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Date: 28 May 2014

A meeting of The Inverclyde Council will be held on Thursday 5 June 2014 at 4pm within the Municipal Buildings, Greenock.

GERARD MALONE Head of Legal and Property Services

Prior to the commencement of business, opening prayer will be offered by Rev A Sorensen

BUSINESS

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CONTINUED BUSINESS

3 Greenock Arts Guild Board - Vacancy Report by Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources

NEW BUSINESS

4 Local Authority Workfare Pledge – Motion by Councillor Clocherty Report by Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources





- Plaque Commemorating Kincaid's Workers Request from Councillor Rebecchi Report by Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources
- Administrative Arrangements: Cycle of Council, Committee, Sub-Committee and Board Meetings Report by Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources
- 7 Update of Financial Strategy 2014/2022
 Report by Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources

REMITS FROM COMMITTEES

- Proposed Traffic Regulation Order Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On Street) Order No.1 2014

 Report by Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources
- 9 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order The Inverclyde Various Locations, Inverclyde (No Stopping) Order 2014 Report by Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources

The documentation relative to the following item has been treated as exempt information in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, the nature of the exempt information being that set out in the paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as detailed in the minute of the relevant Committee, Sub-Committee or Board.

NEW BUSINESS

10. Business in the Appendix

Enquiries to - Rona McGhee - Tel 01475 712113

APPOINTMENT PANEL - HEAD OF ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, HUMAN RESOURCES AND COMMUNICATIONS - 1 APRIL 2014

Appointment Panel - Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources and Communications

Tuesday 1 April 2014 at 10am

Present: Councillor K Brooks, Mr J Mundell, Chief Executive, Mr A Fawcett, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources and Mrs P Cassidy, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development.

Present also: Mr A Wilson, HR Manager (Adviser to Panel).

Chair: Mr Mundell presided.

Apologies: Councillor McCabe.

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

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

235 Shortlisting and Arrangements for Interview of Applicants - Post of Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources and Communications

There were submitted copies of applications from 27 candidates for the post of Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources and Communications.

The Panel decided to call a shortlist of five candidates for interview, all as detailed in the appendix and thereafter to make an appointment.

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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).

236 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

Approved on the motion of Provost Moran.

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

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 McIlwee	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	251
	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.	

252 Greenock Arts Guild Board - Resignation of Councillor Brennan

252

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

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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

254

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 Numbers

255

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 Inverclyde Council that there should be no increase in its Councillor numbers which should remain at 20.

256	Kindred Clubs of P	ort Glasgow -	Toll Boys'	Memorial
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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 Support from Invercive Council

257

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 2014/15 - 2016/17 - Remit from Policy & Resources Committee

258

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

259

Prison Visiting Committee)

There was submitted Appendix 1 relative to Agenda Item 6 providing information on the proposed replacement Member.

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.	

AUDIT COMMITTEE - 22 APRIL 2014

Audit Committee

Tuesday 22 April 2014 at 3pm

Present: Provost Moran, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, Dorrian, Jones, Loughran, MacLeod and Nelson.

Chair: Councillor Nelson presided.

In attendance: Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Head of Legal & Property Services, Chief Internal Auditor, Mr M Thomson (for Head of Finance), Mr K Lang (for Head of Environmental & Commercial Services) and Ms G Murphy (Legal & Property Services).

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

263 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

264 Risk Management Progress Report

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising Members on the progress made on Risk Management since the meeting of the Committee on 22 October 2013.

Noted

265 External Audit Action Plans - Current Actions

265

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 28 February 2014.

Noted

266 Internal Audit Progress Report - 3 February to 28 March 2014

266

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 3 February to 28 March 2014.

- (1) that the Committee note the content of the report; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee detailing the client assessment process.

AUDIT COMMITTEE - 22 APRIL 2014

267	Internal	Audit A	∆nnual	Audit	Plan	2014.	2015
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There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources presenting the Internal Audit Annual Plan for 2014-2015. **Decided:** that the Internal Audit Annual Plan for 2014-2015 be approved.

268 Review of Audit Committee Effectiveness

268

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising Members of the need to carry out a review of the effectiveness of the Audit Committee.

- (1) that the requirement for a review of the effectiveness of the Audit Committee be noted; and
- (2) that an externally facilitated self assessment be carried out during 2014-2015.

APPOINTMENT PANEL - HEAD OF ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, HUMAN RESOURCES AND COMMUNICATIONS - 23 APRIL 2014

Appointment Panel - Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources and Communications

Wednesday 23 April 2014 at 8.30am

Present: Councillors S McCabe, T Loughran and K Brooks, Mr J Mundell, Chief Executive (Chair), Mr A Fawcett, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources and Mrs P Cassidy, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development.

Present also: Mr A Wilson, HR Manager and Mr D Parr (Advisers to Panel).

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

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

269 Appointment of Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources and Communications

269

The Panel interviewed five candidates and agreed to appoint Mr Steven McNab to the post of Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources and Communications, all as detailed in the Appendix.

Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership Sub-Committee

Thursday 24 April 2014 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors V Jones, K Brooks (for J MacLeod), S McCabe, J McIlwee and L Rebecchi (Inverclyde Council); Mr K Winter, Non-Executive Director, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health Board; Ms D McCrone, Staff Partnership Forum; Mrs N McFadden, Public Partnership Forum; 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, Service Manager, Rehabilitation & Enablement, Acting Service Manager, Children & Families, Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms L Bairden (for Head of Finance) 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.

270 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

270

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor MacLeod, with Councillor Brooks substituting.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

271 Next Meeting

271

It was agreed, subject to approval of the committee timetable for 2014/15 by the Inverclyde Council on 5 June 2014, that the meeting scheduled for 28 August 2014 should be the annual meeting of the Health & Social Care Committee, required under Order 7.4.1 of the Council's Scheme of Administration.

272 Community Health & Care Partnership – Financial Report 2013/14 as at Period 11 to 28 February 2014

272

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 11 to 28 February 2014.

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the current year Revenue Budget and projected underspend of £47,000 for 2013/14 as at 28 February 2014;
- (2) that the Sub-Committee note that the Social Work Capital position is projected to budget at £183,000 in the current year and is on target over the life of the projects and that the Health Capital position is projected to budget at £167,000;
- (3) that the current earmarked reserves position be noted; and
- (4) that the position on prescribing be noted.

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273 Workforce Monitoring Report

273

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership providing information on workforce issues and developments including progress in terms of workforce targets.

Decided: that the report and progress made towards workforce targets be noted.

274 Caladh House (Turning Point Scotland) – Residential Care Service Inspection

274

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership on the outcome of the first Care Inspection of Caladh House (TPS) since the assignation of the contract for the provision of residential care to Turning Point Scotland on 17 December 2012. The report advised that the inspection provided grades of 5 across all themes, indicating an overall "very good" quality of service.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the Care Inspectorate initial inspection of Caladh House (TPS) on 27 and 29 October 2013 and acknowledge the work undertaken by TPS in improving the care and support provided to residents; and
- (2) that the Sub-Committee's congratulations be extended to all management and staff for the work undertaken to achieve the evaluation.

275 Inspection of the Respite Unit, Hillend Centre

275

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership on the outcome of the inspection conducted by the Care Inspectorate in relation to the respite unit at the Hillend Centre which provided grades of 5 across all themes indicating an overall "very good" quality of service.

Decided:

- (1) that the outcome of the inspection be noted; and
- (2) that the Sub-Committee's congratulations be extended to all management and staff for the work undertaken to achieve the evaluation.

276 Residential Children's Units

276

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership providing an update on the timeframe and finance proposals in respect of the reprovision of Inverclyde Council's Children's Residential Services.

Decided: that agreement be given to the replacement of Neil Street and Crosshill Children's Units with two 6-bed houses built to the same template as Kylemore Children's Unit, to be undertaken in two phases and within the timescales detailed in the report.

277 NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Director of Public Health Report 2013

277

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership providing a summary of the recently published Director of Public Health Report 2013 – Building Momentum for Change.

Decided:

(1) that the Sub-Committee note the publication of the 2013 NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Director of Public Health Report, Building Momentum for Change; and

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(2) that support be given to the recommendations for action by NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde to reduce the adverse health impact of poverty and disadvantage.

278 Review of Out of Hours Service Provider Arrangements

278

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership (1) on the current position regarding the proposal to review out of hours service provider arrangements and (2) highlighting how this work will generate options for collaboration across service areas to increase efficiency and effectiveness of responses and also options for the ways in which the CHCP uses the West of Scotland Standby Service at the end of the new contract period of four years in 2017/18.

Decided: that the Sub-Committee note the intention to undertake a review of service inputs in the out of hours period and support the plan to create an options report for consideration across all services.

279 Redesign of the West of Scotland Standby Social Work Service

279

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership (1) on the progress of the redesign of the West of Scotland Standby Social Work Service and (2) making recommendations on the future service model for out of hours Social Work Services.

Decided:

- (1) that the Service Level Agreement to contract Glasgow and Partners Emergency Social Work Services to deliver Social Work Services on behalf of Inverclyde Council be approved; and
- (2) that it be noted that an initial report on the wider review of out of hours services which is about to commence will be reported to the Corporate Director in July 2014.

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)

Governance of CHCP Commissioned External 3 & 6

Organisations

Curators Ad Litem and Reporting Officers (Panels) 6

(Scotland) Regulations 2001

280 Governance of CHCP Commissioned External Organisations

280

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership appending information on the CHCP governance process for externally commissioned services.

Decided: that the governance information appended to the report be noted.

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281 Curators Ad Litem and Reporting Officers (Panels) (Scotland) Regulations 2001

281

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of the reappointment of individuals previously appointed by the Council to serve as Curators Ad Litem and Reporting Officers for proceedings in the Sheriff Court.

- (1) that agreement be given to the reappointment of the Curators Ad Litem and Reporting Officers listed in the appendix to the report for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2017; and
- (2) that authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to approve any further appointments of Curators ad Litem and Reporting Officers to 30 June 2017 as necessary, subject to the applicants meeting the criteria set out in the report.

GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE - TUESDAY 29 APRIL 2014

Grants Sub-Committee

Tuesday 29 April 2014 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Campbell-Sturgess, Dorrian, McColgan, McIlwee, Shepherd and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor McColgan presided.

In attendance: Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Service Manager - Community Learning & Development, Mr M Bingham (for Corporate Communications Manager) and Mr N Duffy (for Head of Legal & Property Services).

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

282 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

283 Round 1 Applications 2014 - 2015

283

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development giving details of applications received for consideration for funding from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Budget in 2014-2015.

Decided: that grants be made to voluntary organisations as follows:

Group	Award
Greenock Light Opera Club	£500
Inverclyde Pipes & Drums	£500
Grosvenor Bowling Club	£2,000*
Lady Alice Bowling Club	Nil
Port Glasgow Bowling Club	£2,000*
Rankin Park Bowling Club	£1,500*
Renfrewshire Bowling Association under 25s	Nil
Wellington Park Bowling Club	£1,500
Auchmountain Glen Project	£1,000
Broomhill Tenants and Residents Association	£2,000*
Caddlehill Allotment Gardens	£1,000
Eastern View Residents' Association (EVRA)	£500
Gateside Residential Association	£500*
Greenock Torpedo Factory Club	Nil
Port Glasgow East Community Council	£500*
Prospecthill Community Focus	£2,000*
St Columba's High School Parent Council	£755
Weir Street Residents Group	£500*
The Port Glasgow, Creative, Health, Arts, Recreation,	£300*
Management Group (CHARM)	
The Ripe Bunch	£1,000
Ardgowan Tennis Club	Nil

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Fort Matilda Tennis Club	£4,000*
Greenock & District Angling Club	£500
Greenock & District Welfare Football Association	£500*
Greenock Amateur Boxing Club	£4,000*
Greenock High School Former Pupils AFC	NIL
Waterfront Ice Skating Club	Defer
Auchmountain Community Resource Centre	£5,000
1 st Gourock (CDO) 6 th Greenock & District Scout Group	Nil
Financial Fitness Resource Team	Nil
Kilmacolm Horticultural Society	£500
The Macular Disease Society - Inverclyde Group	£500
G&D Explorer Belt	£1,000*

Organisation	14-15	15-16	16-17
Lady Alice Bowling Club	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000
Inverclyde Autistic Support Group	£9,000*		
(IASG)			
Victim Support	£5,000*		
Gourock Garden Party Committee	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000
Wellington Pre-5 Nursery Playgroup &	Nil	Nil	Nil
Out of School Care			
Port Glasgow Boys' Club (All)	Defer		
Sport Inverclyde	£5,000*		
St Andrew's BC 97S	Defer		
Branchton Community Centre	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000
Association			
Girl Guiding Greenock Division	£6,000	£6,000	£6,000
Greenock & District Scout Council	£7,000*		
Inverclyde Christian Initiative	Reject		
Inverclyde Feral Cats	£500		
Inverclyde Foodbank - Elim	£2,000*	£2,000*	£2,000*
Pentecostal Church			
Inverclyde Voluntary Council of Social	£56,800*		
Service			
MindMosaic Counselling and Therapy	Nil	Nil	Nil
Port Glasgow Voluntary Trans-Port	£5,062*		
Group			

Organisation	14-15	15-16	16-17
Greenock Philharmonic Society	£500	£500	£500
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Arts and Singing) SCIO			
Inverclyde Juvenile Pipe Band	£500*	£500*	£500*
Inverclyde Music Festival Association	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000
Hillend Bowling Club	£1,500	£1,500	£1,500
Parklea Bowling Club	£1,500	£1,500	£1,500
Children in Poverty Inverclyde	Defer		
Inverclyde Family Contact Centre	£1,000*		

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Belville Community Association	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000
Larkfield Braeside Branchton	£1,000*		
Community Council			
Silver Line Dancers	£500*		
Kidston Kids	£1,500*	£1,500*	£1,500*
Gourock Youth Athletic Club	Defer		
Greenock Amateur Boxing Club	£1,500*		
Greenock Hockey Club	£1,000*		
Inverclyde Amateur Swimming Club	£1,000*		
Inverclyde Globe Trotters	£750	£750	£750
Inverclyde Phoenix American Football	Defer		
Club			
49F Greenock (Macrobert's Reply)	Withdrawn		
Squadron, Air Training Corps			
Action on Hearing Loss Scotland	Nil	Nil	Nil
Gourock Business Club	£750*	£750*	£750*
Gourock Horticultural Society	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
Inverclyde Naval Club	£2,000*		
Wellington Allotment Gardens	Defer		
Inverclyde Youth for Christ	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000

^{*} Conditional

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).

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284 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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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.

No declarations of interests were intimated.

285 Environment and Regeneration Revenue Budget 2013/14 - Period 11 to 285 28 February 2014

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.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £215,000 for 2013/14 as at 28 February 2014; and
- (2) that approval be given to the virement as detailed in Appendix 4 to the report.

286 Environment and Regeneration Capital Programme 2013/14 to 2015/16 – Progress 286

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.

- (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 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

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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

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.

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

292

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...".

- (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 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

293

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

294

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

295

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.

296 Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) Update

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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 Inverciyde 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 Inverciyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverciyde Various Locations, Inverciyde (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

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on progress in relation to the proposed Street Lighting Strategy.

- (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 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

300

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)

301

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

302

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 Invercive; 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

303

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 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 parching and minor drainage works within the period 2014/16.

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.

	Item	Paragraph(s)	
	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 Corpo Regeneration & Resources on a proposal to transfer the si Centre and the Committee agreed to the action recomme Appendix.	te of the Craigend Resource	
312	Appendices 1 & 2 relative to Agenda Item 9		312
	There were submitted Appendices 1 & 2 relative to Agend Railhead Development – Progress Report) providing details purchase. Noted	•	
313	Lease of Premises – John Wood Street, Port Glasgow		313
	There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director E Resources seeking approval to grant a lease of premises Glasgow and the Committee agreed to the action recomm Appendix.	at John Wood Street, Port	
314	Property Assets Management Report		314
	There was submitted a report by the Acting Corpo Regeneration & Resources on activities and proposals Council's property assets. Following consideration, the actions recommended in respect of (1) premises at (2) premises at Port Glasgow Road, Greenock, (3) land at (4) premises at Dalrymple Street, Greenock, all as detailed	for the management of the Committee agreed to the Nicolson Street, Greenock, Baker's Brae, Greenock and	
315	Mr Andrew Gerrard		315
	The Convener referred to the forthcoming retirement of N Property Assets & Facilities Management, and expressed the assistance over the years and, on behalf of the Commit	nanks to him for his help and	

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Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Tuesday 6 May 2014 at 2pm

Present: Councillors Brennan, Brooks, MacLeod (for 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 & Property Services).

In attendance also: Chief Superintendent Alan Speirs, Chief Inspector Elliott Brown and Detective Superintendent Jim Downie, Police Scotland, Group Manager Paul Nelis (for Area Manager Paul Tanzilli) and Station Manager Ned Galloway, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

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

316 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

316

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Campbell-Sturgess, with Councillor MacLeod substituting, and Councillor Wilson.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted Inverciyde Local Policing Plan and Performance Report were relevant, competent and urgent moved their consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Committee to consider the Plan and performance information at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.

317 Inverclyde Local Policing Plan 2014-2017

317

There was submitted Local Policing Plan for Inverclyde covering the period 2014-2017. **Decided:** that the Inverclyde Local Policing Plan 2014-2017 be approved.

318 Inverclyde Local Policing Area - Performance Report 1 April 2013 - 31 March 2014

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There was submitted performance report for the Inverclyde Local Policing Area covering the period 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014.

Noted

319 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service - Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Inverclyde 2014-2017

319

There was submitted Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Inverclyde covering the period 2014-2017.

Decided: that the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Inverciyde 2014-2017 be approved.

LOCAL POLICE & FIRE SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE - 6 MAY 2014

320 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Report

320

There was submitted Scottish Fire and Rescue Service report on Fire and Rescue performance and activities during the fourth quarter (January-March 2013/14) together with the February ward performance report.

Noted

Education and Communities Committee

Tuesday 6 May 2014 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, Loughran, McCabe, McColgan, McEleny, McIlwee, Shepherd and Wilson, Rev A MacLean, Rev F Donaldson and Father M McMahon, Church Representatives, Mr R Thomson, Parent Representative and Mr T Tracey, Teacher Representative.

Present also: Councillor MacLeod.

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 & Property Services), Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Community Safety and Wellbeing Manager, Health Protection Service Manager, Ms G Bond (Education Services), Head of Education, Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy, Ms L Wilkie, Quality Improvement Manager, Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management, Service Manager, School Estate 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.

321 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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322

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Councillor McEleny declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 (Scheme of Assistance - Review) and Councillor Campbell-Sturgess declared an interest in Agenda Item 6 (A Framework for Sport in Inverciyde - Update).

322 Communities 2013/14 Revenue Budget Report - Period 11 to 28 February 2014 and Capital Report 2013/16 - Progress

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 11 to 28 February 2014 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 £108,000 for the 2013/14 Revenue Budget as at Period 11 to 28 February 2014; and
- (2) that the progress of the projects forming the Communities Capital Programme 2013/16 be noted.

323 Pitch and School Lets Outstanding Debts as at 31 January 2014

323

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance and Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising the Committee of the level of outstanding debts for pitch and school lets as at Period 10 to 31 January 2014.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the historical debt of £9,145 for pitch and school lets invoices raised prior to April 2010 by Inverclyde Council; and
- (2) that the Committee note the current outstanding debt of £42,490 for invoices raised by Inverclyde Leisure since April 2010.

324 Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report

324

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:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress to date and agree that further progress updates be submitted to future meetings of the Committee; and
- (2) that a report providing a breakdown of the costs involved in the regeneration project be submitted to the Committee.

325 Scheme of Assistance - Review

325

There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities seeking approval of the Council's revised Scheme of Assistance statement required by Section 72 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006.

Councillor McEleny declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Member of the Board of River Clyde Homes. 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: that approval be given to the revised Scheme of Assistance set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

326 A Framework for Sport in Inverciyde - Update

326

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval of the final draft of the Inverclyde Sports Framework and the establishment of a steering group to oversee implementation of the Framework.

Councillor Campbell-Sturgess declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Member of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure. 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.

- (1) that approval be given to the final draft of the Sports Framework;
- (2) that it be agreed that Council policy in relation to sport in Inverclyde be guided by the priorities and outcomes of the Framework;
- (3) that agreement be given to the continuation of the Sports Framework Development Group as a steering group to oversee implementation of the Framework in Inverclyde; and
- (4) that a progress report be submitted to the Committee on an annual basis.

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval for the site of the third Community Sports Hub in Inverclyde.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the siting of the third Community Sports Hub in Gourock;
- (2) that a more detailed report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee on the operation of Sports Hubs and the benefits arising from these; and
- (3) that a presentation on the subject be made to Elected Members.

328 Update on Policy on Waivers to Let - Football

328

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on proposed changes to the rules applied to the free use of pitches for under 19 teams.

Decided: that approval be given to the allocation rules detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

329 Construction Licensing Executive

329

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval for the Trading Standards Service to promote the Construction Licensing Executive to local businesses and consumers.

Decided: that approval be given to the promotion of the Construction Licensing Executive to businesses and consumers in Inverclyde.

330 Greenock Town Centre Extra Policing - Progress Report

330

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing information relative to the Greenock Town Centre Policing Initiative agreed by the Council in February 2013.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the content 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 it be agreed that a further update be submitted to the Committee in autumn 2014.

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 - Structural Conditions Update	6 and 13
Development of Inverkip Community Facility - Progress	6 and 8
Proposed Transfer of Site of Craigend Resource Centre	2, 6 and 9

Prior to consideration of the undernoted items of business, the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development made a statement on the current legal correspondence with Port Glasgow Juniors Football Club.

Councillor McEleny declared an interest in this matter as a former Port Glasgow Juniors Football Club player. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber.

The Committee noted the position as set out in the statement.

331 Clune Park Regeneration Plan - Structural Conditions Update

331

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 2 to the report;
- (2) that it be noted that a short term working group has been set up with relevant Council services and external partners to address the re-housing needs of the owner-occupiers and tenants in the Clune Park area;
- (3) that the Committee note the consideration of the use of compulsory purchase powers as referred to in paragraph 6.2 of the report in respect of the acquisition of all 45 tenements in the Clune Park area; and
- (4) that approval be given to the awarding of financial assistance to eligible owneroccupiers in the Clune Park area under the Council's powers to advance wellbeing as detailed in paragraph 6.3.

332 Development of Inverkip Community Facility - Progress Report

332

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) on the progress regarding the development of Inverkip Community Facility and (2) seeking approval in relation to a number of matters which the Committee agreed, all as detailed in the appendix.

333 Proposed Transfer of Site of Craigend Resource Centre

333

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development 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.

The Committee commenced consideration of the Education items of business at 4.55pm with Rev McLean, Rev Donaldson, Father McMahon, Mr Thomson and Mr Tracey joining the meeting.

334 Education Scotland Inspection Report on Notre Dame High School

334

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the results of the Education Scotland external evaluation of Notre Dame High School. The report advised that in the indicators of quality, 2 aspects of the school had been judged to be "very good" and 3 aspects to be "good". Mr Grant McGovern, Head Teacher, was present and spoke in relation to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the Education Scotland Inspection Report on Notre Dame High School; and
- (2) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all staff, pupils and parents for the work undertaken to achieve the evaluation.

335 Education 2013/14 Revenue Budget - Period 11 to 28 February 2014

335

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 11 to 28 February 2014 which projected an underspend, excluding earmarked reserves, of £81,000.

Decided: that the Committee note the projected underspend of £81,000 for the Education Revenue Budget as at Period 11 to 28 February 2014.

336 Education Capital Programme 2013-2015/16 - Progress

336

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.

337 Update on Progress with the Implementation of Curriculum for Excellence

337

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.

- (1) that the Committee note the ongoing progress being made with the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence in Invercive;
- (2) that a report on numeracy be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee; and
- (3) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development to review the S4 study leave arrangements for the 2014 exam diet.

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the School Estate and the Core Facts return for 2014.

(Mr Tracey left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

During the course of discussion on this item, the Convener referred to the imminent retiral of Mr Andrew Gerrard, Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management. He paid tribute to Mr Gerrard's many years of service to the Council, making particular reference to his work on the School Estate. On behalf of the Committee, he conveyed his best wishes to Mr Gerrard for a long and happy retirement.

Decided: that the report be noted.

339 General Teaching Council for Scotland - Professional Update

339

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing information on Professional Update which will be a responsibility of all teachers in Inverclyde from August 2014.

(Mr Tracey returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

- (1) that the progress being made with the preparation for Professional Update which comes into effect in August 2014 be noted; and
- (2) that regular progress reports on the implementation of Professional Update be submitted to the Committee.

340 Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) - Academic Year 2014/15

340

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising the Committee of the continuation of the grant from the Scottish Government for the purposes of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) Scotland programme.

Decided: that the report be noted.

341 Admissions and Placing Requests for Primary 1 and Secondary 1 Pupils in School Session 2014/15

341

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing the Committee with the details of the decisions agreed by the Pupil Placement Panel relating to admissions and placing requests for school session 2014/15 affecting Primary 1 and Secondary 1 pupils.

Decided: that the Committee note the admissions and placing requests granted for the school session 2014/15.

342 600 Hours for 2 Year Olds from Workless Households

342

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing (1) details of the development of provision of childcare to 2 year olds from workless households from August 2014 and (2) information on the resource requirements and financial implications of the increase in entitlement.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the model for delivery of 600 hours of provision for children from workless households as of August 2014 subject to funding from the Scottish Government:
- (2) that it be agreed that vulnerable children continue to be prioritised for placements;
- (3) that it be agreed that there is no longer a requirement to review provision in the east end of Greenock:
- (4) that the financial commitments as detailed in the report be agreed; and
- (5) that it be noted that a further report detailing developments for 2015 will be submitted to the Committee in September 2014.

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.

343 School Transport Contracts (Mainstream) - Result of Tenders for Contracts 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18

343

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval to accept tenders for mainstream school transport contracts due for renewal from the start of school session 2014/15.

Decided: that approval be given to the acceptance of the tenders as set out in Appendix 1 for mainstream school transport contracts due for renewal from the start of school session 2014/15.

LOCAL REVIEW BODY - 7 MAY 2014

Local Review Body

Wednesday 7 May 2014 at 4pm

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

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

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

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

344 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

344

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

345 CONTINUED PLANNING APPLICATION FOR REVIEW

345

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), consideration of which had been continued from the meeting held on 5 March 2014 for an unaccompanied site inspection.

After discussion, Provost Moran moved:-

- (1) that sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and
- (2) that the application for review be upheld and that planning permission be granted subject to the condition that the nursery, hereby approved, shall not operate outwith the hours 08.00 to 17.30, to prevent early morning and evening disturbance and to safeguard residential amenity and character.

As an amendment, Councillor Nelson moved:-

- (1) that sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and
- (2) that the application for review be dismissed and that planning permission be refused (upholding the appointed officer's determination) as the proposal shall introduce noise and activity between the hours of 07.30 and 18.00 in a predominantly residential area, to the detriment of nearby residents and the overall character of the area and contrary to policies H1 and H9 of the Local Plan and policy RES1 of the proposed Local Development Plan, as set out in the Decision Notice dated 19 November 2013.

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

Decided:

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

LOCAL REVIEW BODY - 7 MAY 2014

subject to the condition that the nursery, hereby approved, shall not operate outwith the hours 08.00 to 17.30, to prevent early morning and evening disturbance and to safeguard residential amenity and character.

346 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

346

(a) Alterations to design of detached dwellinghouse and formation of garage/car port (variation to consent 13/0246/IC):

Former ARP Station, Lochwinnoch Road, Kilmacolm (14/0005/IC)

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review of the refusal of planning permission for alterations to design of detached dwellinghouse and formation of garage/car port (variation to consent 13/0246/IC) at the former ARP Station, Lochwinnoch Road, Kilmacolm (14/0005/IC).

Decided:

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

(b) Erection of conservatory: Langrigs, Gryffe Road, Kilmacolm (13/0314/IC)

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review of the condition imposed on the planning permission granted for the erection of a conservatory at Langrigs, Gryffe Road, Kilmacolm (13/0314/IC).

After discussion, Councillor Loughran moved:-

- (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 & Property Services in consultation with the Chair.

As an amendment, Councillor Nelson moved:-

- (1) that sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and
- (2) that the application for review be upheld and the condition be deleted.

On a vote, 2 Members voted for the motion and 3 for the amendment which was declared carried.

Decided:

- (1) that sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and
- (2) that the application for review be upheld and that condition 1 of the planning permission granted in terms of the Decision Notice dated 23 December 2013 be deleted.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 14 MAY 2014

General Purposes Board

Wednesday 14 May 2014 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Dorrian, Loughran, McColgan, McCormick, McIlwee, Nelson, Rebecchi and Shepherd.

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Chief Inspector Brown, Sergeant Fitzpatrick, Police Scotland.

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

347 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

347

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Brooks, Grieve, Jones and Campbell-Sturgess. Councillor Nelson substituting for Councillor Brooks, Councillor Shepherd substituting for Councillor Grieve and Councillor McCormick substituting for Councillor Jones.

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

348 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Michael Kavanagh

348

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services for the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Kavanagh following a Police representation.

Mr Kavanagh was present.

The Board heard Sergeant Fitzpatrick in support of the Police representation and Mr Kavanagh in support of his application.

Following discussion Councillor Dorrian moved grant of the application which was unanimously agreed.

Decided: the application be granted.

349 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Graeme Cleisham

349

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services for the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Cleisham following a Police representation.

Mr Cleisham was present.

The Board heard Sergeant Fitzpatrick in support of the Police representation and Mr Cleisham in support of his application.

Following a discussion Councillor Nelson moved grant of the application which was unanimously agreed.

Decided: the application be granted.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 14 MAY 2014

350 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Alan Forbes

350

There was submitted report by the Head of Legal & Property Services for the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Forbes following a Police objection.

Mr Forbes was present.

The Board heard Sergeant Fitzpatrick in support of the Police objection and Mr Forbes in support of his application.

Decided: the application be refused (unanimous)

351 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence – Greig Lilly

351

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to consider the suspension of a Taxi Driver's Licence to Mr Lilly and also to consider his renewal application.

Mr Lilly was not present.

Mr Douglas advised the Board on the background of the immediate suspension and renewal application. He also advised on the current medical report.

Decided: unanimously

- (i) to uphold the immediate suspension;
- (ii) the application for renewal be refused;
- (iii) to grant a Direction that Mr Lilly may apply for a Taxi Driver's Licence within one year; and
- (iv) the application fee for renewal be waived successfully passing relevant medical examination and said application being made within one year of even date.



AGENDA ITEM NO: 3

Report To: The Inverclyde Council Date: 5 June 2014

Report By: Acting Corporate Director Report No: SL/LA/1172/14

Environment, Regeneration &

Contact Officer: Sharon Lang Contact 01475 712112

No:

Subject: Greenock Arts Guild Board - Vacancy

Resources

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to request the Council to consider appointing a Member to the Board of Greenock Arts Guild following the resignation of Councillor Brennan. The other Board Member is Councillor Wilson.

1.2 This matter was originally considered by the Council on 10 April 2014 when it was agreed to continue consideration to the meeting on 5 June. In view of the intended date of a Board meeting and the necessity of the Council considering the outcome, it is recommended that this matter be deferred to the special meeting of the Council to be held on 19 June.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 The Council is asked to note the position and defer consideration of the matter to the special meeting of the Council to be held on 19 June.



AGENDA ITEM NO: 4

Report To: The Inverclyde Council Date:

Date: 5 June 2014

RMcG/LA/1173/14

Report By: Acting Corporate Director

Rona McGhee

Environment, Regeneration &

Resources

Contact 01475 712113

No:

Report No:

Subject: Local Authority Workfare Pledge – Motion by Councillor Clocherty

1.0 PURPOSE

Contact Officer:

1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask the Council to consider a motion by Councillor Clocherty, countersigned by Councillor McIlwee, which has been submitted in accordance with Standing Order 22. A copy of the motion is attached as **appendix 1.**

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 The motion proposes that the Council pledges not to use any workfare placements and encourages contractors not to use workfare schemes.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 The Council is asked to consider the motion by Councillor Clocherty.

Rona McGhee Legal & Property Services

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 The background is as set out in the attached motion by Councillor Clocherty (appendix 1).

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments

Legal

5.2 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

Human Resources

5.3 There are no HR implications arising from this report.

Equalities

5.4 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

Repopulation

5.5 There are no repopulation implications arising from this report.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 The Acting Head of Organisational Development, HR & Communications and the Head of Regeneration & Planning have been consulted and advise that the Council has not engaged any persons under the Workfare Programme.

The Council cannot force appointed contractors not to utilise the Workfare Programme and cannot make this mandatory. The Council will, however, continue to encourage all contractors to maximise training and employment opportunities for local residents and to pay at least the Living Wage.

