

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 1 MAY 2014

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 1 May 2014 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Finance Manager, Ms M McCabe (Finance Services), Head of Legal & Property Services, Legal Services Manager (Procurement/Conveyancing), Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Environmental Services Manager, Roads, Transport & Waste Collection, Environmental Services Manager, Roads, Manager of Street Scene, Burial Grounds and Registrars, Mr G Kerr (Environmental & Commercial Services), Head of Regeneration & Planning, Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management, Property Assets Manager and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications).

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

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| 284 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 284 |
| | <p>Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Grieve and MacLeod, with Councillor Campbell-Sturgess substituting for Councillor Grieve and Councillor Brooks for Councillor MacLeod.</p> <p>No declarations of interests were intimated.</p> | |
| 285 | Environment and Regeneration Revenue Budget 2013/14 – Period 11 to 28 February 2014 | 285 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources and the Head of Finance on the position of the Revenue Budget 2013/14 as at Period 11 (28 February 2014) which showed a projected underspend of £215,000.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £215,000 for 2013/14 as at 28 February 2014; and</p> <p>(2) that approval be given to the virement as detailed in Appendix 4 to the report.</p> | |
| 286 | Environment and Regeneration Capital Programme 2013/14 to 2015/16 – Progress | 286 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources and the Head of Finance on the position of the projects within the Environment and Regeneration Capital Programme.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the Committee note the current position of the Capital Programme 2013/16 and the progress of the specific projects detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report;</p> | |

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(2) that the Committee note the level of slippage in 2013/14 and the action being taken to improve matters in future years; and

(3) that approval be given to the virement of funding from the remaining Knocknairshill Cemetery Phase 5c budget to allow for urgent repairs to the cremators at Greenock Crematorium, currently estimated at £25,000.

287 Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2013/2016 – Annual Review 287

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for those aspects of the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2013/2016 which fall within the remit of the Environment and Regeneration Committee.

Decided: that approval be given to the refreshed Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2013/2016, a copy of which was attached to the report.

288 Inverclyde Regeneration Single Operating Plan – Financials Update 288

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) updating the Committee on recent funding made available for regeneration purposes and (2) on alterations to the spend profiles for projects included in Appendix B of the Inverclyde Economic Development and Regeneration Single Operating Plan 2014-17.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee endorse the amendments to the investment proposals within the Inverclyde Economic Development and Regeneration Single Operating Plan 2014-17 as outlined in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report and note that further reports will be brought forward to update Members on a regular basis; and

(2) that the Committee note that details of spending programmes will be brought forward in relation to the funding allocated for Broomhill/Central Greenock and Port Glasgow.

289 Employability Resources 289

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources identifying and updating the Committee on the planned dispersal and usage of additional funding for employability.

Decided: that the Committee note the planned expenditure and activity in relation to employability.

290 Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009: Public Bodies Duties Action Plan – Year One Progress 290

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources appending a year one progress report on the action plan devised to ensure the Council meets its obligations under Part 4 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the first year update of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009: Public Bodies Duties action plan; and

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(2) that the Committee receive an update on further progress with the plan's implementation in May 2015.

291 Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Wind Turbine Landscape Capacity Study

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) informing the Committee of the publication in March 2014 of the Landscape Capacity Study for Wind Turbine Development in Glasgow and the Clyde Valley and (2) providing details of how it can assist in the determination of the appropriate locations for wind turbines in Inverclyde.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee welcome the publication of the Landscape Capacity Study for Wind Turbine Development in Glasgow and the Clyde Valley and recognise the importance of its findings for the determination of future wind energy applications; and
 (2) that the Committee note the intention to use the study to update Supplementary Guidance on Renewable Energy to accompany the forthcoming adoption of the Local Development Plan.

292 Gourock Pier and Railhead Development – Progress Report

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) updating the Committee on the progress regarding the redevelopment of the Gourock pier and railhead development area and (2) setting out a number of proposals in relation to land purchase and leases.

The Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advised the Committee that Appendix 1 paragraph 5.2 (a) should read "...the areas of land marked A to P on the attached plan..." rather than "...the areas of land marked A to M on the attached plan..."

Decided:

(1) that the Committee delegate authority to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to:

- (a) conclude missives in respect of land transfers and leases as detailed at Appendix 1, the areas of land set out at paragraph 5.2 (a) to include the areas of land marked A to P on the plan at Appendix 2, as necessary to allow the development to proceed;
- (b) take reasonable steps in consultation with the Head of Legal & Property Services and the Head of Finance to ensure Inverclyde Council (IC) is indemnified against any future claim that may arise if the owners of any of the sites marked K, L1, L2, M, N, and O on the plan at Appendix 2 cannot, following reasonable enquiry, be traced;
- (c) incorporate additional road resurfacing works into the Gourock pierhead contract, subject to the works being contained within the overall allocated budget of £5.25m;
- (d) procure and construct additional public realm improvements following consultation with the Central Gourock Redevelopment Working Group on the location of the works;
- (e) if considered appropriate, procure and instruct remedial works to be undertaken to the sea wall provided the costs are contained within the overall Property Maintenance budget allocation;
- (f) conclude missives regarding the acquisition or lease of the area of the site coloured green and marked P on the plan at Appendix 2, on such terms and

