

**THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 4 DECEMBER 2014**

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**The Inverclyde Council**

**Thursday 4 December 2014 at 4pm**

**Present:** Provost Moran, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, Dorrian, Jones, Loughran, McCabe, McColgan, McCormick, McEleny, McIlwee, Nelson, Rebecchi, Shepherd and Wilson.

**Chair:** Provost Moran presided.

**In attendance:** Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership, Head of Legal & Property Services, Mr J Kerr (Legal Services), Chief Financial Officer, Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Environmental Services Manager, Roads, Transport & Waste Collection, Head of Regeneration & Planning, Corporate Policy & Partnership Manager and Corporate Communications Manager.

**744 Apologies and Declarations of Interest**

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Grieve and MacLeod.

Councillor Wilson declared an interest in agenda item 2 (Corlic Hill).

**745 Corlic Hill**

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services together with report by the Planning Board on the Pre-Determination Hearing in relation to a planning application by Inverclyde Windfarm Ltd for erection of 8 wind turbines, the construction of access tracks and ancillary development (including crane hardstandings, cabling, transformers and culverts), the formation of a borrow pit, the erection of a sub-station and control building, the formation of a car park and the erection of temporary construction compounds at land north and east of Corlic Hill, Greenock (13/0199/IC) which the Planning Board at the meeting on 5 November 2014 had referred to the Inverclyde Council with the recommendation that planning permission be refused for a number of reasons.

Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest in this matter as the Chair of a Group opposing the development of a wind farm on the application site and left the meeting. After discussion, Councillor McEleny seconded by Councillor Campbell-Sturgess moved (1) that the application be referred to the Scottish Ministers recommending that planning permission be granted subject to relevant conditions, Section 75 Agreement(s) and Bond(s) as recommended by the Head of Regeneration & Planning; and (2) that a report on action that can be taken to promote renewable energy be submitted to the Environment & Regeneration Committee.

As an amendment, Councillor Clocherty seconded by Councillor Brennan moved (1) that planning permission be refused as the proposed wind farm may adversely impact on the safe operation of Glasgow Airport and en-route traffic to the detriment of public safety; and (2) that a report on action that can be taken to promote renewable energy be submitted to the Environment & Regeneration Committee.

As a further amendment, Councillor Jones seconded by Councillor Rebecchi moved (1) that planning permission be refused for the following reasons as recommended by the

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Planning Board:-

- (1) as the proposed wind farm may adversely impact on the safe operation of Glasgow Airport and en-route traffic to the detriment of public safety;
  - (2) as it is contrary to Policies ENV1, criterion (b)(i) and ENV2, criterion (i) of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan as it will adversely impact on visual amenity and, in the case of the latter, is not capable of satisfactory mitigation;
  - (3) as it is contrary to Policies ENV2, criterion (f) and INF1, criterion (b) of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan as it will adversely impact on landscape character;
  - (4) as it is contrary to Policy INF1, criterion (c) of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan as it will adversely impact upon neighbouring settlements in terms of their visual outlook and enjoyment of the landscape;
  - (5) as it is contrary to Policy INF1, criterion (d) of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan as it will adversely impact on the enjoyment of the landscape by recreational users of Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park;
  - (6) as it is contrary to Policies INF1, criterion (e), ENV2, criterion (e) and HER6 of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan in that the proposal will have an adverse impact on the setting of the scheduled monument of Lurg Moor Roman Fortlet and Roman Road; and
  - (7) as the visual impact and impact on landscape character of the proposed development would also be contrary to Scottish Natural Heritage guidance on “Siting and Designing Wind Farms in the Landscape”, Scottish Government online guidance “Onshore Wind Turbines” and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan Authority guidance “Landscape Capacity Study for Wind Turbine Development in Glasgow and the Clyde Valley”; and
- (2) that a report on action that can be taken to promote renewable energy be submitted to the Environment & Regeneration Committee.

On a vote between the two amendments, 4 Members voted for the amendment by Councillor Clocherty and 12 for the amendment by Councillor Jones. The amendment by Councillor Clocherty then fell. On a vote between the amendment by Councillor Jones and the motion, 3 Members voted for the motion and 14 for the amendment which was declared carried.

**Decided:**

- (1) that planning permission be refused for the following reasons as recommended by the Planning Board:-
- (1) as the proposed wind farm may adversely impact on the safe operation of Glasgow Airport and en-route traffic to the detriment of public safety;
  - (2) as it is contrary to Policies ENV1, criterion (b)(i) and ENV2, criterion (i) of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan as it will adversely impact on visual amenity and, in the case of the latter, is not capable of satisfactory mitigation;
  - (3) as it is contrary to Policies ENV2, criterion (f) and INF1, criterion (b) of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan as it will adversely impact on landscape character;
  - (4) as it is contrary to Policy INF1, criterion (c) of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan as it will adversely impact upon neighbouring settlements in terms of their visual outlook and enjoyment of the landscape;
  - (5) as it is contrary to Policy INF1, criterion (d) of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan as it will adversely impact on the enjoyment of the landscape by recreational users of Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park;
  - (6) as it is contrary to Policies INF1, criterion (e), ENV2, criterion (e) and HER6 of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan in that the proposal will have an adverse impact on the setting of the scheduled monument of Lurg Moor Roman Fortlet and Roman Road; and

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(7) as the visual impact and impact on landscape character of the proposed development would also be contrary to Scottish Natural Heritage guidance on “Siting and Designing Wind Farms in the Landscape”, Scottish Government online guidance “Onshore Wind Turbines” and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan Authority guidance “Landscape Capacity Study for Wind Turbine Development in Glasgow and the Clyde Valley”; and

(2) that a report on action that can be taken to promote renewable energy be submitted to the Environment & Regeneration Committee.

Councillor Wilson returned to the meeting at this juncture.

**746 Annual Report to Members 2013/14 746**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive appending the Annual Report to Members 2013/14 issued by Grant Thornton, the Council’s external auditors.

Mr Gary Devlin of Grant Thornton was present, spoke to the report and answered a number of questions from Members.

**Decided:** that the Council endorse the contents of the Annual Report to Members 2013/14, note that progress on delivering the Action Plan will be tracked via the Audit Committee and that the Council’s thanks to the external auditors and officers be recorded.

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The Inverclyde Council, Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards**

**747 General Purposes Board – 8 October 2014 747**

**Approved** on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.

**748 Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Sub-Committee – 9 October 2014 748**

**Approved** on the motion of Councillor Loughran.

**749 The Inverclyde Council – 9 October 2014 749**

**Approved** on the motion of Provost Moran.

**750 Grants Sub-Committee – 16 October 2014 750**

**Approved** on the motion of Councillor McColgan.

**751 Audit Committee – 21 October 2014 751**

**Approved** on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi.

**752 Human Resources Appeals Board – 22 October 2014 752**

**Approved** on the motion of Councillor Brooks.

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| 753 | <b>Inverclyde Community Health &amp; Care Partnership Sub-Committee – 23 October 2014</b>   | 753 |
|     | Approved on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.   |     |
| 754 | <b>Environment &amp; Regeneration Committee – 30 October 2014</b>   | 754 |
|     | Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.   |     |
| 755 | <b>Education &amp; Communities Committee – 4 November 2014</b>  | 755 |
|     | Approved on the motion of Councillor Loughran.  |     |
| 756 | <b>Planning Board – 5 November 2014</b>   | 756 |
|     | Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.  |     |
| 757 | <b>General Purposes Board – 12 November 2014</b>  | 757 |
|     | Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.   |     |
| 758 | <b>Policy &amp; Resources Committee – 18 November 2014</b>  | 758 |
|     | Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.  |     |
| 759 | <b>Local Review Body – 3 December 2014</b>  | 759 |
|     | Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.  |     |
| 760 | <b>Environment &amp; Regeneration Committee – 4 December 2014</b>   | 760 |
|     | Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.   |     |
| 761 | <b>The Renfrewshire Educational Trust</b>   | 761 |
|     | There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services (1) advising of a reorganisation of the Renfrewshire Educational Trust (the Trust) and (2) seeking to formalise the appointment of 2 Elected Members of the Council as Trustees.<br><b>Decided:</b><br>(1) that the Council note the terms of the Renfrewshire Educational Trust Scheme 2014 (the New Scheme) appended to the report; and<br>(2) that Councillor Brennan and Councillor Shepherd be appointed as Trustees of the Trust. |     |
| 762 | <b>Glasgow and Clyde Valley City Deal: Governance Arrangements</b>  | 762 |
|     | There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services seeking approval for the Council's participation in the establishing of a Joint Committee for the purposes of governing the delivery of the Glasgow and Clyde Valley City Deal.   |     |

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**Decided:** that the Council:

- (1) note the progress which has been made in formalising the structures and processes relative to the delivery of the City Deal;
- (2) approve the establishing of a Joint Committee for purposes of strategic direction and implementation;
- (3) approve the delegated functions of the Cabinet of the Joint Committee and note the implementation arrangements for the City Deal;
- (4) note the timescales and progress being made to finalise the arrangements in discussions with the UK and Scottish Governments;
- (5) approve, in terms of clauses 2.3 and 3.2 of the proposed Constitution, the appointment of the Leader of the Council as the Council's representative on the Joint Committee and that the Depute Leader of the Council be nominated as the Council's substitute representative;
- (6) remit it to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to establish suitable internal mechanisms for a Project Board to oversee local implementation and progress of City Deal projects and to engage relevant partners; and
- (7) authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer and Head of Legal & Property Services, to adjust and negotiate any necessary alterations to the proposed Assurance Framework and Constitution.

**763 Effective Democracy: Reconnecting with Communities**

**763**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the Commission on Strengthening Local Democracy's Report "Effective Democracy: Reconnecting with Communities", which focuses on empowering communities, and setting out seven fundamental principles the Commission believes must underpin Scotland's democratic future.

**Decided:** that the Council note the content of the "Effective Democracy: Reconnecting with Communities" report from the Commission on Strengthening Local Democracy, that the report be referred to the Policy & Resources Committee and that it be remitted to officers to report on how to strengthen local democracy in Inverclyde and improve and encourage local community involvement in the democratic process.

Councillor McCabe left the meeting at this point.

**764 Financial Strategy 2014/2022 - Update**

**764**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer seeking approval of the revised Financial Strategy 2014/2022 appended to the report.

Councillor McCabe returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business.

**Decided:** that the latest revision of the Financial Strategy 2014/2022 as set out in the appendix to the report be approved.

**765 Chief Social Work Officer – Annual Report**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership appending the Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report which provides Members with a view on the effective functioning of Social Work Services within Inverclyde as a component of the governance arrangements of the Council and outlines the key challenges faced by the service.

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**Decided:**

- (1) that the Council note the Chief Social Work Officer report as set out in appendix 1; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Chief Executive to write to NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde seeking assurances in relation to the process for the development of a new Health Centre in Inverclyde.

**766 Update on Greenock Arts Guild: Beacon Arts Centre 766**

It was noted that this item would be considered at a special meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee to be held on 16 December 2014.

**767 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 2) Order 2014 – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 767**

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

**Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 2) Order 2014, all as detailed in a copy of the Order forming a supplement to the principal minute hereof and that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

**768 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Gourock Waterfront (Waiting Restrictions) Order 2014 – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 768**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 30 October 2014 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Gourock Waterfront (Waiting Restrictions) Order 2014.

**Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council, Gourock Waterfront (Waiting Restrictions) Order 2014, all as detailed in a copy of the Order forming a supplement to the principal minute hereof and that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

**769 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Gordon Street, Greenock (One Way Only) Order 2014 – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 769**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 30 October 2014 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Gordon Street, Greenock (One Way Only) Order 2014.