7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

Local Authority workfare pledge

This council believes that work should pay and therefore opposes the introduction of schemes which force job seekers into unpaid work or face losing their benefits – schemes known popularly as *workfare*.

This council is concerned that there is no evidence workfare assists job seekers in finding work and in fact working a 30-hour week makes that more difficult; that workfare is replacing paid work; and that workfare stigmatises benefits claimants and locks them further into poverty.

This council pledges not to use any workfare placements and will also encourage contractors not to use the schemes.



AGENDA ITEM NO: 5

Report To: The Inverclyde Council Date: 5 June 2014

Report By: Acting Corporate Director Report No: LA/1171/14

Environment, Regeneration &

Resources

Contact Officer: Helena Couperwhite Contact 01475 712111

No:

Subject: Plaque Commemorating Kincaid's Workers

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider a request from Councillor Rebecchi to have a plaque commemorating Kincaid's workers killed in both World Wars displayed within Council premises.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 At the meeting of the Inverclyde Council held on 10 April 2014, it was remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to report to the Council on the request made by Councillor Rebecchi.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is recommended:
 - (1) that the Council note the position with the Kincaid plaque;
 - (2) that the plaque go on temporary display within the McLean Museum, as part of its Great War exhibition; and
 - (2) that on completion of the planned refurbishment works at The McLean Museum, the Plaque be put on permanent display.

Helena Couperwhite Legal & Property Services

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 The memorial plaque in memory of the workers from Kincaids who lost their lives in both World Wars is currently being stored by the Council, following its donation by a member of the public. The plaque is bronze and approximately 3 ft x 2ft in size and the names of those workers who lost their lives in WW II are engraved.

5.0 PROPOSAL

- 5.1 It is proposed that the Council consider housing the plaque in the McLean Museum, to allow it to be displayed to the wider public. The Libraries, Museum & Archives Manager has confirmed that she would be keen to take the plaque into the McLean Museum's collections.
- 5.2 In terms of the Council's Acquisition and Disposal Collecting Policy, the Council is unable to accept any item with a guarantee that it will be on permanent display, however, the Libraries, Museum & Archives Manager has confirmed that they could arrange to make the plaque available for temporary public display, as part of the museum's current Great War Exhibition.
- 5.3 Refurbishment works are planned for The McLean Museum and once completed The Libraries Museum & Archives Manager has confirmed that the Plaque would be put on permanent display.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

6.1 There are no finance implications arising from this report.

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	 Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
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Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

Legal

6.2 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

Human Resources

6.3 There are no HR implications arising from this report.

Equalities

6.4 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

Repopulation

6.5 There are no repopulation implications arising from this report.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 N/A
- 8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS
- 8.1 None



AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

Report No: SL/LA/1162/14

Report To: The Inverciyde Council Date: 5 June 2014

Report By: Acting Corporate Director

Environment, Regeneration &

Resources

Contact Officer: Sharon Lang Contact No: 01475 712112

Subject: Administrative Arrangements: Cycle of Council, Committee, Sub-

Committee and Board Meetings

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to set out for approval the schedule of Committee cycles for the period to June 2015.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 The proposed cycle of Council/Committee/Sub-Committee/Board meetings for the period is detailed in the timetable set out in the appendix to the report.

Appendix

- 2.2 The timetable, with the exception noted below, is based on an 8 week cycle for the Thematic Committees, CHCP Sub-Committee, Policy & Resources Committee and the Council. The Planning Board and the General Purposes Board, however, as regulatory committees, have a date set aside each month for the determination of applications and associated business.
- 2.3 The result is two cycles starting towards the end of August and concluding at the start of December and three cycles beginning in early January and concluding with the Council meeting on 4 June 2015.
- 2.4 Additionally, as in previous years, it is proposed to hold a meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee on Tuesday 12 August 2014 to deal with any items of business requiring consideration during the summer recess period.
- 2.5 The timetable runs as follows:-
 - (a) The Planning Board will meet on the first Wednesday and the General Purposes Board on the second Wednesday respectively of each month;
 - (b) All ordinary meetings of the Thematic Committees, the CHCP Sub-Committee, the Policy & Resources Committee, the Planning Board and the General Purposes Board will normally be held at 3pm; and
 - (c) The ordinary meetings of the Council will take place at 4pm.
- 2.6 With regard to the Education & Communities Committee, it is proposed to continue with the 3pm start, with Education Authority business commencing at 4.30pm or at the conclusion of the Communities business if this is later.

2.7 As Members will be aware, in terms of Standing Orders, the Health and Social Care Committee requires to sit once a year (on a date to be determined by the Convener in agreement with the Members of the CHCP Sub-Committee) with the CHCP Sub-Committee sitting on all other occasions which would ordinarily have been a sitting of the Health and Social Care Committee. The Sub-Committee at its last meeting agreed that the annual meeting of the Health and Social Care Committee in 2014 should be on 28 August 2014.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That the Council approve the proposed cycle of Council/Committee/Sub-Committee/Board meetings for the year to June 2015 as set out in the timetable in the appendix.

Sharon Lang Legal & Property Services

	А	August/September/October 2014			October/November/December 2014			
Committee/Inverclyde Council	Submission Date - 9 am	Pre-Agenda Date	Issue Agenda	Date of Meeting	Submission Date - 9 am	Pre-Agenda Date	Issue Agenda	Date of Meeting
Audit Committee	1 Aug	Mon 11 Aug - 10 am	15 Aug	26 Aug	26 Sept	Mon 6 Oct - 10 am	10 Oct	21 Oct
Inverclyde CHCP Sub-Committee	1 Aug	Mon 11 Aug - 3 pm	15 Aug	28 Aug*	26 Sept	Tues 7 Oct - 3 pm	10 Oct	23 Oct
Environment & Regeneration Committee	8 Aug	Tues 19 Aug - 2 pm	22 Aug	4 Sept	3 Oct	Tues 14 Oct - 2 pm	17 Oct	30 Oct
Education & Communities Committee	15 Aug	Mon 25 Aug - 3 pm	29 Aug	9 Sept	10 Oct	Mon 20 Oct - 3 pm	24 Oct	4 Nov
Policy & Resources Committee	29 Aug	Tues 9 Sept - 1 pm	12 Sept	23 Sept	24 Oct	Tues 4 Nov - 1 pm	7 Nov	18 Nov
Inverclyde Council	22 Sept	Mon 29 Sept - 10 am	2 Oct	9 Oct	17 Nov	Mon 24 Nov - 10 am	27 Nov	4 Dec

NB In addition, it is proposed to hold a meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee on **Tuesday 12 August 2014** to deal with any items of business requiring consideration during the summer recess period. The arrangements for this meeting are as follows:

Submission Date 18 July

Pre-Agenda Date Tues 29 July 1 pm

Issue Agenda 1 Aug Date of Meeting 12 Aug

^{*} Annual meeting of the Health and Social Care Committee

		January/February 2015			February/March/April 2015			
Committee/Inverclyde Council	Submission Date - 9 am	Pre-Agenda Date	Issue Agenda	Date of Meeting	Submission Date - 9 am	Pre-Agenda Date	Issue Agenda	Date of Meeting
Audit Committee	5 Dec	Mon 15 Dec - 10 am	19 Dec	6 Jan	30 Jan	Mon 9 Feb - 11 am	13 Feb	24 Feb
Inverclyde CHCP Sub-Committee	5 Dec	Tues 16 Dec - 3 pm	19 Dec	8 Jan	30 Jan	Mon 9 Feb - 3 pm	13 Feb	26 Feb
Environment & Regeneration Committee	5 Dec	Tues 16 Dec - 2 pm	19 Dec	15 Jan	6 Feb	Tues 17 Feb - 2 pm	20 Feb	5 Mar
Education & Communities Committee	12 Dec	Mon 5 Jan - 3 pm	9 Jan	20 Jan	13 Feb	Mon 23 Feb - 3 pm	27 Feb	10 Mar
Policy & Resources Committee	9 Jan	Tues 20 Jan - 1 pm	23 Jan	3 Feb	27 Feb	Tues 10 Mar - 1 pm	13 Mar	24 Mar
Inverclyde Council	2 Feb	Mon 9 Feb - 10 am	12 Feb	19 Feb	23 Mar	Mon 30 Mar - 10 am	2 Apr	9 Apr

NB As usual, the submission and pre-agenda dates for this cycle have been altered to avoid holding meetings in the week before Christmas and the week between Christmas and New Year.

	y/June 2015			
Committee/Inverclyde Council	Submission Date - 9 am	Pre-Agenda Date	Issue Agenda	Date of Meeting
Audit Committee	27 Mar	<u>Tues</u> 7 Apr - 10 am	10 Apr	21 Apr
Inverclyde CHCP Sub-Committee	27 Mar	Tues 7 Apr - 3 pm	10 Apr	23 Apr
Environment & Regeneration Committee	2 Apr	Tues 14 Apr - 2 pm	17 Apr	30 Apr
Education & Communities Committee	10 Apr	<u>Tues</u> 21 Apr - <u>1 pm</u>	24 Apr	5 May
Policy & Resources Committee	24 Apr	Tues 5 May - 1 pm	8 May	19 May
Inverclyde Council	18 May	<u>Tues</u> 26 May - 10 am	28 May	4 June

PLANNING BOARD						
Submission Date - 9 am	Pre-Agenda Date	Issue Agenda	Date of Meeting			
24 July	n/a	29 July	6 Aug			
21 Aug	n/a	26 Aug	3 Sept			
18 Sept	n/a	23 Sept	1 Oct			
23 Oct	n/a	28 Oct	5 Nov			
20 Nov	n/a	25 Nov	3 Dec			
11 Dec	n/a	16 Dec	7 Jan			
22 Jan	n/a	27 Jan	4 Feb			
19 Feb	n/a	24 Feb	4 Mar			
19 Mar	n/a	24 Mar	1 Apr			
23 Apr	n/a	28 Apr	6 May			
21 May	n/a	26 May	3 June			

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD						
Submission Date - 9 am	Pre-Agenda Date	Issue Agenda	Date of Meeting			
25 July	n/a	31 July	13 Aug			
22 Aug	n/a	28 Aug	10 Sept			
19 Sept	n/a	25 Sept	8 Oct			
24 Oct	n/a	30 Oct	12 Nov			
21 Nov	n/a	27 Nov	10 Dec			
16 Dec	n/a	5 Jan	14 Jan			
23 Jan	n/a	29 Jan	11 Feb			
20 Feb	n/a	26 Feb	11 Mar			
20 Mar	n/a	26 Mar	8 Apr			
24 Apr	n/a	30 Apr	13 May			
22 May	n/a	28 May	10 June			



AGENDA ITEM NO: 7

Report To: Inverclyde Council Date: 5 June 2014

Report By: Acting Corporate Director Report No: 2014/IC/02/AP

Environment, Regeneration &

Resources

Contact Officer: Alan Puckrin Contact 712764

No:

Subject: Update of Financial Strategy 2014/2022

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the revised Financial Strategy to the Council for review and approval.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The six month review of the Financial Strategy has been undertaken and takes into account the February 2014 Council budget, a review of all funding models included in the Appendix and the latest information.
- 2.2 It can be seen from table 3 in paragraph 8.8 that the Council addressed a revenue funding gap over 2014/16 of £11.1 million. It should be noted that the rate of savings required post 2015 will increase further and the estimated savings for the period 2016/19 are £25 million as shown in 8.12.
- 2.3 It can be seen from table 5 in paragraph 8.14 that overall the Council has a funding shortfall of £1.6 million on its 3 year capital programme. This shortfall is in context of an investment of £117 million over the 3 year period and should give no cause for concern at this point in time.
- 2.4 All the other appendices and tables have been updated as follows:
 - Appendix 4 Riverside Inverclyde this has been updated to reflect 2014/16 budget decisions.
 - Appendix 5 School Estate Management Plan this reflects the latest phasings and decisions and remains affordable based on the assumptions made.
 - Appendix 6 Leisure Strategy this reflects the latest reported position.
 - Appendix 7 General Fund Reserves this reflects the decisions taken as part of the 2014/16 budget and latest 2015/16 grant settlement estimates.
 - Appendix 8 Capital Fund this reflects the last review of receipts which has both reduced values and delayed timing of receipts partly offset by delaying contributions to loan charges.
 - Appendix 9 Repairs and Renewals Fund this reflects the position following the 2012/13 year end accounts closure and latest 2013/14 projections.
 - Appendix 10 AMP this reflects the latest projected figures taking into account latest information and decisions including a review of the timing of loan charges.

- Appendix 11 Vehicle Replacement Programme reflects latest information and budget savings including savings from Vehicle Trading.
- Appendix 12 RAMP shows three year approved and five year planned investment.
- 2.5 Section 12 reflects the identified risks to the Financial Strategy and mitigating actions whilst Appendices 1 to 3 highlights the major short/medium/long term issues the Council needs to be aware of which could materially impact on the figures presented.
- 2.6 Overall the Financial Strategy confirms the significant challenges facing the Council in coming years and is in line with the Council's 2014/16 Revenue Budget.
- 2.7 The Corporate Management Team have contributed to and approved the content of the revised Financial Strategy.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that the Council approve the latest revision of the Financial Strategy.

Alan Puckrin
Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 The Financial Strategy requires to be reviewed twice per year and reported to the Full Council. This is done in June and December each year.

5.0 CURRENT POSITION

- 5.1 The Strategy has been updated to reflect latest information as detailed in Section 2 of this report and confirms that the Council is projected to have a surplus on the 2014/16 Revenue Budget of £900,000.
- 5.2 All models in the Appendices have been reviewed and all remain affordable.
- 5.3 Appendices 1-3 outline the short, medium and long term challenges which the Council requires to consider when agreeing future budgets.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

6.1 The Financial Strategy is the key document for the Council's financial planning and links into other strategic strategies and plans. Given the financial challenges which lie ahead then the importance of regular reviews of the document increases.

Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

Legal

6.2 There are no specific Legal issues arising from the report.

Human Resources

6.3 There are no specific Human Resources issues arising from the report

Equalities

6.4 There are no specific equalities issues arising from the report

Repopulation

6.5 Having medium term financial plans which realistically reflect the pressures and opportunities faced by the Council and the communities it serves will help build confidence in the area and

contribute to the Repopulation agenda.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The Financial Strategy has been produced after consultation with and input from the CMT and other relevant Officers.

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None.



Financial Strategy

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1.0 Foreword

This latest revision of the Council's Financial Strategy has been undertaken at a time of continued economic turbulence and constitutional uncertainty.

Given the challenging economic situation, and the significant financial issues we will face over future years, it is essential that the Council updates its Financial Strategy regularly to ensure it provides a practical framework within which policy choices can be identified, debated and approved.

The approval of this revised Financial Strategy demonstrates that we are clear both about the outcomes we want to achieve for our communities and the financial challenges that need to be addressed if we are to successfully deliver on these outcomes.

To provide a clear, consistent strategic direction for the Council the following outcomes were agreed for the Financial Strategy – it will ensure that:

- the Council has a comprehensive, coherent, balanced budget;
- the Council reviews the level of Council Tax annually in the context of the Financial Strategy, to determine an appropriate level in the best interests of the people of Inverclyde;
- resources are allocated and deployed to facilitate delivery of the outcomes in the Corporate Statement and Single Outcome Agreement and Corporate Directorate Improvement Plans;
- all key strategic decisions on the allocation and deployment of resources are made within the appropriate financial context;
- Members can take full account of the impact of decisions on the overall financial resources of the Council in the short, medium and long term;
- there is a high level of confidence in the financial management of the Council;
- the Council has flexibility to address new policy requirements, or significant changes to existing policies, within overall available financial resources;
- resources are invested effectively, efficiently and on a sustainable basis;
- there is continued improvement in the delivery of major projects;
- there remains a focus on securing efficiencies across the organisation;
- a significant proportion of efficiencies secured are invested in improving service quality, delivering new infrastructure, enhancing service levels and upgrading existing assets;
- there is an increased level of understanding on behalf of the wider community with regard to the finances of the Council.

The primary financial challenge facing the Council over the 2013/16 period, given the impact of the economic downturn on public sector expenditure, will be to stay within the approved revenue budget and deliver a capital programme that continues to maintain a high level of investment in key infrastructure.

There is no doubt that setting the 2013/16 budget generated options that required difficult decisions. One of the main challenges for the Council is therefore forward planning, preparatory investment and a sufficient lead in period prior to implementation of both savings and investment.

Given the difficult position the Council faces on capital expenditure, it is essential that future capital expenditure proposals are largely self-financing through the release of other capital assets, as well as delivering efficiencies which will secure ongoing revenue savings.

The Council will also develop a coherent, corporate approach to charging and income generation – this will include maximising external funding from sources such as the various Lottery Funds to supplement existing resources and support service delivery.

The Financial Strategy also ensures that strategic initiatives which require long term revenue and capital commitments such as Riverside Inverclyde, Leisure Strategy, Asset Management Strategy and the School Estates Management Plan are locked down.

We also need to ensure that the Financial Strategy continues to support the Corporate Statement directly, the Single Outcome Agreement for Inverclyde, and effectively link this Strategy to our Corporate Directorate Improvement Plans.

The Financial Strategy is a dynamic document and will be monitored on an ongoing basis by the Corporate Management Team and the Policy & Resources Committee. It will continue to be formally reviewed by the Council twice yearly, in June and in December.

This Financial Strategy is key to the future success of the Council – it is about making sure we have sufficient resources in place when required to deliver the outcomes we realistically can achieve for the communities of Inverclyde.

Councillor Stephen McCabe Leader of the Council

John W Mundell Chief Executive

2.0 What is the point of a Financial Strategy?

- 2.1 The purpose of our Financial Strategy is to provide clear direction, supported by a practical framework and explicitly defined parameters, on how the Council will structure and manage financial resources in the medium to long term to ensure they are deployed effectively to achieve corporate objectives.
- 2.2 This is not just another financial process the Financial Strategy is integral to our Strategic Planning and Performance Management Framework which underpins the achievement of the outcomes identified in the Single Outcome Agreement, Corporate Statement, and is an integral part of the Corporate Directorate Improvement Plans.
- 2.3 The requirement to develop a medium to long term financial strategy covering the next five to ten years (and in some areas up to twenty years) had been recognised by the Council for some time.
- 2.4 The Council has taken into account guidance from CIPFA when developing the Financial Strategy as well as best practice from other local authorities.
- 2.5 Our ambition is to maintain a single, coherent Financial Strategy that brings together the corporate objectives of the Council along with all the relevant financial information in a clear, accessible document covering a five to ten year period (and beyond where appropriate).
- 2.6 The value of such a Strategy is that it enables the Council to develop a better understanding of the wider policy and financial environment within which it operates, identify and respond flexibly to opportunities and threats, manage and mitigate risks and ensure that financial resources are contributing to achieving corporate objectives.
- 2.7 The Strategy will also provide information to a range of stakeholders:

Table 1 - Stakeholder Information

For the Council and Elected Members	to decide how available financial resources will be used
For Chief Officers, managers and employees	To help optimise the available resources and reinforce their roles in financial management arrangements
For residents	to show how the Council's Financial Strategy impacts upon service provision
For Council Tax payers	to demonstrate how the Council looks after public resources
For partners	to share the Council's vision and help identify opportunities for joint working and resourced deployment.

- 2.8 The Strategy covers the period 2013/16 in detail and also identifies issues that will impact in the longer term, so that the Council can plan ahead. It includes expenditure forecasts and projected funding, where known for key priorities.
- 2.9 Inevitably some of the information of the Financial Strategy will be based on forecasts and these will change over time the Strategy will be reviewed regularly so that the Council can respond proactively to any such changes.
- 2.10 The inclusion of information in the Financial Strategy does not infer approval and all financial projections and issues will have to be subject to approval through the budget process.
- 2.11 The Strategic Planning and Performance Management Framework continues to develop links between the strategic planning and budgeting processes. This allows services to plan ahead, taking into account the resources available and proactively identify opportunities to achieve efficiencies or secure alternative funding sources.

3.0 Financial Summary

- 3.1 On 20 February 2014 the Council agreed the 2014/16 Revenue Budget.
- 3.2 The same meeting also approved the 2014/16 Capital Programme which took into account the latest Government Grant settlement information.

Table 2 – Short Term Summary – Approved Revenue and Capital Budgets

	2014/15 £million
General Fund Revenue Budget	196.834
Financed by	
Government Grant (Including NDR) Council Tax	(165.173) (33.138)
Approved Contribution to General Reserve	(1.477)
Capital Programme (2014/15)	
Approved Spend	30.73
Financed by	
Government Grants Capital Receipts Other Grants/CFCR etc Prudential Borrowing Resources Carried Forward from prior year	8.25 0.47 8.41 11.24 8.64
Surplus Resources	6.01

4.0 National Context

UK Context

- 4.1 The Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) announced by the Westminster Coalition in October 2010 provided information on Public Sector expenditure over the period 2011/15. These figures have been revised on a number of occasions and the Autumn 2013 Statement projected figures to 2018/19.
- 4.2 UK GDP projected growth increased by 0.6% to 2.4% for 2014/15 although this remains below the June 2010 forecast for 2014/15 of 2.7%. The slower than expected recovery means that the fiscal target of the current budget being in balance will now not be achieved until 2017/18.
- 4.3 A further year of austerity (to 2018/19) has also been forecast with indications that 50% of the real term Resource cuts have to take place over the final 3 years of the 8 year austerity period 2011/19 with cuts of 13.2% expected.
- 4.4 Continued protection of Health and Schools at a UK level mitigates some of the impact on the Scottish Block but there is an increasing view that the continued protection of these areas is not sustainable post 2015.

The Scottish Government

- 4.5 The Scottish Government has confirmed that Council Tax will be frozen for the period of the Parliament, this allied to the already announced Westminster block grant position makes it all but certain that the Council's available funding will be cut in real and cash terms for the period to 2017.
- 4.6 The Scottish Government announced 3 year Local Government grant figures in December 2011 based on a 3 Year revenue cash freeze and confirmed the 2013/14 grant figures in late November 2012. The Scottish Government confirmed the 2014/15 detailed Council figures in December 2013.
- 4.7 In April 2014 Cosla Leaders agreed that the 2015/16 Grant settlement be based on the latest updated indicators. Confirmation is awaited from the Government that this will be the basis of Grant distribution.
- 4.8 A paper from the CPPR for Directors of Finance in December 2013 gives the following assessment of the position for Scottish Local Government:
 - The total Scottish Budget is projected to experience real term cuts of over 18% over the period 2009-18.
 - About half the cuts required have been achieved by the end of 2012/13 but the majority of the revenue cuts remain to be made.
 - Deepest cuts will occur over 2016/18.
 - Options at a Scottish level to relieve pressure on cuts are:
 - Extend/Deepen Wage restraint.
 - End Protection for the NHS.
 - Increase Taxes or Borrowing (within limits available).
 - At some point the perceived advantages of protecting the NHS & Higher Education are likely to be outweighed by the negative implications of increasingly large cuts elsewhere.

- 4.10 The Government has emphasised that for the current Spending Review, Local Authority funding is guaranteed and any NDR shortfall will be funded by the Government however, it is not clear how this would be dealt with post 2014/15.
- 4.11 Based on the above it is clear that Local Government faces a continued squeeze on resources for the foreseeable future which will require clear prioritisation and inevitably a review of some of the universal service provision policies at both a national and local level.
- 4.12 In the February 2014 the Policy & Resources Committee received a high level estimate of the budget gap covering the period 2016/19. Based on the Improvement Service assessment of the Office of Budget Responsibility Autumn Statement (2013), Inverclyde's continuing depopulation and estimated payroll cost pressures, there is a projected £25 million funding shortfall. This equates to approximately 13% of the existing Revenue Budget.
- 4.13 The Referendum due in September 2014 will dominate Scottish Politics over the next few months. However, irrespective of the Referendum result there is every possibility that the figures announced will be reviewed by December, 2015
- 4.14 The Scottish Bill received Royal Assent on 1st May 2012 and has been described as the largest transfer of financial powers to Scotland since the creation of the UK. The main provisions are:

Income Tax – A new Scottish Rate of income tax to be in place from April 2016. Income Tax to be reduced by 10% and thereafter the Scottish Parliament will set a rate of income tax.

Capital Borrowing – A new £2.2 Billion capital borrowing power to be in place by April 2015.

Short Term Borrowing – A limit of £0.5 Billion for short term borrowing to be in place to help manage volatility in tax receipts.

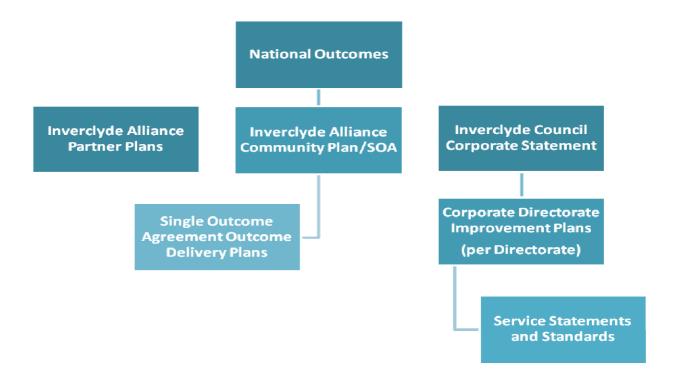
Stamp Duty/Land Tax/Landfill Tax – These taxes will be fully devolved and will be levied and collected in Scotland effective from April 2015 (and administered by Revenues Scotland).

New Taxes – A wider power to introduce new taxes (subject to agreement with the UK Government).

4.15 The latest population projections produced by the National Registrar of Scotland continue to show Inverclyde as the fasted depopulating area in Scotland over the next 25 years. Whilst officers believe these projections to be unduly pessimistic and are robustly challenging figures they do highlight the challenges faced by the area in the medium to long term.

5.0 Local Context

- 5.1 The local environment within which the Council operates has changed significantly in recent years and will alter further in future years due to the impact of national legislation and policy, further economic turbulence, societal changes and developing customer expectations.
- 5.2 The overall strategic framework within which the Council operates is outlined in the Strategic Planning and Performance Management Framework. The Framework includes the Single Outcome Agreement, the Corporate Statement, Corporate Directorate Improvement Plans and the Financial Strategy.
- 5.3 The revised Strategic Planning and Performance Management Framework is shown in Diagram 1.



• The **National Outcomes** are set by the Scottish Government and sit within a National Performance Framework. These outcomes are an overarching guide for the local community planning partnership document, the Single Outcome Agreement.

The Council has agreed that the <u>Single Outcome Agreement</u> will act as the <u>Community Plan</u> for the Inverclyde area. The current SOA will run from 2012 to 2017 and was subject to a minor review in 2013 to match guidance released by the Scottish Government, following the Review of Community Planning and SOAs. The SOA is the high level strategic partnership document setting out the vision and direction for the Inverclyde area, as agreed by all the Inverclyde Alliance partner organisations. The outcomes are based on evidence of the key issues and challenges for the Inverclyde area and through community engagement. They set out what we want to achieve for all the communities of Inverclyde.

The SOA Outcome Delivery Plans set out the Partnership actions and projects which will
contribute to the achievement of the SOA outcomes and are expressed through the wellbeing

indicators (as set out in the SOA, see below in 5.5) to help better understand their impact on a crosscutting basis.

- The Corporate Statement is a public facing, focused statement setting out the Council's vision.
 The Corporate Statement also reflects the eight local outcomes and the wellbeing indicators from
 the SOA and sets out, at a high level, what the Council will do to deliver on the eight local
 outcomes. It also sets out the high level budget by key services.
- Corporate Directorate Improvement Plans set out the vision for each Directorate. The Plan covers two broad areas, the first being corporate cross cutting improvement actions and the second Directorate Improvement actions. These improvement actions are based on robust self evaluation and referenced to community outcomes and wellbeing indicators.
- Service Statement and Standards set out what services do on a day to day basis and will not
 change significantly year on year, but will be refreshed to reflect any structural or legislative
 changes. It is a public facing document which also sets out a summary of the financial and
 employee resources allocated to run the service. Service standards are also reflected in the
 Service Statements, setting out what quality standards the service follows and what customers
 can expect.

Outcomes for Inverclyde

- 5.4 The focus of the Strategic Planning and Performance Management Framework is on addressing the main challenges facing the area, and the eight outcomes set out in the SOA are the agreed priority areas for all partners to work together on, covering the areas of:
 - Repopulation
 - Successful Communities
 - Economic Regeneration and Employability
 - Health Inequalities
 - Alcohol Misuse
 - Best Start in Life for children and young people
 - Environment
 - Continuously improving, best value services
- There are also a series of **wellbeing outcomes**, which the Inverclyde Alliance, including the Council, has adopted, which have been adapted and expanded from 'Getting it Right for Every Child', to help us work towards 'Getting it Right for Every Child, Citizen and Community'. The wellbeing outcomes cover the core areas of Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible and Included.
- 5.6 A key challenge for the Inverclyde Alliance, and the public agencies, operating in Inverclyde, over the next five years will be to ensure better alignment between available resources, across all agencies, and the outcomes identified in the SOA.
- 5.7 There are a number of improvement actions which have been developed from the Quality Assurance of the SOA including the need to develop a process to identify how partners are shifting planning and resources to early intervention and measuring success on reducing demand, costs and releasing savings. The Council is working to establish a picture of resource deployment in the context of the SOA and will work with partners to try to capture the picture across all involved agencies.

Demographics and Population

5.8 The most significant challenge facing Inverciyde is depopulation and associated demographic change – this has been recognised by the Council and our Partners as a priority and is reflected in the Corporate Statement and Single Outcome Agreement.

- 5.9 The fundamental issue for the Council is that at some point if the decline in population continues at the current pace then the area could become no longer sustainable as a unit of administration which would have an associated impact on other services such as health, police and fire.
- 5.10 In 2011 Census the population for Inverclyde was 81,485, a decrease of 3.2% from 84,200 in the 2001 census. In Inverclyde 14,800 (18.2%) of the population are aged 15 to 29 years. This is smaller than Scotland where 19.6% are aged 15 to 29 years. Persons aged 60 and over make up 24.7% of Inverclyde. This is slightly larger than Scotland where 23.1% are aged 60 and over.
- 5.12 Since 1985, Inverclyde's total population has fallen overall, Scotland's population has risen over this period.
- 5.13 The most recent population projections¹ (based on 2011 census data) estimate that Inverclyde's population will drop to 65,014 by 2037, a decrease of 19% compared to the population in 2012, the largest projected rate of depopulation of any Council area in Scotland. In comparison, the population of Scotland as a whole is expected to increase by 9% between 2012 and 2037. Officers are challenging the Inverclyde figures with the Scottish Government as they appear to not recognise the 50% lower level of depopulation experienced by Inverclyde over the period 2001/11.
- 5.14 Over the 25 year period the age group that is projected to increase the most in size in Inverclyde is the 75+ age group. This is the same for Scotland as a whole.
- 5.15 The population aged under 16 in Inverciyde is projected to decline by 32% over the 25 year period, the largest decrease in Scotaind. The under 16 population is expected to increase in 12 Council areas. The working age population is expected to decrease by 29% % by 2037, again the largest decrease in Scotland.
- 5.16 In the <u>SIMD</u> 2004, Inverclyde, locally, had 32.7% of data zones in the most deprived 15% of all data zones, however by 2006, this had increased to 38.2%. In 2009, the percentage of datazones in the most deprived 15% remained static at 38.2%, but increased in the 2012 SIMD release to 40.0%. Inverclyde's national share of the 5% most deprived data zones has increased from 1.8% in 2004 to 5.2% in 2009, but reduced to 4.3% in 2012. Locally, Inverclyde has the second highest concentration of employment deprivation and health deprivation in Scotland and the third highest income deprivation.
- 5.17 Public service delivery is particularly challenging in the context of deprivation and depopulation which adds to the uniqueness of Inverclyde as an area.
- 5.18 Demographic change will have significant impact on services as funding allocated from the Scottish Government is partly based on the population of an area. Even with additional allocations to take account of deprivation the budget is will reduce in real terms over the next five years.
- 5.19 In terms of indicators of deprivation² the profile for Inverclyde differs significantly from the national picture, these include:
 - Of the 11,170 working age key benefit claimants in Inverclyde 5970 (11.5% of the working age population) are claiming Employment Support Allowance and Incapacity Benefits. This is higher than the Scottish figure of 7.6%.
 - 4.4% (2310) of working age benefit claimants are claiming Job Seekers Allowance. Of this, a higher proportion of 18 24 year olds (7.2%) are claiming than 25 49 year olds (4.4 %) or 50 64 year olds (2.4%).
 - Approximately 21.5% of the population of Inverclyde are working age (16-64 yrs) out-of-work benefit claimants, compared to 15.4% of the Scottish population as a whole.
 - Approximately 13.9% of working age adults in Inverclyde have no formal qualifications.
 10.3% of the Scottish population have no formal qualifications.

