

**ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 5 MARCH 2015**

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**Environment & Regeneration Committee**

**Thursday 5 March 2015 at 3pm**

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

**Chair:** Councillor McCormick presided.

**In attendance:** Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Head of Legal & Property Services, Legal Services Manager (Procurement & Conveyancing), Ms M McCabe (Finance Services), Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Environmental Services Manager Roads, Transport & Waste Collection, Environmental Services Manager (Roads), Manager of Streetscene, Burial Grounds and Registrars, Mr M Higginbotham (Environmental & Commercial Services), Head of Regeneration & Planning, Property Assets Manager and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

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| <b>170</b> | <b>Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest</b>  | <b>170</b> |
|            | <p>Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Grieve, with Councillor Campbell-Sturgess substituting, and Councillor MacLeod, with Councillor Brooks substituting.</p> <p>Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:-<br/>           Agenda Item 6 (Riverside Inverclyde Project Update) – Councillors Clocherty and McCabe;<br/>           Agenda Item 17 (Greenock Town Centre Residents' Parking Permit Scheme Option Appraisal) – Councillor Clocherty; and<br/>           Agenda Item 23 (Proposed Disposal of Four Sites to Registered Social Landlords) – Councillors Ahlfeld and McCabe.</p> |            |
| <b>171</b> | <b>Environment &amp; Regeneration Revenue Budget 2014/15 – Period 9 to 31 December 2014</b>   | <b>171</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration &amp; Resources on the position of the Revenue Budget 2014/15 as at Period 9 (31 December 2014) which showed a projected underspend of £63,000.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b> that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £63,000 for 2014/15 as at 31 December 2014.</p>  |            |
| <b>172</b> | <b>Environment &amp; Regeneration Capital Programme 2014/15 to 2015/16 - Progress</b>   | <b>172</b> |
|            | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration &amp; Resources on the position of the projects within the Environment &amp; Regeneration Capital Programme.</p>  |            |

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Ms McCabe asked the Committee to approve an amendment to the recommendation at paragraph 3.2 of the report by deletion of the words "... and that Committee approve the virement detailed in section 5.10 and appendix 1" and substitution of "... and allow the appropriate Corporate Director or Head of Service to negotiate with the incumbent in terms of Standing Order 11.1."

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the current position of the Capital Programme 2014/16 and the progress of the specific projects detailed in appendices 1 and 2 to the report;
- (2) that the Committee approve the use of a single supplier for crematorium equipment as detailed in section 5.10 of the report and allow the appropriate Corporate Director or Head of Service to negotiate with the incumbent in terms of Standing Order 11.1; and
- (3) that approval be given to the virement detailed in section 5.2 and appendices 1 and 2 to the report.

### 173 Environment, Regeneration & Resources Performance Report

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

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note that the report reflects the progress made by Property Assets & Facilities Management, Environmental & Commercial Services and Regeneration & Planning Services in delivering their key improvement actions and performance targets as detailed in the Environment, Regeneration & Resources CDIP; and
- (2) that further progress reports be submitted in line with the Council's other Corporate Directorate Improvement reports.

### 174 Single Operating Plan Key Indicators Review 2014/15

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on performance to date against the key indicators identified in the Inverclyde Economic Development & Regeneration Single Operating Plan 2014-2017.

**Decided:** that the Committee note the performance to date in 2014/15 and the outlook for the end of the financial year.

### 175 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:** that the Committee note the progress to date and further progress reports will be submitted for Members' information and consideration in due course.