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conditions as are recommended by the Head of Legal & Property Services and the Head of Finance, to facilitate IC's revetment works for the sea wall improvements;

- (g) conclude missives regarding the acquisition or lease of the sites coloured green and marked L3 & L4 on the plan at Appendix 2 to facilitate IC's revetment works for the sea wall improvements;
- (2) that the Committee note that Riverside Inverclyde will accept the most economically advantageous tender once all outstanding acquisitions and leases have been resolved; and
- (3) that the Committee remit the revenue implications in relation to additional maintenance obligations to the Policy & Resources Committee for approval.

293 Port Glasgow Strategic Regeneration Project Update

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the progress relating to the development of regeneration projects within Port Glasgow.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note progress to date and that further progress reports will be submitted for Members' information and consideration in due course; and
- (2) that it be noted a meeting of the Port Glasgow Town Centre Members' Working Group will be arranged to review the town centre regeneration strategy in late May/early June 2014.

294 East India and Victoria Harbours Development – Progress Report

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) updating the Committee on the progress regarding the redevelopment of East India and Victoria Harbours and (2) seeking approval for a range of proposals.

Decided: that the Committee delegate authority to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to:

- (1) conclude agreements to the revised masterplan for phasing of development plots and re-phasing the site infrastructure works as outlined in paragraph 5.2 of the report;
- (2) develop and negotiate appropriate agreements with Clydeport and Riverside Inverclyde to procure the implementation of works to establish a seasonal visiting harbour facility in East India Harbour so as to provide a long-term legacy following the Homecoming Muster and Commonwealth Flotilla event in July 2014; and
- (3) provide further updates to the Committee in due course.

295 Greenock Town Centre, Extra Policing – Progress Report

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources in respect of the outputs from the first eleven months of the Greenock Town Centre Policing Initiative agreed by the Council in February 2013.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the interim update prepared by Police Scotland in relation to the extra policing for Greenock Town Centre;
- (2) that the Committee note and welcome the increased targets for 2014/2015 proposed by Police Scotland; and
- (3) that a further update be presented to the Education & Communities Committee, as the Committee with responsibility for community safety, in the autumn of 2014.

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- 296 Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) Update 296**
- There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the progress that has been made to date towards introducing Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) in Inverclyde. The Convener advised during consideration of this item that he intended to convene a special meeting of the Environment & Regeneration Committee at 3pm on 17 June to consider the Reporter's findings.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the progress that has been made to date towards introducing Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) in Inverclyde and the revised implementation date of 6 October 2014; and
- (2) that it be noted a special meeting of the Environment & Regeneration Committee will be arranged to take place during June to consider the Reporter's report and recommendations.
- 297 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No 1 2014 297**
- There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order to accompany the provision of parking bays for the disabled.
- Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No 1 2014 and that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services to arrange for implementation of the Order.
- 298 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Various Locations, Inverclyde (No Stopping) Order 2014 298**
- There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Various Locations, Inverclyde (No Stopping) Order 2014.
- Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Various Locations, Inverclyde (No Stopping) Order 2014 and that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services to arrange for implementation of the Order.
- 299 Street Lighting Strategy - Update 299**
- There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on progress in relation to the proposed Street Lighting Strategy.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the progress being made on a strategy that will embrace new technologies to replace and upgrade street lighting in Inverclyde;
- (2) that the Committee note the progress being made in collaborative working with the Council's partner Councils, Renfrewshire and East Renfrewshire, in developing a joint strategy to include a lighting column condition survey and the development of a business case to replace conventional yellow lamps on street lights with modern white

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light alternatives, which will include LED type lanterns;

(3) that the Committee note the potential savings in energy and maintenance costs, and associated reductions in carbon consumption; and

(4) that it be noted further reports on the Street Lighting Strategy for Inverclyde and the associated business cases will be reported to future meetings of the Committee.

300 Flooding Update

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on (1) the funding bid to the Scottish Government and (2) the proposed way forward for flooding schemes.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the current status of the Council's flooding bid and ongoing discussions with COSLA and the Scottish Government;

(2) that it be noted a revised priority list for flood schemes which can be achieved within the available £1m budget is being prepared and will be reported to Committee for consideration at the earliest opportunity; and

(3) that the Committee note the progress being made in other schemes to reduce flood risk.

301 SPT and Sustrans Grant Funded Projects (2014/16)

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on grant funded projects approved by SPT and Sustrans.

Decided: that the Committee note and approve the SPT and Sustrans approved projects list detailed in paragraphs 5.1 and 5.2 of the report for 2014/15/16.

302 Proposed Statutory Quality Partnership Scheme - Update

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the latest position with regard to the promotion of a Statutory Quality Partnership Scheme (sQPS) with Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) and Transport Scotland (TS) and (2) recommending that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to agree a sQPS in consultation with the relevant officers.