- Median earnings for full time workers in 2012 in Inverclyde were £489.00 which has increased from the 2007 rate of £383 per week. This is approximately 3.4% lower than those for Scotland as a whole, with the gap decreasing from 13%.
- Working age people account for 64.6% of all people in Inverclyde. This is 0.8% lower than for Scotland as a whole.
- 5.20 The projected population changes will have an impact on all service areas, particularly Education and Social Care, where there will be a need to actively manage the transition from current service delivery arrangements to new models that are built around the needs of the future population.
- 5.21 The deprivation profile will have major implications for services as research indicates that those most vulnerable to poverty are more likely to require greater interventions and a targeted focus to move out of poverty and this will come at a significant cost to public agencies.
- 5.22 The predicted demographic changes also have other implications. A decline in younger economically active people and a growth in the older, more vulnerable age group can mean there will be fewer informal carers which could result in a higher dependency on the services provided by the Community Health and Care Partnership.

The changing public sector landscape in Inverclyde

- 5.23 The public sector landscape has changed significantly in recent years in Inverclyde with the creation of Riverside Inverclyde, River Clyde Homes and the Community Health & Care Partnership these organisations join Inverclyde Leisure and the wider voluntary sector as part of a mixed economy of public service provision.
- 5.24 The development of this mixed economy of public service provision presents new challenges for the Council as it seeks to ensure that outcomes are achieved and that resources are being deployed effectively and efficiently.
- 5.25 This is particularly relevant in the context of the SOA where there will need to be a robust appraisal of whether existing service delivery arrangements across all partner agencies can effectively deliver on the agreed outcomes.
- 5.26 The Christie commission report sets out the future of public service reform, with a major emphasis on preventative spend and early intervention. Whilst the Council has to tackle the problems associated with poverty and deprivation now, it also has to look to the future, and ensure that effective intervention is put into place now, to prevent further problems from developing, which will ultimately require expensive interventions. Investment in the lives of our children and young people early on in their lives will result in a better outcomes and quality of life for them as they grow up in the Inverclyde area.

5.27 Riverside Inverclyde

Riverside Inverclyde is a joint initiative between the Council and Scottish Enterprise to regenerate 330 acres of the Clyde Waterfront scheduled to run from 2006/7 until 2017/18.

The Council's contribution towards Riverside Inverclyde is £24 million over the ten year period In addition the Council has made contributions in kind by transferring specific assets to the Urban Regeneration Company which will count towards the £24 million contribution and a further £3.1 million financial support to specific major Regeneration projects led by Riverside Inverclyde. It has been confirmed that the Councils partners (Scottish Government/Scottish Enterprise) will not meet their originally envisaged contributions.

Following the mid-term review an interim Chief Executive was appointed in October 2013 and in consultation with partners, employees and members has produced an new Single Operating Plan covering the period 2014/17. The Single Operating Plan reviewed objectives, outcomes and financing.

5.28 River Clyde Homes

River Clyde Homes is a not-for-profit housing organisation, which is run by a Board of Tenants, Council nominees and community members. It is regulated by the Government to ensure that it manages housing in the best interests of the tenants of Inverclyde, and the community as a whole.

The transfer to River Clyde Homes of all the Council housing stock was based on significantly more money being available to invest in homes and neighbourhoods and give tenants a real say in the decisions that are made about their housing, with tenants on the Board influencing policies and investment decisions.

River Clyde Homes prepared a Business Plan which gives tenants a clear understanding of what they can expect from the new organisation on key issues like improvements, repairs and rent levels. Progress against the Business Plan is reported to the Council annually in addition to which six monthly briefings are given to Members.

Government cuts have impacted on progress against the original Business Plan.

5.29 Inverclyde Leisure

Inverciyde Leisure is a 'company limited by guarantee', not having share capital and recognised by HMRC as having charitable status. In October 2001, the Trust was asked to take responsibility for the management and delivery of Inverciyde Council's sport and recreational services.

The Leisure Trust works in close partnership with Inverclyde Council and other internal and external agencies in order to develop the highest possible service for residents and visitors to Inverclyde and so to ensure the Trust's Mission Statement is implemented.

The Council's Community Facilities transferred to Inverclyde Leisure in April 2010 and the transfer Outdoor Leisure Facilities to Inverclyde Leisure is due by July, 2014. Inverclyde Leisure has revised it's Business Planning process and a new Business Plan was presented to the Council in March 2014.

5.30 Inverclyde Community Health Care Partnership (CHCP)

The Council approved the move towards the establishment of an integrated Community Health and Care Partnership as part of the Management Restructure report in November 2009 which came into existence in October 2010. This latest development is leading to greater partnership working and efficiencies in line with the Government's stated objective of integrating aspects of Health & Social Care.

In April 2015 the current CHCP will transition to a Health and Social Care Partnership as required by the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. From April 2014 shadow arrangements have been established to enable transition to the new requirements.

6.0 Key Organisational Issues

- 6.1 The Council has 3 specific Corporate Improvement Groups (CIGs) two of which are chaired by the Acting Corporate Director, Environment, Regeneration & Resources and one by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development.
- 6.2 The first Corporate Improvement Group is the Modernisation CIG. This group coordinates the main Modernisation projects including Mobile/Home Working, Electronic Document Management and Digital Access.
- 6.3 The second CIG is the Asset Management Planning CIG. In addition to reviewing progress in respect of the SEMP, Office Rationalisation AMP, Depot AMP and Roads AMP, it reviews overall progress in respect of the production of all Asset Management Plans and Capital Programme delivery. This group is supported by the Capital and Asset Management Sub Group which is chaired by the Head of Legal and Property.
- 6.4 The third CIG is the Performance CIG which meets on a regular basis to develop and deliver the Strategic Planning and Performance Management Framework as well as Equality and Diversity for the Council.

7.0 Financial Management

Corporate Governance

- 7.1 The Council positively promotes the principles of sound corporate governance within all aspects of its activities.
- 7.2 Corporate governance is about the structures and processes for decision-making, accountability, controls and behaviour throughout the Council. It is based around key principles of openness, equality, integrity and accountability.
- 7.3 The fundamental principles of corporate governance should be reflected in the various dimensions of Council business, including;
 - Ensuring a community focus underpins the Council's vision and priorities;
 - Ensuring the effective delivery of local services on a sustainable basis;
 - Establishing effective management structures and processes which include clearly defined roles and responsibilities for officers;
 - Developing and maintaining effective risk management systems that form part of the Council's strategic decision making process;
 - Ensuring high standards of propriety and probity in the stewardship of the Council's funds and the management of the Council's affairs;
 - A commitment to openness in the Council's affairs and the provision of full, accurate and clear information to all stakeholders.
- 7.4 The Chief Financial Officer has been designated as "the proper officer" and is responsible for advising the Council on all financial matters.
- 7.5 The Financial Regulations approved in September 2012 are an essential component of the corporate governance of the Council.
- 7.6 The Financial Regulations are designed to facilitate the smooth running of the Council, protect its interests and the interests of members and officers, and ensure the proper administration of all the Council's financial affairs, including, Partnerships, Trading Accounts, The Common Good and Sundry Accounts.
- 7.7 Head Teachers must also comply with the Financial Regulations, with the exception of virement which is defined in the Devolved Management of Resources Scheme.

Roles and Responsibilities

7.8 It is important to set out clearly the roles and responsibilities of the key parties involved in the Financial Strategy and the management of overall financial resources of the Council.

Elected Members

7.9 Elected Members, through Full Council and Committees are responsible for considering and approving budgets and the Financial Strategy for the Council. Approved budgets must be financially balanced and demonstrate value for money and sustainability.

7.10 Throughout the year Committees receive reports which allow progress against approved budgets to be scrutinised. All members should receive appropriate training in the areas of Financial Strategy, Local Government Finance and key specialist areas such as Treasury and Risk Management.

Corporate Management Team

- 7.11 The Chief Executive and Corporate Directors form the CMT, chaired by the Chief Executive, who are responsible, individually and collectively, for ensuring effective financial management across the organisation.
- 7.12 As Budget Holders the CMT are responsible for the budgets delegated to deliver the services within their Directorate in line with the priorities of the Council. Whilst they may delegate this responsibility within their Directorate they remain accountable in exercising overall financial control.
- 7.13 The CMT have a specific meeting each month to consider corporate financial matters including employee costs, key budget lines earmarked reserves and work stream savings progress.

Chief Financial Officer

7.14 The Chief Financial Officer has a statutory role to ensure appropriate arrangements are in place for the proper administration of the financial affairs of the Council. He has the authority to comment and advise CMT, Chief Executive and Elected Members on all financial matters.

Heads of Service

7.15 Heads of Service are individually responsible for ensuring that the services within their remit are delivered in line with the agreed policy, and support the strategic direction of the Council. As Budget Holders they are responsible for the budgets delegated to them to deliver their service in a manner which demonstrates value for money in line with the priorities in the Corporate Directorate Improvement Plans.

Budget Managers

7.16 Responsibility for budgetary control lies with the Corporate Directors and as delegated budget holders, their Heads of Service and Service Managers. In recognition of the need to ensure budget holders are appropriately supported and trained, Finance Services has recently delivered training to all Heads of Service and Managers on Financial Governance and budgetary control issues.

Financial Support to Services

7.17 The Council agreed in November 2009 to a fundamental change in the way financial support and advice is delivered to Directorates. The approved "Hub and Spoke" model means each Directorate has a dedicated Finance Manager and Principal Accountant who, assisted by a team of Finance Officers, prepares and monitors the Directorate budget as well as providing a full range of financial advice to the Directorate.

Internal Audit

7.18 Internal Audit provide assurance to Elected Members, the Chief Executive and management that the internal processes of the Council are being managed appropriately in line with the overarching policies and outcomes are being delivered in an efficient and effective manner.

External Audit

7.19 The role of External Audit is to provide assurance to the Auditor General and the Accounts Commission that the Council has spent public money properly to deliver outcomes in an efficient and effective manner. They also provide assurance to the Elected Members, the CMT and general public that the Council's performance is reported in accordance with the financial standards and presents a fair account of the Council's activities.

Managing the Budget

- 7.20 Committees receive five budget monitoring reports throughout the year. These are jointly prepared by the Chief Financial Officer and the relevant Corporate Director.
- 7.21 The Corporate Management Team receive and discuss a budget overview every month covering key budget lines, employee costs, earmarked reserves, progress on the approved savings and key projects with financial implications.
- 7.22 All Services receive detailed budget information five times per year and in addition are sent FMS budget reports in intervening months plus having access to real time information held on the Council's Finance Management System.

8.0 Financial Outlook

- 8.1 Key financial issues are known or anticipated events and activities that have to be addressed within overall financial resources in the short-term (within 3 years), medium-term (within 5 years) or long-term (over 5 years).
- 8.2 Events and activities include efficiencies, planned savings, changes to service priorities and delivery, and known potential pressures. The financial impact of an event or activity may be one-off, recurring or time-limited.
- 8.3 The Council is due to receive Revenue Grant/Non-Domestic Rates Income of £165.173m in 2014/15.
- When the Council's own projection of Council Tax Income based on 96.5% collection rate is added (£33.138m) then the income for the Council in 2014/15 is projected to be £198.311m.
- 8.5 The Financial Strategy runs up to 2021/22 and beyond in terms of identifying potential issues, but the revenue forecasts are limited to the period which can be reasonably forecast.
- 8.6 The level of resources available to the authority to fund its revenue expenditure is also dependent on Council Tax and the approved budget shows no increase over 2014/16.
- 8.7 The Council has agreed a Reserve Strategy which requires a minimum unallocated General Fund Reserve of 2% of turnover. This equates to £3.8 million. The overall position of the Reserves shown in Appendix 7 and has been updated to reflect the latest projections. The latest report to Policy & Resources Committee reflects a £0.6m increase in free reserves since budget setting in February 2014. In addition to this an additional £0.9m has been included in 2015/16 on its basis that the Scottish Government will agree to the 15/16 settlement updated indicators. The Reserve Strategy was reviewed and approved by the Policy & Resources Committee in August 2013.
- 8.8 The projected budget position in the short to medium term, is set out in the following tables and notes for both revenue and capital. Details of the short, medium and long-term issues identified in consultation with Services are contained at Appendices 1, 2 and 3.



Table 3

Finance Strategy - May 2014

	2014/15 £m	<u>2015/16</u> £m
Base Budget for Prior Year	197.574	198.311
UPLIFTS FROM PRIOR YEAR		
Inflation (Note1)		
Pay Inflation Other Inflation	1.710 1.900	2.110 1.900
Income	-0.147	-0.151
	3.463	3.859
Budget Increases (Note 2)		
Corporate Pressures (movement)	0.650	1.000
Unavoidable Pressures	0.420	0.020
Loan Charges	0.150	0.300
Capital Programme Impact	-	0.100
SEMP - Increased Investment	0.000	1.100
	1.220	2.520
Adjustments (Note 3)		
Council Tax Reduction Scheme	-0.042	-5.395
Children and Young Peoples Bill	0.709	0.000
Other Adjustments Applied	1.003	-0.226
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Net Revenue Budget Before Savings	203.927	199.069
Funded by: (Note 4)		
Revenue Grant/NDR Income	165.173	160.439
Council Tax Income	33.138	33.138
	198.311	193.577
Annual Budget Before Savings (Surplus)/Deficit	5.616	5.492
Cumulative Budget Gap before Savings	5.616	11.108
Savings Applied (Cumulative)		
1% Savings November 2012	-1.675	-1.763
Savings Applied February 2013	-2.091	-4.772
Former Workstream Savings	-2.857	-3.433
New Workstreams	-0.470	-2.040
Approved Budget (Surplus)/Deficit	-1.477	-0.900
Approved budget (odipids)/Delicit	1.711	0.500

Finance Strategy Notes - May 2014

Note 1 Inflation

a) Pay – The allowance for pay inflation is the maximum available over the 2 year period to fund all pay related pressures including the annual pay award, impacts of equal pay etc, increases in employers national insurance/pension costs and movement in service bottom up employee budgets.

All pay inflation has been allocated to Service budgets for 2014/15, a 2% increase in teachers pay will cost approximately £704,000 (2015/16) whilst a 2% increase in non-teaching pay will cost approximately £1,365,000 (2015/16).

b) Other Inflation

	2014/15	2015/16
Utlities	400	400
Landfill Tax	260	260
Contracts/Other	1240	1240
	1900	1900

c) Income - based on (2.5%) resulting in £147k for 2014/15 and £151k for 2015/2016

Note 2 Budget Increases

- a) Corporate Pressures Figures reflect approvals from November 2012.
- b) Unavoidable Pressures Reflects approvals for Auto Enrolment and Incremental Drift.
- c) <u>Loan Charges Movement</u> 2014/16 figures reflect anticipated increase due to capital investment.
- d) <u>Capital Programme Impact</u> A review of the Capital Programme Impact has resulted in no additional recurring revenue requirement for year 2014/15, however, an increase is projected for 2015/16 for increased running costs arising from the Council's Capital Programme.
- e) <u>SEMP Increased Investment</u> Reflects February 2014 approvals for further one-off investment in MUGA's within Primary School Estate.

Note 3 Adjustments

- a) <u>Council Tax Reduction Scheme</u> Reflects Government contribution to Council Tax Reduction Scheme. The Council received £42,000 less funding in 2014/15 than was received in 2013/14. At present there is no confirmation for years 2015/16 and onwards.
- b) <u>Children and Young Peoples Bill</u> Reflects Government contribution to Council to cover the early learning and childcare provision of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Bill. Further funding is expected for 2015/16 but figures have not been released by the Scottish Government.

c) Other Adjustments – Figure reflects receipt of funding from Scottish Government for Hostels, Discretionary Housing Payments, Council Tax Reduction Scheme Administration costs, National 1+2 Language funding and the National Care Home Contract plus sundry minor adjustments.

Note 4 Funded By

a) Reflects 2014/15 Finance Settlement included in Scottish Government Circular 1/2014 and 2/2014. 2015/16 figures based on recent Cosla leaders decision to update all indicators for 2015/16. The Government has yet to confirm detailed figures.

8.10 Other Short Term Revenue Issues

The main risks associated with the approved 2014/16 budget will be around Pay Awards, general inflation and the 2015/16 grant settlement. Regular review of the allowances and reporting to Committee will ensure officers become aware of any significant variances and report these at the earliest opportunity.

8.11 Medium to Long Term Revenue Issues

Looking beyond 2015/16 becomes increasingly difficult with uncertainty around the level of funding likely to be available and is covered in more detail in Section 4 of the Strategy.

By 2015/16 the incremental impact of most current major initiatives including Riverside Inverciyde, Leisure Strategy Schools Estate Strategy, and Asset Management Plans will have been fully incorporated the overall Budget.

Post 2015/16 the main issues impacting on the revenue budget will be:

- Funding will be impacted by future population change/demographic shifts and any changes to the way local government in Scotland is funded.
- Welfare Reform changes will impact on DWP/Government grants to the Council, Service demands on the Council and employee numbers in certain Council Services.
- Health/Social Care integration will be implemented over this period and whilst debate is on going regarding delivery models and governance the fundamental fact is that there is not enough money to meet increasing demand.
- Pension costs influenced by the impact of auto-enrolment, the changes to LGPS and Teachers Pensions, plus costs associated with the Council resizing its workforce in order to balance its budgets over the period 2013/16.
- The impact on Councils and employees National Insurance contributions arising from the ending of contracting out is expected to be significant.
- Costs associated with sustainability including waste disposal and recycling, energy and fuel costs and general procurement inflation due to increased global demand for raw materials.
- As Loans Charges become a larger proportion of the Revenue Budget due to funding reductions and the Council's ambitious Capital Investment Programme then the impact of increases in interest rates will become greater.
- Overall global economic situation resulting in uncertainty around investment returns, inflation levels and further reductions in public sector funding.

The fundamental issue for the Council is that at some point if the squeeze on public sector finances and the decline in population continues then the area could become unviable as a unit of administration and this will have an associated impact on other local services such as health, police and fire.

8.12 Table 4 shows the high level estimate of the 2016/19 budget gap based on the above.

2016/19 Budget Gap - High Level Estimate

Table 4

		2016/17 £m	2017/18 £m	2018/19 £m	Cumulative £m
1/	OBR Autumn Statement - IS Est (4% cut over 2016/19)	1.6	3.1	1.5	6.2
2/	Continuing cash cut due to Depopulation	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0
3/	Inflation - Pay (2% per year) - Non-Pay (As present)	2.1 1.9	2.1 1.9	2.1 1.9	6.3 5.7
4/	Pressures (Known) - Auto-enrolement (70% take up -Oct 2017) - Pensions (Contracting Out) - RAMP	2.0 0.3	0.3 - 0.3	0.7 - 0.3	1.0 2.0 0.9
		8.9	8.7	7.5	25.1

- a/ This excludes unquantified demographic pressures coming through CHCP or increased asset maintenance costs
- b/ Allows for £4.6 million per year Prudential Borrowing for RAMP.
- c/ Assumes no Council Tax increase. (3% annual increase would raise approx £3.0 million in total towards the gap).

8.13 Short to Medium Term Capital Projections

The Council agreed a 3 year Capital Programme 2013/16 in February 2013 which included significant extra investment in roads infrastructure. In February 2014 the Council further agreed to return £0.5m of SEMP monies to the General Fund.

In addition, the Council has already approved a significant level of Prudentially Funded capital projects including investment in schools, leisure, a new depot, rationalisation of offices and vehicles.

The Council has agreed an asset disposal strategy on the premise that assets are not sold whilst the market continues to be depressed unless the Council is clear it can demonstrate Best Value is being achieved.

8.14 Long-Term Capital Projections

There is greater certainty around capital spend for the post 2015/16 period due to the fact that the School Estate Strategy will use well over 60% of projected capital grant for at least the next 15 years.

This will leave a relatively small amount for other projects which will be required to maintain the Council's existing infrastructure asset base i.e. Operational Properties, Roads, Lighting, Open Spaces and ICT.

Given the difficult position the Council faces on capital expenditure, it is essential that future capital expenditure proposals are largely self – financing through the release of other capital assets, as well as delivering efficiencies which will secure ongoing revenue savings.

Unless there is a substantial increase in resources from the Government or alternative funding sources are identified then the Council will face significant challenges to have sufficient capital resources to maintain it's existing asset base in the medium to long term.

Table 5 - Capital Programme 2013/2016 (Medium Term Capital Projections)

Table 5

Expenditure/Projects by Committee	2013/14 £m	<u>2014/15</u> <u>£m</u>	2015/16 £m	Totals £m
Policy & Resources	0.86	0.61	1.12	2.59
Environment & Regeneration	9.7	17.75	30.58	58.03
Education & communities (Exc School Estate)	1.28	4.25	8.43	13.96
School Estate	21.09	8.04	14.86	43.99
CHCP	0.18	0.08	0	0.26
	33.11	30.73	54.99	118.83
Financed By				
Government Grant	7.22	8.25	11.9	27.37
Sales/Contributions	0.57	0.47	0.92	1.96
Other Income	0.2	0.51	0.25	0.96
Revenue	8.23	7.63	8.41	24.27
Prudential Borrowing	21.89	11.24	25.87	59
Resources Carried Forward	3.64			3.64
	41.75	28.1	47.35	117.2
Shortfall in Resources				1.63

<u>Notes</u>

- 1 As per May 2014 P&R Committee.
- 2 Deficit of £1.63 million at end of 2015/16 is made up of £0.49 million planned cashflow surplus in SEMP plus £1.14 million shortfall in resources in the balance of the Capital Programme.
- 3 2015/16 figures include 2016/17 and future costs for completion of ongoing projects as well as funding sources where applicable.

9.0 Treasury Management

- 9.1 Inverclyde Council has adopted the CIPFA "Treasury Management in the Public Services Code of Practice" which sets out good practice for treasury management governance. The Council complies with legal and regulatory requirements in relation to its Treasury Management activities and has appointed consultants to provide advice on Treasury Management issues, including technical issues and the formulation of views on interest rates.
- 9.2 In complying with the Code of Practice, the Council produces a Treasury Management Practices document which sets out how the Council will manage and control its Treasury Management activities. This document is submitted to Committee for approval every three years with approval also being sought for any amendments in the intervening period.
- 9.3 Some significant changes were made to the requirements for Treasury Management reporting following the implementation of the revised CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice in April 2010. This has resulted in the following:
 - (a) An annual Treasury Management Strategy submitted at the start of the financial year and which includes the Council's Prudential Indicators and covers issues such as the economic situation, the prospects for interest rates, and the Council's borrowing and investment strategy for the coming year.
 - (b) A mid-year review of the Strategy which include details of the Council's debt and investment position, activity undertaken during the quarter, and performance to date against the Council's Prudential Indicators and agreed policy limits.
 - (c) An Annual Report for Treasury Management which is submitted to Members before the end of September each year and which advises Members of the Treasury Management activities during the previous financial year.
 - It should be noted that whilst all the above reports will go to the Policy & Resources Committee for initial scrutiny, all now require to go before the Full Council for approval.
- 9.4 The table on the next page shows the Council's debt and investments position as at 31/3/14..

Table 6 – Council's Debt and Investment Position – 31/3/14

The Council's treasury portfolio position at 31/3/14 comprised:

		Principal		Average Rate
		£000	£000	
Fixed rate funding	PWLB	117,168		
	Market	55,000	172,168	3.99%
Variable rate funding	PWLB Market	0 47,943	47,943	4.98%
TOTAL DEBT		-	220,111	4.21%
101/12 5251			220,111	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS			48,109	0.85%

10.0 Reserves

- 10.1 A key aspect of the consideration of the Financial Strategy is the position of the General Fund Reserves. The Reserves Strategy was last reviewed and approved by Council in August 2013.
- 10.2 Reserves can be held for three main purposes:-
 - A working balance to help cushion the impact of uneven cash flows this forms part of General Reserves.
 - A contingency to cushion the impact of unexpected events or emergencies which also forms part of General Reserves.
 - A means of building up funds, often referred to as earmarked reserves, to meet known or predicted liabilities.
- 10.3 The Reserves Strategy is based on the "free" General Fund Reserve being maintained at a level of 2% of turnover. A turnover of approximately £190 million results in a "free" General Fund Reserve of £3.8 million. In the event that the Reserves are projected to fall below this level then Members must have a clear route for bringing Reserves back up to the level over the subsequent three financial years.
- 10.4 The Reserves Strategy also assumes the continued use of earmarked reserves. In this way, earmarked reserves can be separated from the "free" General Fund Reserve which should allow Members to more transparently track the underlying reserves position.
- 10.5 Within Inverclyde Council the main Reserves/Funds comprise; General Fund Reserve, Insurance Fund, Capital Fund and Repairs & Renewals Fund. The latest projected position is shown below.
- 10.6 (a) General Fund "Free" Reserves This Reserve represents the Council's contingency for unforeseen/unquantifiable events. The level of the Reserve is determined by the Reserve Strategy whilst the projected balance is reported to each Policy and Resources Committee. See Appendix 7.

Balance 31/3/16 = £5.309 million

(b) <u>Insurance Fund</u> – The Insurance Fund balance is required to meet Insurance Liabilities not covered by external Insurance Policies. The balance on the Fund is reviewed every 3 years by an independent actuary who comments upon not only the balance of the Fund but also the on-going internal contributions to the Fund.

Balance 31/3/14 = £4.62 million

(c) <u>Capital Fund</u> – The Capital Fund is a Fund into which Capital Receipt income can be paid and used to fund either capital investment or repay the Principal element of debt repayments. The balance and planned usage of the Capital Fund is incorporated into the Financial Strategy. See Appendix 8.

Balance 31/3/14 = £0.85 million

(d) Repairs & Renewals Fund – The Repairs & Renewals Fund consists of sums received from external parties or allocated directly from Council resources which are thereafter released on a phased basis to maintain specific assets. Use of specific allocations to the Fund are agreed by Policy & Resources Committee and the overall position will be reported as part of the Financial Strategy. See Appendix 9.

Balance 31/3/14 = £2.42 million

11.0 Monitoring, Reporting and Review Processes

- 11.1 The Financial Strategy should be a dynamic, relevant document and will be monitored on an ongoing basis by Finance it will also be formally reviewed twice yearly, in May and then in November.
- 11.2 The formal review of the Financial Strategy will be reported to CMT and Full Council on a six monthly basis there will also be capacity to review the Strategy as and when required, particularly when a new issue arises or the impact of major policy or initiative becomes clearer.
- 11.3 The Financial Strategy will only be revised if there are material changes to estimates, projections or policy which will have a financial impact however issues which may impact will be flagged up in the regular General Fund Budget reports to Policy & Resources Committee.
- 11.4 The deminimus level for a major impact requiring immediate review is 50% of the planned General Fund reserves, £1.9 million, subject to the opinion of the Chief Financial Officer.
- 11.5 The financial management principles and expectations have been communicated and are understood by all Chief Officers and budget holders.
- 11.6 The Financial Strategy has been drawn up with the full involvement of the CMT and, will be communicated throughout the organisation.

12.0 Risk Management

- 12.1 The Council has developed a Corporate Risk Register, Directorate Risk Registers and individual service risk registers where appropriate.
- 12.2 Further work has also been undertaken to develop a Risk Register for the Financial Strategy and the required actions to mitigate risks these are set out in the table below.
- 12.3 The risk assessment below considers the risks to our financial position arising out of matters considered in this Financial Strategy and utilises the same methodology used for the Corporate, Directorate and Service Risk Registers.

Risk	Management of Risk
The Financial Strategy does not reflect in financial terms the objectives set out in other strategic plans of the Council.	The Financial Strategy provides a high level overview of the various strategic plans the Council has signed up to – it acknowledges that there will inevitably be financial implications arising from the SOA and Corporate Statement but it is not possible to quantify all of these at present. The Financial Strategy will be updated as further information
	becomes available regarding these strategic plans.
The directorate planning process will identify a range of additional budget pressures over and above those currently considered in this Financial Strategy.	The Directorate Planning Guidance identifies that Corporate Directorate Improvement Plans (CDIP) should reflect the resources allocated – the need for additional resources to achieve a particular priority should be specifically identified via the Financial Strategy prior to the preparation of the CDIP.
Forecasts within the Financial Strategy are not accurately determined or reviewed on a regular basis.	The Budget and Financial Strategy set out the expected levels of expenditure and income for the future. The forecasts are arrived at through careful consideration of historic trends and actual expenditure levels and any factors which may have an impact in the future.
	It also requires a degree of estimation and assumption, such as to calculate the impact of a perceived increase or decrease in future demand as a result of demographic changes or patterns of behaviour that have a socioeconomic impact.
	Throughout the financial year, the Council regularly monitors its financial performance against its budgets and will revise them where necessary, subject to remaining within the agreed overall budget for the Council.

Management of Risk
Individual workstreams are reviewed by lead officers on a monthly basis and reported to the CMT. In addition progress is reported to each Policy & Resources Committee. Specific targets for new workstreams were agreed and included in the February 2014 budget update
Chief Officers are consulted on proposed increases in income budgets/fees and charges and have the opportunity determine the levels of individual charges to achieve the budgeted income target.
Equally, income budgets are monitored throughout the financial year and where a shortfall in income is anticipated, this is highlighted in reports to Committee.
Income forms one of the new workstreams and will under go a full review in 2014/15
The Council has already identified through the Financial Strategy a reduced reliance on capital receipts and Government Grants in the medium term.
The combination of a poor settlement and economic instability mean that the Council has to focus on maintaining key infrastructure whilst utilising prudential borrowing for specific capital projects.
The Council has identified the need to complete Asset Management Plans for all it's assets with the Open Space AMP due for completion in 2014.
The Council has reviewed its procurement process and a procurement manual has been developed which includes supplier financial appraisal at PQQ stage. This will ensure that the financial position of new contractors is vetted prior to ITT stage and entering into any large contracts.
Regular reviews of financial position are undertaken for key suppliers on an ongoing basis.
Chief Officers are required to highlight the impact of legislative changes through the strategic planning and budgeting process and the likely resource requirement.
In addition COSLA has a key role in assessing the financial impact of changes in legislation and lobbying for Councils to be funded appropriately.
Regular review of treasury management decisions. Prudent assumptions on likely interest rates have been incorporated into Financial Strategy. Borrowing is spread to reduce impact of short-term changes.

Reserves are required to cash flow unanticipated budget shortfalls and fall below minimum recommended level.	Reserve Strategy is in place which clearly states that these must be a clear route to bring reserves back up to the minimum level over the subsequent 3 financial years.
Large contracts are due to be re-tendered where costs are likely to be higher due to the current economic climate.	Assumptions have been built into the budget for increase in price of goods and services.
Revenue implications of capital programme/projects are not fully anticipated.	All capital projects identify revenue implications and link into Council priorities. All capital projects are subject to a robust approval process which includes a review of revenue implications.
The equalities impact arising from the overall budget or specific proposals may not be adequately considered.	A specific process for assessing the equalities issues has been approved by the CMT with the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing corporate oversight and advice.

Short-Term Issues (2013/16)

The tables in Appendices 1, 2 and 3 have been developed through ongoing consultation with Directorates by the Chief Financial Officer to develop detailed knowledge of the issues to inform the Financial Strategy and future budget setting.