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- 176 Inverclyde Local Development Plan: Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement 2015 176**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking the Committee's endorsement of the annual update of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan: Development Plan Scheme (DPS) and Participation Statement (PS) for submission to the Scottish Government and subsequent publication.
- Decided:** that the Committee approve the publication of the updated 2015 Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement and its submission to the Scottish Government before 31 March 2015.
- 177 Local Development Plan (2014) – Proposed Supplementary Guidance on Enabling Development 177**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the comments received during the consultation on the proposed Supplementary Guidance on Enabling Development and (2) seeking approval for the amended Guidance to be forwarded to the Scottish Government for permission to adopt it as Supplementary Guidance to the Local Development Plan 2014.
- Decided:** that the Committee approve the proposed Supplementary Guidance on Enabling Development appended to the report as statutory Supplementary Guidance to the Local Development Plan (2014) with the insertion of the phrase "or demonstrate that other justifiable circumstances exist" at the end of paragraph 3.2 and that the Head of Regeneration & Planning forward the Guidance to the Scottish Government for permission to adopt.
- 178 Scottish Local Authority Business Loan Fund 178**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) updating the Committee on the West of Scotland Loan Fund (WSLF) and, (2) seeking authority to participate in the Scottish Local Authority Business Loan Fund (SLABF) and to delegate authority to appropriate officers to participate in the ongoing activities of the new Fund.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the success of the activities of the West of Scotland Loan Fund Ltd and the West of Scotland Loan Fund Management Services Ltd;
  - (2) that Inverclyde Council participate in the Scottish Local Authority Business Loan Fund and that appropriate officers participate in regional and, if appropriate, national structures; and
  - (3) that, under the terms of the Members' Agreements of WSLF, authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to consent for the business of WSLF being transferred to SLABLF.
- 179 Renewable Opportunities 179**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Inverclyde Council of 4 December 2014 providing details on renewable opportunities in Inverclyde.

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**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the content of the report;
- (2) that it be noted a further report on supplementary planning guidance in respect of renewables will be submitted to the meeting of the Committee in April;
- (3) that the ongoing work of Riverside Inverclyde regarding renewables be noted; and
- (4) that it be noted a further report on hydro power schemes will be submitted to the next meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee.

**180 Fracking as a Planning Issue for Inverclyde 180**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the emerging issues around the licences granted recently for fracking and what it means for planning in Inverclyde.

**Decided:** that the Committee note the content of the report and its conclusion, that there is likely to be little or no interest from the fracking industry in exploring in Inverclyde and therefore it is unlikely there will be any implications arising for the authority from any future exploration of shale gas in Scotland.

**181 Cemeteries Management Rules 181**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services (1) advising that following the statutory consultation process on the Cemeteries Management Rules no objections had been received and (2) requesting the Committee to approve the Cemeteries Management Rules appended to the report and refer them to the next meeting of the Inverclyde Council recommending that they be formally approved and that officers be authorised to make the Rules in accordance with the statutory procedure.

**Decided:** that the Committee approve the Cemeteries Management Rules appended to the report and that the Rules be referred to the next meeting of the Inverclyde Council recommending that it formally approve the Rules and authorise officers to formally make the Rules in accordance with the statutory procedure.

**182 Waste Strategy Update 182**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on progress made in achieving key objectives and targets as set out in the Scottish Government's Zero Waste Plan and The Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012.

**Decided:** that the Committee note the contents of the report and the progress being made by Environmental & Commercial Services Waste Strategy and Waste Collection Teams.

**183 Environmental & Commercial Services (Roads) Street Lighting Investment Strategy 183**

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

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**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee approve the street lighting investment strategy; and
- (2) that it be noted a report will be submitted to a future Environment & Regeneration Committee in respect of the proposed schemes, including procurement arrangements and works programme, as these aspects are under consideration.

**184 Roads Defects Performance Update****184**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing information in respect of the implementation of the approved actions and latest performance relating to roads defects.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the progress being made in delivering the Roads Defects Action Plan; and
- (2) that it be noted future reports on Defects Performance and Action Plan updates will form part of the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Performance Report.

**185 Roads Asset Management Plan 2015/16****185**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval in relation to a proposed programme of projects to be undertaken in 2015/16 using Roads Asset Management Plan (RAMP)/Capital Funding and grant offers of funding by the Scottish Government for Cycling, Walking and Safer Street Projects (CWSS).

The Head of Environmental & Commercial Services requested the Committee to approve inclusion of the access road to Greenock Police Station on the list of reserve carriageway and footway projects.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the list of proposed projects for the 2015/16 RAMP/Capital and CWSS grant aided roads related projects and the inclusion of the access road to Greenock Police Station on the list of reserve carriageway and footway projects be approved; and
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to achieve full spend of the RAMP/Capital budget through the substitution of projects from a reserve list when necessary.