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**Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council, Gordon Street, Greenock (One Way Only) Order 2014, all as detailed in a copy of the Order forming a supplement to the principal minute hereof and that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

**770 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Canmore Crescent, Greenock (One Way Only) Order 2014 – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 770**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 30 October 2014 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Canmore Crescent, Greenock (One Way Only) Order 2014.

**Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council, Canmore Crescent, Greenock (One Way Only) Order 2014, all as detailed in a copy of the Order forming a supplement to the principal minute hereof and that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

**771 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 2) Order 2014 – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 771**

There was circulated a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 4 December 2014 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 2) Order 2014.

**Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 2) Order 2014, all as detailed in a copy of the Order forming a supplement to the principal minute hereof and that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

**772 Treasury Management – Mid-Year Review Report 2014/15 – Remit from Policy & Resources Committee 772**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Policy & Resources Committee of 18 November 2014 on the Mid-Year Review Report on Treasury Management for 2014/15.

**Decided:** that the Council approve the Treasury Management Mid-Year Review Report 2014/15.

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**Media and Social Media Protocol – Motion by Councillor Brooks**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a motion by Councillor Brooks, countersigned by Councillor McEleny, proposing amendments to the Council's Media and Social Media Protocol which had been submitted in accordance with Standing Order 22 in the following terms:-

"In order to ensure that –

1. all information and advice properly given by Officers is available to all Members of the Council
2. and to prevent any democratic deficit by use of this information for political advantage through its prior awareness by reason of the pre-agenda purpose

we move that the Council's media and social media protocol be amended to require –

1. any non-urgent press release in respect of the Council's business be distributed to all Members at least 24 hours prior to distribution to the press and media; and
2. any press contact by Conveners of committees following upon the publishing of any committee agenda be withheld for a period of at least 24 hours from the time of issue of the agenda.

The Council's media and social media protocol was approved in December 2013 and it states that press releases distributed to the press and media will also be distributed to Councillors and the Corporate Management Team. This distribution will take place at the same time as press releases are distributed to the press and media and usually when the press release is published on the Council website. The Administration is aware of Council business in advance through the pre-agenda process and this promotes a democratic deficit for the other Members of the Council and this motion assists all Members by giving them a more reasonable chance and timescale to consider reports from the date of publication of the committee agenda. This motion also assists all Members by giving them an opportunity to consider any non-urgent Council press release a reasonable time in advance.

The Councillors' Code says that all political groups need to recognise that information and advice given by Officers should be used "to enhance discussion and debate at Council and committee meetings. If such information is used for political advantage, for example media briefings beforehand, then the process could become devalued."

As an amendment, Councillor Rebecchi seconded by Councillor Shepherd moved that scrutiny of the Council's Media and Social Media Protocol be remitted to the Policy & Resources Committee including revisiting local ward Members' involvement in activities and events within their wards and informing local ward Members of matters relating to their ward.

On a vote, 6 Members voted for the motion and 12 for the amendment which was declared carried.

**Decided:** that scrutiny of the Council's Media and Social Media Protocol be remitted to the Policy & Resources Committee including revisiting local ward Members' involvement in activities and events within their wards and informing local ward Members of matters relating to their ward.



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**774 Fracking – Motion by Councillor McEleny**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a motion by Councillor McEleny, countersigned by Councillor Brooks, making proposals in relation to fracking which had been submitted in accordance with Standing Order 22 in the following terms:-

“In order to ensure that –

1. Fracking is not carried out underneath the property of both Inverclyde Council and the people that live in Inverclyde without the right to be consulted and object.
2. Inverclyde Council’s views are expressed in writing to both the UK and Scottish Governments.

We move that –

1. The Chief Executive writes to the Rt. Hon. Edward Davey MP UK Government Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change to express the concern of Inverclyde Council that the Westminster Government plans to allow underground drilling rights beneath people’s homes to be granted without any right to object or even be notified.
2. Inverclyde Council supports the approach taken by the Scottish Government and notes that further devolution of powers over energy would better allow people in Scotland and local councils to make decisions on Fracking themselves.

The UK Department of Energy and Climate Change has announced proposals to grant automatic underground drilling access to energy companies, in spite of Scottish Government and public opposition, and with no right of appeal or notification for the people who live on the land above such drilling.

It is utterly unacceptable that the Westminster Government plans to allow underground drilling rights beneath people’s homes to be granted without any right for people to object or even be notified.

The Scottish Government and people across Scotland and indeed the UK, have told the Westminster Government they are wrong, but as usual they are simply not listening.

The approach being taken by the Westminster Government to fracking stands in stark contrast to the cautious, considered and evidence based approach being taken in Scotland, and further underlines why energy policy should be devolved to Scotland.”

**Decided:** that a detailed report on the implications of Councillor McEleny’s motion be submitted to the Environment & Regeneration Committee.

#### **Appendices to Minutes**

**775 Human Resources Appeals Board – 22 October 2014**

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**Approved** on the motion of Councillor Brooks.

**776 Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership Sub-Committee – 23 October 2014**

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**Approved** on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.

**777 Environment & Regeneration Committee – 30 October 2014**

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**Approved** on the motion of Councillor McCormick.

## GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 10 DECEMBER 2014

General Purposes BoardWednesday 10 December 2014 at 3.00pm

**Present:** Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Dorrian, Jones, Loughran, McColgan, McIlwee and Rebecchi.

**Chair:** Councillor Dorrian presided.

**In attendance:** Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Inspector G Kirkwood, Sergeant G Fitzpatrick, Police Scotland.

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

**778 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 778**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Grieve.  
There were no substitutions intimated.

Councillor Campbell-Sturgess declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 3 (Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Gary Sinnamon). Councillor Dorrian declared a financial interest in Agenda Item 7 (Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Mark Rodgers)

**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.**

**779 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence – Gary Sinnamon 779**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to consider the suspension of Mr Sinnamon's Taxi Driver's Licence which expired on 31 October 2014 following a letter submitted by Police Scotland dated 7 November 2014.

Mr Sinnamon was present.

Mr Jarvie advised that Mr Sinnamon has applied for the renewal of his licence and as such is permitted to continue to drive until the renewal application is determined which forms the next item on the Agenda. Mr Jarvie explained that as events have moved on he asked the Board to note the terms of the Chief Superintendent's letter.

**Decided:** Noted.

**780 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Gary Sinnamon 780**

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

Mr Sinnamon was present.

Mr Jarvie advised that a letter from Mr Sinnamon in support of his application was received by the Licensing Section on 28 November 2014, a copy of which was circulated to Members.

The Board heard Inspector Kirkwood in support of the Police objection and Mr

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Sinnamon in support of his application. During Mr Sinnamon's submissions, he produced a letter of support from his employee, Mr Colin McConaghy which was passed to Members.

The Board then went into private discussion.

At the outset of the discussion, Councillor Campbell-Sturgess advised he had recently been a passenger in a taxi driven by Mr Sinnamon on two occasions. The Clerk immediately advised that any information the Councillor wished to proffer in this respect would have to be disclosed to Mr Sinnamon. The Councillor took the view that he should in fact disclose a personal interest and decided to leave the meeting in relation to this matter. Mr Sinnamon and Police Scotland representatives were invited back into the room and advised on what had occurred. Mr Sinnamon and Police Scotland representatives were then invited to leave the Chambers so that the private session may resume.

Following discussion and on return of all parties concerned, Councillor Jones moved refusal of the application, as an amendment Councillor Loughran moved grant of the application. On a vote, 3 Members voted for the amendment and 6 Members for the motion which was declared carried.

**Decided:** the application be refused.

Councillor Campbell-Sturgess returned to the meeting following this item.

**781 Request for Suspension of General Hire Taxi Operator Licence – Hugh Dinning 781**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to consider suspension of Mr Dinning's General Hire Taxi Operator Licence No. 65 following a letter submitted by Police Scotland dated 10 November 2014.

Mr Gallacher, Solicitor was present representing the applicant. Mr Dinning was in attendance.

Mr Jarvie advised the licence has been transferred to a new licence holder and in effect no licence is now held by Mr Dinning to consider and the item would not be called.

**Decided:** Noted.

**782 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence – Hugh Dinning 782**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to consider suspension of Mr Dinning's Taxi Driver's Licence which expires on 31 August 2015 following a letter submitted by Police Scotland dated 10 November 2014.

Mr Gallacher, Solicitor was present representing the applicant. Mr Dinning was in attendance.

Mr Jarvie advised the Board on the background of the report.

The Board heard Inspector Kirkwood in support of the Chief Superintendent's letter and Mr Gallacher in support of maintaining the licence.

**Decided:** request for suspension be refused.

**783 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Serge Lyubanets 783**

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

Mr Lyubanets was not present or represented.

The Board heard Inspector Kirkwood in support of the Police objection

**Decided:** the application be refused.

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Councillor Dorrian declared a financial interest in the following item as he is known to the applicant in a working capacity which precluded his continued presence in the Chamber and his participation in the decision making process. Councillor Dorrian vacated the Chair and left the meeting. Councillor Ahlfeld assumed the Chair.

**784 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Mark Rodgers****784**

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

Mr Rodgers was present.

The Board heard Inspector Kirkwood in support of the Police objection and Mr Rodgers in support of his application.

**Decided:** the application be granted.

**POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 16 DECEMBER 2014****Policy & Resources Committee****Tuesday 16 December 2014 at 3pm**

**Present:** Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, Brooks (for MacLeod), McCabe, McCormick, McEleny, McIlwee, Nelson, McColgan (for Loughran), Shepherd (for Rebecchi) and Wilson.

**Chair:** Councillor McCabe presided.

**In attendance:** Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Property Services 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.**

**785      Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest**

**785**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Loughran, with Councillor McColgan substituting, Councillor MacLeod, with Councillor Brooks substituting, and Councillor Rebecchi, with Councillor Shepherd substituting.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

Councillor Wilson left the meeting at this juncture.

**786      Local Government Finance Settlement 2015/16 Update**

**786**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer advising the Committee of the detail of the Local Government Grants Settlement for 2015/16 and how this impacts upon Inverclyde Council.

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

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee note the update as contained in the report and that the figures announced in detail by the Scottish Government on 11 December 2014 are very much in line with the figures previously provided by Officers; and

(2) that the Committee note that a more detailed report on the Business Rates Incentivisation Scheme will be submitted to the Committee in due course.

**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 paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.**

**787 Greenock Arts Guild Limited: The Beacon Arts Centre****787**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the current funding position affecting the Greenock Arts Guild Limited and the Beacon Arts Centre and its request for additional financial support from the Council and the Committee agreed to take action, all as detailed in the appendix.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE – 6 JANUARY 2015

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### Audit Committee

Tuesday 6 January 2015 at 3pm

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

**Chair:** Councillor Rebecchi presided.

**In attendance:** Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Head of Legal & Property Services, Chief Internal Auditor, Finance Manager and Ms G Murphy (Legal & Property Services).

**Present also:** Mr G Devlin, Grant Thornton.

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

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| <b>1</b> | <p><b>Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>No apologies for absence were intimated.</p> <p>Councillors Ahlfeld, Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty and MacLeod declared an interest in Agenda Item 3 (Internal Audit Progress Report – 29 September to 5 December 2014).</p>   | <b>1</b> |
| <b>2</b> | <p><b>External Audit Action Plans - Current Actions</b></p> <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration &amp; Resources on the status of current actions from the External Audit Action Plan at 31 October 2014.<br/>(Councillor Campbell-Sturgess entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>   | <b>2</b> |
| <b>3</b> | <p><b>Internal Audit Progress Report – 29 September to 5 December 2014</b></p> <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration &amp; Resources appending the monitoring report in respect of Internal Audit activity for the period 29 September to 5 December 2014.<br/>Councillors Ahlfeld, Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty and MacLeod declared a non-financial interest in this item as board members of Inverclyde Leisure. 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.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b></p> <p>(1) that the content of the report be noted;<br/>(2) that a follow up on the amber issue identified in the internal audit carried out on Whinhill golf course be included in the regular progress report to be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee;</p> | <b>3</b> |



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(3) that a summary report on the progress made on information governance and management be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee and that the Corporate Director ICHCP or his representative be invited to attend; and

(4) that the outstanding remit report on the client assessment process be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

**4 Targeted Follow Up to Audit Scotland Report – Major Capital Investments in Councils**

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer updating Members on the findings of the Targeted Follow Up to Major Capital Investments report.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee note the contents of the Grant Thornton report 'Targeted Follow Up to Major Capital Investments'; and

(2) that the Committee note that Grant Thornton's report 'Targeted Follow Up to Major Capital Investments' will be considered by the Policy & Resources Committee at a future meeting.