Service	Issues Identified	Issues & Potential Impacts	Action Taken	Responsible Officer	Timescale to report back
Corporate	Equal Pay	Provision for outstanding claims may not be sufficient and new groups may claim.	1st Group claims settled with the majority of payments made December 2012. 2 nd Group claims identified nearing conclusion.	Patricia Cassidy/Barbara McQuarrie	On Going
	Inflation	Uncertainty over pay awards and other inflation pressures were not fully clear when settling 2013/16 budgets.	Inflation allowances to be viewed over the 3 years time frame. Regular monitoring and reporting to CMT/Members.	Jan Buchanan	On Going
	Welfare Reform	Impact and increase in demand for Services can only be estimated. Longer term funding for Council Tax reduction scheme to be clarified.	£1.3 million recurring budget agreed as part of 2013/16 budget. Update reports going to Committee each cycle.	Alan Puckrin	On Going
	Loan Charges	Greater analysis is needed of the timing of debt repayment to fully inform future investment decisions.	Analysis of loan charge projections over the next 10 years to be undertaken and included as an appendix in future Finance Strategy	Jan Buchanan	December 2014

CHCP	Health/Social Care Integration	Likely implementation for, as a minimum, Elderly Care. Impacts on Governance/Funding could be significant	Monitor developments, report to relevant Committees.	Brian Moore	All Social Work Services will be included in the HSCP as currently exists with CHCP The HSCP will be established in April 2015
	Self Directed Support	Implement robust Resource Allocation System, possible pressure from new clients, who may otherwise not engage with Service.	As above	As above	Implemented April 2014
	Relationship with Service Providers.	Managing provider expectations whilst in a period of uncertainty over the future of the National Care Home Contract along with expectations from those providers out with this contract to fund inflation/impact of pensions/living wage.	As above	Brian Moore	Ongoing
	CHCP Asset Management Plan	Develop a comprehensive CHCP Asset Management Plan with a longer term property strategy, ensuring capital and revenue funding can be identified to meet ongoing maintenance, improvement and replacement costs.	Surveys completed and options being developed.	Brian Moore	Draft Strategy by 31 August 2014
Education & Communities	Early Years Provision	Concern that Revenue & Capital funding is not sufficient to meet the statutory requirements due to be implemented in August 2014 and August 2015.	Officers reviewing requirements and impacts are reporting to CMT/Committee as required.	Patricia Cassidy	September 2014

Appendix 2

Medium-Term Issues (2016/18)

<u>Service</u>	Issues Identified	Issues & Potential Impacts	Action to be Taken	Responsible Officer	Timescale to report back
Corporate	Reductions in other public sector partner's funding streams	As Public Sector funding reductions continue, partners are reducing their contributions to key Council priorities such as Riverside Inverclyde, CHCP, River Clyde Homes etc.	Continue dialogue with partners.	Corporate Directors	Ongoing
	Reduction in Council Funding	Government Funding over 2015/20 likely to be further reduced as recovery is delayed.	Await next Scottish Government Spending Review figures and factor into revised Financial Strategy and 2015/18 budget.	Alan Puckrin	December 2014
	Government needs to reduce Public Sector Borrowing	Prudential Borrowing Capping and cuts to Government Capital Grant will require revision of capital plans.	Rolling 3 Year Capital Programme developed annually. SEMP already reduced funding requirement from 2015/16.	Alan Puckrin/Jan Buchanan	December 2014
	Removal of key services from Council control.	Government could review Public Sector landscape which could result in loss of large parts of the Council remit and resultant impact on corporate viability.	Keep track of developments and report to Committee as required.	John Mundell	Ongoing
	Increased Payroll costs due to end of contracted out pensions and Autoenrolment.	The Government has indicated that it intends to introduce both these changes from 2017 at an estimated annual cost of £3 million to Inverclyde Council.	Keep an eye on developments and report to Committee as required.	Alan Puckrin	Ongoing
	Under statement of Councils population.	If Government over estimates the Councils depopulation this has a direct impact on the level of grant received.	Continue to press Government to take a more realistic view of the areas population trends.	John Mundell/Alan Puckrin	December 2014

<u>Service</u>	<u>Issues Identified</u>	Issues & Potential Impacts	Action to be Taken	Responsible Officer	Timescale to report back
Social Care	Ongoing Demographic demand pressures across many Social Care areas and on going drive towards Self-Directed Support and Independent Living	Continuing increased demand will put considerable pressure on "flat cash" budgets.	Ongoing review of Service Delivery models allied to clear prioritisation/charging policies has commenced and will be reported as part of the 2015/18 budget.	Brian Moore	August 2014
Environment & Regeneration	Waste Strategy	Significant cost increases expected in treating residual waste from 2016/17.	Monitor Waste Strategy and report to CMT/Committee at appropriate time.	Alan Puckrin/ lan Moffat	February 2015
	Asset Management Plans	Current RAMP funding ends 2015/16. Funding for continued investment to be identified. Open Space AMP and balance of properties are likely to identify need for significant investment.	Factor proposals into 2015/18 budget.	Alan Puckrin/Ian Moffat/Gerard Malone	February 2015
	Riverside Inverclyde/City Deal	Scheduled end of Riverside Inverclyde in 2017 and on going City Deal initiative requires fundamental review of future direction and resourcing	Both issues being lead by Interim Chief Executive of Riverside Inverclyde who will report back as required.	Aubrey Fawcett	June 2014
Education & Communities	School Estate Management Plan	Reduced Capital resources and corporate cost pressures may make current timescales for delivery of SEMP unachievable.	Six monthly review off all aspects of SEMP to continue. Recent review reflects approved acceleration programme which is still affordable in line with plan for completion but resources getting tighter.	Patricia Cassidy/ Alan Puckrin	Ongoing

Appendix 3

<u>Long-Term Issues – Post 2018</u>

<u>Service</u>	<u>Issues Identified</u>	Issues & Potential Impacts	Action to be Taken	Responsible Officer	Timescale to report back
Corporate	Depopulation and Change of Demographics	Continued loss of grant income, over provision of infrastructure. Viability of area under threat.	Population/Demographic trends to be monitored and reported to SOA/Alliance on a regular basis.	Patricia Cassidy John	Ongoing
	Potential changes to funding of Local Government Major constitutional ongoing Council Tax devolving 10p incom have the potential to impact on role/funding		Monitor National developments and report as required.	Mundell/Alan Puckrin	Ongoing
Social Care	Increase in number of Elderly and Adults with Learning Difficulties and resource implications of policy direction of Independent Living and Self Directed Support.	Significant costs associated with reshaping, expanding delivery models.	Develop as part of CHCP remit.	Brian Moore	Ongoing
Environment & Regeneration	Global Warming/Climate Change leading to rising sea levels	Significant impact on Council area with increased flooding and expenditure on sea defences.	New Flood Plan to include this issue.	lan Moffat	Ongoing
	Closure of major local employer	Could further increase rate of depopulation and would significantly impact of areas regeneration efforts.	Regular review of the recently approved rl/Council Joint Operating Plan.	Aubrey Fawcett/Stuart Jamieson	As required
	Carbon Reduction Commitment	Council will almost certainly exceed the threshold for participation in 2019. Will cost in excess of £300,000 per year.	Continue to monitor and report Council's performance annually.	Stuart Jamieson	Annually from 2014

<u>Service</u>	<u>Issues Identified</u>	Issues & Potential Impacts	Action to be Taken	Responsible Officer	Timescale to report back
Education & Communities	Sustaining Leisure Investment	By 2016 the Waterfront Leisure Complex will be 20 years old and significant investment will be required. In addition the recent significant investment in Leisure will require mid- life upgrades commencing in 2017/18 for which funding will be needed.	Condition Survey to be undertaken on this and other Leisure properties by Summer 2014. Proposals developed thereafter.	Patricia Cassidy / Alan Puckrin	February 2015



Current Profile Appendix 4

Riverside Inverclyde Funding Profile 2006/7 → 2016/17

<u>Year</u>	Revenue	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>0003</u>	£000	£000	£000
To 31/03/08	1,772	700	1,878	4,350
2008/9	1,840	85	1,112	3,037
2009/10	1,513	-	-	1,513
2010/11	2,100	-	-	2,100
2011/12	2,100	-	-	2,100
2012/13	1,900	-	-	1,900
2013/14	1,600	-	-	1,600
2014/15	1,500	-	-	1,500
2015/16	1,300	-	-	1,300
2016/17	1,300	-	-	1,300
2017/18	500			500
Gourock Redevelopment	-	-	1,100	1,100
PG Town Centre	-	-	500	500
Gourock - 1 way system	-	-	1,000	1,000
Area Renewal Fund	-	-	200	200
_	17,425	785	5,790	24,000

In addition to the £24 million the Council will provide an additional £3.1 million towards the two major projects at Gourock (£2.6 million) and Port Glasgow Town Centre (£0.5 million) over 2012/15.

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School Estate - Earmarked Reserves

	2013/14 £000	2014/15 £000	2015/16 £000	2016/17 £000	2017/18 £000	2018/19 £000	2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000	2021/22 £000	2022/23 £000	2023/24 £000	2024/25 £000	2025/26 £000	2026/27 £000	2027/28 £000	2028/29 £000	2029/30 £000
Earmarked Reserve b/fwd	3,086	2,859	1,957	1,618	1,601	1,573	1,435	1,260	1,229	1,143	741	311	470	664	801	949	1,070
Available Savings added (a)	4,347	4,584	4,682	4,682	4,682	4,682	4,682	4,682	4,682	4,682	4,682	4,747	4,747	4,747	4,747	4,747	4,747
Extra Financing (b)	3,210	3,020	3,260	3,260	3,260	3,260	3,260	3,260	3,260	3,260	3,260	3,260	3,260	3,260	3,260	3,260	3,260
Prudential Schools Loan Charges (c)	-3,729	-4,410	-4,528	-4,534	-4,541	-4,548	-4,556	-4,564	-4,573	-4,582	-4,592	-4,602	-4,613	-4,625	-4,638	-4,651	-4,665
Unitary Charge Payment (d)	-8,942	-8,942	-8,942	-8,942	-8,942	-8,942	-8,942	-8,942	-8,942	-8,942	-8,942	-8,942	-8,942	-8,942	-8,942	-8,942	-8,942
Unitary Charge Inflation Element (e)	-233	-460	-726	-1,002	-1,290	-1,589	-1,900	-2,223	-2,559	-2,909	-3,273	-3,651	-4,044	-4,453	-4,879	-5,321	-5,781
Unitary Charge Funding from Inflation Contingency	233	460	726	1,002	1,290	1,589	1,900	2,223	2,559	2,909	3,273	3,651	4,044	4,453	4,879	5,321	5,781
One Off Costs (f)	-793	-1,020	-644	-308	-304	-398	-419	-258	-295	-592	-601	-57	0	-35	0	0	0
Extra Revenue Repairs (g)	-366	-230	-263	-271	-279	-288	-296	-305	-314	-324	-333	-343	-354	-364	-375	-389	-401
Unitary Charge RSG	6,096	6,096	6,096	6,096	6,096	6,096	6,096	6,096	6,096	6,096	6,096	6,096	6,096	6,096	6,096	6,096	6,096
Written Back to General Reserves	-50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Earmarked Reserve c/fwd	2,859	1,957	1,618	1,601	1,573	1,435	1,260	1,229	1,143	741	311	470	664	801	949	1,070	1,165

⁽a) Per 13/14 Budget - includes savings from Craigmarloch from August 2014.Reduced by £70k from 2013/14 for additional NDR St Columba's.

⁽b) Per 2008/9 budget and £1m for Port Glasgow Com Campus, plus £160k for Lomond View. Compensating loan charges for receipts transferred to the Capital Fund come in from 2015/16. Annual saving of £190k from 2014/15.

⁽c) Assumes Inverclyde Academy, Newark Primary, Port Glasgow Community Campus and Lomond View refurbishments are Prudentially funded. Uses a pool fund rate of 4.0% from 2012/13.

⁽d) Based on Actual Unitary Charge at Jan 2011 RPI of £8.842 million plus £100k contingency from 2013/14.

⁽e) Base at Jan 2014 RPI. Assumes 2.7% annual inflation (4% RPI discounted by factor of 1.5)

⁽f) After 2026/27 one-off costs cease.

⁽g) Increased Revenue Repairs £250k in 2013/14.

Finance Strategy Leisure Strategy

Leisure Strategy - Financial Implications

	2009/10 £'000	2010/11 £'000	2011/12 £'000	2012/13 £'000	2013/14 £'000	2014/15 £'000	2015/16 £'000	Total £'000
Capital	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000
Ravenscraig Stadium	104	28	1,357	301	46	0	0	1,836
Parklea Pavillion & Stadium	278	1,220	3,239	452	124	69	0	5,382
Rankin Park Sports Centre	110	158	94	177	861	200	68	1,668
Nelson St Sports Centre Refurbishment	0	0	42	525	0	58	0	625
South West Library Refurbishment	0	0	138	176	0	0	0	314
Gourock Park Amphitheatre & DDA Works	217	99	3	0	0	0	0	319
Broomhill/George Road Pitches	960	50	2	1	0	0	0	1,013
Broomhill Park	0	187	10	0	0	0	0	197
Gourock Swimming Pool	37	137	1,070	779	58	5	0	2,086
Birkmyre Drainage	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	13
Contribution to Battery Park Pitch Replacement	0	0	0	68	0	0	0	68
Indoor Bowling Refurbishment	0	0	142	0	0	0	0	142
Waterfront Ice Rink	0	0	0	0	227	72	0	299
Complete on Site Contingency	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	12
Unallocated Balance	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	110
Total	1,706	1,879	6,097	2,492	1,316	416	178	14,084

Notes

a Allowance in overall Finance Strategy for up to £200k of increased revenue costs from 2012/13.

b Leisure Strategy partly funded by Sports Scotland Grant of £1m (£0.5m 2011/12, £0.482m 2012/13, £0.018m 2013/14) and a further £0.2m in 12/13 allocated for the Waterfront Ice Rink

c In addition to the projects above the Leisure Strategy has contributed £0.5m towards the BroomhillCommunity Facility (Total project budget £1.05m)

d Waterfront Ice Rink total cost £0.4m with balance funded from Property Services annual capital allocation.



Appendix 7

Finance Strategy General Fund "Free" Reserves 2014/16 Balance Projection

		£000
Reserves Balance at 31st March 2013		5,540
Budgeted Contribution to Reserves: Note 1 2012/13 Outturn Earmarked for 2013/16 2013/14 2014/15 2015/16	1,537 4,377 1,477 900	8,291
Contribution to Reserves 2013/16 Note 2		3,301
Planned Use of Reserves 2013/16 Note 3		(16,213)
Projected Surplus (Defecit) Note 4		4,390
Free Reserves Balance 31st March 2016		5,309

RSG/NDR/Council Tax will be £190 million from 2014/15. Recommended minimum level of reserves is 2% / £3.8 million.

Notes:

- 1/ 2013/14 and 2014/15 Figures are based on surplus reported as part of 2013/16 Budget.
- 2/ 2013/16 Figures represent decisions taken as part of the 2013/16 Budget process and further decisions taken in February 2014 as detailed below:

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Reduce 2013/16 Capital Contribution	450	0	0	0	450
Write back Capital Fund	1,000	0	0	0	1,000
Extra Capital Grant 2012/14	146	0	0	0	146
Increase Capital Programme to 1.5% Limit	355	0	0	0	355
RAMP Funding 2013/14 - £300k	300	250	100	0	650
Contribution from Common Good/Birkmyre	0	50	150	0	200
Write back Earmarked Reserves	500	0	0	0	500
	2,751	300	250	0	3,301

3/ Represents decisions taken as part of the 2013/16 Budget and February 2014 and based on latest phasings:

Approved Use of Reserves	2013/14 £000	2014/15 £000	2015/16 £000	2016/17 £000	Total £000
2013/16 Budget £9.992m	(1,621)	(5,241)	(3,130)	0	(9,992)
September 2013 - £1.5m	(83)	(670)	(747)	0	(1,500)
August 2013 - £0.118m	(59)	(59)	0	0	(118)
February 2014 - £5.203m	0	(2,240)	(1,163)	(1,200)	(4,603)
	(1,763)	(8,210)	(5,040)	(1,200)	(16,213)

4/ Figure reflects projected surplus reported to Policy & Resources Committee May 2014 plus further underspends for Auto Enrolment, loans charges and unallocated inflation contingencies as detailed below:

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Projected Surplus (May 2014 P&R)	1,189	0	0	0	1,189
Auto Enrolment not required	470	186	100	0	756
Unallocated Inflation Contingency	399	0	0	0	399
Unallocated Pay Inflation Contingency	0	846	0	0	846
Loan Charge Underspend to EMR	350	600	250	0	1,200
	2,408	1,632	350	0	4,390

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		2013/14 £'000	2014/15 £'000	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000	2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000	2019/20 £'000
Balance B/fwd		(1,742)	(850)	(987)	(986)	(2,356)	(1,163)	(2,947)
Additions (Estimate) Interest (Estimate)	а	(100) (8)	(533) (4)	(629) (10)	(2,990) (20)	0 (47)	(2,000) (24)	(731) (59)
Principal Repayments Other Payments	b d	0 1,000	400 0	640 0	640 1,000	240 c 1,000	240 0	240 0
Balance at Year End	-	(850)	(987)	(986)	(2,356)	(1,163)	(2,947)	(3,497)

Notes a Estimated Receipts:

2013/14 SEMP, £0.1m, Mearns Centre, t'fer of funds from Communities Facilities budget

2014/15 SEMP, £0.075m, Highlanders

AMP Receipt, £0.05m, Newark House

Other Receipts, £0.408m, Former Kempock Hse, Neil St, Wateryetts Drive, Kilmacolm, McLeans Yard, Land at Broadstone Avenue

2015/16 SEMP Receipts,£0.629m, includes Barmoss Nursery, Ravenscraig, Lilybank & St Gabriels Primaries.

2016/17 SEMP Receipts, £2.7m, Greenock Academy, Kings Glen Primary.

AMP receipts £0.29m, Strone Office & Wellington Academy

2018/19 SEMP Receipts, £2m, St Stephens

2019/20 Recovery of Scottish Enterprise Clawback, £0.731m

- b £400k per Depot AMP from 2014/15 to 2016/17, £240k SEMP from 2015/16
- c From 2017/18 it was agreed that the £400k for Depot would be met from Riverside Inverciyde funding.
- d Other Payments:

2013/14 £1.0m payment to fund Loan Charges, subsequent saving in Loan Charges will help fund the RAMP.

2016/18 £2.0m payment to fund Loan Charges.

Finance Strategy Repairs & Renewals Fund

	2013/14 £'000	2014/15 £'000	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000	2017/18 £'000
Balance B/fwd	(1,089)	(2,417)	(2,578)	(2,591)	(2,592)
Additions:					
Inverkip Footbridge					
Leisure Strategy	(200) a	(200)	(200)		
Former Housing Repairs & Renewals Fund	(1,164)				
Maintenance Payments:					
Greenock Cut	9	14	14	14	14
Gallaghers/Port Glasgow Development	36	36	36	36	36
Inverkip Footbridge		2	2	2	6
Leisure Strategy			160 b		
Former Housing Repairs & Renewals Fund					
Interest					
Greenock Cut	(2)	(2)	(2)	(6)	(5)
Gallaghers/Port Glasgow Development	(1)	(1)	(2)	(4)	(3)
Inverkip Footbridge	(1)	(2)	(3)	(6)	(6)
Leisure Strategy	(1)	(2)	(6)	(13)	(13)
Former Housing Repairs & Renewals Fund	(4)	(6)	(12)	(24)	(24)
Balance:					
Greenock Cut	(301)	(289)	(277)	(269)	(260)
Gallaghers/Port Glasgow Development	(246)	(211)	(177)	(145)	(112)
Inverkip Footbridge	(301)	(301)	(302)	(306)	(306)
Leisure Strategy	(401)	(603)	(649)	(662)	(675)
Former Housing Repairs & Renewals Fund	(1,168)	(1,174)	(1,186)	(1,210)	(1,234)
Balance at Year End	(2,417)	(2,578)	(2,591)	(2,592)	(2,587)

Notes

a Future contribution to Leisure Strategy subject to confirmation of available funds and likely to be less than the £200k indicated.

b Contribution to Inverkip CC drainage issue.

Appendix 10a

<u>Finance Strategy</u> <u>Asset Management Plan - Offices</u>

Earmarked Reserve Offices	2013/14 £000's	<u>2014/15</u> £000's	<u>2015/16</u> £000's	<u>2016/17</u> £000's	2017/18 £000's
Earmarked Reserve b/fwd	474	460	184	451	651
Additional Funding (Note d)	660	610	565	565	565
Available Savings/(Cost) Added (Note a)	(209)	(213)	258	278	322
Loan Charges (Note b)	(208)	(324)	(481)	(643)	(696)
Further One Off Costs (Note c)	(257)	(349)	(75)	0	0
Net Saving/(cost) for year	(14)	(276)	267	200	191
Earmarked Reserve c/fwd	460	184	451	651	842

Notes

- a Net Revenue Savings & Costs Excluding Loan Charges 2012/13 figure includes £1m Capital works funded directly from AMP Reserves per Feb 2013 Budget
- b Assumes an interest rate of 4%
- c Further One Off costs relate to the temporary appointment of an Asset Manager as well as costs for various decants, demolitions and rental of storage area.
- d Additional funding consists of original funding allocation of £1m adjusted for:

£200k Workstream Saving from 2011/12 £30k Topslice saving from 2012/13

£60k Workstream Saving from 2013/14

£100k Workstream Saving from 2014/15

£45k BPRA scheme saving from 2015/16

£50k one off reduction of EMR Balances 2013/14

Appendix 10b

<u>Finance Strategy</u> <u>Asset Management Plan - Depots</u>

Earmarked Reserve Depots	2013/14 £000's	2014/15 £000's	<u>2015/16</u> £000's	2016/17 £000's	2017/18 £000's
Earmarked Reserve b/fwd	682	1,116	1,881	2,368	2,486
Additional Funding (Note d)	500	900	900	900	900
Available Savings/(Cost) Added (Note a)	101	132	86	125	125
Loan Charges (Note b)	(148)	(217)	(499)	(907)	(975)
Further One Off Costs (Note c)	(19)	(50)	0	0	0
Net Saving/(cost) for year	434	765	487	118	50
Earmarked Reserve c/fwd	1,116	1,881	2,368	2,486	2,536

Notes

- a Net Revenue Savings & Costs Excluding Loan Charges
- b Assumes an interest rate of 4%
- c Further One Off costs relate to the temporary appointment of an Asset Manager
- d Additional funding made up of:

Contribution from Zero Waste Fund £200k From 2010/11
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Contribution from Revenue Budget £300k From 2012/13, original £500k allocation reduced

by £200k Workstream Saving

Contribution from Capital Fund £400k From 2014/15 to 2016/17

Additional Contribution from Revenue £400k From 2017/18, diversion of Riverside Inverclyde budget

Finance Strategy Vehicle Replacement Programme

Appendix 11

Earmarked Reserve	2013/14 £000's	2014/15 £000's	2015/16 £000's	2016/17 £000's	2017/18 £000's	2018/19 £000's	2019/20 £000's	2020/21 £000's	2021/22 £000's
Earmarked Reserve b/fwd	205	307	332	321	312	305	296	287	269
<u>Capital Requirements:</u> Vehicle Purchases Residual Value Net Capital Requirement	545 (183) 362	1,099 (249) 850	2,631 (746) 1,885	352 (83) 269	1,866 (385) 1,481	585 (135) 450	1,125 (293) 832	2,797 (714) 2,083	244 (63) 181
Loan Charges	974	1,025	1,091	1,089	1,087	1,089	1,089	1,098	1,075
Additional Revenue Costs, Tracking System	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29
Loan Charges Funding Available	1,105	1,079	1,109	1,109	1,109	1,109	1,109	1,109	1,109
Annual Funding Surplus/(Shortfall)	102	25	(11)	(9)	(7)	(9)	(9)	(18)	5
Earmarked Reserve c/fwd	307	332	321	312	305	296	287	269	274

- It should be noted that the model: a Takes into account reductions in the fleet due to BSU restructuring and the loss of the RCH Grounds contract.
 - b Reflects reductions in fleet as a result of savings agreed February 2013 as well as a reduction in Loan Charges funding available where known. Further reductions in Loan Charges available may be applied on final confirmation of implication of savings.
 - c Assumes continuation of Food Waste collection and includes replacement of Food Waste Vehicles, 2017/18. Funding for the continuation of this to be identified by Service.
 - d Excludes Low Carbon Vehicles, due for replacement 2016/17. The purchase of these vehicles was heavily subsidised by Government Grants which may not be available in future years. If a decision is made to replace these vehicles any replacement costs will be met from available grants and Service Revenue budgets.
 - e From 2015/16 includes £30k additional funding vired from undersepend in Fuel.

		2012/13 Actual £000's	2013/14 Approved £000's	2014/15 Approved £000's	2015/16 Approved £000's	2016/17 Proposed £000's	2017/18 Proposed £000's	2013/16 3 Year £000's	2013/18 5 Year £000's
Funding Available	а								
Core/Supported Borrowing			1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	3,900	6,500
Prudential Borrowing CFCR:				2,100	2,100	4,700	4,700	4,200	13,600
Early Allocation (Feb 2012)	b	1,373	1,627					3,000	3,000
Further Allocation (Feb 2013)	С		1,100	2,400	2,400			5,900	5,900
Total Funding Available	=	1,373	4,027	5,800	5,800	6,000	6,000	17,000	29,000
Allocation of Expenditure Carraigeways Footways Lighting Road Markings Drainage Structures Fees & Staffing Costs Total Allocation of Expenditure	-	1,373	3,023 248 140 50 286	3,526 350 530 650 463	1,923 332 1,790 100 100 975 441	3,195 900 1,500 50 50 375 430	3,470 900 1,200 50 50 100 430	9,845 930 2,460 100 100 1,675 1,190	16,510 2,730 5,160 200 200 2,150 2,050
Total Allocation of Experiorure	=	1,3/3	3,141	5,519	3,001	0,000	0,200	10,300	29,000
Over/(Under) Allocation	d _	0	(280)	(281)	(139)	500	200	(700)	0

Notes

a 2016/18 funding subject to confirmation and formal approval.

b Funds were set aside during February 2012 budget process prior to the formal approval of the RAMP model.

c CFCR part funded from undersepends due to reduced requirement for Loan Charges in early years.

d Lighting programme has been delayed due to delays in carrying out the column surveys and development of the outline business case and strategy. It is now anticipated that the original intended programme will not be completed within the initial 3 year period but will be extended into 16/17 and 17/18.



AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

Report No: LA/1170/14

Report To: THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL Date: 5 JUNE 2014

Report By: **ACTING CORPORATE DIRECTOR**

ENVIRONMENT, REGENERATION &

RESOURCES

Contact Officer: CAROLINE SHAW Contact No: 01475 712115

Subject: PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER -

DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACES

(ON STREET) ORDER NO. 1 2014

1.0 **PURPOSE**

1.1 The purpose of the report is to introduce Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On Street) Order No. 1 2014.

2.0 **SUMMARY**

2.1 In order to comply with the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009, Section 5 and to provide assistance to disabled persons who hold a badge under the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 as amended, the Environment and Regeneration Committee at the meeting held on 1 May 2014 agreed that the Inverclyde Council be asked to make the Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On Street) Order No. 1 2014 in terms of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and associated Regulations.

3.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 That a Resolution is made in the following terms.
- 3.2 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 and Commercial Services and Head of Legal and Property Services be Appendix authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

Legal and Property Services

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Local Authorities are empowered to make Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation and Roads (Scotland) Acts 1984 and under the Council's Scheme of Administration the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services is responsible for the making, implementation and review of Traffic Management Orders and Traffic Regulation Orders.
- 4.2 In order to comply with the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009, Section 5, it is proposed to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order to accompany the provision of parking bays for the disabled. This will restrict parking to drivers displaying a Blue Badge only, and will enable the Police to enforce such restrictions.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Legal

5.2 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

Human Resources

5.3 There are no HR implications arising from this report.

Equalities

5.4 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

Repopulation

5.5 There are no repopulation implications arising from this report.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 The proposals have been advertised in the Greenock Telegraph and full details of the proposals have been made available for public inspection during normal office hours at the offices of the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, the Head of Legal & Property Services and at Central, Port Glasgow, Greenock South West and Gourock Libraries.
- 6.2 One objection to the proposals was received. This related to the proposed revocation of a Disabled Person's Parking Place. The Head of Environmental and Commercial Services agrees with the objector that the Disabled Person's Parking Place should be retained and so the objection should be sustained.

7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACES (ON STREET) ORDER NO. 1 2014

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL

DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACES (ON STREET) ORDER NO. 1 2014

The Inverciyde Council in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Sections 32(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Constable of Strathclyde Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act hereby make the following Order.

- 2. In this Order the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them:

"vehicle" unless the context otherwise requires, means a vehicle of any description and includes a machine or implement of any kind drawn or propelled along roads whether or not by mechanical power;

"parking place" means a place where a vehicle, or vehicles of any class, may wait i.e. the area of land specified in the Schedule for which the use as a parking place has been authorised by the Council under Section 32(1) of the Act;

"sign" means a traffic sign;

"disabled person's badge" means:

- (a) a badge issued under Section 21 of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970;
- (b) a badge issued under a provision of the law of Northern Ireland corresponding to that section; or
- (c) a badge issued by any member State other than the United Kingdom for purposes corresponding to the purposes for which badges under that section are issued;

"disabled person's vehicle" means a vehicle lawfully displaying a disabled person's badge;

"Council" means The Inverciyde Council;

- 3. Each area of road which is described in the Schedule and plans relative to this Order is hereby designated as a parking place.
- The parking places designated in this Order shall only be used for the leaving of disabled persons' vehicles displaying a valid disabled person's badge.

- 5. The limits of each parking place designated in this Order shall be indicated on the carriageway as prescribed by The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.
- 6. Every vehicle left in any parking place designated in this Order shall stand such that no parking place is occupied by more than one vehicle and that every part of the vehicle is within the limits of the parking place provided that, where the length of a vehicle precludes compliance with this paragraph, such vehicle shall be deemed to be within the limits of a parking place if;
 - i. the extreme front portion or, as the case may be, the extreme rear portion of the vehicle is within 300 mm of an indication on the carriageway provided under this Order in relation to the parking place; and
 - ii. the vehicle, or any part thereof, is not within the limits of any adjoining parking place.
- 7. Any person duly authorised by the Council or a police officer in uniform or a traffic warden or parking attendant may move or cause to be moved in case of any emergency, to any place they think fit, vehicles left in a parking place.
- 8. Any person duly authorised by the Council may suspend the use of a parking place or any part thereof whenever such suspension is considered reasonably necessary:
 - i. for the purpose of facilitating the movement of traffic or promoting its safety;
 - ii. for the purpose of any building operation, demolition, or excavation in or adjacent to the parking place or the laying, erection, alteration, removal or repair in or adjacent to the parking place of any sewer or of any main, pipe, apparatus for the supply of gas, water electricity or of any telecommunications apparatus, traffic sign or parking meter;
 - iii. for the convenience of occupiers of premises adjacent to the parking place on any occasion of the removal of furniture from one office or dwellinghouse to another or the removal of furniture from such premises to a depository or to such premises from a depository;
 - iv. on any occasion on which it is likely by reason of some special attraction that any street will be thronged or obstructed; or
 - v. for the convenience of occupiers of premises adjacent to the parking place at times of weddings or funerals or on other special occasions.
- 9. A police officer in uniform may suspend for not longer than twenty four hours the use of a parking place or part thereof whenever such suspension is considered reasonably necessary for the purpose of facilitating the movement of traffic or promoting its safety.

10. This Order insofar as it relates to the parking places to be revoked (R), as specified in the Schedule to this Order, partially revokes The Inverciyde Council Disabled Persons' (On Street) Orders No.2 1997, No.1 1999, No.1 2001, No.1 2002, No.2 2002, No.1 2003, No.1 2004, No.1 2005, No.2 2005, No.1 2006, No.2 2008, No.3 2009, No.1 2010, No.2 2010, No.4 2010, No.1 2011, No.2 2011, No.3 2011, and No.4 2011.

DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACES (ON STREET) ORDER NO.1 2014

Statement of Reasons for Proposing to Make the Above Order

It is considered necessary to make the above Order to provide assistance for disabled drivers, who hold a Disabled Driver's Badge under the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 and by revoking those parking places no longer required to maximise street parking capacity.

DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACES (ON-STREET) ORDER No.1 2014

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1304	14 Ashton Road, Gourock	
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1343	28 Braeside Road, Greenock	
1345	68 Kelly Street, Greenock	
1350	24 Victoria Road, Gourock	
1351	47 Marloch Avenue, Port Glasgow	
1352	15 Ashton Road, Gourock	
1353	4c Lemmon Street, Greenock	
1355	4 Glenside Road, Port Glasgow	
1356	43 Brachelston Street, Greenock	
1358	21 Berwick Road, Port Glasgow	
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DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACES (ON-STREET) ORDER No.1 2014

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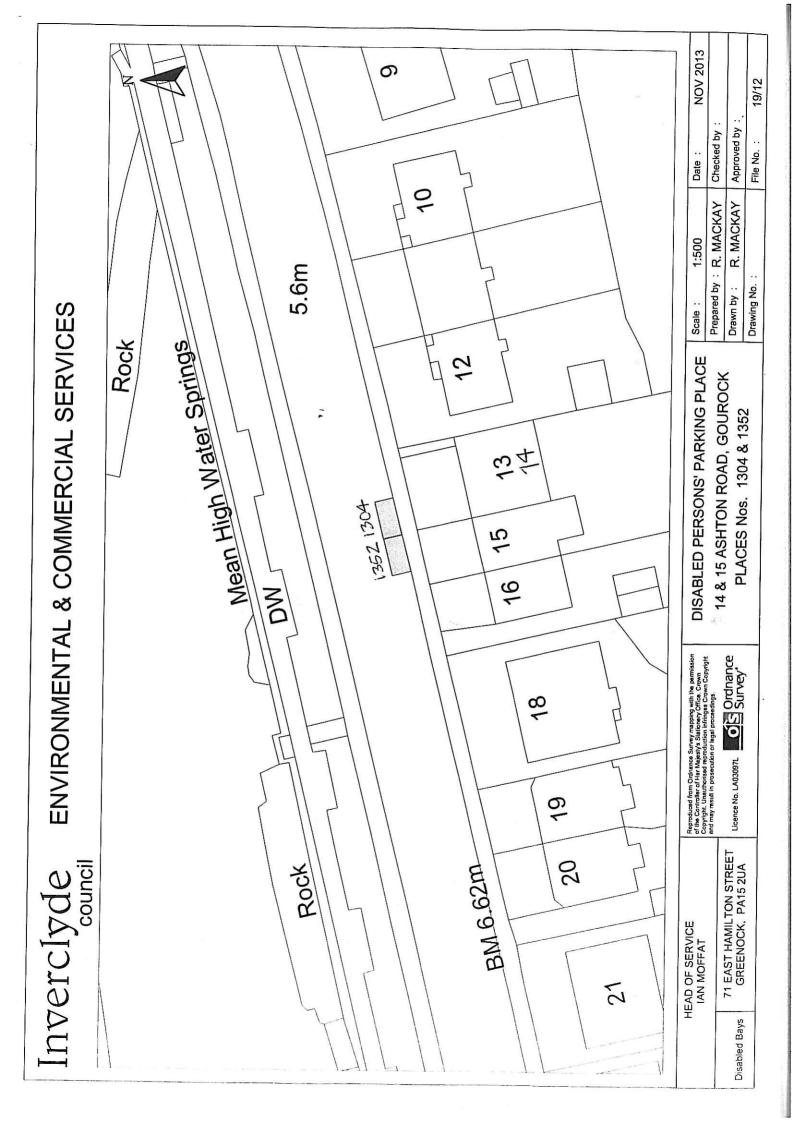
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0004	15 Regent Street, Greenock ®	
0050	13 Lyle Street, Greenock ®	
0204	48 Finlaystone Road, Kilmacolm ®	
0224	72 Nelson Road, Gourock ®	
0243	64 Rose Street, Greenock ®	
0365	16 Cardwell Road, Gourock ®	
0423	2 Binnie Street, Gourock ®	
0440	30 Ardgowan Square, Greenock ®	
0458	68 Bannockburn Street, Greenock ®	
0503	8 Juno Lane, Greenock ®	
0525	60 Finlaystone Road, Kilmacolm ®	
0548	30 Glenhuntly Road, Port Glasgow®	
0641	14 Barnhill Street, Greenock ®	
0812	140 Old Inverkip Road, Greenock ®	
0907	24 Rothesay Road, Greenock ®	
0912	2 Lemmon Street, Greenock ®	
0942	84 Union Street, Greenock ®	
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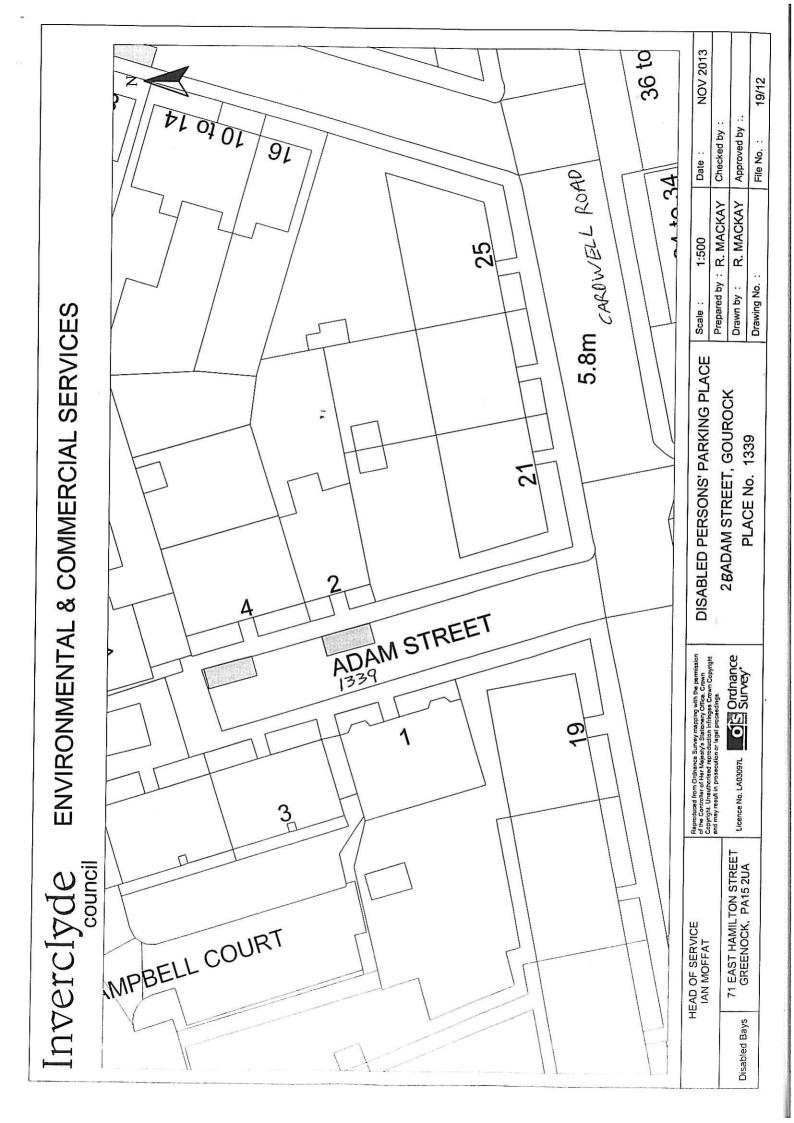
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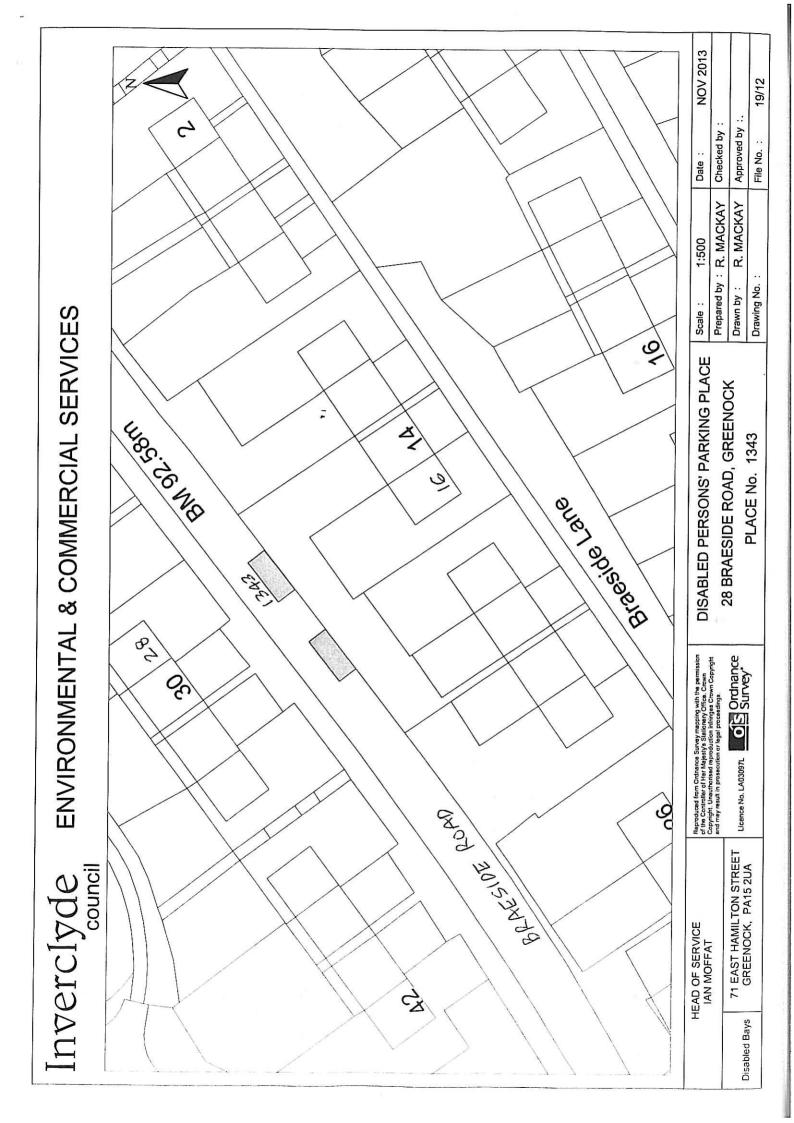
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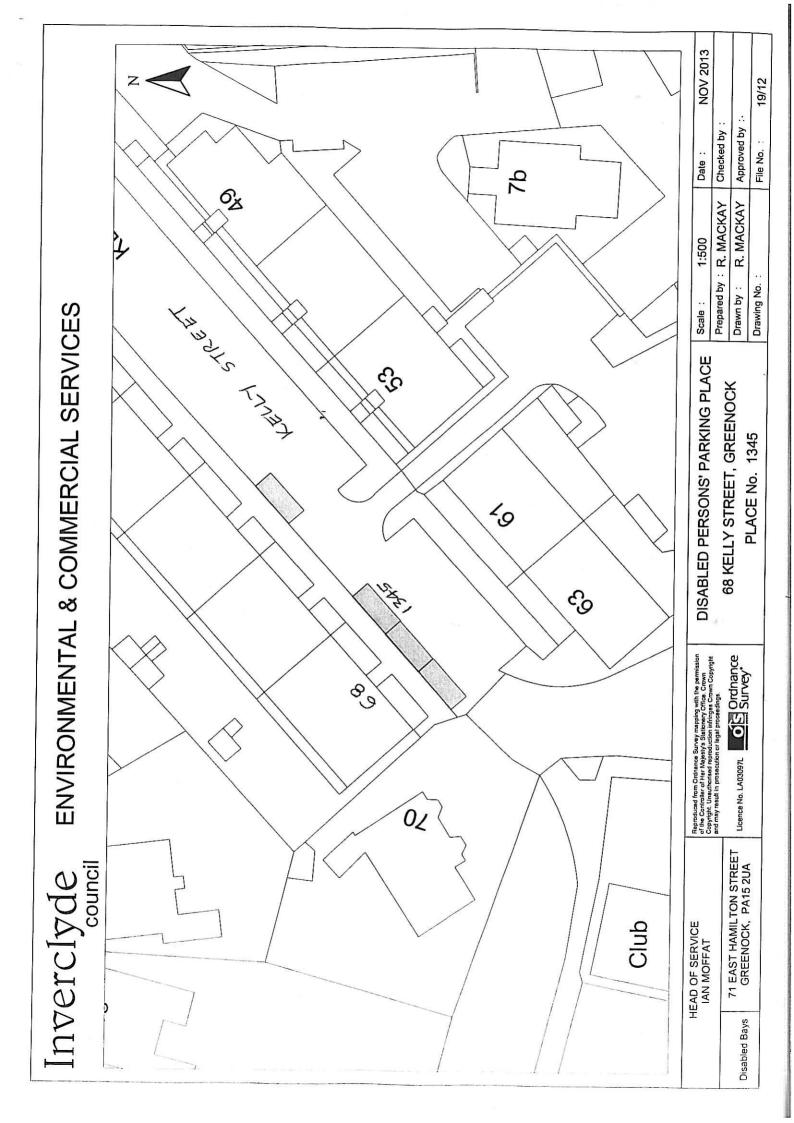
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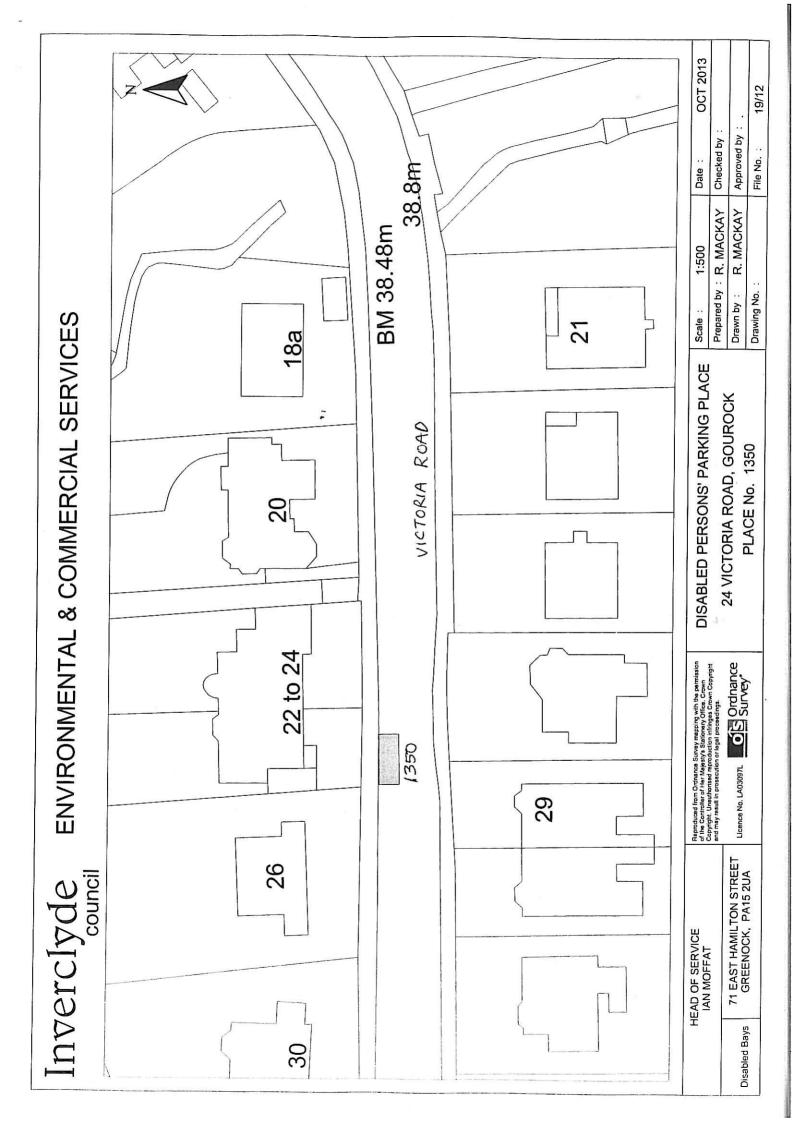
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1049	46 Maple Road, Greenock ®
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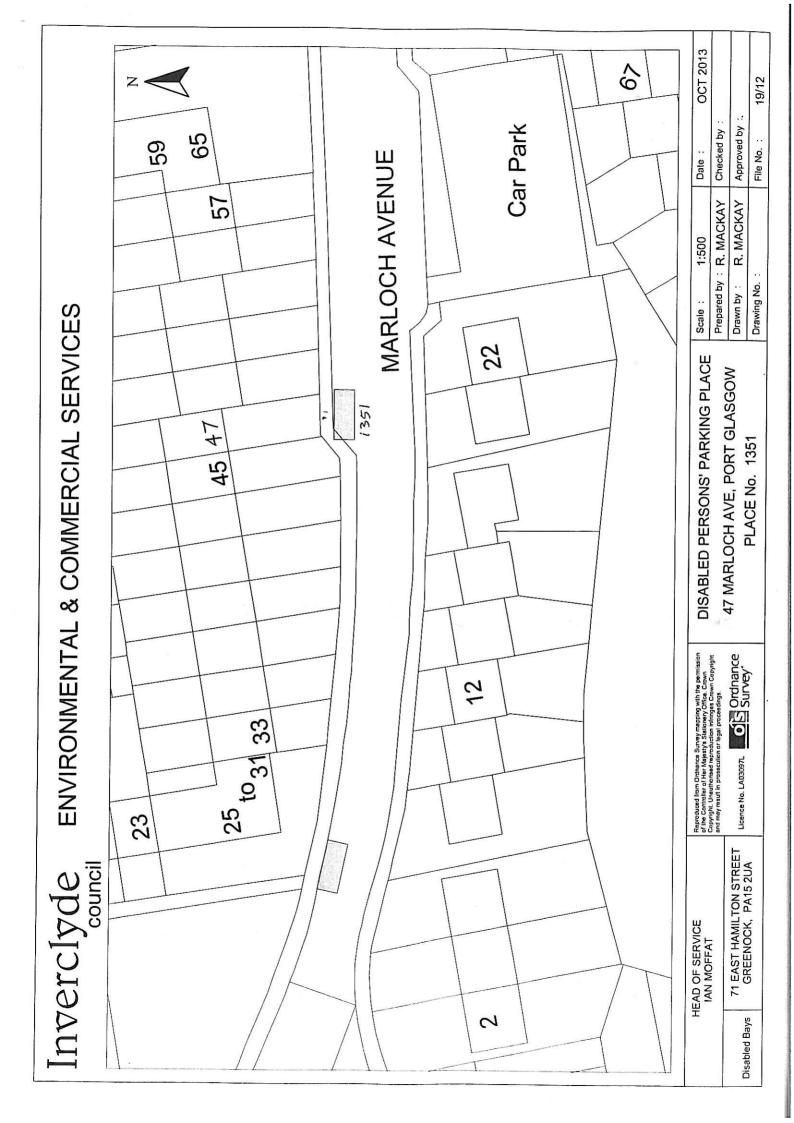