**186 Greenock Town Centre Residents' Parking Permit Scheme Option Appraisal****186**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the options for a possible residents' parking permit scheme in Greenock town centre and (2) recommending the most appropriate scheme for adoption by the Council.

Councillor Clocherty declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a resident within the boundaries of the proposed Greenock Town Centre Residents' Parking Permit Scheme. 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.

The Head of Environmental & Commercial Services advised the Committee that the reference at paragraph 3.2 should read "... in accordance with the principles at paragraph 3.4 below".

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Councillor Clocherty moved that there be no charge per year for the first and second permits per household and that the scheme be reviewed in a year's time and this was agreed.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee agree to suspend Standing Orders to permit the reinstatement of part of West Stewart Street, Station Avenue and the side roads next to Cathcart Buildings into the Inner Greenock Parking Zone;

(2) that the Committee approve the officers' recommendation to introduce a residents' parking permit scheme in Greenock town centre, in accordance with the principles set out at paragraph 3.4 of the report subject to there being no charge per year for the first and second permits per household and the scheme being reviewed in a year's time;

(3) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services to promote the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) necessary to introduce such a residents' parking permit scheme and to engage Imperial Civil Enforcement Solutions to administer the scheme;

(4) that the principles of the Greenock town centre residents' parking scheme be agreed as follows:-

Operating Hours:	Monday to Friday 08:00 to 18:00 to match the operating hours of the Inner Greenock Parking Zone
Resident Parking Permits:	Up to two permits permitted per household Permits would last for one year
Permit Format:	Paper Permits displayed in the car windscreen
Permit fee:	£0 per year for the first and £0 per year for the second permit per household, reviewed annually
Geographical Extent:	On and off-street parking places within the Inner Greenock Parking Zone plus, by the promotion of TROs, extension into the Kelly Street and Sir Michael Street/Tobago Street/King Street areas, West Stewart Street from Jamaica Street to Kelly Street, Station Avenue and the unnamed side roads by Cathcart Buildings
Administration:	Vary the existing ICES contract to process Inverclyde Council's Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) to include the administration of the Permit Scheme

and that the scheme be reviewed in a year's time; and

(5) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services to promote the TROs necessary to convert the Bullring car park into a £1 a day long stay car park, the long stay part of the Waterfront car park to free operation and to introduce a residents' only car park behind Cathcart Buildings.

### 187 Inverclyde Statutory Quality Partnership Scheme

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending approval of the promotion of a Statutory Quality Partnership Scheme jointly with Strathclyde Partnership for Transport and the Scottish Government (Transport Scotland).

**Decided:**

(1) that the Inverclyde Statutory Quality Partnership Scheme, attached as appendix A to the report, be approved; and

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(2) that the Scheme be submitted to the Inverclyde Council on 9 April 2015 for final approval.

**188 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Inner Greenock) (Controlled Parking Zone) (Variation No. 3) Order 2015 188**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Inner Greenock) (Controlled Parking Zone) (Variation No. 3) Order 2015.

**Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Inner Greenock) (Controlled Parking Zone) (Variation No. 3) Order 2015 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.

**189 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 4) Order 2015 189**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 4) Order 2015.

**Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 4) Order 2015 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.**

**190 Lease of Premises – Moss Road, Port Glasgow 190**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to permit lease renunciation and renewal in respect of premises in Moss Road, Port Glasgow and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

**191 Proposed Transfer of Site – Mearns Street, Greenock 191**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to transfer ownership of a site at Mearns Street, Greenock and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

**192 Proposed Disposal of Four Sites to Registered Social Landlords 192**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to dispose of sites at Braeside Road, Greenock, Auchmead Road, Greenock, Kilmacolm Road, Port Glasgow and Kilmacolm Road, Greenock to Registered Social Landlords.

Councillors Ahlfeld and McCabe declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Board Members of one of the four registered social landlords referred to in the report. They also formed the view that the nature of their interest and of the item of business did not preclude their continue presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision making process.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

**193 Property Assets Management Report 193**

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) ground at Greenock Road, Port Glasgow and (2) premises at Nicolson Street, Greenock, all as detailed in the appendix.