The Inverciyde Council

Thursday 10 April 2014 at 4pm

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

Chair: Provost Moran presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Head of Legal & Property Services, Head of Health Improvement & Commissioning, Acting Head of Organisational Development, HR & Communications and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications).

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236 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Brooks and Wilson.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

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

237	Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Sub-Committee - 20 February 2014	237
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Loughran.	
238	Inverclyde Council - 20 February 2014	238
	Approved on the motion of Provost Moran.	
239	Audit Committee - 25 February 2014	239
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi.	
240	Human Resources Appeals Board - 26 February 2014	240
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.	
241	Inverclyde CHCP Sub-Committee - 27 February 2014	241
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.	
242	Planning Board - 5 March 2014	242
	Approved on the motion of Provost Moran.	

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243	Local Review Body - 5 March 2014	243
	Approved on the motion of Provost Moran.	
244	Environment & Regeneration Committee - 6 March 2014	244
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
245	Education & Communities Committee - 11 March 2014	245
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Loughran.	
246	General Purposes Board - 12 March 2014	246
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
247	Policy & Resources Committee - 25 March 2014	247
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
248	Planning Board - 2 April 2014	248
	Approved on the motion of Provost Moran.	
249	General Purposes Board - 9 April 2014	249
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Grieve.	
250	Human Resources Appeals Board - Resignation of Councillor Mcllwee	250
	There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising of vacancies which exist following the resignation of Councillor McIlwee as both Vice-Chair and Member of the Human Resources Appeals Board.	
	Decided: that Councillor Clocherty be appointed as Member and Vice-Chair of the Human Resources Appeals Board following the resignation of Councillor McIlwee.	

251 Grants Sub-Committee - Resignation of Councillor Clocherty

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising of vacancies which exist following the resignation of Councillor Clocherty as both Chair and Member of the Grants Sub-Committee. **Decided:** that Councillor McColgan be appointed as Member and Chair of the Grants Sub-Committee following the resignation of Councillor Clocherty. 251

252 Greenock Arts Guild Board - Resignation of Councillor Brennan

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources requesting the Council to appoint a Member to the Board of Greenock Arts Guild following the resignation of Councillor Brennan. **Decided:** that consideration of the filling of the vacancy be continued to the next meeting of the Council on 5 June 2014.

253 Appointment of Member to Greenock Prison Visiting Committee

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) advising the Council of the vacancy which exists on Greenock Prison Visiting Committee arising from the resignation of Mr Alexander Nimmo and (2) seeking approval of the appointment of a replacement member of the public to this position.

Decided: that Mr George Hepburn be appointed as a Member of HMP Greenock Visiting Committee to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr Alexander Nimmo.

254 Statutory Review of Polling Places

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources asking Members to (1) consider the representations received on the statutory review of Polling Places by the consultation deadline and (2) approve the draft Polling Scheme as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report. **Decided:**

(1) that the Council, having considered the representations received, approve the draft Polling Scheme forming Appendix 1 to the report for elections from 1 January 2015; and

(2) that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive to make such amendments thereto as may from time to time be necessary to take account of any building works and/or closures in order to facilitate suitable and reasonable polling arrangements.

255 Review of Local Government Electoral Arrangements: Proposals for Councillor 255 Numbers

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources asking the Council to consider its response to proposals by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland to increase the number of Councillors for Inverclyde as part of a review of local government electoral arrangements.

Decided: that the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland be advised that it is the view of Invercied Council that there should be no increase in its Councillor numbers which should remain at 20.

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#### 256 Kindred Clubs of Port Glasgow - Toll Boys' Memorial

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a request from the Kindred Clubs of Port Glasgow that support be given to the erection of a monument at the site of the former Toll Booth, Port Glasgow to which the Toll Boys' memorial plaque is to be re-positioned.

During discussion on this item, Councillor Rebecchi referred to a plaque commemorating Kincaid's workers killed in both World Wars which he understood was being stored by the Council and he requested that arrangements be made to have this displayed within Council premises.

#### **Decided:**

(1) that a payment of £5,000 be made by the Council on terms most financially suitable to implement the project; and

(2) that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to report to the Council on the request by Councillor Rebecchi.

### 257 Legal Services for Forces Personnel (Armed Forces Legal Action) - Request for 257 Support from Inverclyde Council

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking the Council's agreement to become a supporter of Armed Forces Legal Action, a nationwide scheme founded in July 2013 which brings together lawyers from across the UK who offer reduced fees to currently serving and, in certain circumstances, former serving members of the Armed Forces. **Decided:** 

(1) that Inverclyde Council become a supporter of Armed Forces Legal Action; and

(2) that arrangements be made to advise staff within the Council's Customer Contact Centre of the services provided by the organisation.

### 258 Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 258 2014/15 - 2016/17 - Remit from Policy & Resources Committee

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources requesting the Council to consider a remit from the Policy & Resources Committee of 25 March 2014 relative to the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2014/15-2016/17. **Decided:** 

(1) that approval be given to the Treasury Management Strategy, Annual Investment Strategy, Treasury Policy Limits, Prudential Indicators, Treasury Management Indicators and 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.

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 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act and for the item thereafter 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.

| 259 | Appendix 1 relative to Agenda Item 6 (Appointment of Member to Greenock Prison Visiting Committee)                          | 259 |
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|     | There was submitted Appendix 1 relative to Agenda Item 6 providing information on the proposed replacement Member.<br>Noted |     |
|     | Appendices to Minutes                                                                                                       |     |
| 260 | Inverclyde Council - 20 February 2014                                                                                       | 260 |
|     | Approved on the motion of Provost Moran.                                                                                    |     |
| 261 | Human Resources Appeals Board - 26 February 2014                                                                            | 261 |
|     | Approved on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.                                                                               |     |
| 262 | Environment & Regeneration Committee - 6 March 2014                                                                         | 262 |
|     | Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.                                                                             |     |