**PLANNING BOARD – 7 JANUARY 2015**

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**Planning Board**

**Wednesday 7 January 2015 at 3pm**

**Present:** Provost Moran, Councillors Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Dorrian, Jones, Loughran, McColgan, McIlwee, Nelson, Rebecchi and Wilson.

**Chair:** Councillor Wilson presided.

**In attendance:** Head of Regeneration & Planning, Development & Building Standards Manager, Mr M Higginbotham (for Head of Environmental & Commercial 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 Board.**

**5 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 5**

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

**6 PLANNING APPLICATION 6**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning on an application in retrospect by Mr R Lynch for the erection of a replacement antenna to the garage at 21 Carnoustie Avenue, Gourrock (14/0375/IC).

**Decided:** that planning permission be granted.

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**Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership Sub-Committee**

**Thursday 8 January 2015 at 3pm**

**Present:** Councillors V Jones, J MacLeod, S McCabe, J McIlwee and L Rebecchi (Inverclyde Council); Mr K Winter and Dr D Lyons, Non-Executive Directors, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health Board; Mrs M Telfer, Public Partnership Forum; Dr H Macdonald, Professional Executive Group; and Mr B Moore, Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership.

**Chair:** Councillor McIlwee presided.

**In attendance:** Head of Children & Families and Criminal Justice, Head of Mental Health, Addictions & Homelessness Service, Service Manager - Quality & Development, Service Manager - Health Improvement, Inequalities & Personalisation, Service Manager - Specialist Children's Services, Ms L Bairden (for Chief Financial Officer), Ms F McLaren (Finance Services), Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Property Services) 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.**

**7 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 7**

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Councillors McCabe, McIlwee and MacLeod declared an interest in Agenda Item 11 (Governance of CHCP Commissioned External Organisations).

**8 The Inverclyde Pilot: A Shared Approach to Shaping Demand and Design for Hospital Services 8**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership providing an update on the work carried out to date on the "Inverclyde Pilot" established in 2013 with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde with the aim of developing a Board approach to ensure that Partnerships focus on and change the use of acute services delivered for their population.

The Sub-Committee heard a presentation on the subject by the Corporate Director who, along with the Clinical Director and Service Manager - Quality & Development, answered a number of questions from Members.

**Decided:** that the progress of the work undertaken to date be noted.

**9 Community Health & Care Partnership - Financial Report 2014/15 as at Period 7 to 31 October 2014 9**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership advising the Sub-Committee of the 2014/15 Revenue and Capital Budget position as at Period 7 to 31 October 2014.

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**Decided:**

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the current year Revenue Budget net projected overspend of £157,000 for 2014/15 as at 31 October 2014;
- (2) that the Sub-Committee note the non-recurring contribution from the NHS element of the Partnership to meet pressures from joint commissioning arrangements;
- (3) that the Sub-Committee note that the Social Work Capital is projected to budget at £195,000 in the current year and is on target over the life of the projects and that the Health Capital is projected to budget at £138,000;
- (4) that the Sub-Committee note the current earmarked reserves position and the creation of a new delayed discharge reserve;
- (5) that the position in respect of prescribing be noted; and
- (6) that approval be given to the Social Work budget virements totalling £25,000 as detailed in Appendix 7 to the report.

**10 Child Protection Committee Annual Report****10**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership on the work of Inverclyde Child Protection Committee for the year 2013/14 and the priority areas of focus for 2014/16.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the report and acknowledge that Inverclyde Child Protection Committee has continued to pursue its functions to ensure high standards are maintained in the face of increasingly challenging economic and social circumstances, demonstrating a continued commitment to strive for excellence in the protection of children;
- (2) that the Improvement Plan priorities for Inverclyde Child Protection Committee for 2014/16 be endorsed; and
- (3) that a presentation be made on child sexual exploitation.

**11 Update in Relation to Joint Inspection of Children's Services by the Care Inspectorate****11**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership providing an update in relation to the joint inspection of Children's Services by the Care Inspectorate together with some of the themes, findings and processes published as a result of recent inspections of Children's Services in other community planning areas across Scotland.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the report be noted; and
- (2) that it be noted that further information will be submitted to the Sub-Committee regarding the progress and updates relative to joint inspections of Children's Services in due course.

**12 Learning from Inspection Annual Report 2013-2014****12**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership providing a strategic overview of the inspections of the CHCP regulated service provision undertaken during the period 2013-2014, identifying key themes and outlining potential future developments in supporting these services.

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**Decided:** that the Sub-Committee note the Learning from Inspection Annual Report as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

**13 Speak Out Campaign**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership informing the Sub-Committee of the 2014 Inverclyde Child Protection Committee public awareness campaign.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Sub-Committee note the contents of the report and the Inverclyde Child Protection Committee's plan to deliver a public awareness campaign in 2015 which is targeted directly at young people with a focus on what they should do to help protect their friends; and

(2) that a report be submitted to the Sub-Committee on the procedures to be followed in relation to the identification of named persons.

**14 HMP Inverclyde**

**14**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership on the planning work which has been taking place to support the establishment of the new women's prison, HMP Inverclyde.

**Decided:** that the report be noted.

**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)
Report on Social Work Complaints Review Committee of 20 November 2014	1 and 3
Report on Social Work Complaints Review Committee of 27 November 2014	1 and 3
Governance of CHCP Commissioned External Organisations	6
CHCP Property Asset Management	8 and 9

**15 Report on Social Work Complaints Review Committee of 20 November 2014**

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There was submitted a report by the Social Work Complaints Review Committee on the outcome of a hearing held on 20 November 2014 under the local authority complaints procedure in respect of the provision of Social Work functions. The Sub-Committee noted the terms of the report and approved the recommendation of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee that all five elements of the complaint be not upheld, all

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as detailed in the appendix.

- 16 Report on Social Work Complaints Review Committee of 27 November 2014 16**
- There was submitted an updated report by the Social Work Complaints Review Committee on the outcome of a hearing held on 27 November 2014 under the local authority complaints procedure in respect of the provision of Social Work functions. The Sub-Committee noted the terms of the report and approved the recommendation of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee that all five elements of the complaint be not upheld, all as detailed in the appendix.
- 17 Governance of CHCP Commissioned External Organisations 17**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership providing information on progress relating to the CHCP governance process for externally commissioned organisations for the period 1 July to 30 September 2014.
- Councillor McCabe declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Board member of River Clyde Homes, Councillor McIlwee declared a non-financial interest as a Board member of River Clyde Homes and as a Director of Evergreen Home Support and Inverclyde Association for Mental Health and Councillor MacLeod declared a non-financial interest as a non-executive Director of Parklea Branching Out. All three Members formed the view that the nature of their interest in the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision making process. Councillor MacLeod did, however, leave the meeting during the Sub-Committee's discussion on Parklea Branching Out and returned immediately thereafter.
- Decided:** that the governance report as set out in Appendix 1 be noted.
- 18 CHCP Property Asset Management 18**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership advising the Sub-Committee of the current status of the CHCP Property Asset Management Strategy.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the information contained in the report; and
  - (2) that an annual update on the Property Asset Management Strategy be submitted to the Sub-Committee.

**GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 14 JANUARY 2015**

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**General Purposes Board**

**Wednesday 14 January 2015 at 3.00pm**

**Present:** Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Dorrian, Jones, Loughran, McColgan, McIlwee, Nelson and Rebecchi.

**Chair:** Councillor Dorrian presided.

**In attendance:** Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Inspector G Kirkwood, Sergeant G Fitzpatrick, Police Scotland.

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

- 19 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 19**
- Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Grieve with Councillor Nelson substituting on his behalf.  
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.**
- 20 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence – James Moore 20**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to consider the suspension of Mr Moore's Taxi Driver's Licence which expires on 31 May 2015 following a letter submitted by Police Scotland dated 19 September 2014. Mr Jarvie advised this item had been continued from the meeting held on 12 November 2014 to allow pending matters to be concluded. He advised that matters are still ongoing however, may be concluded on 5 February 2015. Mr Moore was contacted and agreed not to attend today but to continue consideration to the next meeting of the Board. Members noted the position  
**Decided:** to continue consideration to the next meeting of the Board.
- 21 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – John Gavin 21**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services for grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Gavin following a Police objection. Mr Gavin was not present or represented. Mr Jarvie advised that there has been no contact from Mr Gavin. There followed a brief discussion on the terms of the report.  
**Decided:** to continue consideration to the April Meeting of the Board.
- 22 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Ryan Kerr 22**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services for renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Kerr following a Police representation.

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Mr Kerr was present.

Mr Jarvie advised on the background of the report and intimated that Mr Kerr submitted a letter to the Licensing Section on 7 January 2015. The letter was circulated to Members.

The Board heard Inspector Kirkwood in support of the Police representation and Mr Kerr in support of his application.

**Decided:** the application be granted.

**23 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Stephen Petrie 23**

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

Mr Jarvie advised on the background of the report and intimated that Mr Petrie submitted an e-mail to the Licensing Section dated 15 December 2014 and 13 January 2015 advising that he is unable to attend the meeting today. The e-mails were circulated to Members.

Following a short discussion the Board agreed to continue this item to the next meeting.

**Decided:** to continue consideration to the next meeting of the Board.

**24 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Steven Duncan 24**

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

Mr Duncan was not present or represented.

Mr Jarvie advised that there has been no contact from Mr Duncan and advised on the background of the report.

The Board heard Inspector Kirkwood in support of the Police Objection.

**Decided:** the application be refused.

**25 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Stuart Henderson 25**

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

Mr Henderson was present.

Mr Jarvie advised on the background of the report.

The Board heard Inspector Kirkwood in support of the Police representation and Mr Henderson in support of his application.

**Decided:** the application be granted.

**26 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Stuart Adam 26**

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

Mr Adam was present.

Mr Jarvie advised on the background of the report and intimated that Mr Adam submitted a letter to the Licensing Section dated 5 January 2015. The letter was circulated to Members.

The Board heard Inspector Kirkwood in support of the Police objection and Mr Adam in support of his application.

**Decided:** the application be granted.



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- 27 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – David Owens 27**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services for grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Owens following a Police representation.  
Mr Owens was present.  
Mr Jarvie advised on the background of the report.  
The Board heard Inspector Kirkwood in support of the Police representation and Mr Owens in support of his application.  
**Decided:** the application be granted.
- 28 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Alan Robertson 28**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services for renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Robertson following a Police representation.  
Mr Robertson was present with his representative Mr McVey.  
Mr Jarvie advised on the background of the report.  
The Board heard Inspector Kirkwood in support of the Police representation and Mr McVey and Mr Robertson in support of the application.  
**Decided:** the application be granted.
- 29 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Andrew Shields 29**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services for grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Shields following a Police objection.  
Mr Shields was present.  
Mr Jarvie advised on the background of the report.  
The Board heard Inspector Kirkwood in support of the Police objection and Mr Shields in support of his application.  
**Decided:** the application be refused.
- 30 Application for Private Hire Car Licence – John Ellis 30**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services for renewal of a Private Hire Car Licence by Mr Ellis following a Police objection.  
Mr Ellis was present with Mr McNeill in attendance.  
Mr Jarvie advised on the background of the report.  
The Board heard Inspector Kirkwood and Sergeant Fitzpatrick in support of the Police objection and Mr Ellis in support of his application.  
**Decided:** the application be granted.
- 31 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence – Joseph Cunningham 31**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to consider suspension of Mr Cunningham's Taxi Driver's Licence which expires on 31 July 2015.  
Mr Cunningham was present.  
Mr Jarvie advised that following receipt of a letter dated 19 December 2014 from Police Scotland Mr Cunningham's licence had been immediately suspended on 19 December 2014 under delegated powers and requested the Board to uphold the decision of immediate suspension and to consider whether or not the suspension is extended.  
The Board heard Inspector Kirkwood in support of the Police submissions and Mr Cunningham in support of his licence.