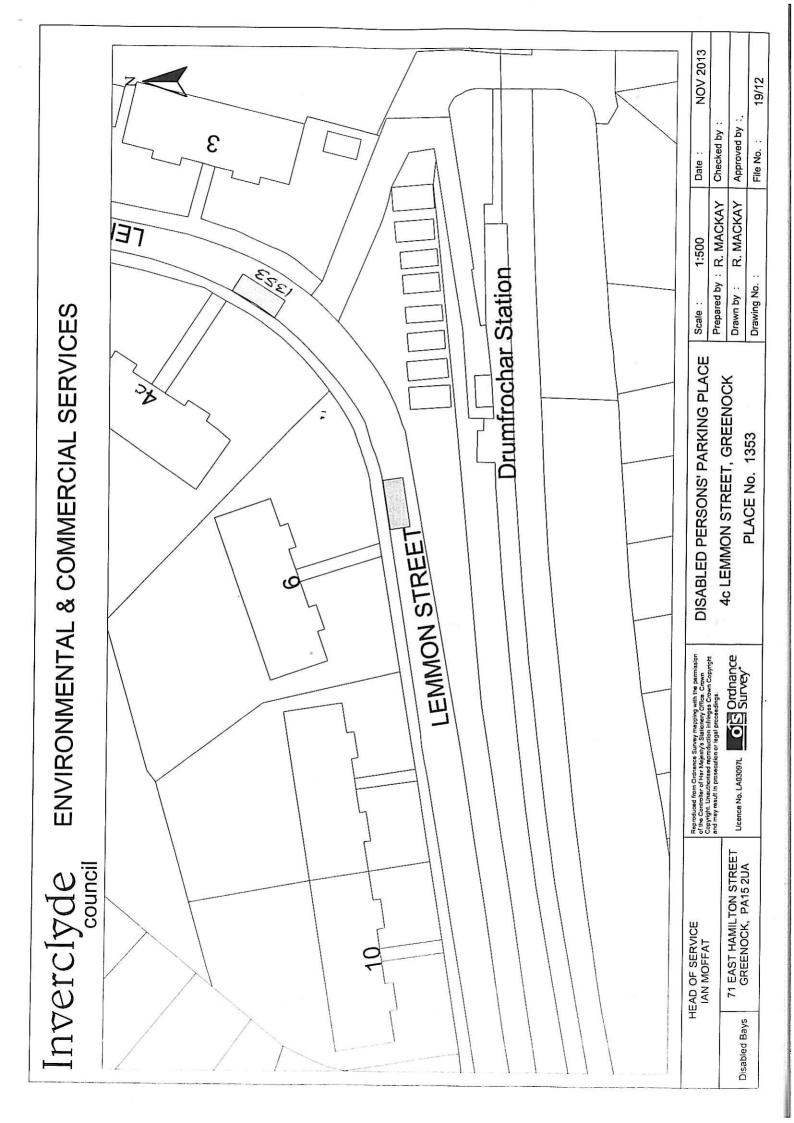


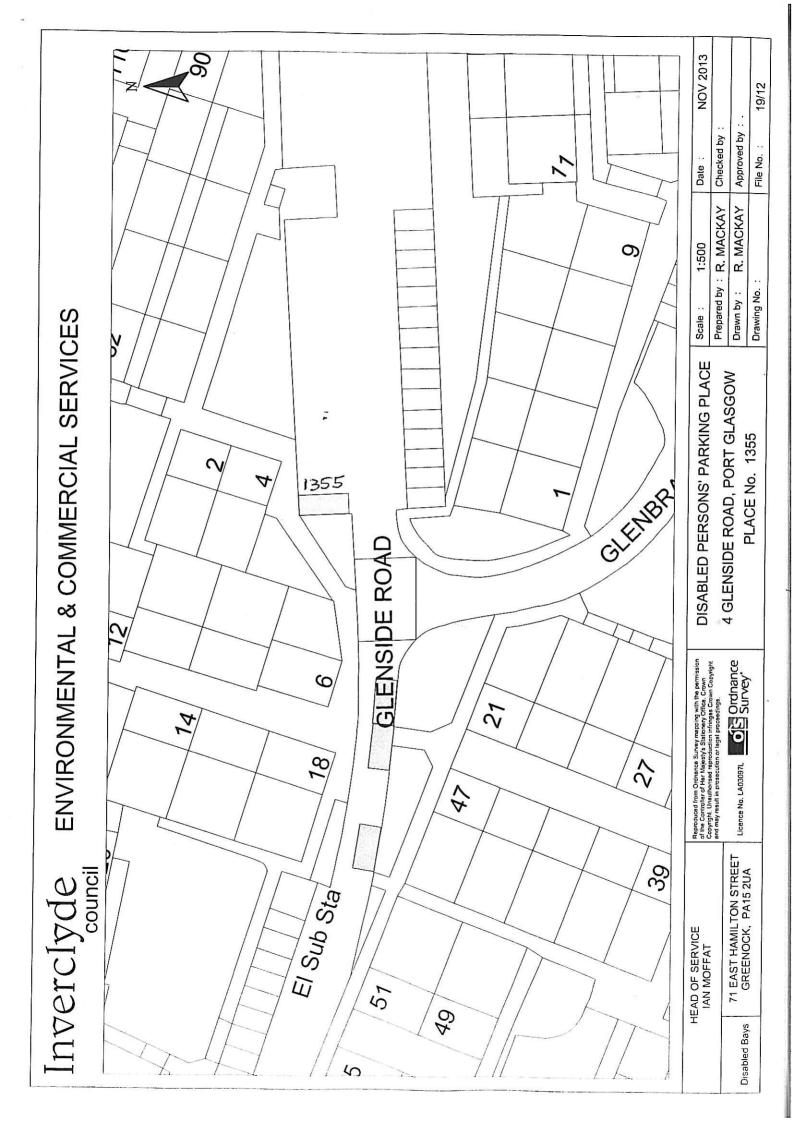


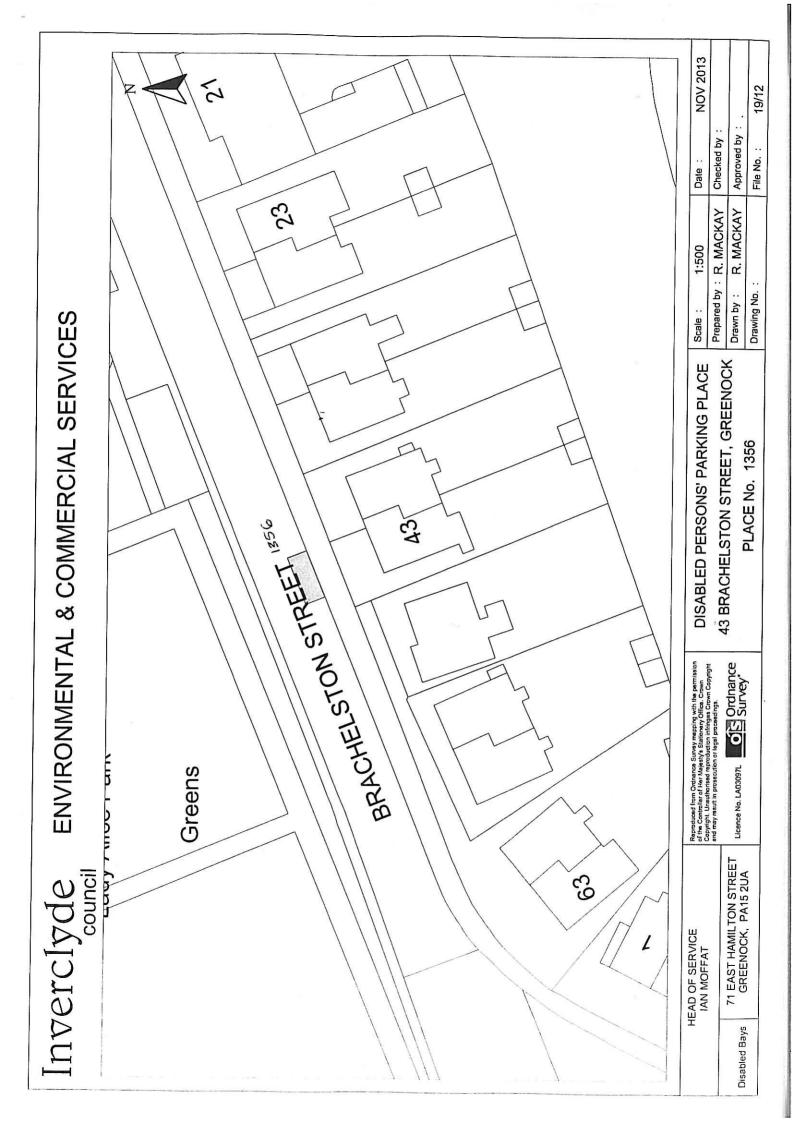


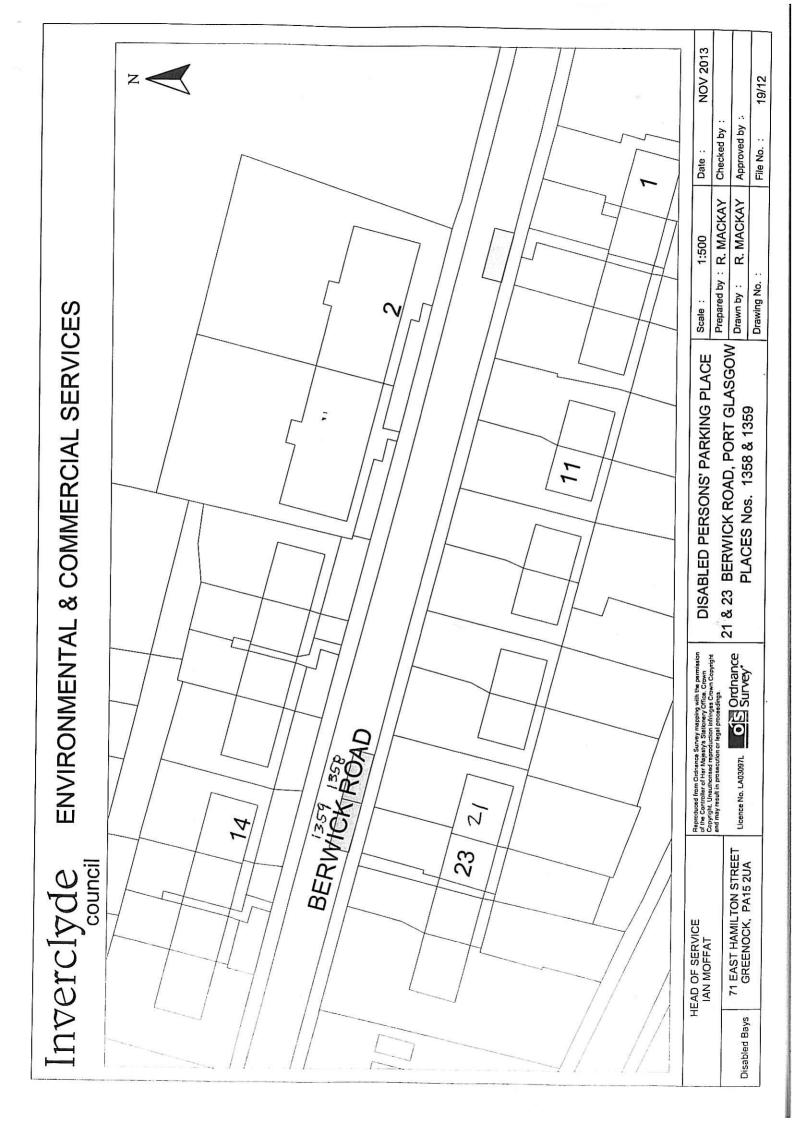


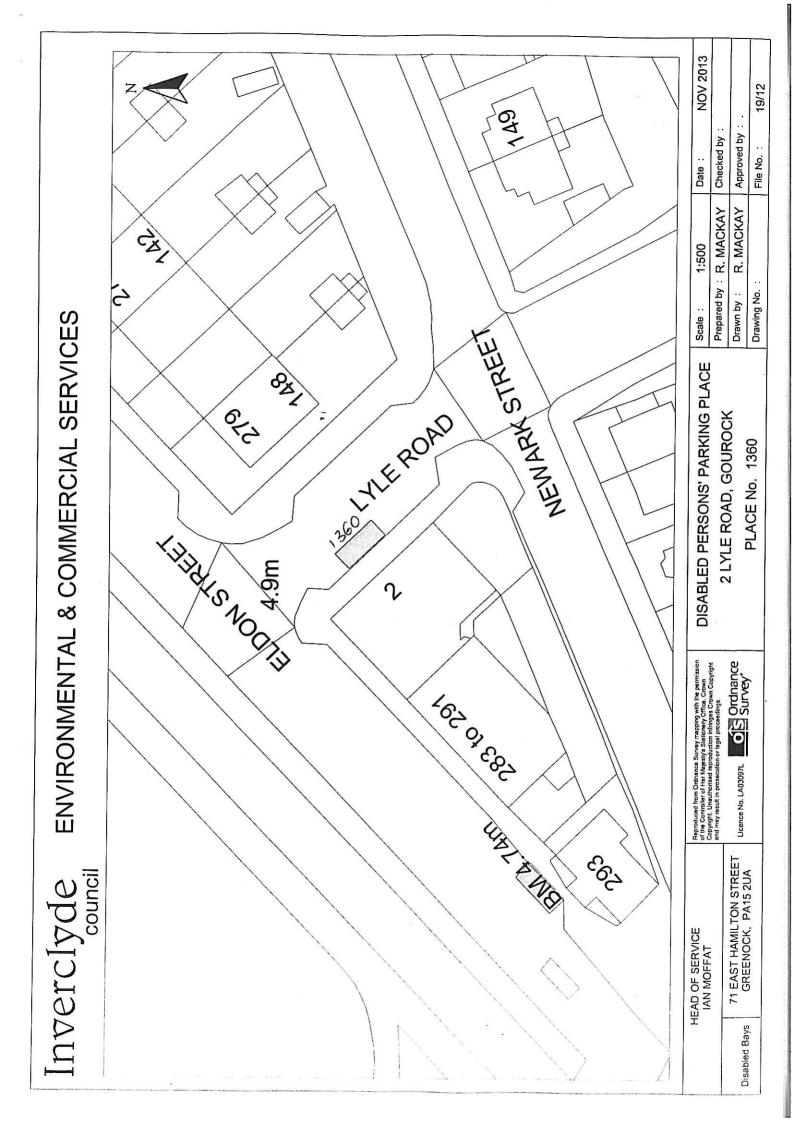


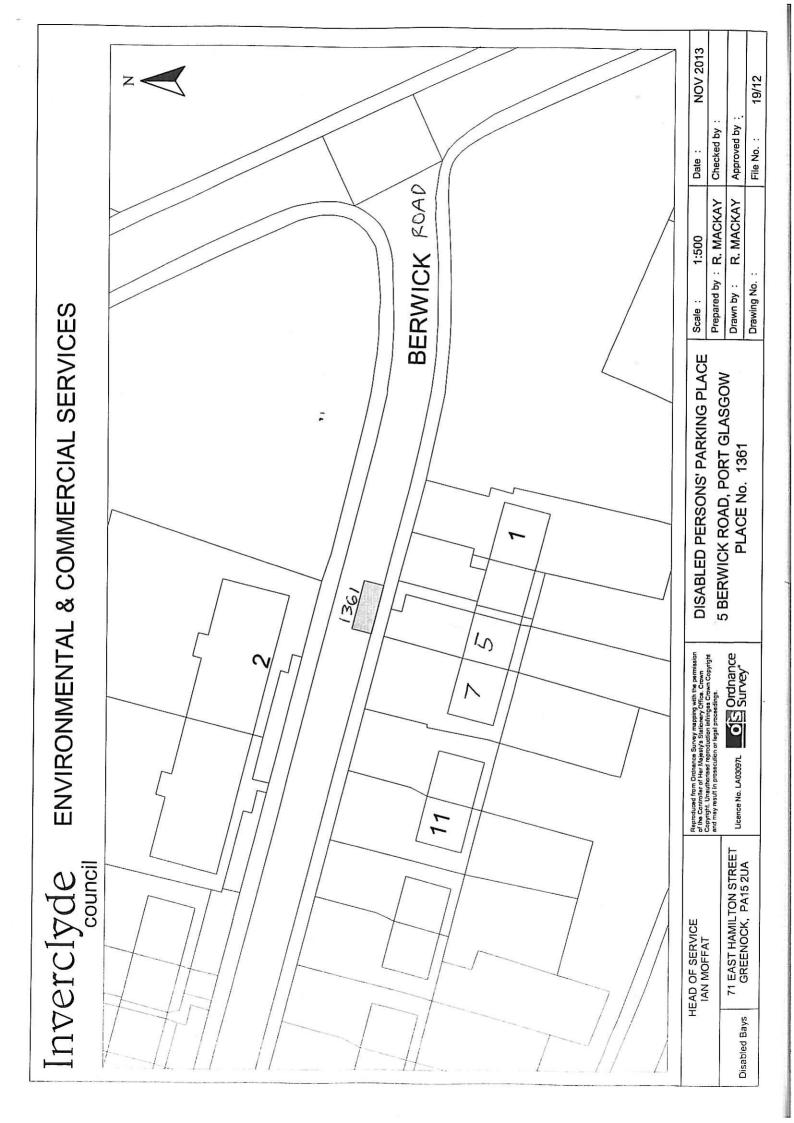


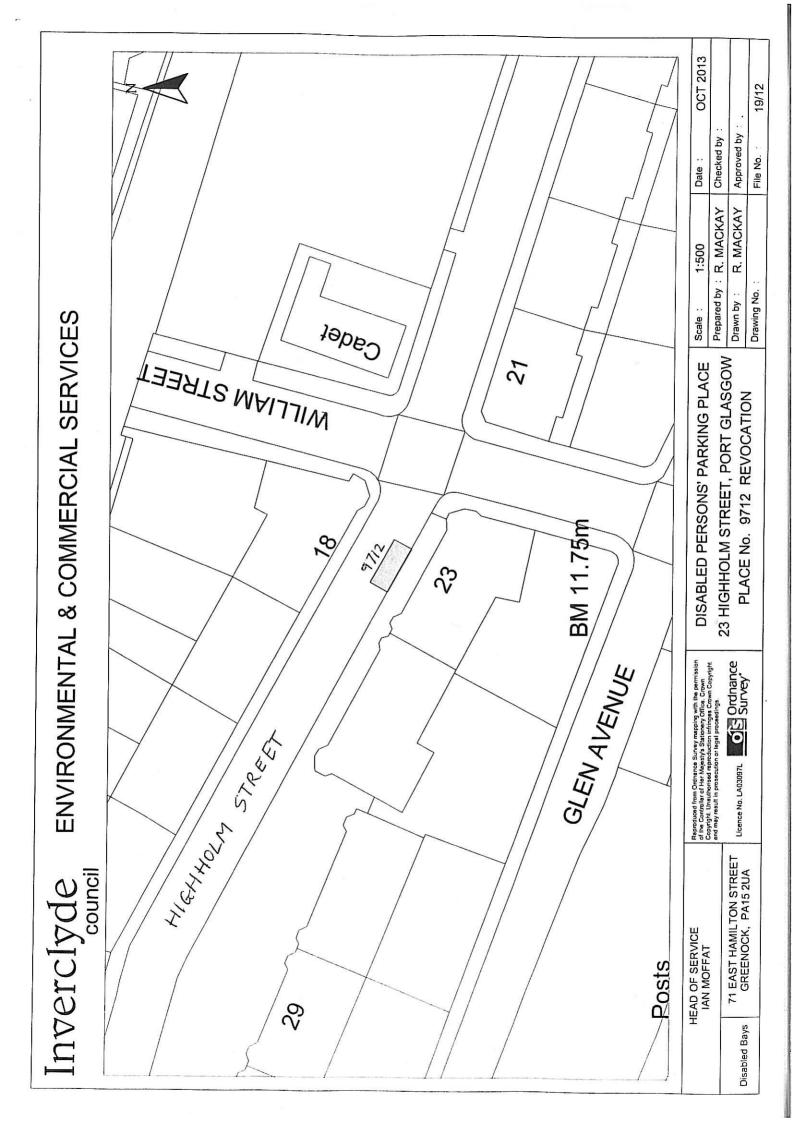


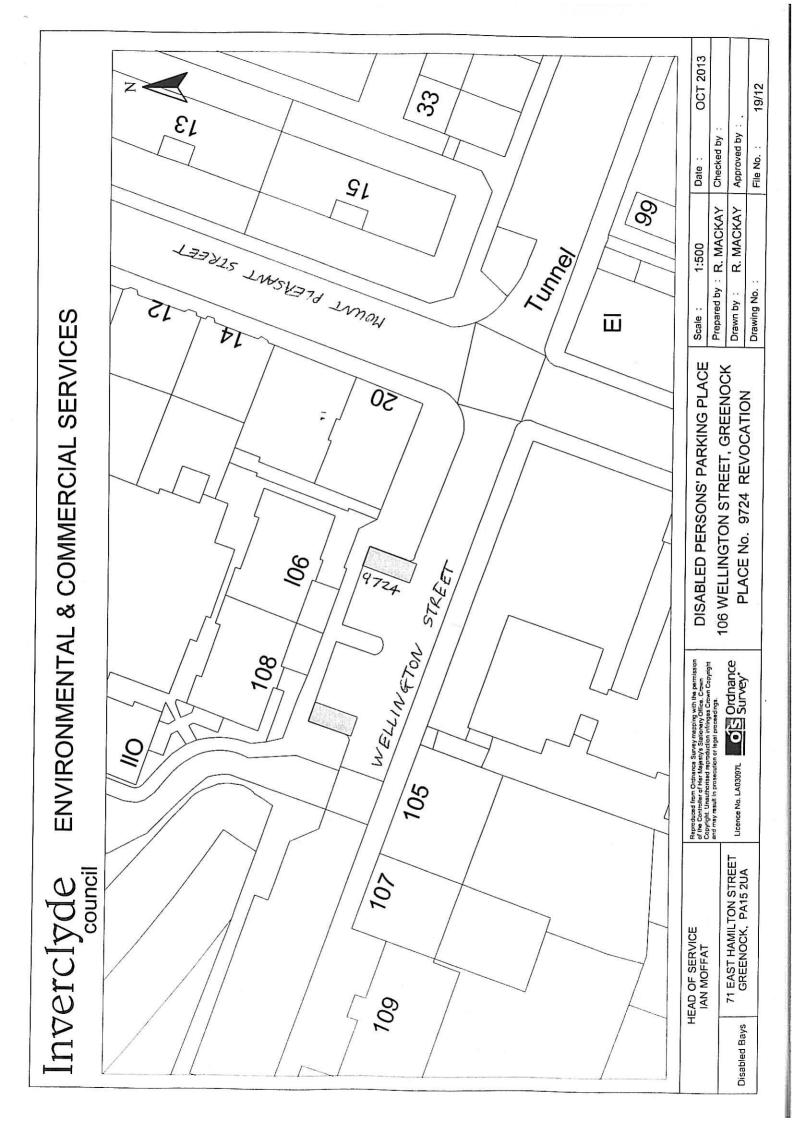


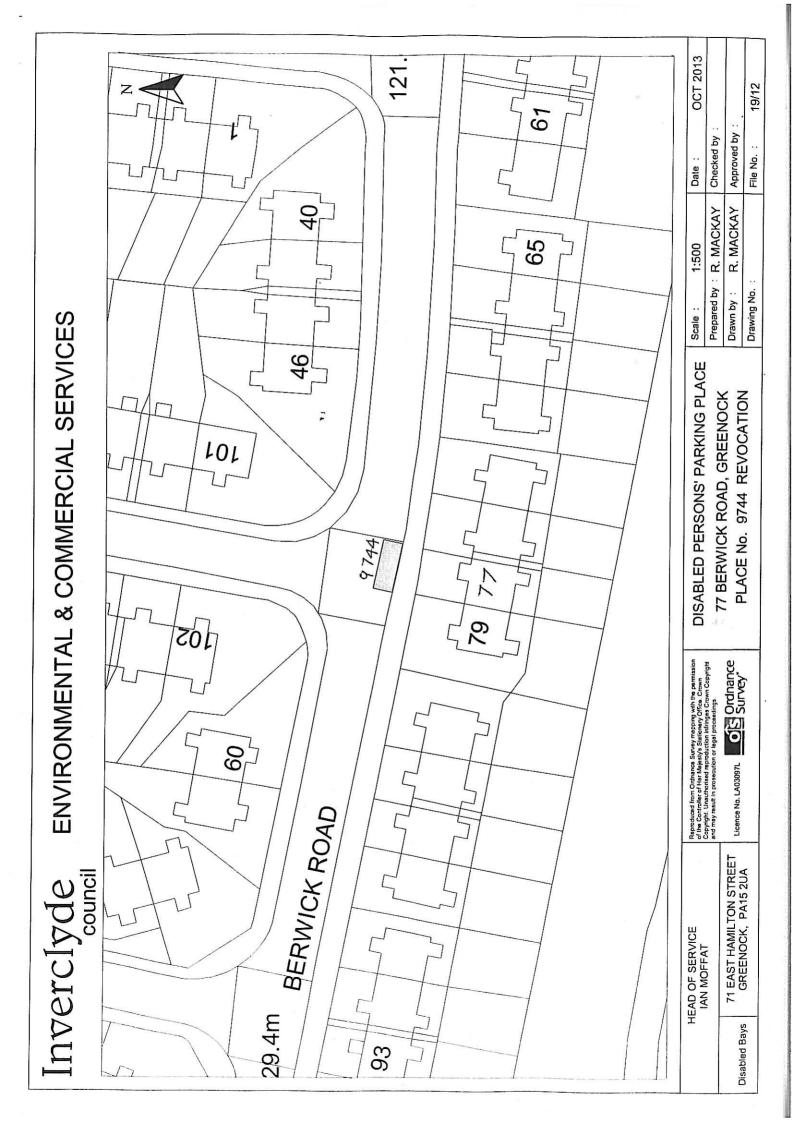


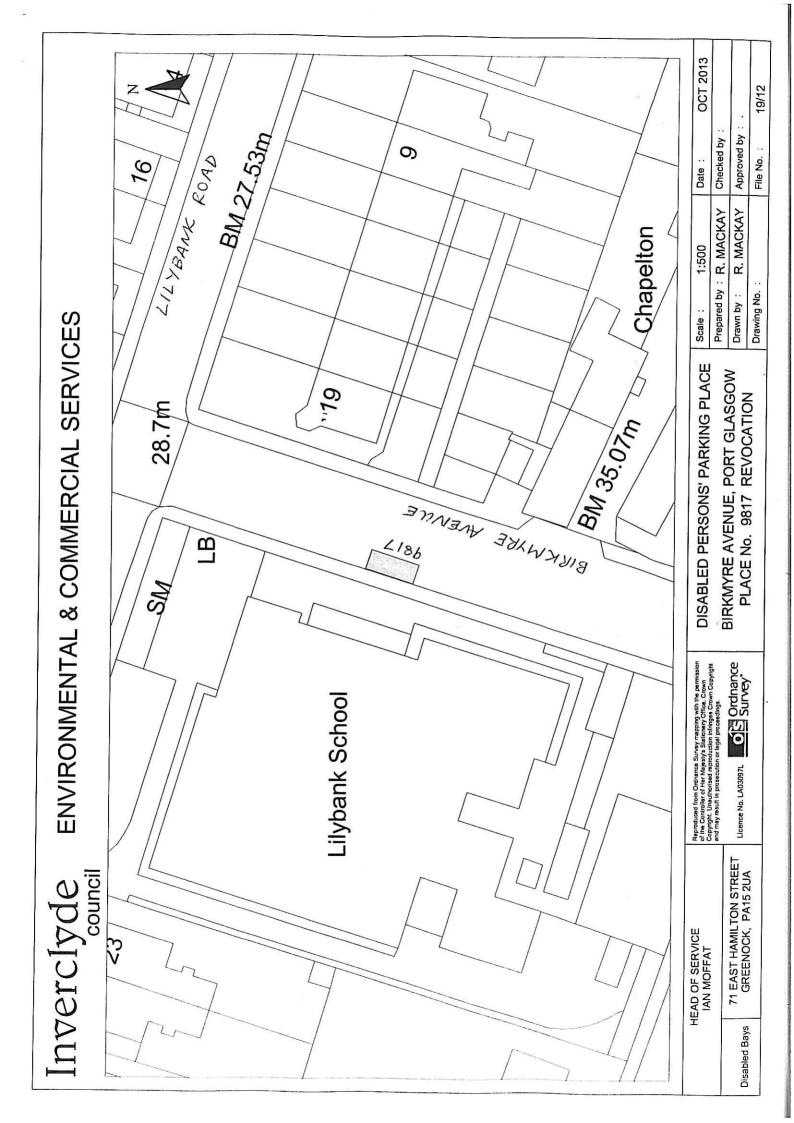


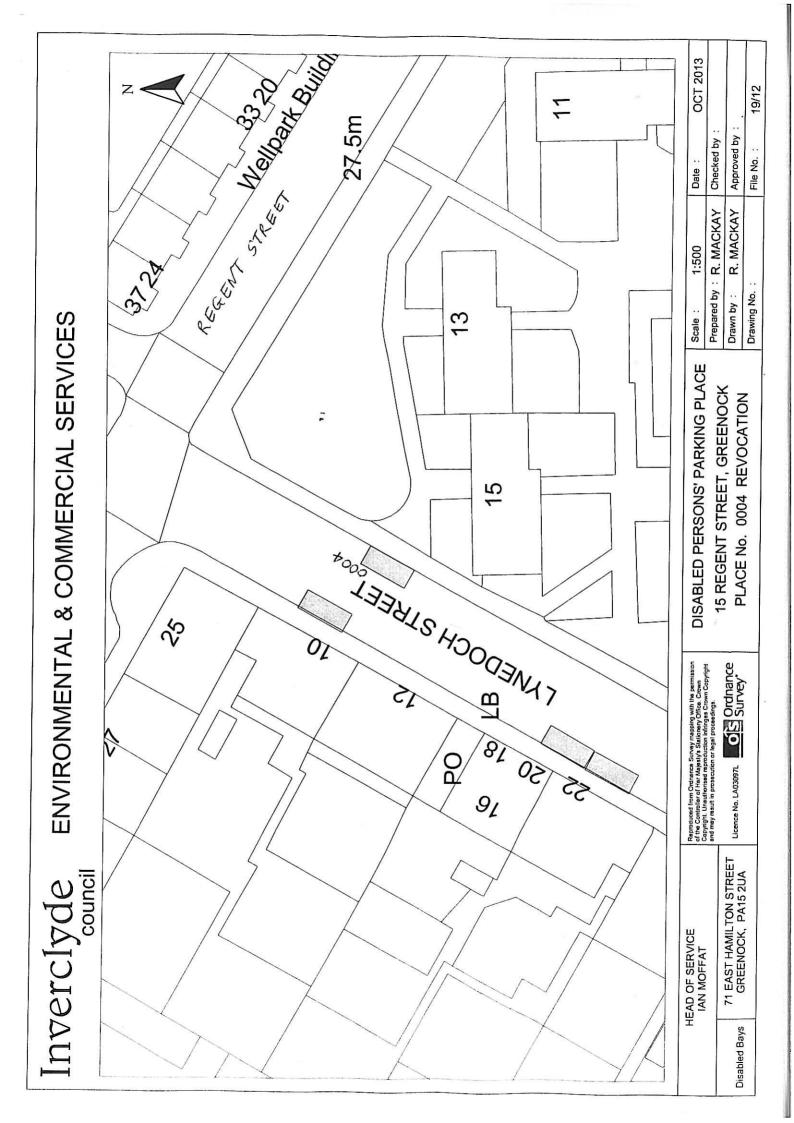


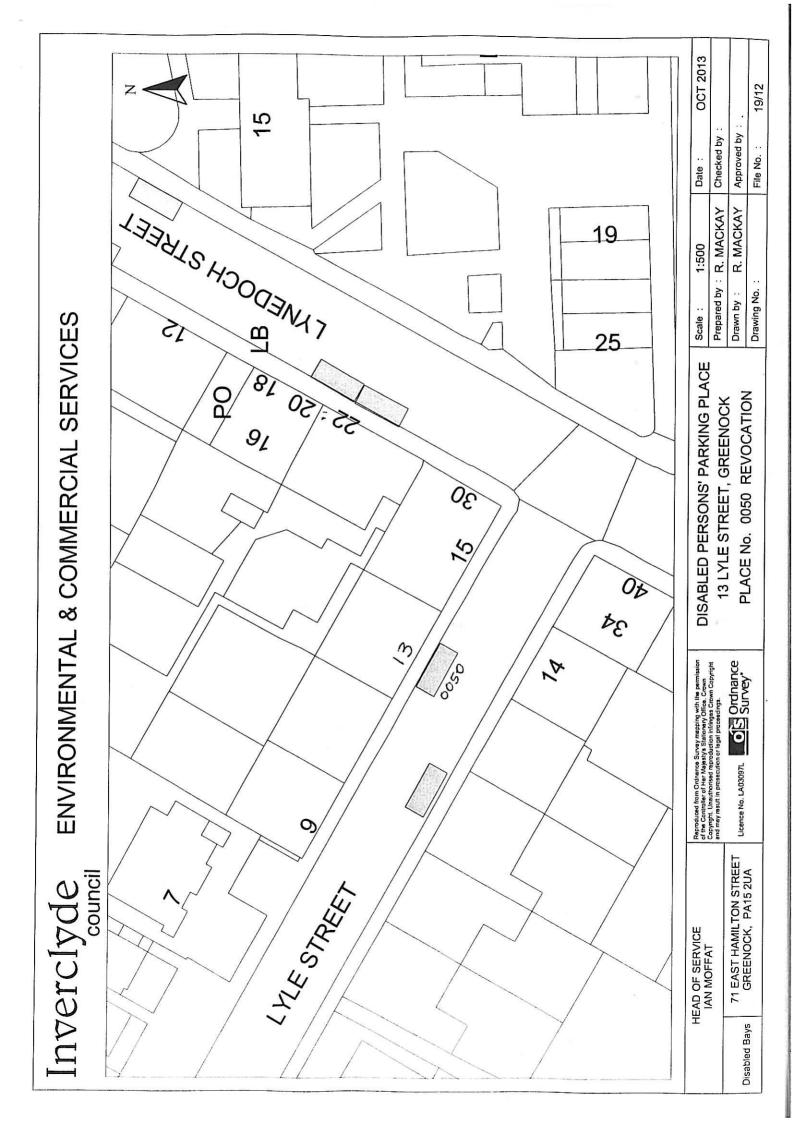


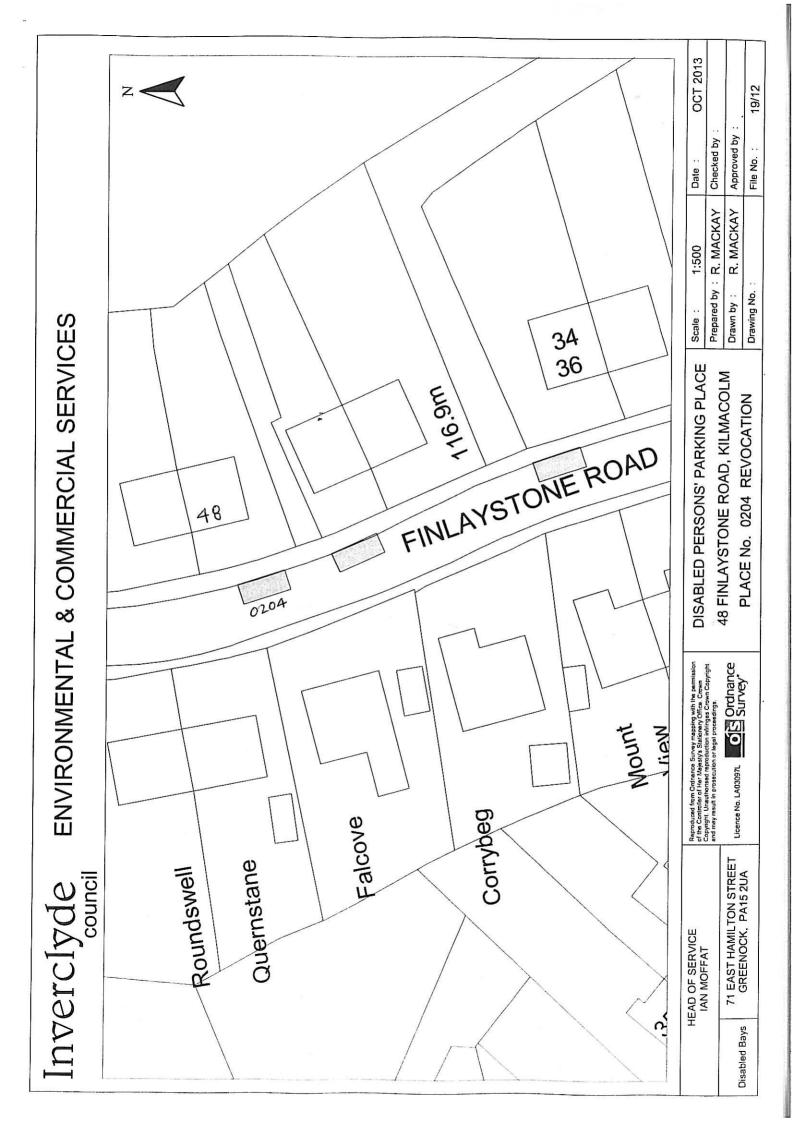


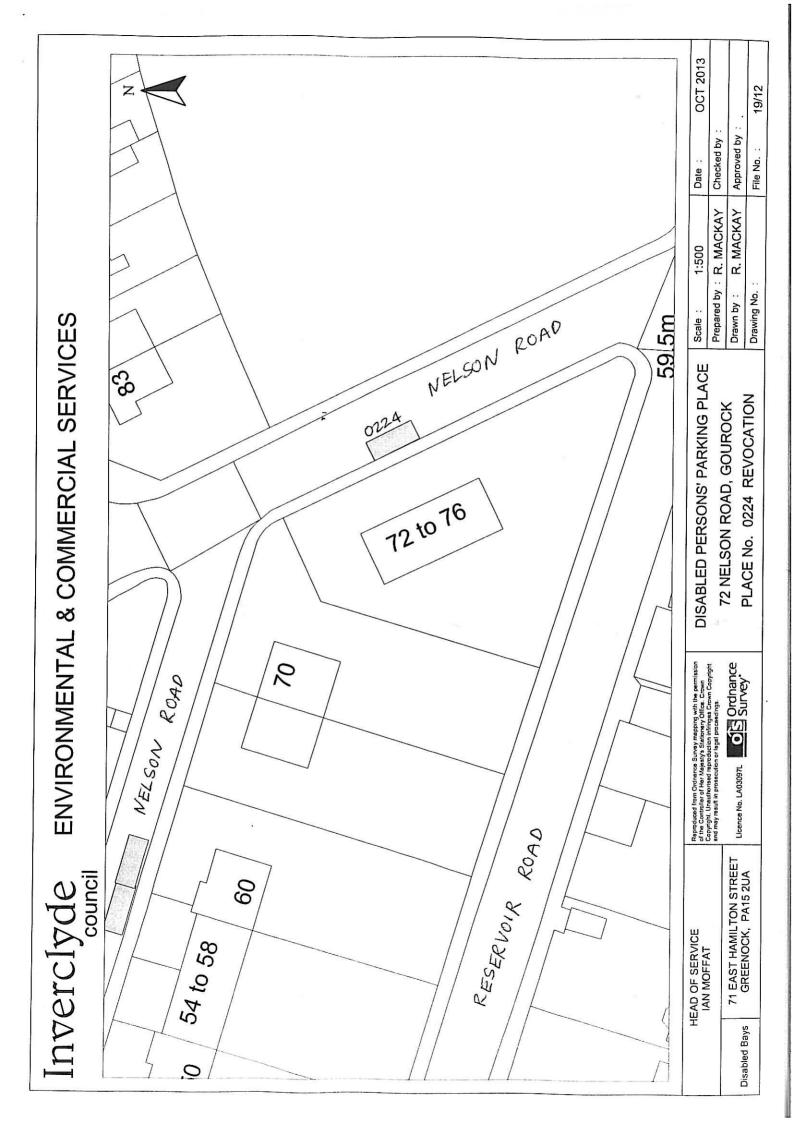


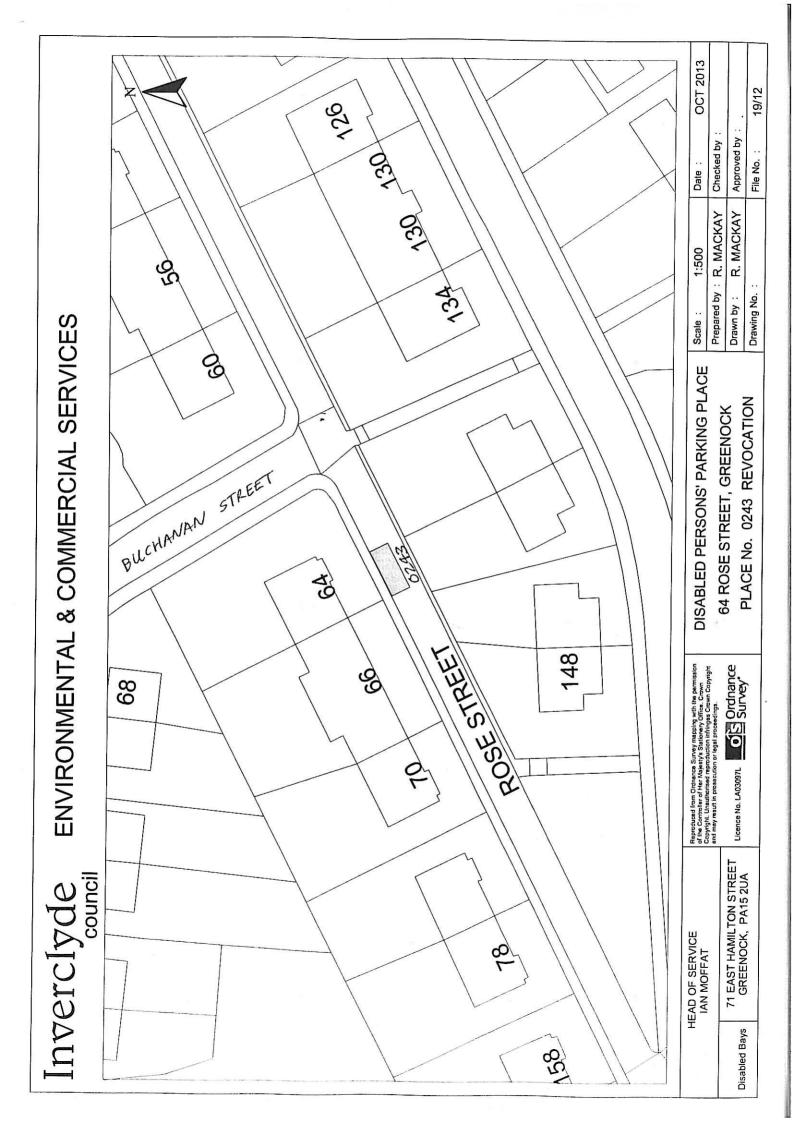


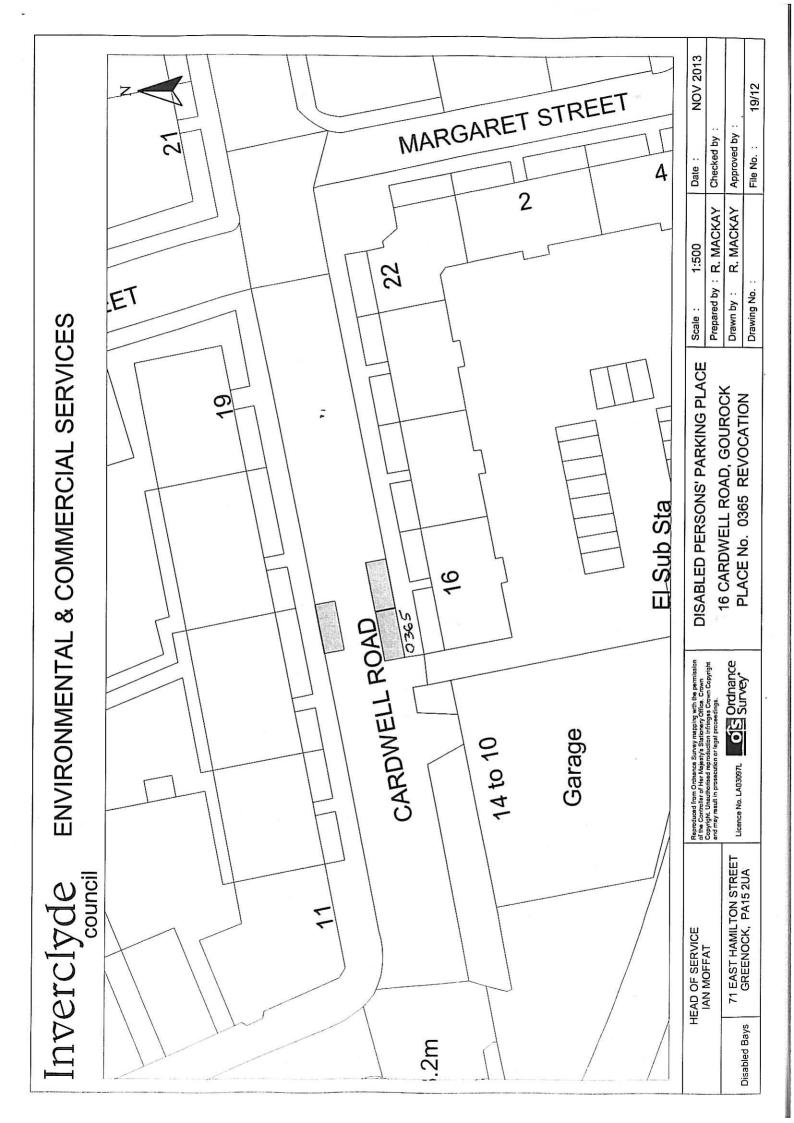


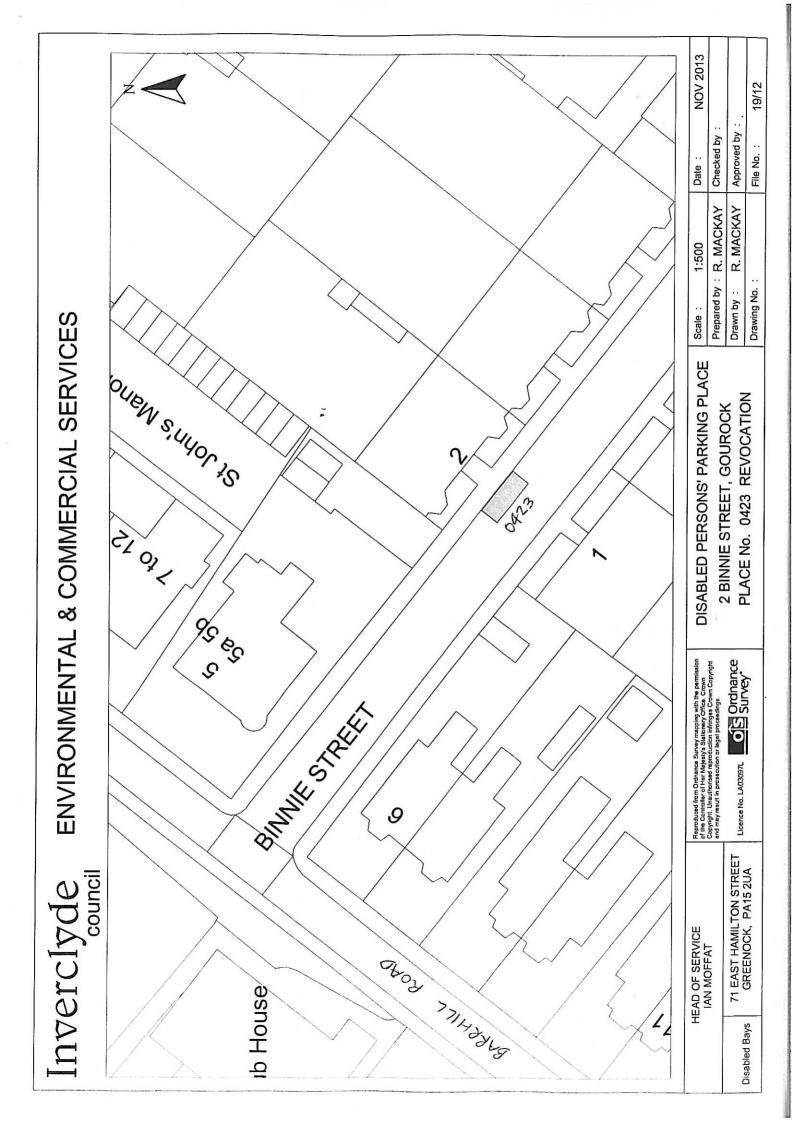


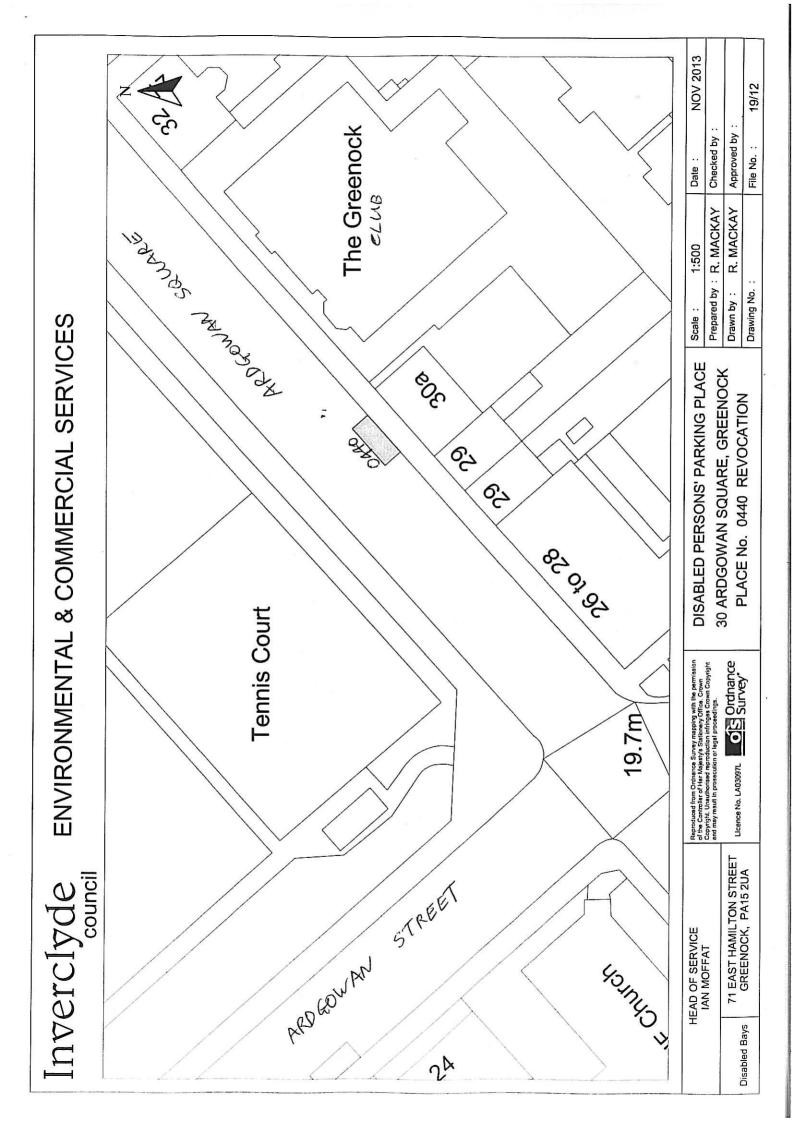


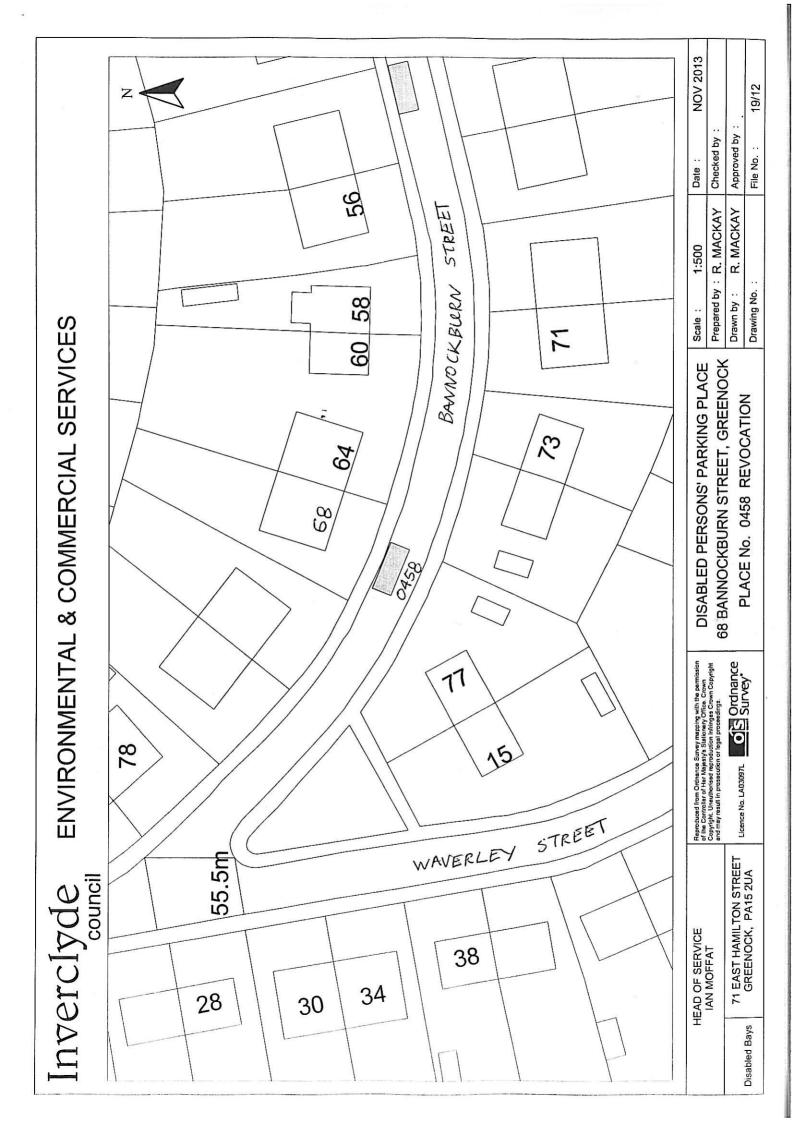


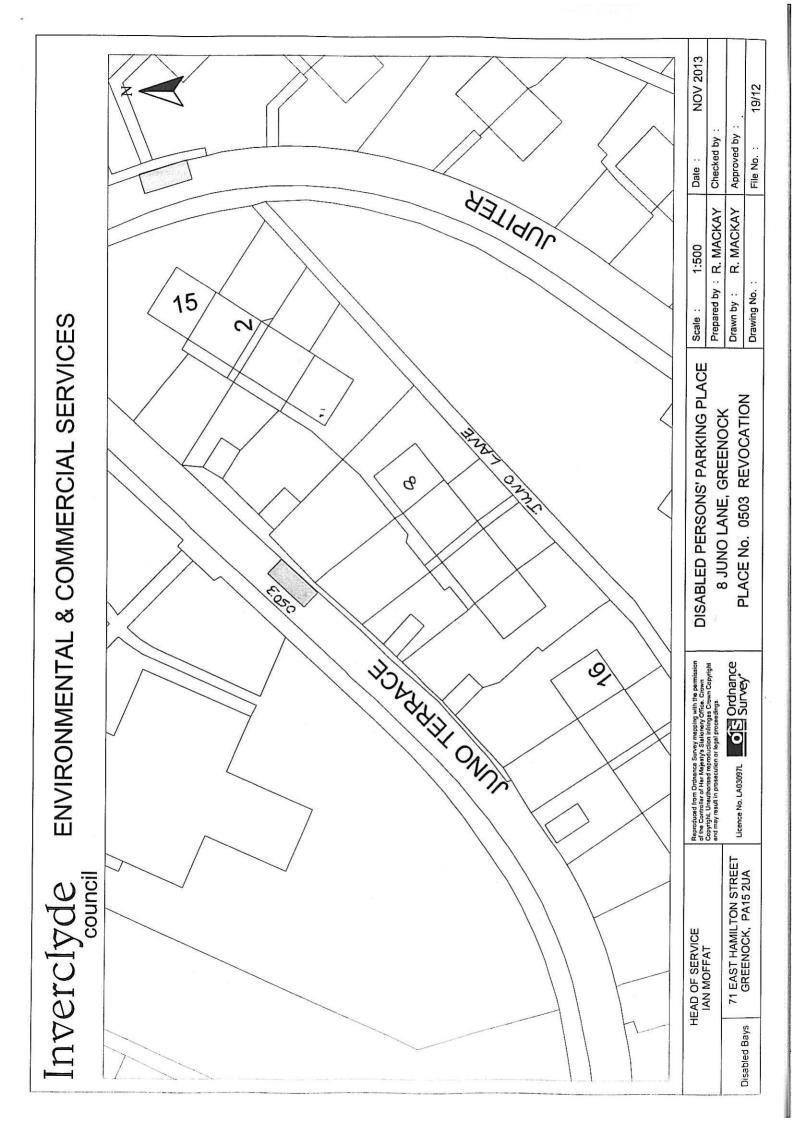


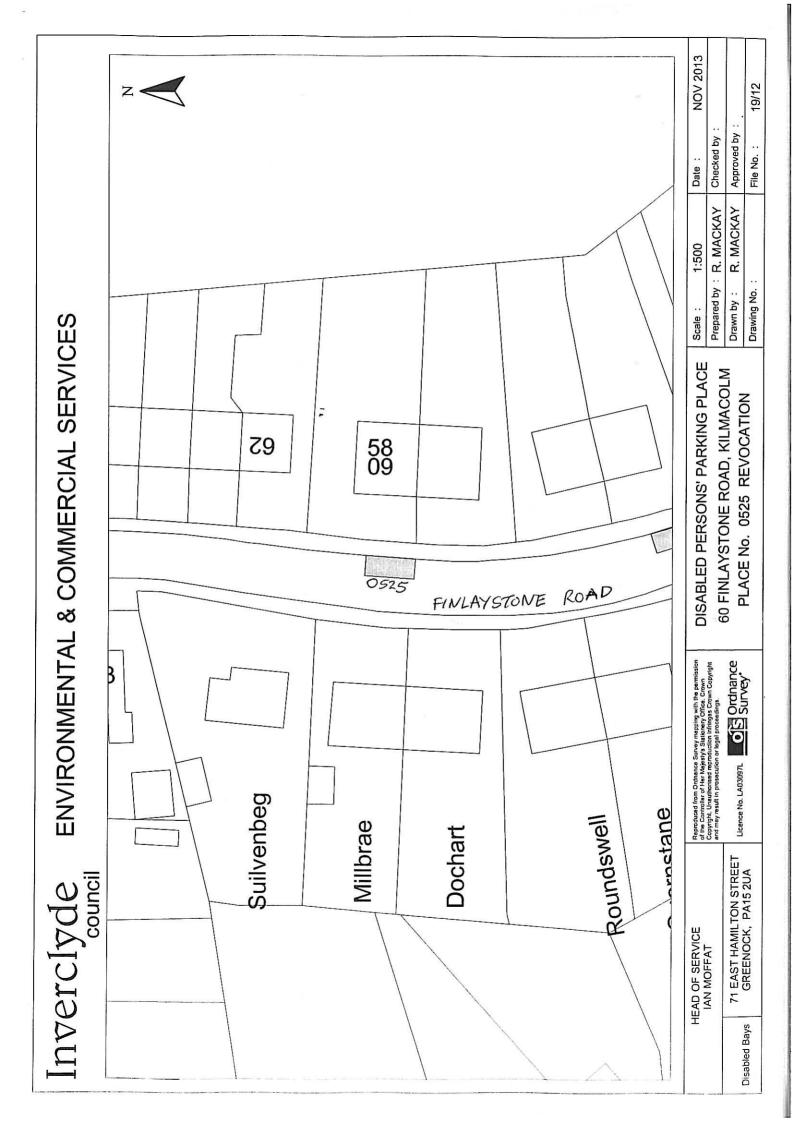


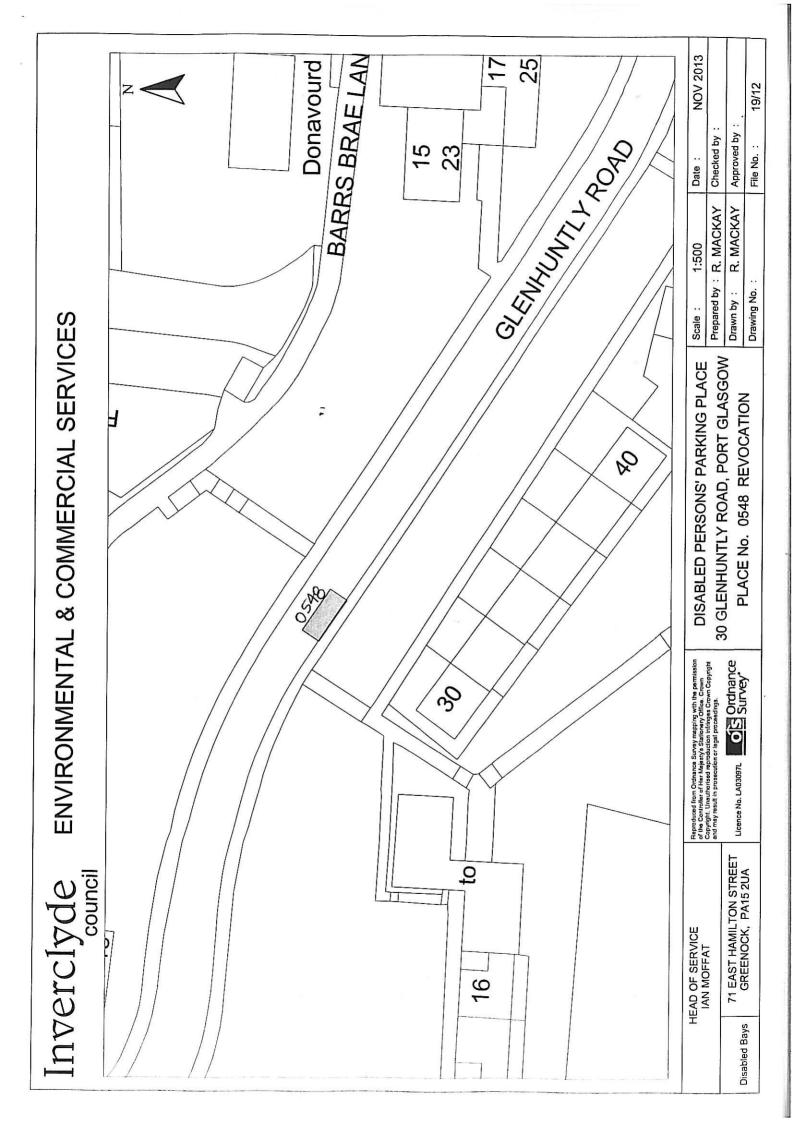


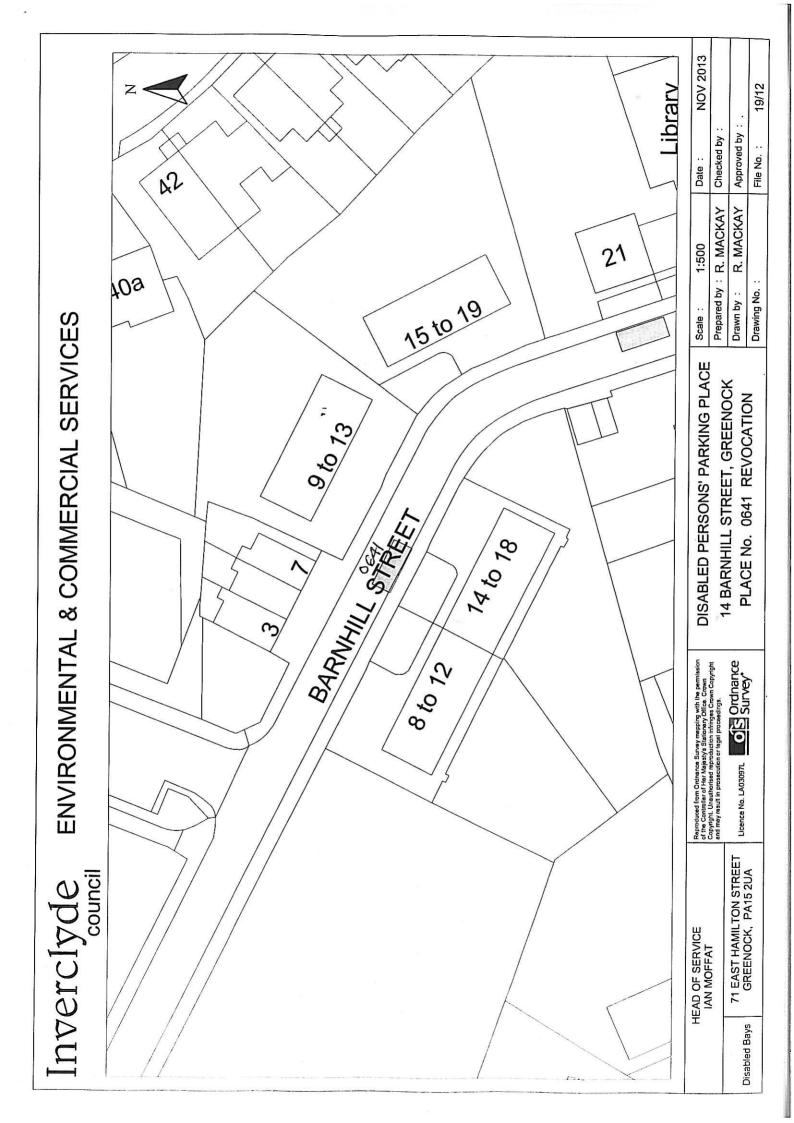


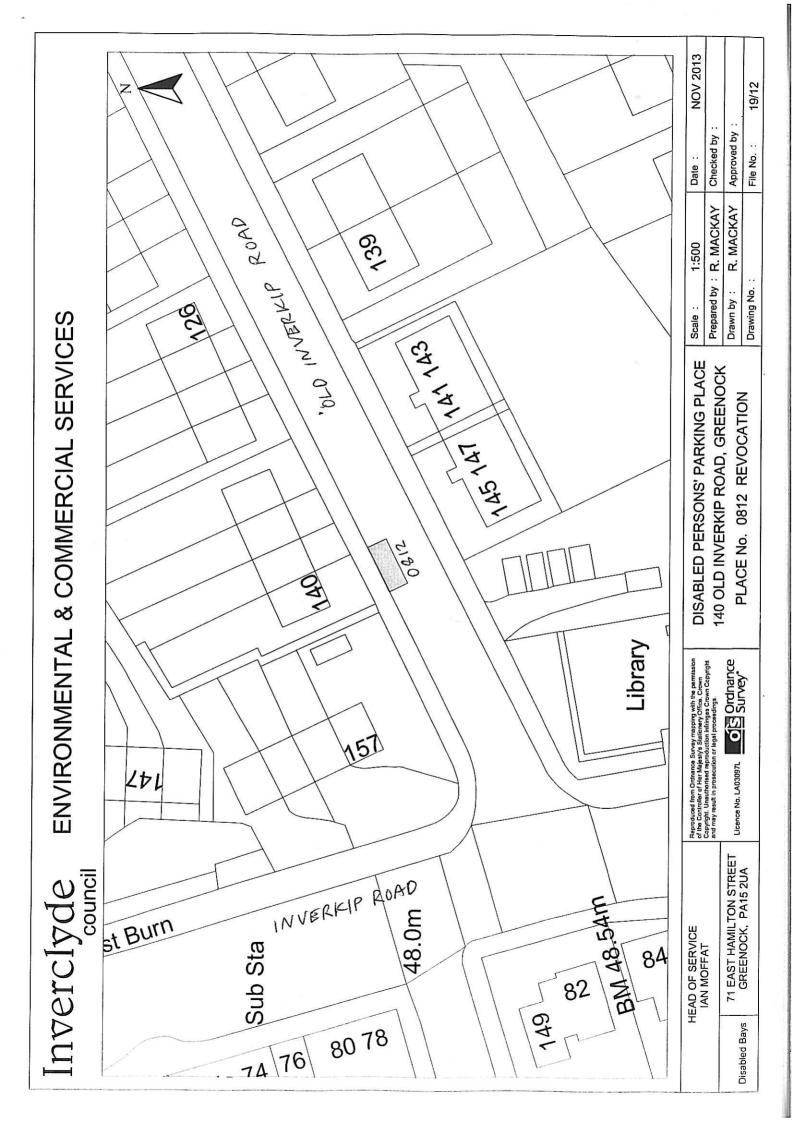


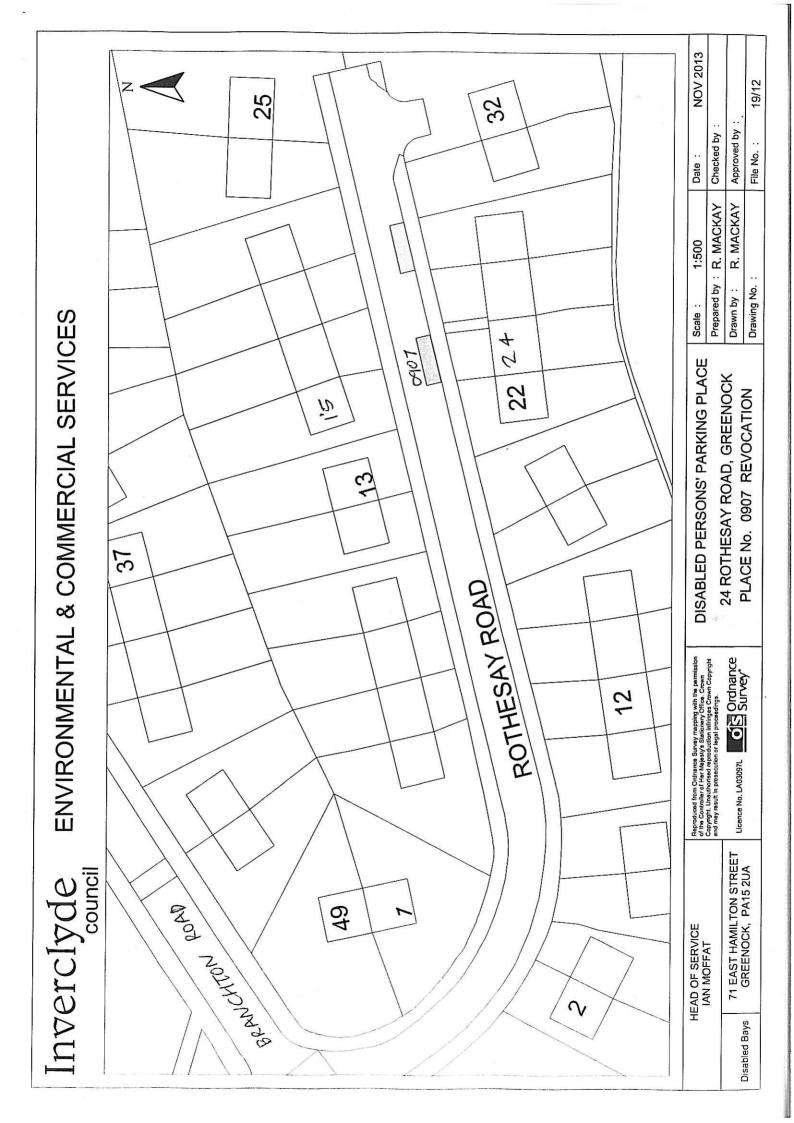


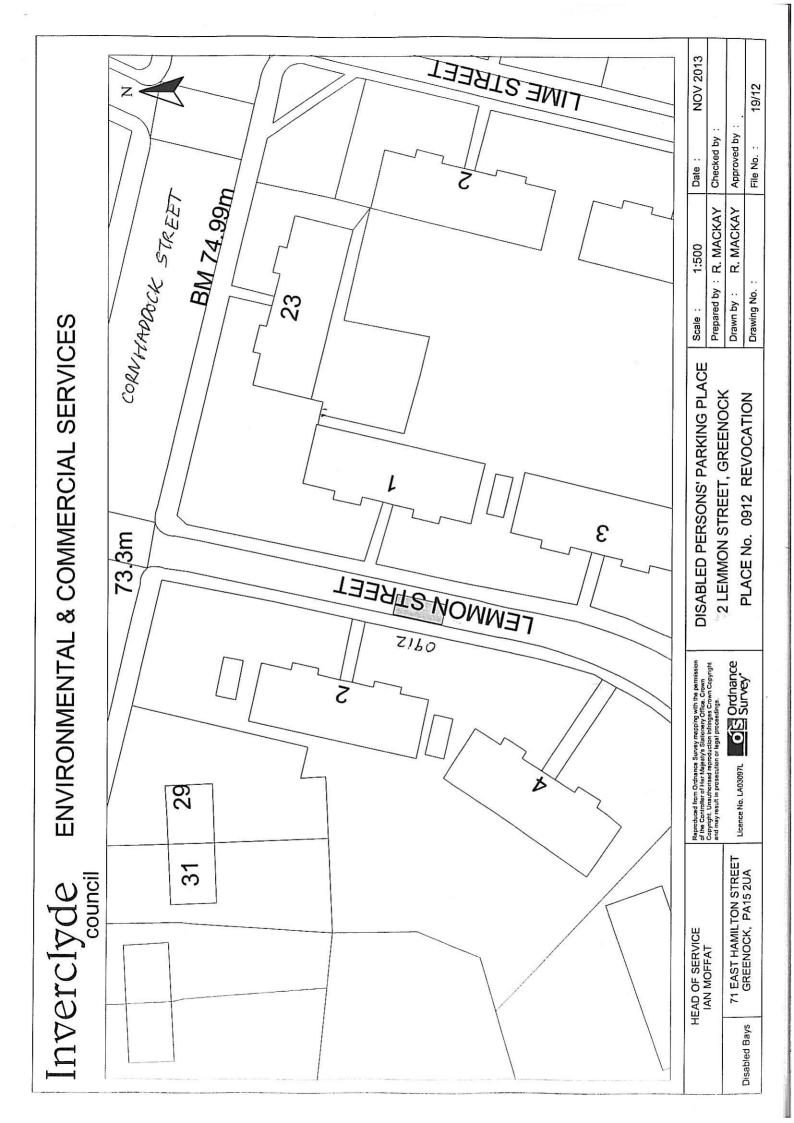


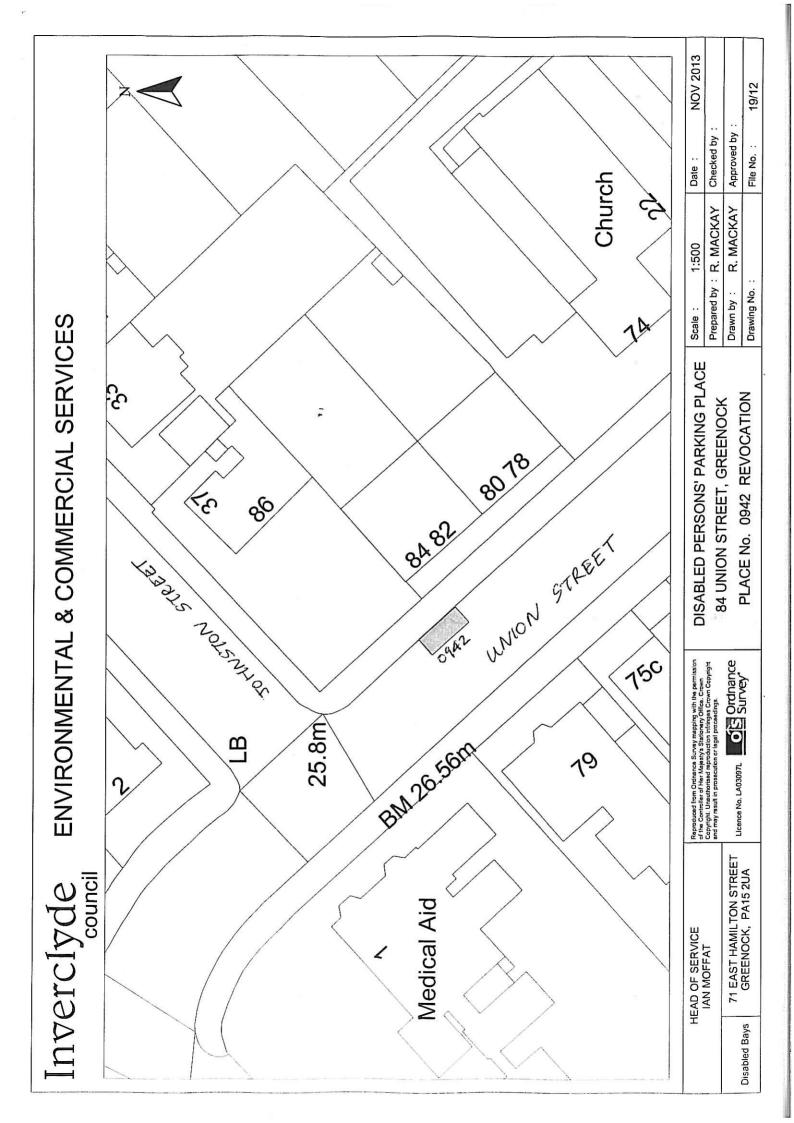


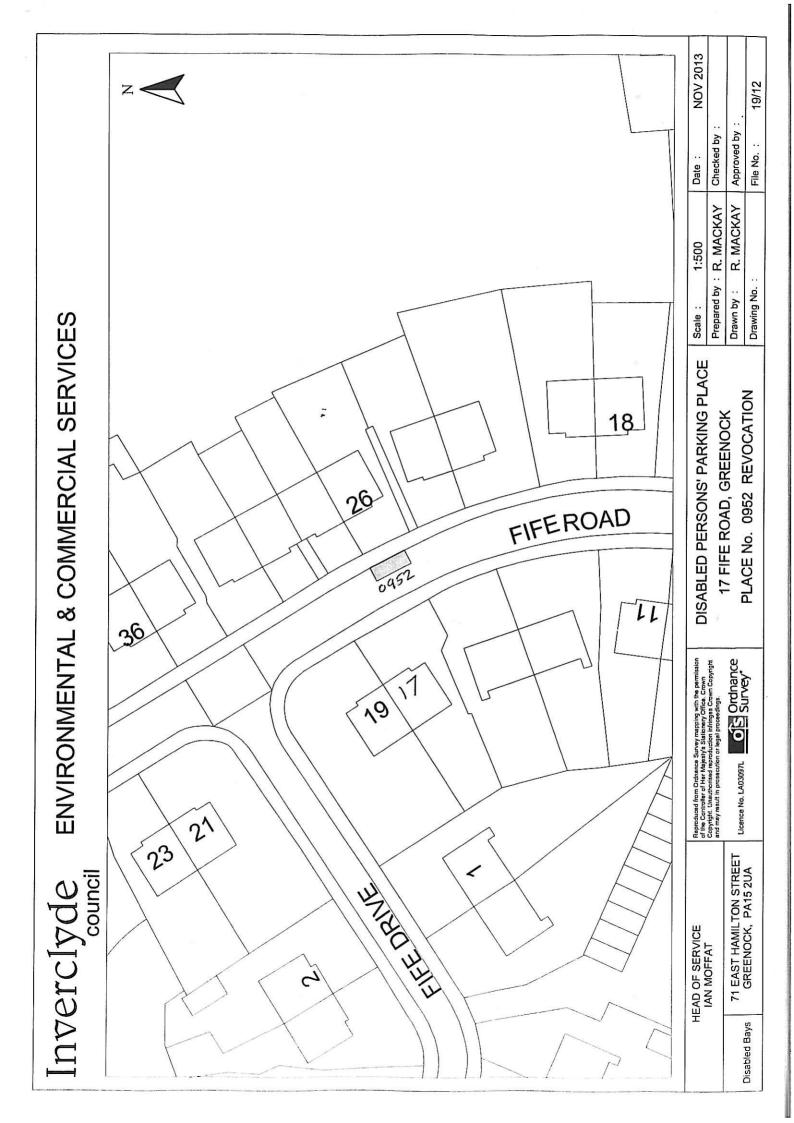


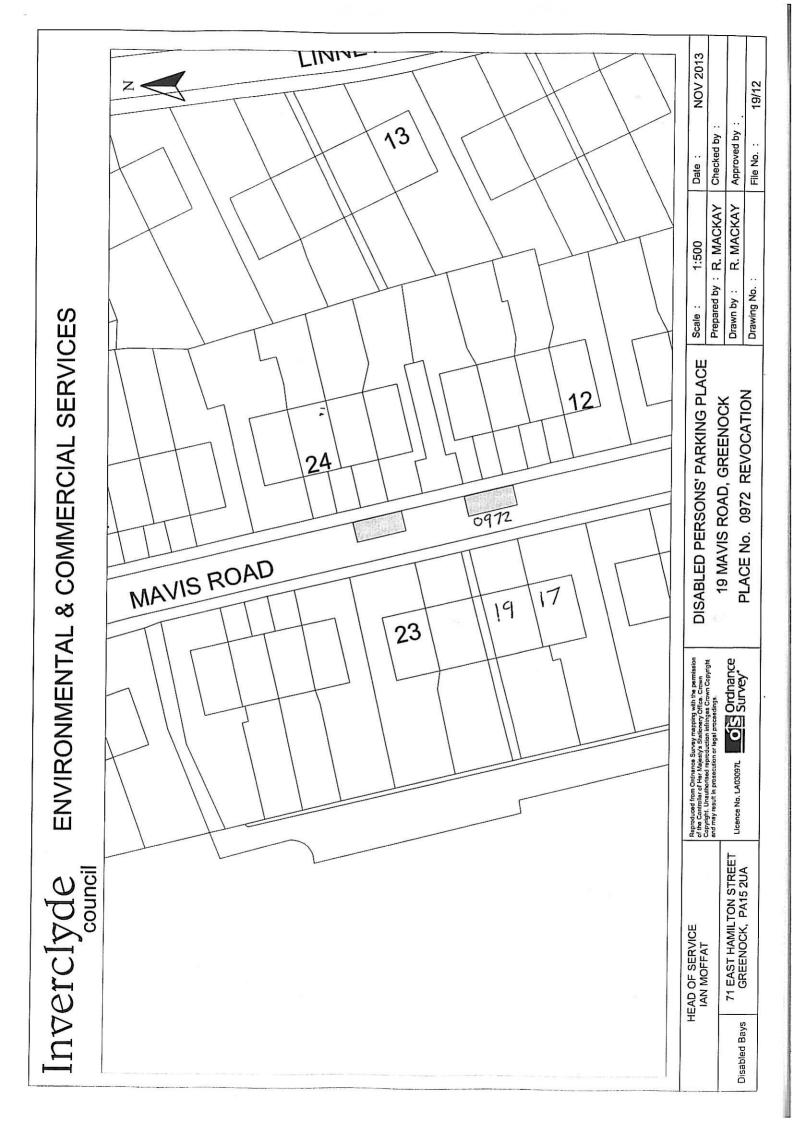


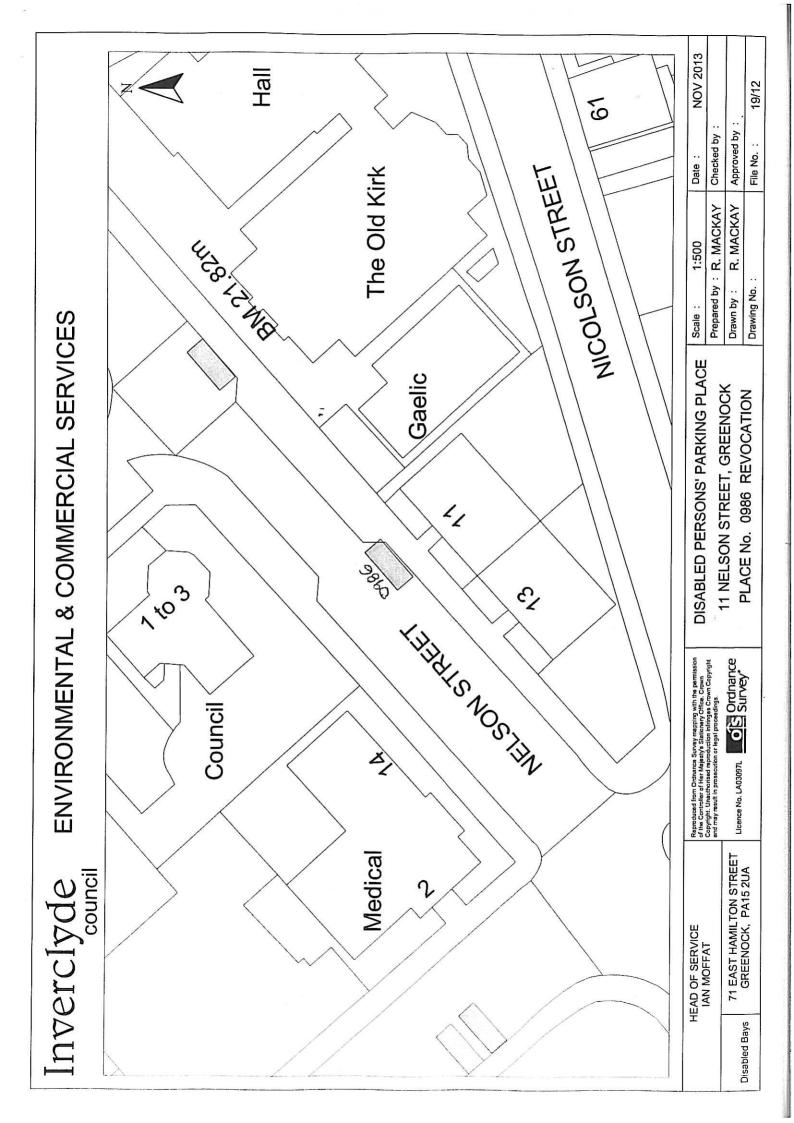


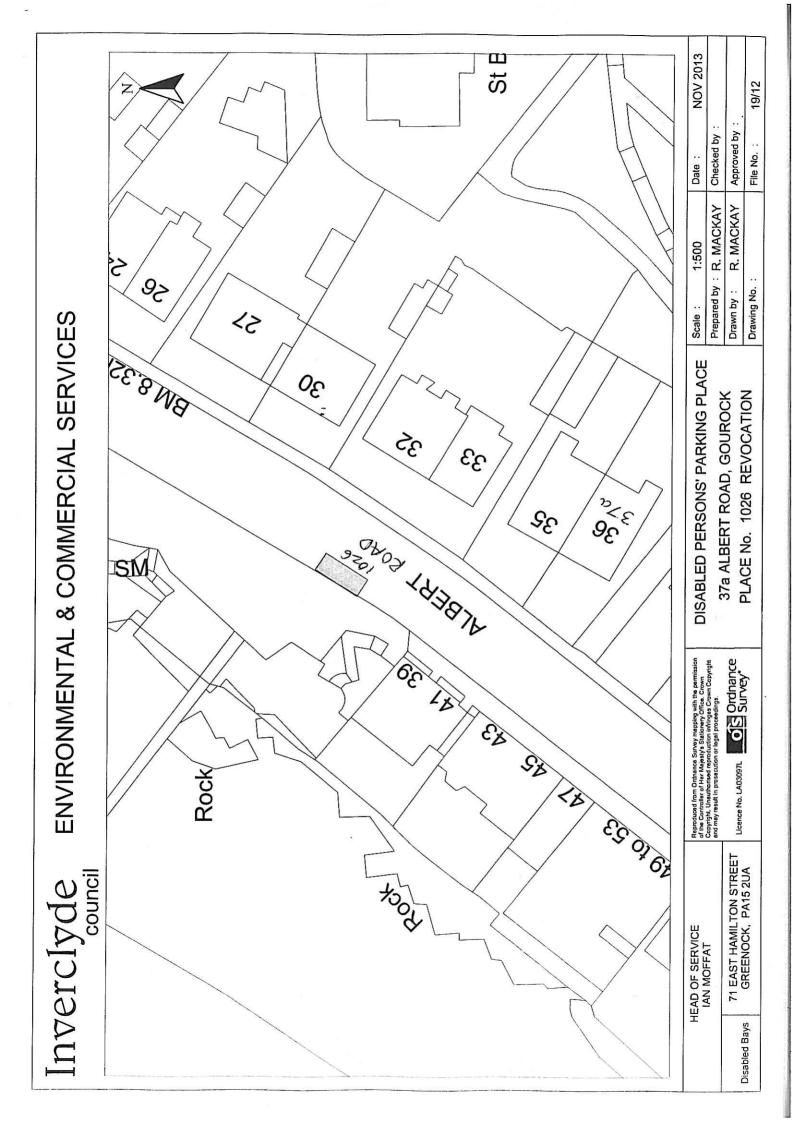


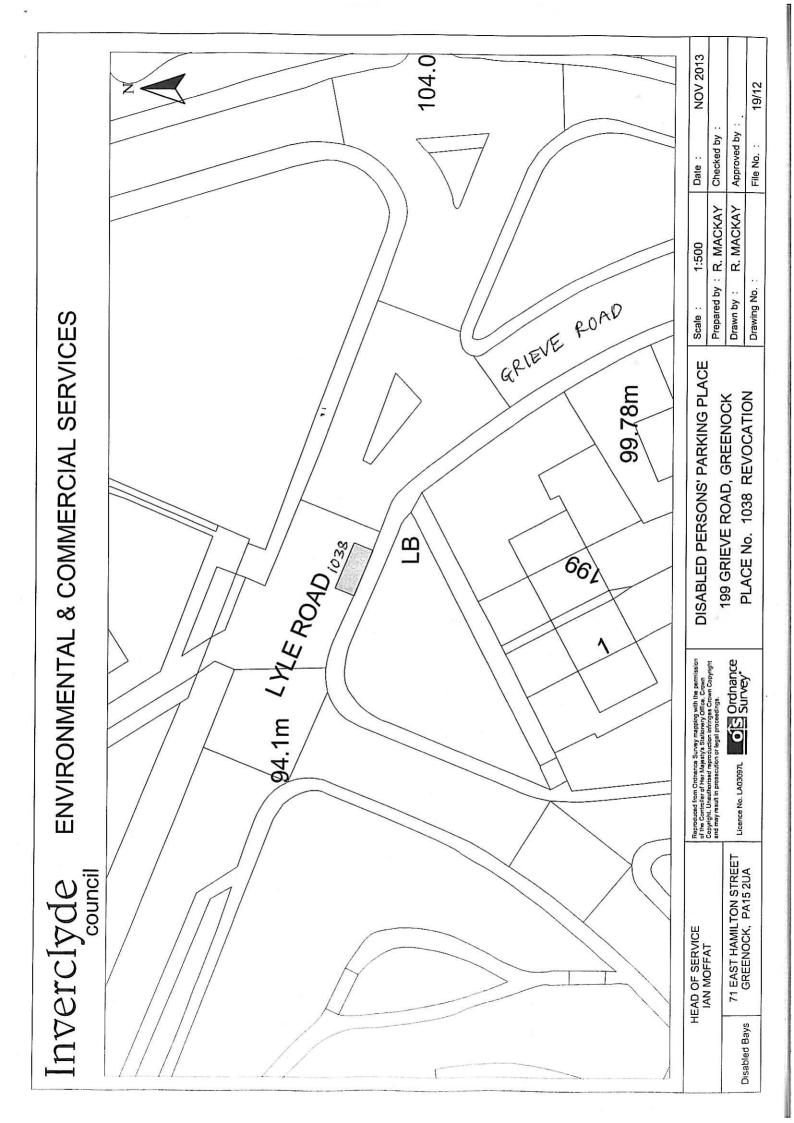


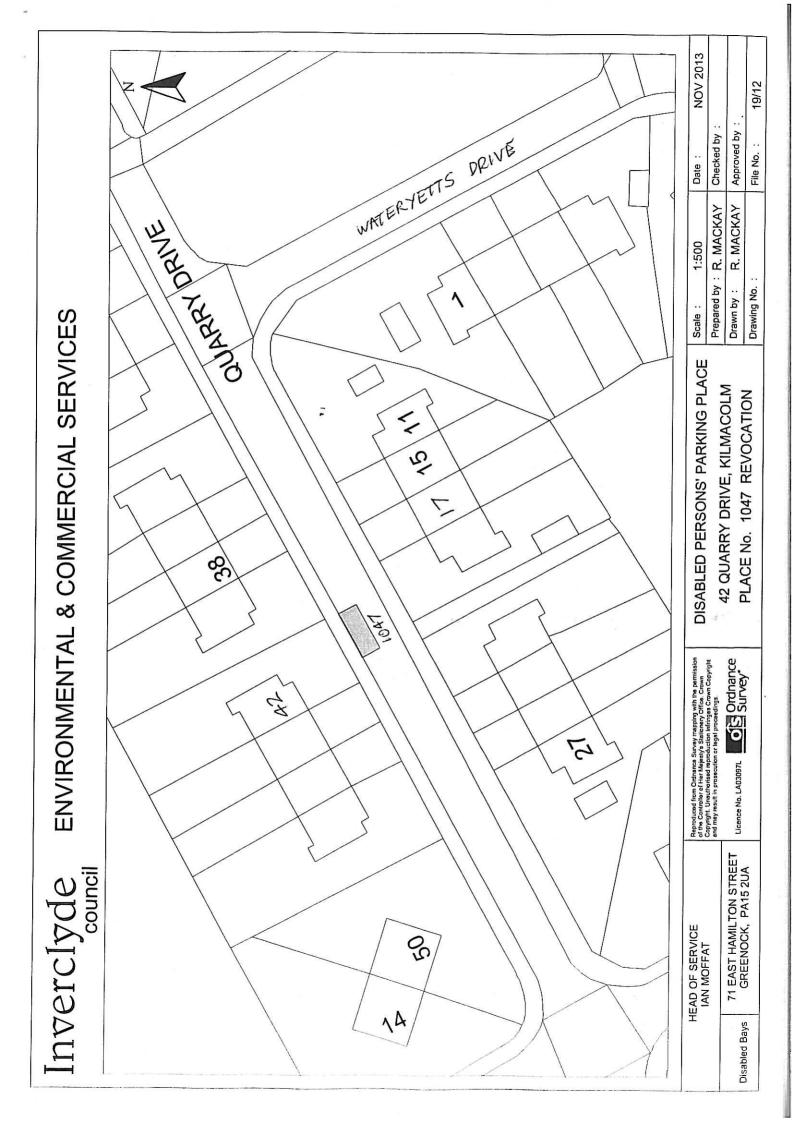


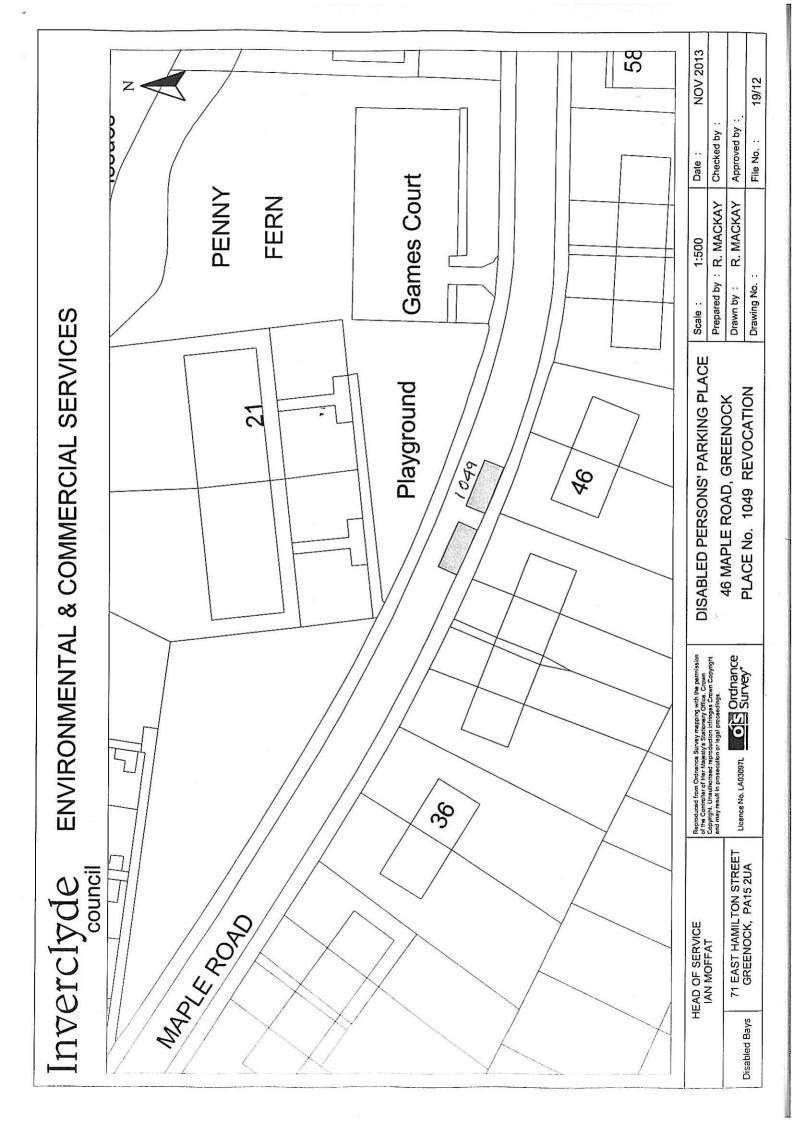


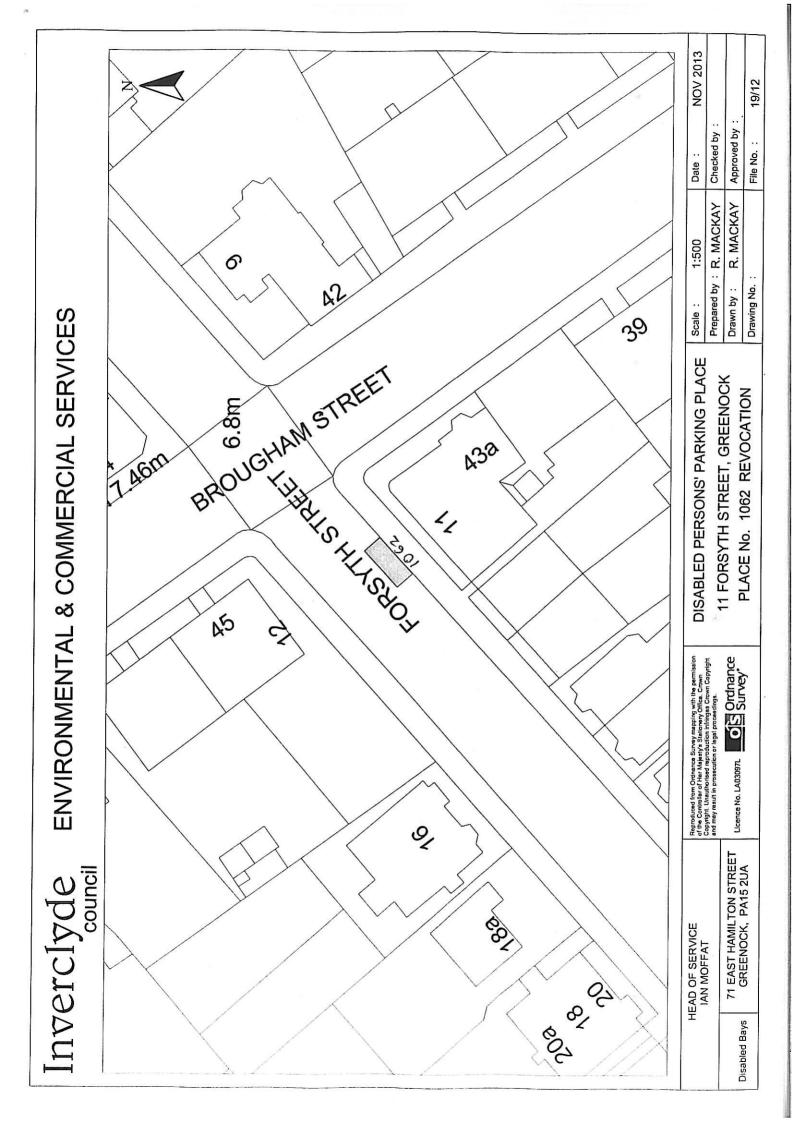


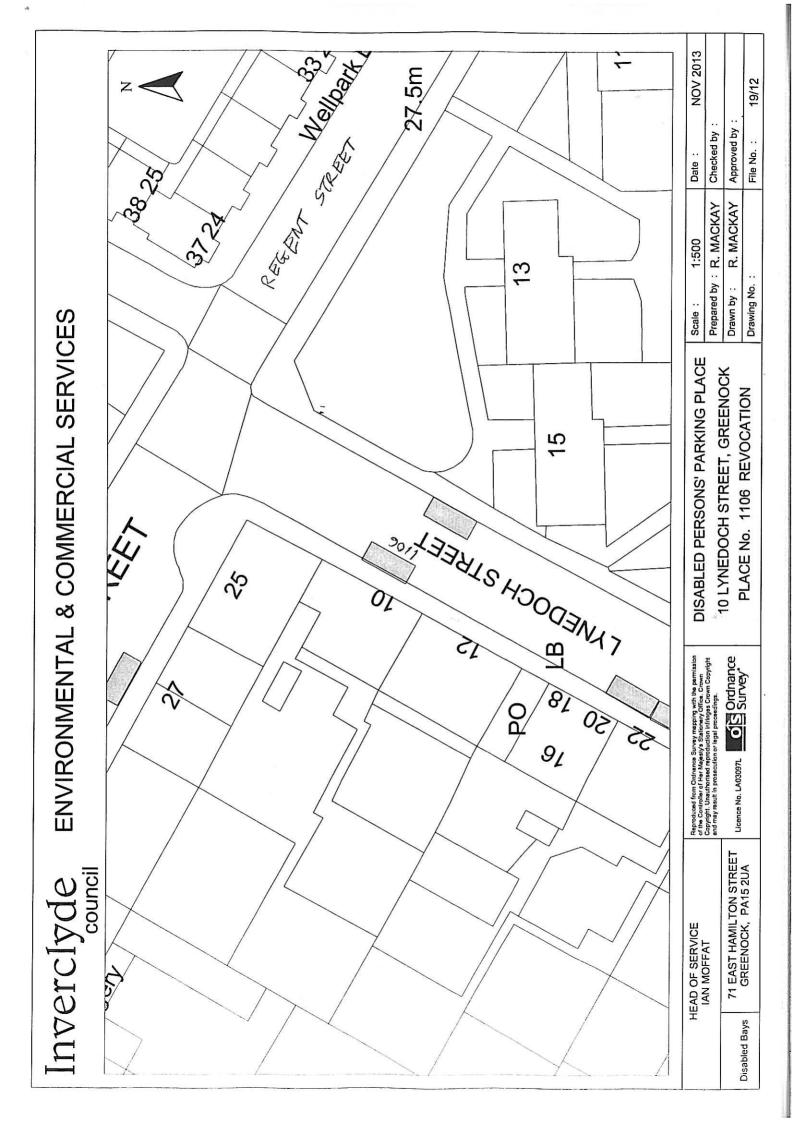


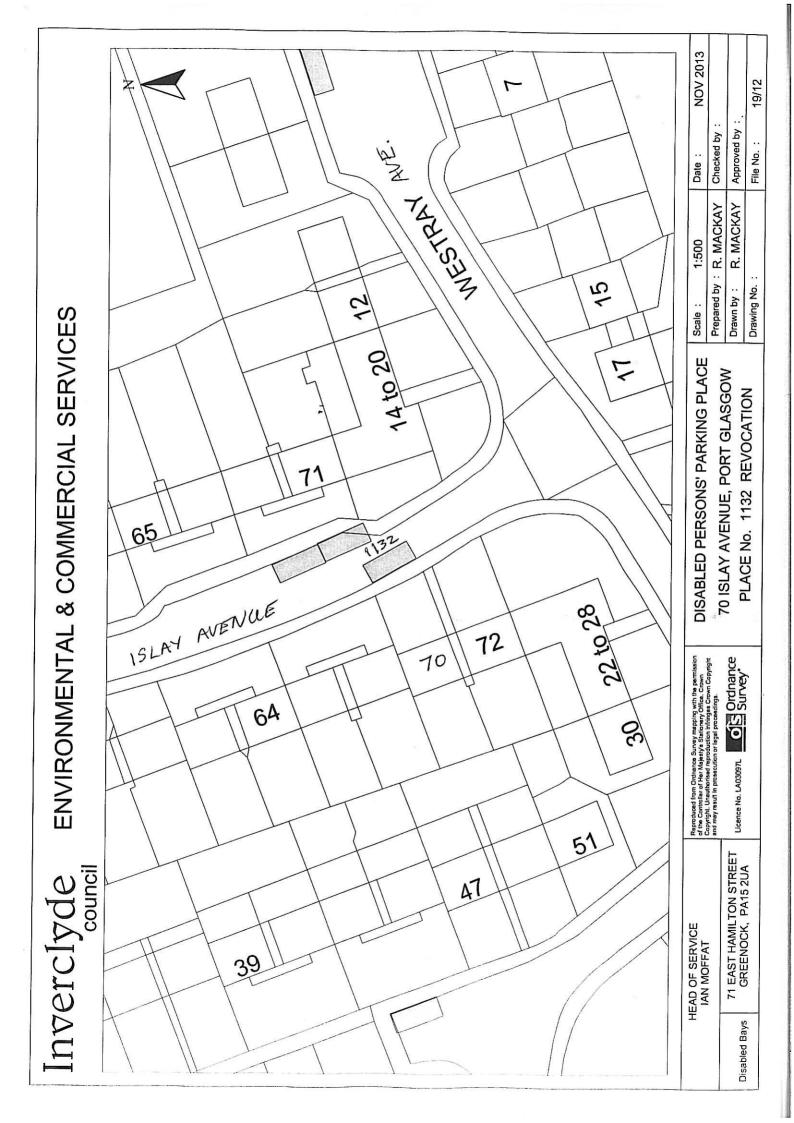














AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

Report No: LA/1169/14

Report To: THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL Date: 5 JUNE 2014

Report By: ACTING CORPORATE DIRECTOR

ENVIRONMENT, REGENERATION &

RESOURCES

Contact Officer: CAROLINE SHAW Contact No: 01475 712115

Subject: PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER -

THE INVERCLYDE VARIOUS LOCATIONS, INVERCLYDE

(NO STOPPING) ORDER 2014

1.0 **PURPOSE**

1.1 The purpose of the report is to introduce Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Various Locations, Inverclyde (No Stopping) Order 2014.

2.0 **SUMMARY**

2.1 In order to improve road safety, the Environment and Regeneration Committee at the meeting held on 1 May 2014 agreed that the Inverclyde Council be asked to make the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Various Locations (No Stopping) Order 2014.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That a Resolution is made in the following terms.
- 3.2 THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL, incorporated under the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994, RESOLVE TO MAKE as they HEREBY MAKE a Resolution under Sections 1(1), 2(1) and (2) and Part III of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to introduce No Stopping between 8.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday outside 18 Inverclyde Schools, all as detailed in a copy of the Order forming a supplement to the principal Minute hereof, and that the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services and the Head of Legal and Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

Appendix

Legal and Property Services

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Local Authorities are empowered to make Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation and Roads (Scotland) Acts 1984 and under the Council's Scheme of Administration the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services is responsible for the making, implementation and review of Traffic Management Orders and Traffic Regulation Orders.
