

**ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 30 OCTOBER 2014**

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**Environment & Regeneration Committee**

**Thursday 30 October 2014 at 3pm**

**Present:** Provost Moran, Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, Dorrian, McEleny (for Grieve), Jones, Campbell-Sturgess (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, Head of Legal & Property Services, Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Environmental Services Manager Roads, Transport & Waste Collection, Environmental Services Manager (Roads), Manager of Streetscene, Burial Grounds & Registrars, Mr I Kearns (Environmental & Commercial Services), Head of Regeneration & Planning, 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.**

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| <b>665</b> | <b>Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest</b>   | <b>665</b> |
|            | <p>Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Grieve, with Councillor McEleny substituting, and Councillor MacLeod, with Councillor Campbell-Sturgess substituting.</p> <p>Councillors Ahlfeld and Clocherty declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 (Regeneration &amp; Employability – Performance Reporting).</p>   |            |
| <b>666</b> | <b>Environment &amp; Regeneration Revenue Budget 2014/15 – Period 5 to 31 August 2014</b>  | <b>666</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration &amp; Resources and the Head of Finance on the position of the Revenue Budget 2014/15 as at Period 5 (31 August 2014) which showed a projected underspend of £112,000.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b></p> <p>(1) that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £112,000 for 2014/15 as at 31 August 2014;</p> <p>(2) that approval be given to the virement as detailed in section 7 and Appendix 4 of the report; and</p> <p>(3) that approval be given to the creation of an Earmarked Reserve of £90,000 to cover City Deal project management office costs for 2014/17.</p> |            |
| <b>667</b> | <b>Environment &amp; Regeneration Capital Programme 2014/15 to 2015/16 - Progress</b>  | <b>667</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration &amp; Resources and the Head of Finance on the position of the projects in the Environment &amp; Regeneration Capital Programme.</p>  |            |

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The Head of Regeneration & Planning updated the Committee on proposals to carry out routine maintenance and procure a cover for the SV Comet at a total cost of £28,000.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the current position of the Capital Programme 2014/16 and the progress of the specific projects detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report;
- (2) that the Committee approve the additional projects detailed in paragraph 6.4 of the report and the financial implications detailed in paragraph 7.4;
- (3) that the former Business Store be declared surplus to requirements and be marketed for sale; and
- (4) that authority be delegated to the Head of Regeneration & Planning to arrange for routine maintenance to be carried out and to procure a cover for the SV Comet at a total cost of £28,000.

### 668 Environment, Regeneration & Resources Performance Report

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on progress made towards the achievement of key objectives as set out in the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan (CDIP).

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note that the report reflects the progress made by Property Assets & Facilities Management, Environmental & Commercial Services and Regeneration & Planning Services in delivering their key improvement actions and performance targets as detailed in the Environment, Regeneration & Resources CDIP; and
- (2) that further progress reports be submitted to every second meeting of the Committee.

### 669 Regeneration and Employability – Performance Reporting

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the development of the performance reporting framework in relation to Regeneration & Employability services.

Councillors Ahlfeld and Clocherty declared non-financial interests in this matter as Members of Inverclyde Community Development Trust. In addition, Councillor Clocherty declared an interest as a Member of Riverside Inverclyde. They also formed the view that the nature of their interests and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision making process.

**Decided:** that the Committee note the content of the report and the format for future performance reporting.

### 670 Adopted Inverclyde Local Development Plan 2014: Action Programme

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the preparation of an updated Action Programme, setting out how the Council proposes to implement the policies and proposals of the recently adopted Inverclyde Local Development Plan 2014, a copy of which was appended to the report.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note and welcome the adoption of the first Inverclyde Local Development Plan 2014; and

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(2) that the Committee note the contents of the report and approve the accompanying Action Programme.

**671 Renfrewshire Local Development Plan Adoption 671**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the adoption of the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan and the decision of Scottish Ministers to reject the Reporters' recommendations that it would be inappropriate, at this stage, to designate Braehead a town centre in the Local Development Plan.