**Decided:**

- (i) to uphold the immediate suspension; and
- (ii) to continue suspension for the unexpired portion of licence to 31 July 2015 or such earlier period following the outcome of pending matters and brought back to the Board for re-consideration.

## 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.

## EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 20 JANUARY 2015

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### Education and Communities Committee

Tuesday 20 January 2015 at 3pm

**Present:** Councillors Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, Loughran, McCabe, McColgan, McEleny, Jones, Shepherd and Wilson, Mr T Macdougall and Father M McMahan, Church Representatives and Mr T Tracey, Teacher Representative.

**Chair:** Councillor Loughran presided.

**In attendance:** Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Mr I Cameron (for Head of Finance), Ms A Edmiston (Finance Services), Ms G Murphy (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Community Safety & Wellbeing Manager, Health Protection Service Manager, Ms G Bond and Mr R Cuthbert (Education & Communities), Ms F Riddell (Corporate Communications), Head of Education, Corporate Policy & Partnership Manager, Ms E Hamilton, Quality Improvement Manager, Ms E Robertson (Education & Communities) and School Estate Manager.

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

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

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An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Mr R Thomson, Parent Representative.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 4 (Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report) – Councillor Wilson.

Agenda Item 5 (Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy Monitoring Report December 2014 and Progress Report on Strategy Implementation) – Councillors McCabe, McEleny and Wilson.

Agenda Item 6 (Community Sports Hub Update) – Councillors Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty and McColgan.

Agenda Item 7 (Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2015-2020 and Strategic Local Programme 2012-2015) – Councillors McCabe, McEleny and Wilson.

Agenda Item 21 (Ravenscraig Sports Barn Development – Funding Model) – Councillors Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty and McColgan.

#### 48 **Communities 2014/15 Revenue Budget Report - Period 7 to 31 October 2014**

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the 2014/15 Revenue Budget position as at Period 7 to 31 October 2014.

**Decided:** that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £190,000 in the 2014/15 Revenue Budget as at Period 7 to 31 October 2014.



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**49 Communities Capital Programme 2014 to 2016/17 - Progress****49**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the status of the projects forming the Communities Capital Programme, (2) highlighting the overall financial position and (3) seeking authority to invite tenders for the Inverkip Community Facility project.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the progress of the specific projects detailed in Appendix 1 be noted;
- (2) that approval be given to the allocation of funding from the Capital Allowance for the Watt Complex project to deal with the rot works outlined in section 6 of the report; and
- (3) that approval be given to the issue of tenders for the Inverkip Community Facility and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender received.

**50 Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report****50**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities on the proposed regeneration of the Clune Park Area of Port Glasgow.

Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Director of Link Housing Association. 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:**

- (1) that the Committee note the progress to date in respect of the Clune Park Area Regeneration Plan and agree that further progress updates be submitted to future meetings of the Committee; and
- (2) that approval be given to the discretionary payments as outlined in paragraph 6.4 of the report.

**51 Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy Monitoring Report December 2014 and Progress Report on Strategy Implementation****51**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities (1) on the monitoring of the Local Housing Strategy and (2) providing an update on the progress of wider housing strategy work.

Councillors McCabe and McEleny declared a non-financial interest in this item as Members of the Board of River Clyde Homes and Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest as a Director of Link and Larkfield Housing Associations. 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 monitoring report to the Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy Steering Group of December 2014 and the progress made in implementing the Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy to date; and
- (2) that a report on the setting up of the one-stop shop for housing access and advice be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

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**52 Community Sports Hub Update****52**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) providing an update on progress with the existing community sports hubs in Inverclyde, (2) seeking approval for the proposed fourth community sports hub and (3) seeking approval for the principle of a reduction in price for pitch and hall rental for adult teams actively participating in community sports hubs. Councillors Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty and McColgan declared a non-financial interest in this item as Members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure. 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 developments in the provision of community sports hubs in Inverclyde to date;
- (2) that approval be given to the proposed fourth community sports hub as detailed in the report; and
- (3) that approval in principle be given to a percentage reduction for adult clubs which are actively involved in hubs when playing in lettable facilities within those hubs and delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer to agree a suitable rate with Inverclyde Leisure.

**53 Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2015-2020 and Strategic Local Programme 2012-2015****53**

There was submitted replacement report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities (1) seeking approval for the submission to the Scottish Government of a new five year Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) covering the period 2015-2020 and (2) providing an update on changes to the Strategic Local Programme 2012-2015.

Councillors McCabe and McEleny declared a non-financial interest in this item as Members of the Board of River Clyde Homes and Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest as a Director of Link and Larkfield Housing Associations. 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 approval be given to the Strategic Housing Investment Plan for the five year period from 2015-2020 as submitted by Inverclyde Council to the Scottish Government in November 2014; and
- (2) that the Committee note the projects included in the Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2015-2020 as detailed in the appendix to the report and the underspend in the Strategic Local Programme 2012-2015 as detailed in paragraphs 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5.

**54 Delegated Powers****54**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development requesting that delegated powers be granted to the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities to authorise officers under a number of Acts and Regulations.

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**Decided:**

- (1) that delegated powers be granted to the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities to authorise officers under the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970; and  
 (2) that delegated powers be granted to the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities to authorise officers under regulations made under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.

**55 Rankin Park – Developing Potential as a Mountain Bike Hub 55**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval to progress with the potential development of Rankin Park as a mountain bike hub.

**Decided:** that agreement be given to provide match funding of up to £150,000 for an Active Places funding bid from Free Reserves, subject to approval through the budget process.

**56 Lady Alice and Rankin Park Bowling Clubs 56**

It was noted that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

**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 two 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.**

**57 Service of Closing Order under the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 57**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities advising of the use of delegated authority to make a Closing Order on the basement flat, 10A Wellington Street, Greenock PA15 4QB.

**Decided:** that the Committee note the use of delegated authority by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development to make a Closing Order over the basement flat, 10A Wellington Street, Greenock PA15 4QB.

Councillor Wilson left the meeting at this juncture.

**58 Ravenscraig Sports Barn Development – Funding Model 58**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval for the funding model for the redevelopment of Ravenscraig Sports Barn.

Councillors Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty and McColgan declared a non-financial interest in this item as Members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure. 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.

The Committee agree to the recommendations contained in the report, all as detailed in the appendix.

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**The Committee commenced consideration of the Education items of business at 4.30pm with Mr Macdougall, Father McMahon and Mr Tracey joining the meeting. Councillor Wilson also returned to the meeting at this point.**

**59 Education 2014/15 Revenue Budget – Period 7 to 31 October 2014 59**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the position of the 2014/15 Education Revenue Budget as at Period 7 to 31 October 2014.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the projected underspend of £198,000 in the Education Revenue Budget as at Period 7 to 31 October 2014; and
- (2) that information on breakfast club provision be included within the report on school meals provision in Inverclyde to be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

**60 Education Capital Programme 2014 – 2016/17 - Progress 60**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the status of the projects forming the Education Capital Programme, (2) highlighting the overall financial position and (3) providing a summary of the out-turn for the 2013/14 Capital Programme.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the progress of the specific projects detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (2) that approval be given to the allocation of £100,000 of the 2014/15 Lifecycle Fund to the Ardgowan Primary School refurbishment and extension project as outlined in paragraph 5.2; and
- (3) that the Committee note the use of emergency powers for the demolition of the former Greenock Academy building as detailed in a separate report on the agenda.

**61 Education & Communities Directorate Performance Report 61**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development giving an update on the achievement of key objectives in the Education, Communities & Organisational Development Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2013/16.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the progress made in implementing the Education, Communities & Organisational Development Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2013/16; and
- (2) that the Committee agree to consider the fifth progress report at its meeting on 5 May 2015.

**62 Review of S4 Study Leave Arrangements During Exam Diet 2014 62**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the review of the S4 study leave arrangements which were put in place during the SQA exam diet in 2014.

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**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the outcome of the review of S4 study leave arrangements which were put in place during the SQA exam diet in 2014; and
- (2) that support be given to the proposed study leave arrangements for the SQA exam diet 2015 as outlined in section 6 of the report.

**63 Ms Wilma Bain****63**

At this point, the Convener referred to the fact that this was Wilma Bain's last meeting of the Committee and, on behalf of the Committee Members, he thanked her for her years of service to the Council and extended his best wishes to her in her new post within South Lanarkshire Council.

**64 School Term Dates – Session 2015/2016****64**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval to amend the school term dates for session 2015/16 which were agreed by the Committee on 9 September 2014.

**Decided:** that it be agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow approval of the amended term dates for 2015/16 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

**65 Update Paper on the Inverclyde Children and Young People Health & Wellbeing Survey 2013****65**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the follow-through work relating to the Inverclyde Children and Young People Health and Wellbeing Survey 2013 in schools.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the report, in particular the varied levels of work undertaken in the use of the survey; and
- (2) that it be agreed to participate in the planned Inverclyde Alliance event in March 2015.

Councillor McEleny left the meeting at this juncture,

**66 Items for Noting****66**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing information, for noting, on (1) enhancing community engagement, (2) more Duke of Edinburgh success for Inverclyde and (3) GIRFEC/Early Years update.

**Noted**

Councillor Wilson left the meeting at this juncture.

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**67 Former Greenock Academy Demolition – Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive 67**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to accept the lowest acceptable tender for the demolition of the former Greenock Academy building, that by Reigart Contracts in the amount of £211,597.

**Noted**

**68 Update on Gourrock Primary School Grass Pitch 68**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the condition and current use of the existing grass pitch at Gourrock Primary School following a request from the May 2014 meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the report on the condition and current use of the existing grass pitch at Gourrock Primary School;
- (2) that it be noted that the Education & Communities Capital Programme includes an allowance of £1.1M for 8 primary school multi-use games areas and £830,000 for the upgrading of three blaes pitches within primary schools but that there is no current allowance for works to the Gourrock Primary School grass pitch; and
- (3) that a report be submitted to the Committee in 12 months' time to assess whether the improved maintenance arrangements have led to an increase in the availability of the pitch.

**INVERCLYDE COMMUNITY HEALTH & CARE PARTNERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE –  
26 JANUARY 2015**

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**Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership Sub-Committee**

**Monday 26 January 2015 at 2pm**

**Present:** Councillors V Jones, J MacLeod, S McCabe, J McIlwee and K Shepherd (for L Rebecchi), Inverclyde Council; Dr D Lyons, Non-Executive Director, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health Board; Ms D McCrone, Staff Partnership Forum; Mrs M Telfer, Public Partnership Forum; and Mr B Moore, Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership.