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

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the current position with regard to the promotion of a Statutory Quality Partnership Scheme within Inverclyde; and

(2) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to negotiate the Statutory Quality Partnership Scheme for Inverclyde in consultation with the Head of Legal & Property Services and the Head of Finance.

303 Kerbside Glass Collection Service – Update

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising the Committee of the position in respect of the proposed kerbside glass collection service.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the contents of the report, including the funding allocated

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to and timescales involved in the roll out of the kerbside glass collection service; and
 (2) that it be remitted to the Policy & Resources Committee to return the £24,000 budget not required due to the delay in implementing kerbside glass recycling to the Contingency Earmarked Reserve for future re-allocation.

304 Commercial Waste Proposals**304**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012 which came into force on 1 January 2014 requiring businesses to make provision to recycle commercial waste and (2) updating the Committee in respect of the introduction of charges to charities.

(Councillor Dorrian returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the content of the report and the steps taken to ensure that the Council and its customers are complying with the Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012; and

(2) that the Committee note the introduction of charges to charities from 1 October 2014.

305 Parks Management Rules: Civic Government (Scotland) Act**305**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the present position in respect of the proposed management rules for Inverclyde's parks.

Decided: that the Committee note the present position with regard to the proposed management rules for Inverclyde's parks and that a further report will be submitted to the Committee before the summer recess after further engagement with remaining objectors.

306 February 2014 Budget – Approved Projects**306**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on proposals for projects funded from free reserves approved as part of the February 2014 budget and not reported elsewhere.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee approve the proposals for play areas as detailed in Section 5 of the report;

(2) that the Committee note the proposals for the modular toilet at Gourock Park Walled Garden;

(3) that the Committee endorse the proposed key actions outlined in Section 7 of the report to improve the performance in the area of roads defects management and note that updates on progress will be reported twice yearly to Committee through the Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan; and

(4) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to adopt all or part of the proposals highlighted in Section 7 of the report to deliver improvements in the overall performance in the management of roads defects and to ensure full spend of the additional funds earmarked for pothole defects, conventional patching and minor drainage works within the period 2014/16.

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307 Development of Gourock Municipal Buildings – Progress Report 307

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the progress of the redevelopment of Gourock Municipal Buildings and (2) seeking approval for a range of proposals.

Decided: that consideration of the matter be continued for a further report on the reuse of Gourock Municipal Buildings including the viability of visitor/heritage centre, library and Customer Service Hub uses.

308 District Court and Offices - Redevelopment 308

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for the refurbishment of the District Court and associated office accommodation.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve Option 2 as set out in the report as the project for the refurbishment of the District Court and associated offices; and
- (2) that it be noted a report will be brought forward in due course in respect of the use of the District Court as a potential venue for marriages by the Registrar as well as part of a tourist experience in the Municipal Buildings.

309 Dalrymple House – Demolition and Formation of Car Park 309

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the proposal to demolish Dalrymple House following its closure and to utilise the site as a car park.

Decided: that approval be given to the demolition of Dalrymple House and the creation of a permanent car park as set out in Option 4 within the report and the funding route identified in paragraph 6.1.

310 CHCP Offices, Former Library Building, Clyde Square – New Name 310

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending a new name for the former Library Headquarters building in Clyde Square, Greenock following a period of public consultation.

Decided: that approval be given to the name Hector McNeil House for the former library building in Clyde Square, Greenock when it re-opens as the main offices for Community Health & Care Partnership services.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as are set opposite each item.

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| Item | Paragraph(s) |
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| Proposed Transfer of Site of Craigend Resource Centre | 2, 6 & 9 |
| Appendices 1 & 2 relative to Agenda Item 9 | 6 & 9 |
| Lease of Premises – John Wood Street, Port Glasgow | 2, 6 & 9 |
| Property Assets Management Report | 2, 6 & 9 |

311 Proposed Transfer of Site of Craigend Resource Centre 311

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a proposal to transfer the site of the Craigend Resource Centre and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the Appendix.

312 Appendices 1 & 2 relative to Agenda Item 9 312

There were submitted Appendices 1 & 2 relative to Agenda Item 9 (Gourock Pier and Railhead Development – Progress Report) providing details of proposals relating to land purchase.

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313 Lease of Premises – John Wood Street, Port Glasgow 313

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to grant a lease of premises at John Wood Street, Port Glasgow and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the Appendix.

314 Property Assets Management Report 314

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. Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the actions recommended in respect of (1) premises at Nicolson Street, Greenock, (2) premises at Port Glasgow Road, Greenock, (3) land at Baker's Brae, Greenock and (4) premises at Dalrymple Street, Greenock, all as detailed in the Appendix.

315 Mr Andrew Gerrard 315

The Convener referred to the forthcoming retirement of Mr Andrew Gerrard, Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management, and expressed thanks to him for his help and assistance over the years and, on behalf of the Committee, wished him a long and happy retirement.