**Decided:** that the Committee note the decision of the Scottish Ministers to confirm Renfrewshire Council's decision to adopt their Local Development Plan, contrary to the Reporters' recommendation on Braehead, and that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to write to the Chief Planner expressing disappointment that Scottish Ministers did not recognise the decision of their Independent Reporters.

**672 National Planning Framework 3 and Revised Scottish Planning Policy 2014 672**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising of changes to planning policy and guidance introduced in June 2014 with the publication of National Planning Framework 3 and the revised Scottish Planning Policy 2014.

**Decided:** that the Committee note the changes to planning policy and guidance in National Planning Framework 3 and the revised Scottish Planning Policy 2014 and the relevance of these documents to planning in Inverclyde.

**673 Inverclyde Council's Biodiversity Duty Report 2014 673**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking endorsement for the publication of Inverclyde Council's first Biodiversity Duty Report 2014 as required under the Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011.

**Decided:** that the Committee note the content of the report and in particular the proposals outlined in section 5 and, on that basis, delegate authority to the Head of Regeneration & Planning to prepare and publish Inverclyde Council's first Biodiversity Duty Report 2014, no later than 19 December 2014, as required under the Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011.

**674 Scottish Government Consultation on Planning Controls, Pay Day Lending and Betting Offices 674**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the Scottish Government's consultation on changes to planning legislation to address concerns about the levels of problem gambling and personal indebtedness by controlling the prevalence of betting shops and premises selling high interest short term loans and (2) seeking approval of the response outlined in the report.

**Decided:** that the Committee approve the consultation response outlined in the report.

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**675 Port Glasgow Strategic Regeneration Project Update****675**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) updating the Committee on the progress relating to the development of regeneration projects within Port Glasgow and (2) seeking approval in principle of the Port Glasgow Regeneration Strategy and Masterplan.

**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;
- (2) that the Committee agree to adopt in principle the Port Glasgow Regeneration Strategy and Masterplan and that it form the basis to guide future investment within Port Glasgow as funding becomes available;
- (3) that it be noted the Port Glasgow Regeneration Strategy and Masterplan will be reported back to the various stakeholders which participated in the Charrette;
- (4) that the priority projects referred to in paragraph 5.5 of the report be adopted and that these projects be progressed in collaboration with Riverside Inverclyde as funds become available, with further reports being submitted for Members' consideration; and
- (5) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to establish a Port Glasgow Town Centre Regeneration Forum and to put in place appropriate meeting and related support arrangements.

**676 Gourock Pier and Railhead Development – Progress Report****676**

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) seeking approval of a number of recommendations.

Arising from discussion the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advised it was envisaged the start date for the works would be around mid-November 2014 however he undertook to keep Members informed of any changes due to any further delay in completion of the licence agreements with Network Rail.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the content of the report;
- (2) that approval be given to the inclusion of the renewal of the Kempock Street footpath and blink paving and additional signage in the contract;
- (3) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to explore opportunities to maximise parking provision and implement works for increased car parking on Shore Street, subject to statutory approvals, to be funded from the Road Asset Management Plan and from unused project funds which are not required for the main contract; and
- (4) that an undertaking be provided to Riverside Inverclyde to cover any additional project costs in the event that these cannot be contained within the current allocation.

**677 Development of Gourock Municipal Buildings – Progress Report****677**

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

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**Decided:**

(1) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources in consultation with the Head of Finance and the Head of Legal & Property Services to:-

(a) conclude agreements to lease the Gourock Municipal Buildings to Riverside Inverclyde Property Holdings Company for the purposes of conversion to a small business centre at a rent to be determined by the Property Assets Manager/District Valuer;

(b) in collaboration with Riverside Inverclyde Property Holdings Company, develop and negotiate appropriate sub-lease agreements with prospective tenants; and

(c) hold back the leasing of the two larger rooms (units 1 and 2) on the upper floor for a period for 12 months from the date of the meeting to allow local community groups to establish a feasible community end use; and

(2) that approval be given to the use of the funding of £300,000 allocated within the Office Rationalisation Funding Model to enable the premises to be converted by Riverside Inverclyde.