**Chair:** Councillor McIlwee presided.

**In attendance:** Head of Children & Families and Criminal Justice, Head of Mental Health, Addictions & Homelessness Service, Head of Community Care & Health, Service Manager – Quality & Development, Ms L Bairden (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Legal Services Manager (Procurement & Conveyancing) 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.**

**69      Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest      69**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Rebecchi, with Councillor Shepherd substituting, Mr K Winter and Dr H Macdonald.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

**70      Health and Social Care Integration Scheme      70**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership seeking approval of the draft Integration Scheme produced by Inverclyde Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde as required by the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

**Decided:**

- (1) that approval be given to the Integration Scheme for the Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnership for submission to the Scottish Government as required by the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014;
- (2) that it be noted that consultation has taken place with all the statutory consultees listed in the above Act; and
- (3) that the intended timescales for inception of the Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnership in 2015 as set out in the report be noted and endorsed.

## HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE – 26 JANUARY 2015

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### Health & Social Care Committee

#### Monday 26 January 2015 at 3pm

**Present:** Councillors Brennan, Dorrian, Jones, MacLeod, McCabe, McCormick, McIlwee and Shepherd (for Rebecchi).

**Chair:** Councillor McIlwee presided.

**In attendance:** Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership, Head of Children & Families and Criminal Justice, Head of Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness Service, Head of Community Care & Health, Service Manager – Quality & Development, Ms L Bairden (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Legal Services Manager (Procurement & Conveyancing).

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

#### **71 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 71**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Ahlfeld, Campbell-Sturgess, Grieve and Rebecchi, with Councillor Shepherd substituting.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

#### **72 Health and Social Care Integration Scheme 72**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership seeking approval of the draft Integration Scheme produced by Inverclyde Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde as required by the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

**Decided:**

- (1) that approval be given to the Integration Scheme for the Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnership for submission to the Scottish Government as required by the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014;
- (2) that it be noted that consultation has taken place with all the statutory consultees listed in the above Act; and
- (3) that the intended timescales for inception of the Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnership in 2015 as set out in the report be noted and endorsed.



**HUMAN RESOURCES APPEALS BOARD – 27 JANUARY 2015**

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**Human Resources Appeals Board****Tuesday 27 January 2015 at 10.10am**

**Present:** Councillors Brennan, Brooks, Clocherty, Jones and Shepherd.

**Chair:** Councillor Brooks presided.

**In attendance:** Mr J Hamilton (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Mr A Wilson (for Head of Organisational Development, HR & Communications).

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

**73 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 73**

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were 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 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.**

**74 Grievance Appeal: Employee in Inverclyde CHCP 74**

The Board considered a grievance appeal on behalf of an employee in Inverclyde CHCP and agreed that the grounds of the appeal had not been substantiated and that the appeal be not upheld, all as detailed in the appendix.

## GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE – 29 JANUARY 2015

Grants Sub-CommitteeThursday 29 January 2015 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, Ms J Fallon (Community Learning & Development) 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.**

**75 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 75**

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Councillor McIlwee declared a non-financial interest in agenda item 2 (Round 3 Applications 2014-2015).

**76 Round 3 Applications 2014 - 2015 76**

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.

Councillor McIlwee declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Director of Evergreen Home Support Services. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest in the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision making process.

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

**One Off Grants**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Award</b>
RIG Arts Ltd	£2,000.00
Grosvenor Bowling Club	Nil
Lady Alice Bowling Club Junior Section	*£1,500.00
Victoria Bowling Club	£2,000.00

Following discussion, Councillor Dorrian moved that Evergreen Home Support Service's application be granted to the full value requested, that being £5,000.00.

As an amendment, Councillor Campbell-Sturgess moved that the application be refused, as recommended by Officers at the meeting.

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

**Decided:**

Evergreen Home Support Service	£5,000.00
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Inverclyde Globetrotters	Nil
Bagatelle Court Tenants Organisation	Nil
Inverclyde Bereavement Support Group	£600.00
Killochend Residents Association	*£300.00
Larkfield Braeside Branchton Community Council	£2,500.00
Maukinhill Residents Group	*£300.00
St Columba's High School Parent Council	Nil
Weir Street Residents Group	Nil
Wellington Allotment Gardens	£500.00
Deafblind Scotland	£564.00
Duchal Nursery School	Nil
Hammy's Out Of School Care	Nil
Inverclyde Happy Tots	*£1,000.00
Tumbley Tots Toddler Group (Ambassador Church)	*£500.00

Following discussion, Councillor McIlwee moved that Belleaire Football Club's application be granted to the full value requested, that being £3,000.00.

As an amendment, Councillor Wilson moved that the application be refused, as recommended by Officers at the meeting.

On a vote, 3 members voted for the amendment and 3 for the motion. There being equality in voting, the Convener exercised his casting vote in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

**Decided:**

Belleaire Football Club	£3,000.00
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Greenock Wanderers Youth Rugby Sections	*£1,000.00
St Andrews BC	Nil
Samaritans of Inverclyde	£357.00
Supporting Parents	*£1,500.00
Kilmacolm Local Area Guides	£1,000.00
<b>3 Year Grants under £5,000</b>	
Inverclyde Juvenile Pipe Band	Nil
Renfrew Speakers Club	£585.00
Gourock Park Bowling Club	£2,000.00
Adult Learners Forum Inverclyde (ALFI)	Nil
Circles Network	Nil
Inverclyde Radio	£2,500.00
<b>3 Year Grants £5,000 and Over</b>	
Gourock Bowling Club	*£2,000.00
Inverclyde Council on Disability Ltd	£10,000.00
REACH for Autism	*up to £12,000.00

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Ocean Youth Trust Scotland	*up to £7,000.00
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Following discussion, Councillor Campbell-Sturgess moved that Ocean Youth Trust Scotland's application be granted to the sum of £2,000.00.

As an amendment, Councillor Wilson moved that the application be refused, as recommended by Officers at the meeting.

On a vote, 5 members voted for the amendment and 1 for the motion which was declared carried.

**Decided:**

Ocean Youth Trust Scotland	Nil
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Greenock & District Sea Cadet Corps	£3,000.00
Youth Connections	Nil
<b>3 Year Applications under £5000 deferred from Round 2</b>	
East End United	Nil
Greenock Juniors Football Club	Nil

\*Conditional

The Inverclyde CouncilThursday 29 January 2015 at 4pm

**Present:** Provost Moran, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Dorrian, Jones, Loughran, McCabe, McColgan, McCormick, McEleny, McIlwee, Nelson, Rebecchi, Shepherd and Wilson.

**Chair:** Provost Moran presided.

**In attendance:** Chief Executive, Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Head of Legal & Property Services, Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Communications Manager.

**77 Apologies and Declarations of Interest****77**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Clocherty, Grieve and MacLeod.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

Prior to the commencement of business, Provost Moran referred to the recent death of former Councillor Dan Morrison. Councillor McCabe and Councillor Rebecchi paid tribute to Mr Morrison and, on behalf of the Council, expressed their condolences to Mr Morrison's family.

Those present then observed a minute's silence in memory of Mr Morrison.

**78 Health & Social Care Integration Scheme****78**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services seeking formal approval of the draft Integration Scheme produced by Inverclyde Council and NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde as required by the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

Copies of the draft scheme as proposed following upon special meetings of the CHCP Sub-Committee and Health & Social Care Committee were circulated to Members.

**Decided:**

- (1) that approval be given to the Integration Scheme for the Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership for submission to the Scottish Government as required by the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services in consultation with relevant Officers to make such consequential adjustments to the Council's Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration and to the CHCP's Standing Orders for meetings as are required for the proper conduct of business in any transitional periods of integration pending formal, subsequent approval by the Council.

**79 Greenock Arts Guild Ltd: The Beacon Arts Centre**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development updating the Council on progress since the special meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee on 16 December 2014 of the request by Greenock Arts Guild Ltd (GAG) to the Council for additional financial support of up to £1.95M for the Beacon Arts Centre.

There were circulated copies of a letter from Ms Fiona Hyslop MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Europe and External Affairs, advising of Scottish Government support for the Beacon in the sum of £600,000 over the next three years. In view of this, the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development asked Members to consider updated recommendations, copies of which were circulated.

Members then asked a number of questions which were answered by the Officers present.

**It was then 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 4, 6 and 12 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.**

**80 Appendices 1-5 relative to Agenda Item 3(a) on Greenock Arts Guild Ltd: The Beacon Arts Centre**

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There were submitted appendices 1-5 relative to agenda item 3(a) on Greenock Arts Guild Ltd: The Beacon Arts Centre providing detailed information on key issues relating to the request to Inverclyde Council from Greenock Arts Guild Ltd for additional financial support for the Beacon Arts Centre including the Beacon's achievements to date, progress made by the Board of GAG on governance arrangements, GAG's business plan and financial management, financial information, and an options appraisal.

There were circulated copies of addendum to appendix 3 providing further detailed options appraisal information.

**Following consideration of and discussion on the matters detailed in the appendices, the public and press were re-admitted to the meeting.**

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Council note the progress by GAG on its (a) Business Plan and financial management and (b) Governance Review;
- (2) that the request from GAG for additional funding of £1.95M be noted;
- (3) that the update from Ms Fiona Hyslop MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Europe and External Affairs be noted;
- (4) that approval be given to option 3 as specified in Appendix 3 to the report;
- (5) that grant be made available to GAG in respect of the construction account for the Beacon in the total sum of £1.8M funded from the General Fund Reserve all subject to:
  - (a) the Scottish Government, as partner, contributing support funding of £600,000 as set out in the Cabinet Secretary's letter of 28 January 2015 with it being remitted to the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development to finalise detailed terms and conditions;

- (b) ri, as partner, contributing additional and separate support funding of £150,000 to meet the costs of outstanding works necessitated by the planning consent;
- (c) GAG and the Council agreeing a Head Lease and reciprocal Operating Lease to assist the continuity of provision of the Arts function at the Beacon;
- (d) a floating charge over trade fixtures and fittings and all moveable equipment within the Beacon being granted by GAG to the Council;
- (e) the completion and delivery of an irrevocable mandate from GAG to the Council of all net proceeds (after deduction of legal expenses as may be taxed by the Auditors of Court) arising from all or any of its construction related claims or insurances whatsoever for proportionate reimbursement amongst the Council, the Scottish Government and ri of the shares of their respective contributions to the £1.95M funding request;
- (f) GAG providing all necessary financial reports and access thereto as may be required for the information of the Council's Chief Financial Officer and providing to the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development accurate and up-to-date reports and appraisals of any legal proceedings contemplated or in progress; and
- (g) continued commitment and assurances from GAG to complete and maintain the progress of its Governance Review:  
all of the above conditions to be satisfactory to the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer and Head of Legal & Property Services and other relevant officers;
- (6) that the Council establish a significant earmark reserve of £750,000 to be utilised over a period of 8 years to address the risks associated with the Beacon's income stream as identified by the Chief Financial Officer;
- (7) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development in consultation with relevant officers and with relevant officers of the Scottish Government and ri and any other funders to agree the detailed terms of this financial support for GAG and to report back on the outcome to the Education & Communities Committee in early course;
- (8) that approval be given to the virement of £50,000 per annum from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations budget to that of the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture and Corporate Policy as continuing revenue support, provided there is ongoing continuity of provision of services by GAG and subject to other appropriate conditions as determined by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development in consultation with relevant officers; and
- (9) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Education, Communities and Organisational Development to report further to the Council on the Council's representation at Board level on GAG as soon as the new governance arrangements are assessed as satisfactory.

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**Policy & Resources Committee**

**Tuesday 3 February 2015 at 3pm**

**Present:** Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, McCabe, McCormick, McEleny, McIlwee, Nelson, Loughran, Rebecchi and Wilson.

