have a detrimental effect, including cumulatively, on the vitality and viability of the existing central shopping area of Greenock, contrary to Local Plan Policy R10(c);

(2) as the applicant has failed to demonstrate that there is capacity for the development in terms of expenditure compared to turnover in the catchment area, or a quantitative deficiency in existing provision, in contradiction to Local Plan Policy R10(b); and

(3) as the proposed change of use would have a detrimental effect on the residential amenity of the area and affect the operation of existing businesses, in contradiction to Local Plan Policy R10(g).

**(b) Erection of restaurant (Class 3) with drive-through facilities together with associated car parking, access and site works:
Hunter Place, Greenock (13/0354/IC)**

It was noted that this application had been withdrawn.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 9 APRIL 2014

General Purposes Board**Wednesday 9 April 2014 at 3pm**

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

Chair: Councillor Grieve presided.

In attendance: Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Property 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.

233 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest**233**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks and Dorrian with Councillor Grieve assuming the Chair. Provost Moran substituting for Councillor Dorrian and Councillor Nelson substituting for Councillor Brooks.

No declarations of interest were 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.

234 Consideration of Taxi Driver's Licence: Joseph McLaughlan**234**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to consider suspension of Mr McLaughlan's Taxi Driver's Licence which expires on 31 July 2014.

Mr McLaughlan was present.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the current suspension of Mr McLaughlan's Taxi Driver's Licence which was upheld by the Board on 12 March 2014. Mr Jarvie intimated additional up to date information has been provided by Police Scotland and this information is contained in their letter dated 25 February 2014.

The Board heard Inspector Wood in support of the Police Scotland recommendations and in particular to their letter of 25 February 2014.

The Board heard Mr McLaughlan in support of his licence.

Decided:

(1) to suspend Mr McLaughlan's Taxi Driver's Licence for the unexpired portion of his licence to 31 July 2014; and

(2) on any renewal application submitted, Mr McLaughlan will be required to undertake an independent medical examination.