**678 Cemeteries Management Rules****678**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of the draft Cemeteries Management Rules appended to the report prior to statutory public consultation.

**Decided:**

(1) that approval be given to the draft Cemeteries Management Rules appended to the report for the purposes of statutory public consultation; and

(2) that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services be authorised to implement the statutory public consultation procedure in connection with the proposed Management Rules.

**679 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 2) Order 2014****679**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 2) Order 2014.

**Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 2) 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.

**680 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Gourock Waterfront (Waiting Restrictions) Order 2014****680**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order - Gourock Waterfront (Waiting Restrictions) Order 2014.

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**Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - Gourrock Waterfront (Waiting Restrictions) 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.

**681 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Gordon Street, Greenock (One Way Only) Order 2014 681**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order - Gordon Street, Greenock (One Way Only) Order 2014.

**Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - Gordon Street, Greenock (One Way Only) 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.

**682 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Canmore Crescent, Greenock (One Way Only) Order 2014 682**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order - Canmore Crescent, Greenock (One Way Only) Order 2014.

**Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - Canmore Crescent, Greenock (One Way Only) 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.

**683 Decriminalised Parking Enforcement and Associated Traffic Regulation Orders Update 683**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) providing an update on the introduction of Decriminalised Parking Enforcement within Greenock Town Centre and (2) recommending variations to the Inner Greenock, Outer Greenock and Off Street Parking Traffic Regulation Orders, together with addendum providing further information and setting out amended recommendations.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the report and the addendum;
- (2) that Officers commence formal consultations at the earliest opportunity on the following variations:-
  - (a) to increase the duration of all disc operated on street parking within inner Greenock to two hours;
  - (b) to reduce the parking restriction period to Monday – Friday (8am – 6pm), for both on and off street parking;
  - (c) to remove Terrace Road, West Stewart Street (from Jamaica Street to Kelly Street), Jamaica Street (from West Stewart Street to Union Street), Station Avenue, unnamed streets off Cathcart Street serving 51 – 57 Cathcart Buildings and 59 – 67 Cathcart Buildings from the parking disc operation area;

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(3) that, in order to effect an immediate improvement in the utilisation of available parking spaces, there be an informal suspension from Monday 3 November 2014 of parking disc enforcement in the on street parking areas detailed in 2(c) above;

(4) that for the four Saturdays in December 2014 there be an informal suspension of parking disc enforcement and all parking charges in the Council owned off street car parks to operate free all day parking in order to encourage shopping over this busy period for traders;

(5) that a special meeting of the Environment & Regeneration Committee be called to deal with any report relating to the potential variation orders at the earliest opportunity;

(6) that a report be submitted to the meeting of the Committee scheduled to be held on 5 March 2015 on options for the introduction of a residents' parking scheme for Greenock town centre; and

(7) that Officers contact the Oak Mall Shopping Centre requesting that they suspend parking charges in the car parks owned by them to operate free all day parking for the four Saturdays in December 2014 in order to encourage shopping over this busy period for traders.

**684 Decriminalised Parking Enforcement – Notice of Motion by Councillor MacLeod 684**

Following consideration of the previous item of business, it was agreed that this item be withdrawn.

**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 paragraphs 2, 6 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.**

**685 Non Operational Property Portfolio Information Scheme of Delegation Register 685**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing information relative to non-operational property for the period March to September 2014.

**Decided:** that the Committee note the terms of the report.

**686 Property Assets Management Report 686**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on activities and proposals for the management of the Council's property assets. Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the actions recommended in respect of (1) Lady Octavia Workshop and (2) the former Redholm Children's Home at Alderwood Road, Port Glasgow, all as detailed in the appendix.