**Chair:** Councillor McCabe presided.

**In attendance:** Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Property Services, Property Services Manager, Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Transitional Head of ICT, ICT Operations Manager, Head of Organisational Development, HR & Communications, Ms P Ramsay (Human Resources), Corporate Procurement Manager and Corporate Policy & Partnership 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>81</b> | <b>Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest</b>   | <b>81</b> |
|           | An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor MacLeod.  |           |
|           | Councillors Ahlfeld and Clocherty declared an interest in Agenda Item 16 (Ravenscraig Sports Barn Development – Funding Model: Remit from Education & Communities Committee).  |           |
| <b>82</b> | <b>Policy &amp; Resources Capital Programme – (2013/14 – 2015/16) – Progress Report</b>  | <b>82</b> |
|           | There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) providing an update on the status of the projects forming the Policy & Resources Capital Programme 2013/14 – 2015/16 and (2) highlighting the overall financial position. |           |
|           | <b>Decided:</b> that the current position of the 2014/16 Capital Programme and the progress of the specific projects detailed in appendix 1 be noted.  |           |
| <b>83</b> | <b>2014/16 Capital Programme</b>   | <b>83</b> |
|           | There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the latest position of the 2014/16 Capital Programme.   |           |
|           | <b>Decided:</b> that the Committee note the current position of the 2014/16 Capital Programme and the previous decision that any surplus on the 2014/16 Capital Programme be considered as part of the February 2015 budget process.   |           |
| <b>84</b> | <b>Policy &amp; Resources Committee 2014/15 Revenue Budget – Period 8 to 30 November 2014</b>  | <b>84</b> |
|           | There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, the Corporate Director Education,   |           |



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Communities & Organisational Development and the Chief Financial Officer on the 2014/15 projected out-turn for the Policy & Resources 2014/15 Revenue Budget as at Period 8 to 30 November 2014.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the 2014/15 projected underspend of £1,530,000 in the Policy & Resources Committee Revenue Budget as at period 8 to 30 November 2014; and
- (2) that the Committee note the projected fund balance of £91,290 for the Common Good Fund.

**85      2014/15 General Fund Revenue Budget as at 30 November 2014      85**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) advising the Committee of the position of the General Fund Revenue Budget as at 30 November 2014 and (2) providing an update on the position of the General Fund Reserves, Earmarked Reserves and Workstream Savings.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the latest position of the 2014/15 Revenue Budget and General Fund Reserves;
- (2) that the Committee note the 2013/16 Workstream Savings position; and
- (3) that the Committee note there is a report elsewhere on the agenda relating to the 2015/17 Revenue Budget.

**86      Procurement Update and Spend with Local Suppliers and SMEs      86**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the progress being made with Procurement since the last report in September 2014 and (2) advising of the latest position with respect to spend with local suppliers and SMEs.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the progress on the Strategic Procurement Framework;
- (2) that the progress made in savings delivery be noted;
- (3) that the performance on procurement with local suppliers and SMEs be noted; and
- (4) that a meet the buyer event is planned for later in the year.

**87      Welfare Reforms Update      87**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership providing an update in respect of various aspects of the Welfare Reform Agenda.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the latest position in respect of welfare reforms and the impact on the Inverclyde Council area; and
- (2) that the Committee approve the recommendations of the Welfare Reform Officer Board in relation to further one-off funding to the Financial Fitness and Starterpacks Inverclyde projects as detailed in the report which are currently managing the impact of welfare reforms within Inverclyde and note that further proposals will be submitted to Committee in due course.

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- 88 Corporate Services Performance Report 88**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on the achievement of key objectives by the Council's Corporate Services in the Education, Communities & Organisational Development Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2013/16 and the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2013/16.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the progress made by Corporate Services in delivering improvement actions outlined in their respective Corporate Directorate Improvement Plans 2013/16 be noted; and
  - (2) that a fifth progress report be submitted to the meeting of the Committee on 19 May 2015.
- 89 2015/18 Budget Update 89**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing the Committee with the latest information in respect of the 2015/18 budget prior to the Council approving the budget on 19 February 2015.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the latest information supplied in respect of the Revenue, Capital and Common Good Budgets; and
  - (2) that it be noted the report to the Council meeting on 19 February 2015 will include detailed information on the most up-to-date proposals from the Members Budget Working Group.
- 90 Other Property Assets – Forward Years Investment Review 90**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services updating the Committee on the progress of the review of the forward years investment plan and the estimated costs in connection with the Other Property Assets category.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee agree the proposal to increase the core Property Services allocation from £1M per year to £2M per year to address the investment required in the Other Property Assets as outlined in the report; and
  - (2) that the Committee note that final decisions in respect of the 2015/18 Capital Programme, including the use of any surplus resources, will be taken at the Council meeting on 19 February 2015.
- 91 Infection Control Policy 91**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications seeking approval of a reviewed Infection Control Policy for the Council, a copy of which was appended to the report.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee approve the Infection Control Policy; and
  - (2) that the policy be supported by the active promotion of health and safety.

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**92 Flooding Capital Spend Update – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 92**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources requesting the Committee to consider a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 15 January 2015 relative to additional flood alleviation capital works and revenue requirements.

**Decided:** 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.

**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:-**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Paragraph(s)</b>
<b>Former Tied Housing Employees</b>	<b>1 &amp; 12</b>
<b>Wide Area Network Contract Options</b>	<b>6 &amp; 8</b>
<b>Property Assets Management Report – Remit from Environment &amp; Regeneration Committee</b>	<b>2, 6 &amp; 9</b>
<b>Ravenscraig Sports Barn Development – Funding Model: Remit from Education &amp; Communities Committee</b>	<b>6</b>

**93 Former Tied Housing Employees 93**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources and Communications (1) on the progress of the implementation of revised rent arrangements with occupiers of former tied housing and (2) outlining the potential next steps for consideration by the Committee and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

**94 Wide Area Network Contract Options 94**

There was submitted a report by the Transitional Head of ICT (1) on options for replacing the Council's Wide Area Network contract and (2) seeking approval to proceed with the option to pursue membership of the Scottish Wide Area Network.

**Decided:** that, subject to the budget process, the Committee:-

- (1) endorse the proposal to pursue membership of the Scottish Wide Area Network to replace the existing Wide Area Network contract with Virgin Media; and
- (2) agree that the increase in bandwidth to primary schools, with estimated additional costs of £20,000 for implementation and £15,000 per annum for circuit rentals, be progressed.

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**95 Property Assets Management Report – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 95**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources requesting the Committee, as budget holders for the Common Good Fund, to consider a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 15 January 2015 relative to the proposal to remove existing structures at the former petrol filling station, Port Glasgow Road, Greenock.

**Decided:** that the Committee, as budget holders for the Common Good Fund, approve the expenditure for the demolition of existing structures at the former petrol filling station, Port Glasgow Road, Greenock.

**96 Ravenscraig Sports Barn Development – Funding Model: Remit from Education & Communities Committee 96**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources requesting the Committee to consider a remit from the Education & Communities Committee of 20 January 2015 seeking final approval for the funding model for the redevelopment of Ravenscraig Sports Barn.

Councillors Ahlfeld and Clocherty declared a non-financial interest in this item as Members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure. Both Members 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:** that final approval be given to the funding model for the redevelopment of Ravenscraig Sports Barn as set out in the report to the Education & Communities Committee.

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**Planning Board**

**Wednesday 4 February 2015 at 3pm**

**Present:** Provost Moran, Councillors Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Dorrian, Loughran, McColgan, McIlwee, Nelson, Rebecchi and Wilson.

**Chair:** Councillor Wilson presided.

**In attendance:** Head of Regeneration & Planning, Mr M Higginbotham (for Head of Environmental & Commercial Services), Mr J Kerr (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

**97 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 97**

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

Councillor Loughran declared an interest in Agenda Item 2(d) (Demolition of existing buildings and erection of residential development and associated access, parking, landscaping and engineering works: Former Naval Depot and Coastguard, Eldon Street, Greenock (14/0302/IC)).

**98 PLANNING APPLICATIONS 98**

There were submitted reports by the Head of Regeneration & Planning on the following applications which were dealt with as follows:-

**(a) Construction of a community centre, 3G all weather playing field, 24 car parking spaces and external space for community events: Recreation Ground, Main Road, Inverkip (14/0360/IC)**

The report recommended that planning permission be granted subject to a number of conditions.

After discussion, Councillor Dorrian moved that planning permission be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report. As an amendment, Councillor Nelson moved that planning permission be refused for the following reasons:-

- (1) this unsympathetic proposal within Inverkip Conservation Area is unacceptable in terms of Local Plan Policy HER1 as the proposed building would have a detrimental impact on the historical character and appearance of the conservation area; and
- (2) the proposed site is adjacent to Bridgend which includes List 'B' Bothy House and No. 15 Bridgend Cottages. List 'B' Inverkip Parish Church is also in close proximity. This proposal would adversely affect the settings, principal views and approaches to these listed buildings in contradiction to Local Plan Policy HER5.

On a vote, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 8 for the motion which was declared carried.

**Decided:** that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

- (1) that prior to their use samples of all facing materials shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The approved materials shall thereafter be

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used unless an alternative is agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, in the interests of visual amenity;

(2) that for the avoidance of doubt, the vehicular access, associated footway, car parking spaces and manoeuvring areas shall be finished in a hard sealed surface prior to the development hereby permitted being brought into use. Full details of the surfacing materials shall be submitted to and approved in writing prior to their use. They shall thereafter be implemented unless alternatives are agreed and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the provision of appropriate surfacing materials in the interests of public safety;

(3) that full details of the surfacing for the Community Green, the All Weather Pitch, the Event Space and all other off-road surfaces within the site shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Surfacing shall thereafter be completed prior to the community centre hereby permitted being brought into use, to ensure provision of the full facility in the public interest;

(4) that notwithstanding the terms of condition 3 above, the new pitch will be a 3G synthetic pitch that will be designed and constructed by a recognised (e.g. Sports and Play Construction Association) specialist pitch contractor. Details of the contractor and the pitch specification shall be submitted for the written approval of the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of development, to ensure the adequacy of the sports pitch for use;

(5) that the new pitch will be fully operational and available for use not later than one year after the commencement of construction of the development, to ensure provision of the pitch;

(6) that full details of all soft landscaping shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority and implemented prior to the community centre hereby permitted being brought into use. This shall include a management and maintenance schedule. Any of the planting which dies, becomes diseased, is removed or damaged within a period of 5 years from implementation shall be replaced within the next planting season with planting of a similar size and species, in the interests of visual amenity in providing an appropriate setting for the community centre;

(7) that all surface water drainage from the site shall be treated in accordance with the principles of the Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems Manual (C697) (CIRIA 2007). Before development commences, details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority of the maintenance regime for the water detention areas, to control runoff from the site to reduce the risk of flooding;

(8) that finalised plans and any further calculation regarding the channel improvement works be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, after consultation with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, prior to the commencement of any works on site, to prevent the generation of any flooding problems;

(9) that prior to the start of development, details of a survey for the presence of Japanese Knotweed shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority and that, for the avoidance of doubt, this shall contain a methodology and treatment statement where any is found. Development shall not proceed until treatment is completed as per the methodology and treatment statement. Any variation to the treatment methodologies will require subsequent approval by the Planning Authority prior to development starting on site, to help arrest the potential spread of Japanese Knotweed in the interests of environmental protection;

(10) that the development shall not commence until an environmental investigation and risk assessment, including any necessary remediation strategy with timescale for implementation, of all pollutant linkages has been submitted to and approved, in writing by the Planning Authority. The investigations and assessment shall be site-specific and

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completed in accordance with acceptable codes of practice. The remediation strategy shall include verification/validation methodologies. This may be incorporated as part of a ground condition report and should include an appraisal of options, to satisfactorily address potential contamination issues in the interests of environmental safety;

