

## ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 15 JANUARY 2015

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### Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 15 January 2015 at 3pm

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

**Chair:** Councillor McCormick presided.

**In attendance:** Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Head of Legal & Property Services, Legal Services Manager (Procurement & Conveyancing), Ms J Buchanan (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr M Thomson (Finance Services), Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Environmental Services Manager (Roads), Mr M Higginbotham and Mr G Kerr (Environmental & Commercial Services), Head of Regeneration & Planning and Property Assets Manager.

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

#### **32 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 32**

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

Councillors Clocherty and McCabe declared an interest in Agenda Item 4 (Riverside Inverclyde Project Update).

#### **33 Environment & Regeneration Revenue Budget 2014/15 – Period 7 to 31 October 2014 33**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the position of the Revenue Budget 2014/15 as at Period 7 (31 October 2014) which showed a projected underspend of £141,000.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £141,000 for 2014/15 as at 31 October 2014; and
- (2) that approval be given to the virement as detailed in Section 7 and Appendix 4 of the report.

#### **34 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2014/15 to 2015/16 - Progress 34**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the position of the projects within the Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme.

(Councillor Campbell-Sturgess entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

**Decided:** 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.

**35 Riverside Inverclyde Project Update**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on Riverside Inverclyde's progress relating to the regeneration projects in Port Glasgow, Greenock and Gourock.

Councillors Clocherty and McCabe declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Board Members of Riverside Inverclyde. They also formed the view that the nature of their interest and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision making process.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the progress to date and that further progress reports will be submitted for Members' information and consideration in due course; and
- (2) that, if the previous prospective tenant withdraws interest, it be agreed to adopt in principle the proposed design of the Gourock Municipal Buildings to reflect business units for small and medium enterprises on the ground and first floor with two units on the upper floor being retained to allow a community use proposal to be investigated.

**36 Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan 2 'Clydeplan' - Main Issues Report for Consultation**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the approval of the second Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan 2: Main Issues Report (MIR) for publication and consultation by the Clydeplan Strategic Development Planning Authority Joint Committee, (2) highlighting the main issues with reference to Inverclyde and (3) seeking approval of a formal response to the Plan.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the publication of the Strategic Development Plan 2: Main Issues Report public consultation;
- (2) that the Committee endorse the key issues identified as being those that should inform the review and updating of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan (LDP2) in 2016;
- (3) that approval be given to the report as the Council's formal response on the Clydeplan Strategic Development Plan 2: Main Issues Report as outlined in Annexe One "Response to Consultation Questions"; and
- (4) that the Committee endorse in particular:
  - the refreshed Spatial Vision in the Main Issues Report (MIR), recognising that it represents in large part a roll forward of the recently approved SDP1 Spatial Development Strategy, approved by Scottish Ministers in 2012, and
  - the overall approach in strategic direction given in the MIR to the eight local authorities for their LDPs, including the choice of the "Sustained Growth Scenario" as it represents a realistic basis for the forward planning of the City Region; but
- (5) that the Council reserves its position, this being an "in principle" holding response, until having had the opportunity to:
  - (a) confirm that the proposed addition of King George V Dock, Govan as a "Strategic Freight Transport Hub" would not have any adverse impact for container freight business at Ocean Terminal, Inverclyde,
  - (b) respond to Background Report No. 6 on the draft methodology for setting the Housing Supply Targets (HSTs) and examine the outcome of the HST

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exercise for Inverclyde and what that would mean for housing land requirements, and

- (c) consider those matters that are the subject of the other 11 Background Reports and the SEA when published and officers have had the chance to appraise their content.

### 37 Flooding Capital Spend Update

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on (1) progress with the Central Greenock Flooding Project, (2) flood schemes that did not qualify for support funding together with schemes not brought forward previously due to access or ownership issues, (3) discussions with Scottish Water on an Integrated Catchment Study and (4) the resources required to deliver these capital projects along with additional revenue requirements to enhance the Council's ability to respond to flooding incidents.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the progress on the Central Greenock Flood Protection Scheme;
- (2) that approval be given to the additional flood schemes and revenue requirements listed in section 5 of the report and that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services take forward a report to the Policy & Resources Committee recommending that £950,000 for additional flood alleviation capital works and revenue requirements be considered by Members when allocating reserves as part of the 2015 budget process;
- (3) that, subject to approval of the above, authority be delegated to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to progress the capital and revenue schemes listed in section 5.2 of the report, substituting them as required with schemes listed in paragraph 5.4;
- (4) that, subject to approval of the above, authority be delegated to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to progress and approve the agreement in principle to work with Scottish Water on an Integrated Catchment Study; and
- (5) that, subject to the additional funding being allocated and the cost being contained within the current service budget, the Committee note the extension of the Flood Engineer's temporary contract of employment until 31 March 2018.

### 38 Environmental & Commercial Services (Roads) - Update on Proposed Street Lighting Investment Strategy

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the progress of the proposed street lighting investment strategy.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the ongoing development of the street lighting investment strategy; and
- (2) that it be noted a report will be submitted to the March 2015 meeting of the Environment & Regeneration Committee in respect of the detailed street lighting investment strategy, along with procurement arrangements and works programme.

### 39 Proposed Statutory Quality Partnership Scheme – Update 3

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the latest position with regard to the promotion of a Statutory Quality Partnership Scheme with Strathclyde Partnership for Transport and Transport Scotland.

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**Decided:** that the Committee note the current position and timescale with regard to the promotion of a Statutory Quality Partnership Scheme within Inverclyde.

**40 Environmental & Commercial Services (Roads) – Proposed RAMP/Capital Programme for Carriageway Protective Surface Treatments (2015/16) 40**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the proposed capital programme for carriageway protective surface treatments for 2015/16.

**Decided:** that the Committee approve the programme and spend profile for 2015/16 as outlined in paragraph 5.1 of the report.

**41 National Roads Development Guide 41**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for the adoption of the National Roads Development Guide as the roads development guide for Inverclyde Council.

**Decided:**

(1) that the National Roads Development Guide be adopted as the baseline document for roads development within Inverclyde;

(2) that authority be delegated to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to incorporate any local variances and departures from the National Roads Development Guide, as appropriate, in consultation with the Head of Regeneration & Planning; and

(3) that it be delegated to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to incorporate into the Guide any changes as a result of legislation, best practice, codes of practice, guidance and other such documents relative to roads development within Inverclyde.

**42 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 3 2014 42**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order to accompany the provision of parking bays for the disabled.

**Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 3 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.

**43 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Langhouse Road, Inverkip (26 Tonne Weight Restriction) Order 2014 43**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Langhouse Road, Inverkip (26 Tonne Weight Restriction) Order 2014.

**Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council, Langhouse Road, Inverkip (26 Tonne Weight Restriction) 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.

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.

- 44 Lease of Premises – Cathcart Street, Greenock 44**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to permit renunciation of a lease of premises in Cathcart Street, Greenock and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.
- 45 Proposal for Single Party Negotiations with Registered Social Landlords 45**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking authority to enter into single party negotiations with registered social landlords. Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended in respect of (1) a site at Braeside Road, Greenock and (2) a site at Auchmead Road, Greenock, all as detailed in the appendix.
- 46 Property Assets Management Report 46**
- There was submitted a report by the 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 action recommended in respect of (1) premises at Port Glasgow Road, Greenock, (2) a site at Kirn Drive, Gourrock and (3) premises at Alderwood Road, Port Glasgow, all as detailed in the appendix.