

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 17 JUNE 2014

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Tuesday 17 June 2014 at 3pm

Present: Provost Moran, Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, Dorrian, Campbell-Sturgess (for Grieve), Brennan (for Jones), 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, Manager of Street Scene, Burial Grounds and Registrars, Mr M Higginbotham (Environmental & Commercial Services), Head of Regeneration & Planning, Planning Policy & Property Manager, Property Assets Manager and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

410 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 410

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Grieve and Councillor Jones, with Councillor Campbell-Sturgess substituting for Councillor Grieve and Councillor Brennan substituting for Councillor Jones

No declarations of interest were intimated.

411 Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE), Independent Reporter's Recommendations and Associated Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders 411

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the recommendations of the independent Reporter concerning the Traffic Regulation Orders necessary to implement Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) in Inverclyde following a public hearing on 8 April 2014 to consider the objections made and not withdrawn and (2) recommending that the Reporter's recommendations be accepted in full and that the Inverclyde Council be asked to make the five modified Traffic Regulation Orders.

After discussion, Councillor McCormick moved:-

- (1) that the Committee note the recommendations of the independent Reporter concerning the Traffic Regulation Orders necessary to implement Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) in Inverclyde;
- (2) that the Committee accept the Reporter's recommendations in full;
- (3) that the Committee recommend to the Inverclyde Council the making of the Traffic Regulation Orders:

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

The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions)

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Order 2013;
 The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Port Glasgow, Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village) (Waiting Restrictions) Order 2013;
 The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Gourock, Inverkip and Wemyss Bay) (Waiting Restrictions) Order 2013; and
 The Inverclyde Council (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2013;
 and that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services to arrange for their implementation; and
 (4) that the Committee note that further updates will be provided to the Committee over the next 12 months and the results of a comprehensive review of the first 12 months of operation will be reported to the Committee in late 2015.
 As an amendment to (2) above, Councillor Nelson moved that the Committee accept the Reporter's recommendations in full and reconsider the introduction of a residents' parking scheme with a report to be brought to the next Committee meeting possible.
 On a vote, 3 Members voted for the amendment and 8 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the recommendations of the independent Reporter concerning the Traffic Regulation Orders necessary to implement Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) in Inverclyde;
- (2) that the Committee accept the Reporter's recommendations in full;
- (3) that the Committee recommend to the Inverclyde Council the making of the Traffic Regulation Orders:
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 The Inverclyde Council (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2013;
 and that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services to arrange for their implementation; and
- (4) that the Committee note that further updates will be provided to the Committee over the next 12 months and the results of a comprehensive review of the first 12 months of operation will be reported to the Committee in late 2015.

412 Parks Management Rules: Civic Government (Scotland) Act**412**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) advising of the present position on the implementation of the proposed new Management Rules for Inverclyde's parks following the public consultation exercise and (2) seeking approval to progress the matter to the next stage in the process, whereby the remaining objectors will be given an opportunity to be heard by the Committee.

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The Convener advised during consideration of this item that he intended to convene a special meeting of the Environment & Regeneration Committee at 3pm on 14 August to hear the remaining objectors. In addition, it was noted that training for Elected Members on the relative procedures would be held on 12 August.

Decided: that the Committee note the present position on the progress of the consultation and note that a special meeting of the Committee will be convened solely to permit remaining objectors to have their objection(s) to the proposed Parks Management Rules heard by Councillors.

413 Advancement of Capital Spend from 2015/16 413

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to advance expenditure in relation to the Kempock Street car park sea wall and carriageway resurfacing works planned for 2015/16 which are included in approved capital programmes.

Decided:

(1) that agreement be given to the carrying out of reinforcement works to the Kempock Street car park sea wall concurrently with other major works being carried out to the car park by Riverside Inverclyde subject to suitable contractual obligations being imposed on contractors to minimise any associated risks all to the satisfaction of the Head of Legal & Property Services;

(2) that the Committee approve the pre-allocation of £250,000 from the 2015/16 Property Capital Allocation to increase the funding for the project to £500,000 in order to progress with Option 3 as outlined in the report; and

(3) that approval be given to the advancement of £600,000 of carriageway resurfacing works from 2015/16 to absorb slippage arising elsewhere in the 2014/15 RAMP Capital Programme and note that an update on progress will be presented to the next meeting of the Committee.