(11) that on completion of remediation and verification/validation works and prior to the site being occupied, the developer shall submit a Completion Report for approval, in writing, by the Planning Authority, confirming that the works have been carried out in accordance with the remediation strategy. This report shall demonstrate that no pollutant linkages remain or are likely to occur and include (but not be limited to) a collation of verification/validation certificates, analysis information, remediation lifespan, maintenance/aftercare information and details of imported/disposed/reused materials relevant to the site, to provide verification that remediation has been carried out to the Planning Authority's satisfaction;

(12) that the presence of any previously unrecorded contamination or variation to reported ground conditions that becomes evident during site works shall be brought to the attention of the Planning Authority within one week. Consequential amendments to the Remediation Strategy shall not be implemented unless it has been submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Planning Authority, to ensure that all contamination issues are recorded and dealt with appropriately;

(13) that the use of the development shall not commence until the applicant has submitted a completion report for approval, in writing by the Planning Authority, detailing all fill or landscaping material imported onto the site. This report shall contain information of the material's source, volume, intended use and verification of chemical quality (including soil-leachate and organic content etc) with plans delineating placement and thickness, to protect receptors from the harmful effects of imported contamination;

(14) that the applicant shall submit to the Planning Authority a detailed specification of the containers to be used to store waste materials and recyclable materials produced on the premises as well as specific details of the areas where such containers are to be located. The use of the development shall not commence until the above details are approved in writing by the Planning Authority and the equipment and any structural changes are in place, to protect the amenity of the immediate area, prevent the creation of nuisance due to odours, insects, rodents or birds;

(15) that details of lighting within the site shall be submitted for the approval of the Planning Authority, after consultation with Transport Scotland, as the Trunk Roads Authority, to minimise the distraction to drivers on the trunk road;

(16) that all external lighting on the application site should comply with the Scottish Government Guidance Note "Controlling Light Pollution and Reducing Lighting Energy Consumption", to protect the amenity of the immediate area, the creation of nuisance due to light pollution and to support the reduction of energy consumption; and

(17) that details of a boundary fence/barrier to be erected adjacent to the trunk road shall be submitted for the approval of the Planning Authority, after consultation with the Trunk Roads Authority. The approved fence/barrier shall be erected prior to the community centre hereby approved being brought into use and shall be maintained in perpetuity by the developer or subsequent owner of the land along the boundary of the site with the trunk road, to minimise interference with the safety and free flow of traffic on the trunk road.

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- (b) **Erection of 26 detached dwellinghouses, including formation of access roads and landscaping works:  
Levan Farm, Gourock (14/0372/IC)**

**Decided:** that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

- (1) that prior to the start of development, details of a survey for the presence of Japanese Knotweed shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority and that, for the avoidance of doubt, this shall contain a methodology and treatment statement where any is found. Development shall not proceed until treatment is completed as per the methodology and treatment statement. Any variation to the treatment methodologies will require subsequent approval by the Planning Authority prior to development starting on site, to help arrest the spread of Japanese Knotweed in the interests of environmental protection;
- (2) that the development shall not commence until an environmental investigation and risk assessment, including any necessary remediation strategy with timescale for implementation, of all pollutant linkages has been submitted to and approved, in writing by the Planning Authority. The investigations and assessment shall be site-specific and completed in accordance with acceptable codes of practice. The remediation strategy shall include verification/validation methodologies. This may be incorporated as part of a ground condition report and should include an appraisal of options, to satisfactorily address potential contamination issues in the interests of environmental safety;
- (3) that on completion of remediation and verification/validation works and prior to the site being occupied, the developer shall submit a Completion Report for approval, in writing by the Planning Authority, confirming that the works have been carried out in accordance with the Remediation Strategy. This report shall demonstrate that no pollutant linkages remain or are likely to occur and include (but not be limited to) a collation of verification/validation certificates, analysis information, remediation lifespan, maintenance/aftercare information and details of imported/disposed/reused materials relevant to the site, to provide verification that remediation has been carried out to the Authority's satisfaction;
- (4) that the presence of any previously unrecorded contamination or variation to reported ground conditions that becomes evident during site works shall be brought to the attention of the Planning Authority within one week. Consequential amendments to the Remediation Strategy shall not be implemented unless it has been submitted to and approved, in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that all contamination issues are recorded and dealt with appropriately;
- (5) that the use of the development shall not commence until the applicant has submitted a completion report for approval, in writing by the Planning Authority, detailing all fill or landscaping material imported onto the site. This report shall contain information of the material's source, volume, intended use and verification of chemical quality (including soil-leachate and organic content etc) with plans delineating placement and thickness, to protect receptors from the harmful effects of imported contamination;
- (6) that no development shall commence until samples of all external materials have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority; development thereafter shall proceed utilising the approved materials unless the Planning Authority gives its prior written approval to any alternatives, to ensure a continuity of finishing materials in this part of Gourock;



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(7) that the landscaping scheme hereby approved shall be completed in the first planting season following completion of the 26 houses and any specimens which in the subsequent 5 years die, become diseased or are damaged shall be replaced in the next planting season unless the Planning Authority gives its prior written approval to any alternatives, to ensure a quality landscape setting for the development; and

(8) that no development shall commence until a bond to cover the cost of implementing the approved landscaping scheme has been concluded with the Planning Authority, to ensure the provision of the approved landscaping scheme.

**(c) Construction of new prison with associated infrastructure, servicing and access arrangements:  
Glenburn School, Inverkip Road, Greenock (14/0366/IC)**

It was noted that this application had been withdrawn.

**(d) Demolition of existing buildings and erection of residential development and associated access, parking, landscaping and engineering works:  
Former Naval Depot and Coastguard, Eldon Street, Greenock (14/0302/IC)**

The report recommended that, subject to the applicant concluding an Agreement under Section 69 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to secure the provision of a bond to cover the cost of the provision of affordable housing off-site in accordance with Local Development Plan Policy RES4(a)(ii) as outlined in the report, planning permission be granted subject to a number of conditions.

Councillor Loughran declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a Member of the Royal West of Scotland Amateur Boat Club. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision making process.

**Decided:** that consideration of the application be continued for a site visit to be arranged by the Head of Legal & Property Services in consultation with the Chair.

**(e) Proposed redevelopment and refurbishment of Listed Buildings to provide residential accommodation; proposed alterations to Listed Buildings together with selective demolition works and proposed construction of 33 houses (in principle) within parts of the associated grounds:  
Balrossie House, Blacksholm Road, Kilmacolm (12/0252/IC, 12/0022/LB and 12/0254/IC)**

**Decided:**

(i) that listed building consent 12/0022/LB be granted subject to the following conditions:-

(1) that no development shall commence until full details of the following works to Balrossie House, the villa annex and the watertower have been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority in consultation with Historic Scotland:

- stonework repairs/replacement
- roof repairs
- fenestration repairs/replacement
- guttering and downpipe repairs/replacement
- all internal works

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for the avoidance of doubt development shall adhere to the Balrossie, Kilmacolm: Design Guidelines (Simpson and Brown Architects, July 2014) and the Balrossie, Kilmacolm: Design and Access Statement (Simpson and Brown Architects, July 2012). Development shall thereafter be carried out in accordance with the approved matters unless agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that the detailed works reflect the design and character of the existing listed buildings;

(2) that no development shall commence until full details of the following works have been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority in consultation with Historic Scotland:

- garden feature repairs/replacement
- boundary repairs/replacement
- garages
- all hard and soft landscaping works

for the avoidance of doubt development shall adhere to the Balrossie, Kilmacolm: Design Guidelines (Simpson and Brown Architects, July 2014) and the Balrossie, Kilmacolm: Design and Access Statement (Simpson and Brown Architects, July 2012). Development shall thereafter be carried out in accordance with the approved matters unless agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that works within the curtilage of the listed buildings reflect the design and character of the buildings;

(3) that no development shall commence on site until full details of a programme for the completion and subsequent maintenance of hard and soft landscape works have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that landscaping works within the curtilage of the listed buildings are maintained to reflect the design and character of the buildings; and

(4) that no development shall take place until the developer has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological works in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted by the applicant and agreed by the Planning Authority. Thereafter the developer shall ensure that the programme of archaeological works is fully implemented and that all recording and recovery of archaeological resources within the development site are undertaken to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority, to allow for archaeological monitoring of any and all ground breaking work associated with the proposed development and to accord with Scottish Government Policy;

(ii) that planning application 12/0252/IC be granted subject to the following conditions:-

(1) that no development shall commence until full details of the following works to Balrossie House, the villa annex and the watertower have been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority in consultation with Historic Scotland:

- stonework repairs/replacement
- roof repairs
- fenestration repairs/replacement
- guttering and downpipe repairs/replacement
- all internal works.

for the avoidance of doubt development shall adhere to the Balrossie, Kilmacolm: Design Guidelines (Simpson and Brown Architects, July 2014) and the Balrossie, Kilmacolm: Design and Access Statement (Simpson and Brown Architects, July 2012). Development shall thereafter be carried out in accordance with the approved matters unless agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that the detailed works reflect the design and character of the existing listed buildings;

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(2) that no development shall commence until full details of the following works have been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority in consultation with Historic Scotland:

- garden feature repairs/replacement
- boundary repairs/replacement
- garages
- all hard and soft landscaping works

for the avoidance of doubt development shall adhere to the Balrossie, Kilmacolm: Design Guidelines (Simpson and Brown Architects, July 2014) and the Balrossie, Kilmacolm: Design and Access Statement (Simpson and Brown Architects, July 2012). Development shall thereafter be carried out in accordance with the approved matters unless agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that works within the curtilage of the listed buildings reflect the design and character of the buildings;

(3) that no development shall commence on site until full details of a programme for the completion and subsequent maintenance of hard and soft landscape works have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that landscaping works within the curtilage of the listed buildings are maintained to reflect the design and character of the buildings; and

(4) that no development shall take place until the developer has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological works in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted by the applicant and agreed by the Planning Authority. Thereafter the developer shall ensure that the programme of archaeological works is fully implemented and that all recording and recovery of archaeological resources within the development site are undertaken to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority, to allow for archaeological monitoring of any and all ground breaking work associated with the proposed development and to accord with Scottish Government Policy; and

(iii) that planning application 12/0254/IC be granted subject to the following conditions:-

(1) that development shall not commence until an application for approval of matters specified in conditions is submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority in respect of the siting, design and appearance of:

- (a) all buildings
- (b) all roads, footpaths and parking layouts
- (c) all areas of open space and landscaping
- (d) all walls, fences and gates

for the avoidance of doubt development shall adhere to the Balrossie, Kilmacolm: Design Guidelines (Simpson and Brown Architects, July 2014) and the Balrossie, Kilmacolm: Design and Access Statement (Simpson and Brown Architects, July 2012). Development shall thereafter be carried out in accordance with the approved matters unless agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the development reflects the design and character of nearby listed buildings;

(2) that no development shall commence on site until a phasing plan linking the commencement of the construction and the occupation of all new houses to the restoration and completion of all listed building works as detailed in listed building application 12/0022/LB has been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority.