- 4.2 There is a continuing problem with traffic congestion and inappropriate parking at school entrances during the "school run". Yellow zig-zag "School Keep Clear" markings have been placed at locations outside schools but they are advisory only and cannot be enforced by Police Scotland. Following discussions with Police Scotland and Education Services it is proposed to promote a Traffic Regulation Order which will prohibit stopping on these markings and permit Police Scotland to enforce the restrictions.
- 4.3 The proposed Traffic Regulation Order will introduce No Stopping between 8.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday outside 18 schools in Inverciyde.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Legal

5.2 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

Human Resources

5.3 There are no HR implications arising from this report.

Equalities

5.4 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

Repopulation

5.5 There are no repopulation implications arising from this report.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 The proposals have been advertised in the Greenock Telegraph and full details of the proposals have been made available for public inspection during normal office hours at the offices of the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, the Head of Legal and Property Services and at all Invercive Libraries.
- 6.2 One objection to the proposals was received but this has been withdrawn.

7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL

THE INVERCLYDE VARIOUS LOCATIONS, INVERCLYDE (NO STOPPING) ORDER 2014

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL THE INVERCLYDE VARIOUS LOCATIONS, INVERCLYDE (NO STOPPING) ORDER 2014

The Inverclyde Council in exercise of the powers conferred on them by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Constable of Strathclyde Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act hereby make the following Order.

- 2. In this Order the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them:

"authorised person" means an employee or agent of the Council authorised to exercise all or any of the functions of the Council under this Order;

"emergency services vehicle" means a vehicle being used by Police, Fire and Rescue Services or Ambulance Services for the purpose of saving life or extinguishing fire or meeting any other like emergency;

"vehicle" unless the context otherwise requires, means a vehicle of any description and includes a machine or implement of any kind drawn or propelled along roads whether or not by mechanical power

"parking attendant" means a person employed in accordance with Section 63A of the Act to carry out the functions therein;

"set of school keep clear markings" means that area of the carriageway which is comprised within and indicated by a road marking to diagram 1027.1 and by at least one traffic sign to diagram 642.2A both diagrams being of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002; and

"specified length of road" means a length of road identified in the Schedule to this Order.

- 3. Save as provided in Article 4 of this Order no person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a police constable in uniform, cause or permit any vehicle to stop or wait between 8.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday in any of the lengths of road specified in the Schedule and plan annexed to this Order.