414 Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority: Minute of Agreement 414

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a request from Renfrewshire Council, host authority for the administration of the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority (SDPA), to Inverclyde Council, to sign the Minute of Agreement for the SDPA.

Decided: that the Committee authorise the signing of the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan Authority Minute of Agreement on behalf of Inverclyde Council.

415 Inverclyde Local Development Plan: Proposed Modifications and Adoption 415

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the modifications arising out of the Examination held on the Inverclyde Local Development Plan: Proposed Plan and (2) seeking approval for the modified Plan to be advertised, indicating the Council's intention to adopt it.

Decided: that the Committee:-

(a) welcome the conclusions of the Examination held on the Local Development Plan: Proposed Plan;

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- (b) approve the modifications recommended by the Reporters to the Local Development Plan as set out in annex 1 to the report;
- (c) remit to the Council to agree to advertise the Plan and its intention for it to be adopted and submit it to Scottish Ministers; and
- (d) delegate to the Head of Regeneration & Planning to undertake the statutory requirements consequent upon the above decisions as set out in section 8 of the report.

416 Commonwealth Flotilla**416**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing details of the Homecoming Muster and the Commonwealth Flotilla between Greenock and Glasgow which takes place on Saturday 26 July.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the development of the project positively;
- (2) that it be agreed the planned delivery of the event, the facilitation for the general public's engagement and enjoyment of the spectacle and the legacy deliverable are all consistent with the Council's expectation when the budget was approved on 20 February 2014;
- (3) that approval be given to the proposal to dispense funds as outlined in paragraph 8 of the report; and
- (4) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to conclude the Heads of Terms and the funding agreement with the Royal Yachting Association of Scotland and to procure and implement the legacy element in partnership with Riverside Inverclyde and Peel.

417 Opportunity for the Development of a Micro Distillery in Inverclyde**417**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on proposals for the development of a micro distillery in Inverclyde, in partnership with Riverside Inverclyde.

Decided:

- (1) that the market be tested by inviting formal applications for the development of a micro distillery at the former Garvocks Farm Steading alongside Loch Thom as outlined in section 5 of the report;
- (2) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to engage with Riverside Inverclyde in partnership to secure a suitable entrepreneur as part of an integrated business diversity and tourism offering for Inverclyde; and
- (3) that it be noted a further report will be submitted to the Committee for formal approval of the final arrangements for transferring the land and the overall proposal.

418 Development of Self-Build Opportunity at Leperstone Avenue, Kilmacolm**418**

There was submitted an updated report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on progress in relation to the development of self-build housing plots at Leperstone Avenue, Kilmacolm, an initiative contained within the Repopulation Action Plan, and (2) seeking authority for a range of proposals in this regard.

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Decided:

- (1) that Leperstone Avenue be developed for self-build housing, subject to the planning process and other legal requirements, all as outlined in paragraph 5.2 of the report;
- (2) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to:
- (i) engage Riverside Inverclyde to develop a scheme which focuses on the objective of increasing Inverclyde's population;
 - (ii) where required and to assist in delivering (2) (i) above, enter into a development agreement to transfer the Leperstone site to Riverside Inverclyde with income generated retained and re-used under the direction of the Council to bring forward other self-build sites available to interested parties who live outwith Inverclyde as well as local Inverclyde residents; and
- (3) that it be noted further reports will be submitted to the Committee to update on progress on a regular basis.

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)	
Premises in Bay Street, Port Glasgow	6 and 9	
Disposal of Land at Lower Mary Street, Port Glasgow	6 and 9	
Property Assets Management Report	2, 6 and 9	
419 Premises in Bay Street, Port Glasgow		419
There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on recent developments in respect of dilapidated premises in Bay Street, Port Glasgow and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.		
420 Disposal of Land at Lower Mary Street, Port Glasgow		420
There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking authority to conclude amended negotiations for the sale of land at Lower Mary Street, Port Glasgow and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.		

421 Property Assets Management Report**421**

There was submitted a report together with addendum report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on activities and proposals for the management of the Council's property assets. Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the actions recommended in respect of (1) land at Boglestone Avenue, Port Glasgow, (2) land at Uist Avenue, Port Glasgow, (3) land at Auchneagh Road, Greenock, (4) premises at Peat Road, Greenock, (5) land at Kempock Street, Gourrock and (6) premises at Burns Road, Greenock, all as detailed in the appendix.