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For the avoidance of doubt no new houses shall be occupied until the first phase of work to the listed buildings has been completed. As a minimum, these works to Balrossie House and the villa annexe will comprise the roof structure and covering, including guttering and down pipes being repaired and made water-tight, external wall surfaces structurally repaired and door and window openings being secured. There shall also be no occupation of the final 5 new houses until such time as all works to the listed buildings have been completed, to ensure that the provision of enabling development is linked to the restoration of the listed buildings;

(3) that no development shall commence on site until a full tree survey in accordance with the British Standards Institute, Trees in Relation to Construction, currently BS 5837:2012 is submitted to the Planning Authority, to ensure the provision and retention of adequate landscaping;

(4) that no existing trees or shrubs be lopped, topped, felled, removed or disturbed in any way without the prior written consent of the Planning Authority, to ensure the provision and retention of adequate landscaping;

(5) that existing trees both within the development site and in the vicinity of the boundary of the site which are not to be felled or lopped as part of the proposals are to be protected in line with British Standards Recommendations for Trees in Relation to Construction, currently BS 5837: 2012. No development shall take place until details of the protection measures have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the provision and retention of adequate landscaping;

(6) that no tree felling, lopping or scrub clearance shall take place within the main bird breeding season, March to June inclusive, and all such works shall be preceded by a check for nesting birds in accordance with the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2014 and for the protection of wildlife, to ensure the provision and retention of adequate landscaping;

(7) that no development shall commence until fully detailed landscaping proposals have been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority. The approved landscaping scheme shall be completed in the first planting season following the completion of the development and any specimens that in the subsequent 5 years die, become diseased or are damaged shall be replaced with a similar specimen unless the Planning Authority gives prior written approval to any alternatives, to ensure the provision and retention of adequate landscaping;

(8) that prior to the start of development, details of a survey for the presence of Japanese Knotweed shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority and that, for the avoidance of doubt, this shall contain a methodology and treatment statement where any is found. Development shall not proceed until treatment is completed as per the methodology and treatment statement. Any variation to the treatment methodologies will require subsequent approval by the Planning Authority prior to development starting on site, to help arrest the potential spread of Japanese Knotweed in the interests of environmental protection;

(9) that the development shall not commence until an environmental investigation and risk assessment, including any necessary remediation strategy with timescale for implementation, of all pollutant linkages have been submitted to and approved, in writing by the Planning Authority. The investigations and assessment shall be site-specific and completed in accordance with acceptable codes of practice. The remediation strategy shall include verification/validation methodologies. This may be incorporated as part of a ground condition report and should include an appraisal of options, to satisfactorily address potential contamination issues in the interests of amenity and environmental safety;

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(10) that on completion of remediation and verification/validation works and prior to the site being occupied, the developer shall submit a Completion Report for approval, in writing by the Planning Authority, confirming that the works have been carried out in accordance with the Remediation Strategy. This report shall demonstrate that no pollutant linkages remain or are likely to occur and include (but not be limited to) a collation of verification/validation certificates, analysis information, remediation lifespan, maintenance/aftercare information and details of imported/disposed/reused materials relevant to the site, to provide verification that remediation has been carried out to the Authority's satisfaction;

(11) that the presence of any previously unrecorded contamination or variation to reported ground conditions that becomes evident during site works shall be brought to the attention of the Planning Authority within one week. Consequential amendments to the Remediation Strategy shall not be implemented unless it has been submitted to and approved, in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that all potential contamination issues are recorded and dealt with appropriately;

(12) that no fill or landscaping material shall be imported onto the site until written details of the source and intended reuse of the imported materials have been submitted for approval, in writing by the Planning Authority. The report shall characterise the chemical quality (including soil-leachate and organic content etc), volume and source of the imported materials with corresponding cross-sections and plans indicating spatial distribution and depth/thickness of material placement within the development site. The material from the source agreed only shall be imported in strict accordance with these agreed details, to protect receptors from the harmful effects of imported contamination;

(13) that the applicant shall submit to the Planning Authority a detailed specification of the containers to be used to store waste materials and recyclable materials produced on the premises as well as specific details of the areas where such containers are to be located. The use of the residential accommodation shall not commence until the above details are approved in writing by the Planning Authority and the equipment and any structural changes are in place, to protect the amenity of the immediate area, prevent the creation of nuisance due to odours, insects, rodents or birds;

(14) that no development shall commence on site until full engineering details of the works shown on Drawing number MMD-342437-CDR-00-XX-001 in relation to the junction improvements on Blacksholm Road and Drawing numbers 069/SK/001 and 069/SK/002 in relation to the improvements on Blacksholm Road have been submitted to the Planning Authority for consideration and all such improvement works required shall be fully implemented to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority prior to development commencing on site, in the interests of road safety and to ensure the provision of adequate vehicular facilities;

(15) that no development shall commence on site until an application in respect of roads construction consent in respect of all internal roads, turning heads and off-road parking has been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority. Thereafter all works approved in terms of the roads construction consent shall be fully implemented to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority prior to the occupation of the final house within the development, and that prior to any other dwelling being occupied, all new roads and footways leading to it shall be surfaced to a sealed basecourse, in the interests of road safety and to ensure the provision of appropriate vehicular and pedestrian access during and on completion of the development;

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(16) no development commencing on site until a fully detailed survey to establish that the existing water supply is sufficient to provide for the proposed development is submitted to Scottish Water for consideration and any measures required by the developer being carried out to the satisfaction of Scottish Water, to ensure that the development can be adequately supplied in terms of the provision of a water supply;

(17) no development commencing on site until details of the proposed foul and surface water drainage system are submitted to the Planning Authority for consideration, in consultation with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and Scottish Water. All foul and surface water networks, any package treatment plant and the proposed Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems facility being designed to accord with Scottish Water Technical Manual 'Sewers for Scotland' 2, and vested upon completion, to ensure the provision of adequate foul and surface water drainage facilities;

(18) that all surface water drainage from the site shall be treated in accordance with the principles of the sustainable urban drainage systems manual for Scotland and Northern Ireland (CIRIA 2007). Before development commences, details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority of the maintenance regime for the water detention areas, to control runoff from the site to reduce the risk of flooding;

(19) that public open space and private garden ground shall be provided in accordance with the Council's PAAN3 "Private & Public Open Space Provision in New Residential Development", to ensure the provision of private garden ground and open space commensurate with the approved residential development;

(20) that notwithstanding the provisions of Classes 1 A-D; 2 A&B; and 3 A-E of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2011, an application for planning permission will be required in respect of all development specified as being permitted development by the aforementioned classes, to enable the Planning Authority to retain control over works otherwise permitted ensuring the setting of Balrossie is protected from unsympathetic development; and

(21) that no development shall take place within the application site boundary as outlined in red on the approved location plan until the developer has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological works in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted by the applicant, agreed by the West of Scotland Archaeology Service, and approved by the Planning Authority. Thereafter the developer shall ensure that the programme of archaeological works is fully implemented and that all recording and recovery of archaeological resources within the development site is undertaken to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority in agreement with the West of Scotland Archaeology Service, to allow for archaeological monitoring of any and all groundbreaking work associated with the proposed development and to accord with Scottish Government Policy.



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tip height of 45.071m at Scroggy Bank, Greenock (13/0306/IC).

Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest in this matter as an acquaintance of the applicant and left the meeting. Councillor Nelson assumed the Chair for this item of business.

**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.

Councillor Wilson returned to the meeting at this juncture and resumed the Chair.

**(c) Painting of property in yellow with gold surrounds and banding (in retrospect):  
19 Esplanade and 78 Eldon Street, Greenock (14/0352/IC)**

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review of the refusal of planning permission for the painting of the property in yellow with gold surrounds and banding (in retrospect) at 19 Esplanade and 78 Eldon Street, Greenock (14/0352/IC).

Mr Kerr advised that the application statement from the applicant's agent included new material at point 4 and point 7 under the heading "Analysis of Reason for Refusal and Report of Handling" which had not been raised in the original planning application and should not have been included in the published agenda. The applicant's agents had subsequently provided justification for the inclusion of the new material and copies of an email dated 28 January 2015 from Canata & Seggie, Chartered Architects was circulated. Elected Members agreed that the new material should be taken into consideration.

**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 dismissed and that planning permission be refused (upholding the appointed Officer's determination) as the bright yellow and gold tones of the dwelling are not colours which would traditionally have been used on a house of this period style or have been found within this part of the Greenock West End Conservation area. The colours form an intrusive feature within the streetscape and are therefore not appropriate in terms of policies HER1 and RES5 of the Local Development Plan together with the SHEP and Historic Scotland's Guidance which seeks to preserve the historic environment, and PAN71, as set out in the Decision Notice dated 31 October 2014.



## GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 11 FEBRUARY 2015

General Purposes BoardWednesday 11 February 2015 at 3.00pm

**Present:** Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Dorrian, Jones, Loughran, McColgan, McIlwee and Rebecchi.

**Chair:** Councillor Dorrian presided.

**In attendance:** Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Inspector J Taylor, Police Scotland.

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

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| <b>101</b> | <b>Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest</b>  | <b>101</b> |
|            | <p>Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Grieve.<br/>There were no substitutions or declarations of interest intimated.</p> <p><b>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.</b></p>  |            |
| <b>102</b> | <b>Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence – James Moore</b>  | <b>102</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal &amp; Property Services requesting the Board to consider the suspension of Mr Moore's Taxi Driver's Licence which expires on 31 May 2015 following a letter submitted by Police Scotland dated 19 September 2014. As Mr Moore had not arrived at the meeting, Mr Jarvie asked Members to consider moving this item to the end of the Agenda to ascertain if Mr Moore will in fact be in attendance.<br/>The Board unanimously agreed to hear this item at the end of the meeting.</p>  |            |
| <b>103</b> | <b>Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Stephen Petrie</b>   | <b>103</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal &amp; Property Services for grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Petrie following a Police objection.<br/>Mr Petrie was not present or represented.<br/>Mr Jarvie advised on the background of the report. He intimated that this item had been continued from the meeting held on 14 January 2015 to allow Mr Petrie to be in attendance however Mr Petrie informed the Licensing Section on 10 February 2015 that he is unable to attend due to work commitments.<br/>The Board heard Inspector Taylor in support of the Police objection.<br/><b>Decided:</b> the application be refused.</p> |            |
| <b>104</b> | <b>Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Martin Webster</b>   | <b>104</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal &amp; Property Services for renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Webster following a Police representation.<br/>Mr Wilson was present representing the applicant. Mr Webster was not in attendance.</p>  |            |

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Mr Jarvie advised on the background of the report and intimated Mr Webster had submitted a letter dated 29 January 2015 in support of his application. The letter was circulated to Members.

The Board heard Inspector Taylor in support of the Police representation and Mr Wilson in support of the applicant.

**Decided:** the application be granted.

**105      Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Stephen Stewart      105**

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

Mr Stewart was present.

Mr Jarvie advised on the background of the report and intimated that Mr Stewart had undergone a medical examination, the result of which is contained in the Practitioner's letter dated 6 February 2015. He also advised that Mr Stewart submitted a letter dated 28 January 2015 in support of his application. The medical report and Mr Stewart's letter were circulated to Members.

Mr Jarvie requested the Board to consider the terms of the letters and asked to consider continuation of this item to the next meeting pending further information being sought.

Mr Stewart agreed to this request.

**Decided:** to continue consideration to the next meeting of the Board.

**106      Application for Renewal of Street Trader's Licence – John A. Brolly  
Fixed Site at Arthur Street, Greenock      106**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services for renewal of a Street Trader's Licence by Mr Brolly following an objection by Head of Environmental & Commercial Services (Roads).

Mr Brolly was present. Mrs Brolly was in attendance.

Mr Jarvie advised on the background of the report and intimated Mr Brolly had submitted a letter dated 19 January 2015 in support of his application. The letter was circulated to Members.

The Board heard Mr Brolly in support of his application.

**Decided:** the application be granted.

**107      Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence – James Moore      107**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to consider the suspension of Mr Moore's Taxi Driver's Licence which expires on 31 May 2015 following a letter submitted by Police Scotland dated 19 September 2014.

Mr Moore was not present or represented.

Mr Jarvie advised this item had been continued from the meeting held on 12 November 2014 and 14 January 2015 to allow pending matters to be concluded, the outcome of which would be intimated to the Board.

The Board heard Inspector Taylor in support of the Police recommendations.

**Decided:**

- (i) to continue consideration one final time to the next meeting of the Board.
- (ii) a recorded delivery letter be sent to Mr Moore advising him of the next meeting and giving him an opportunity to attend.