- 4. Nothing in Article 3 of this Order shall:
 - (a) Prevent any person from causing or permitting a vehicle to stop or wait in any of the lengths of road referred to in that Article:-
 - (i) if the vehicle is an emergency services vehicle; or
 - (ii) if the vehicle is prevented from proceeding by circumstances beyond the driver's control or which has to be stopped or is waiting in order to avoid injury or damage to persons or property.

The Order specified in Schedule 2 to this Order shall have effect subject to the 5. amendment specified in that Schedule. Sealed with the Common Seal of The Inverclyde Council and subscribed for them and on their behalf by

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL THE INVERCLYDE VARIOUS LOCATIONS, INVERCLYDE (NO STOPPING) ORDER 2014

Statement of Reasons for Proposing to Make the Above Order

It is considered necessary to make the above Order to avoid danger to persons and other traffic using the road.

SCHEDULE 1

THE INVERCLYDE VARIOUS LOCATIONS (NO STOPPING) ORDER 2014

NO STOPPING Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm

<u>School</u>	Road Name	Specified Length of Road		
		<u>Extent</u>	Side of Road	No. of Markings
Gourock Primary	Broomberry Drive, Gourock	Between King Street and Davidson Drive	North	1
St Ninian's Primary	Staffa Street, Gourock	Between Kirn Drive and Kingsway	East, South	2
St Columba's High	Fletcher Avenue, Gourock	Between Finnie Terrace and Henderson Terrace	Northwest	1
Binnie Street Children's Centre	John Street, Gourock	Between Binnie Street and Royal Street	Southeast	1
Aileymill Primary	Norfolk Road, Greenock	Between Auchmead Road and Warwick Road	East	1
Ardgowan Primary	Newton Street, Greenock	Between Campbell Street and Robertson Street	Northeast	2
Highlander's Academy	Dempster Street, Greenock	Between Murdieston Street and Mount Pleasant Street	North	1
King's Oak Primary	Grosvenor Road, Greenock	Between East Crawford Street and Brown Street	North	1
King's Oak Primary	East Crawford Street, Greenock	Between Grosvenor Road and Craigieknowes Street	East	1
Lady Alice Primary	Gateside Avenue, Greenock	Between Inverkip Road and Old Inverkip Road	Northeast	2
Sacred Heart Primary	Westmorland Road, / Greenock	Between Stafford Road and Chester Road	East	1
St Joseph's Primary	Wren Road, Greenock	Between Brambling Road and Fancy Farm Road	West	1
St Mary's Primary	Patrick Street, Greenock	Between Union Street and Houston Street	Southeast	1
Kilmacolm Primary	Churchhill Road, Kilmacolm	Between Myreton Avenue and Lochwinnoch Road	Southeast	2
St Columba's Junior	Castlehill Road, Kilmacolm	Between Park Road and Broomknowe Road	Southwest	1
St Columba's Junior	Knockbuckle Road, Kilmacolm	Between Park Road and Broomknowe Road	Northeast	2
St Columba's Senior	Gryffe Road, Kilmacolm	Between Lyle Road and Lochwinnoch Road	East	1
Gibshill Children's Centre	Gibshill Road, Port Glasgow	Between Lansbury Street and Irwin Street	South	1
St Francis' Primary	East Woodside Avenue, Port Glasgow	Whole length	Northwest	1
St Francis' Primary	East Barmoss Avenue, Port Glasgow	Whole length	East	1
St John's Primary	Glenburn Street, Port Glasgow	Whole length	East	1

SCHEDULE 2

THE INVERCLYDE VARIOUS LOCATIONS (NO STOPPING) ORDER 2014

ORDER TO BE AMENDED

"THE INVERCLYDE VARIOUS LOCATIONS, INVERCLYDE (NO STOPPING) ORDER 2012"

SCHEDULE

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