

Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Sub-CommitteeThursday 19 February 2015 at 2.30pm

Present: Councillors Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, Loughran, McCabe, McColgan and Shepherd.

Chair: Councillor Loughran presided.

In attendance: Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities and Ms S Lang (for Head of Legal & Property Services).

In attendance also: Chief Superintendent J Downie and Chief Inspector R Kennedy, Police Scotland, Area Manager P Tanzilli and Group Manager P Nelis, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Convener referred to the imminent retiral of Area Manager Tanzilli and on behalf of the Sub-Committee, conveyed his best wishes to him for a long and happy retirement.

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

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| 108 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 108 |
| | Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors McEleny and Wilson. | |
| | No declarations of interest were intimated. | |
| 109 | Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Performance Report | 109 |
| | There was submitted a report on Fire and Rescue performance and activities in Inverclyde during the second and third quarters of the 2014/15 reporting period. | |
| | Noted | |
| 110 | Police Scotland Performance Report | 110 |
| | There was submitted a performance report for the Inverclyde local policing area covering the period 1 April to 31 December 2014 showing a comparison with the same period in 2013. | |
| | Noted | |
| 111 | Police Scotland Briefing Paper – Proposed Merge of West Dunbartonshire and Argyll and Bute with Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Divisions (L and K Divisions) | 111 |
| | There was submitted Police Scotland briefing paper, “Strengthening Local Policing” providing an overview of the proposed merge of West Dunbartonshire and Argyll and Bute with Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Divisions (L and K Divisions), setting out the associated benefits and risks and providing an update on ongoing consultations and engagement with local communities and key stakeholders. | |
| | Decided: | |

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- (1) that the contents of the briefing paper be noted; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Convener and Vice-Convener together with representatives of the two main minority groups and relevant officers to make observations on the proposals contained in the briefing paper for submission to Police Scotland.

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The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 19 February 2015 at 4pm

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

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, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Property Services, Head of Finance, Principal Accountant, CHCP Finance Manager, Ms A Edmiston (Finance Services), Business Support Executive and Corporate Communications Manager.

Apologies and Declarations of Interest

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

**Minutes of Meetings of
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112	The Inverclyde Council – 4 December 2014	112
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113	General Purposes Board – 10 December 2014	113
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
114	Policy & Resources Committee (Special) – 16 December 2014	114
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
115	Audit Committee – 6 January 2015	115
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi.	
116	Planning Board – 7 January 2015	116
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Brooks.	

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117	Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership Sub-Committee – 8 January 2015	117
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.	
118	General Purposes Board – 14 January 2015	118
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
119	Environment & Regeneration Committee – 15 January 2015	119
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
120	Education & Communities Committee – 20 January 2015	120
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Loughran.	
121	Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership Sub-Committee (Special) – 26 January 2015	121
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.	
122	Health & Social Care Committee (Special) – 26 January 2015	122
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.	
123	Human Resources Appeals Board – 27 January 2015	123
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Brooks.	
124	Grants Sub-Committee – 29 January 2015	124
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McColgan.	
125	Inverclyde Council (Special) – 29 January 2015	125
	Approved on the motion of Provost Moran.	
126	Policy & Resources Committee – 3 February 2015	126
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
127	Planning Board – 4 February 2015	127
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Brooks.	
128	Local Review Body – 4 February 2015	128
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Nelson.	

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- 129 General Purposes Board – 11 February 2015 129**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.
- 130 2015/18 Budget 130**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing the Council with the necessary information in order that it can (1) approve the Revenue, Capital and Common Good Budgets, (2) agree any use of Reserves and (3) thereafter set the “Band D” Council Tax for the financial year 2015/16.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Council agree to the conditions set out in the Scottish Government Finance Circular No. 9/2014 regarding Council Tax and Probationer Teachers and also agree that the Council Leader write to the Deputy First Minister by 20 February 2015 confirming that the Council intends to take up the revised terms outlined in the letter dated 5 February 2015 attached as Appendix 1;
 - (2) that the Council agree the 2015/17 Revenue Budget as detailed in section 1 of the budget booklet after having taken account of the feedback from the budget consultation exercise;
 - (3) that the Council approve the use of Free Reserves as outlined in section 1 of the budget booklet;
 - (4) that the Council approve the 2015/18 Capital Programme as detailed in section 1 of the budget booklet;
 - (5) that the Council approve the 2015/17 Common Good Budget as detailed in section 1 of the budget booklet;
 - (6) that the Council agree that the Members’ Budget Working Group continue to meet to develop future years’ budgets with the specific target that by February 2016 the use of Revenue Reserves to balance the 2016/17 budget has been eliminated; and
 - (7) that the Council note the success of the budget consultation exercise and agree that a report on proposals for future years’ budget consultation be submitted to the Policy & Resources Committee by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development prior to the summer recess.
- 131 Resolution: Council Tax 2015/16 131**
- Arising from the foregoing paragraph, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Clocherty moved that there be no increase in the Council Tax for financial year 2015/16 and, accordingly, resolved to set the “Band D” Council Tax at £1,198.
- Decided:** that the “Band D” Council Tax for 2015/16 be set at £1,198.
- 132 Health and Social Care Integration - Administrative and Governance Arrangements 132**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services seeking approval of administrative and governance issues arising from the implementation of Health and Social Care integration in Inverclyde.

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Decided:

- (1) that the Council approve the proposal that, once the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board is established, the Health & Social Care Committee will meet regularly as a Standing Committee in terms of the Council's meeting cycle with the role of overseeing the Council's relationship with the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board;
- (2) that it be agreed to reappoint the existing Members of the Health & Social Care Committee;
- (3) that the Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership Sub-Committee be disbanded from 31 March 2015;
- (4) that it be agreed that a Shadow Inverclyde Integration Joint Board be established with effect from 1 April 2015 until the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board is established by Order of the Scottish Ministers;
- (5) that it be agreed that those functions listed in Appendix 1 to the report be delegated to the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board effective from the date it is established by Order of the Scottish Ministers;
- (6) that the Council note the services listed in Appendix 1 accompanying the report which are to be integrated for the purposes of the delivery of the functions listed in Appendix 1;
- (7) that the Council offer to provide secretariat and administrative assistance as is necessary, including the provision of legal advice on procedural and governance arrangements at meetings of the Shadow Integration Joint Board and, once established, the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board, all to be reviewed in due course with representative officers of the Integration Joint Board and that the Municipal Buildings, Greenock be offered as a venue for formal meetings of both the shadow and established Integration Joint Boards;
- (8) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to negotiate a Service Level Agreement with the representative officers of the Integration Joint Board in relation to the secretariat, administrative assistance, advice and meeting arrangements for the Integration Joint Board and to review this in terms of developing arrangements in the course of the next year and to report thereon to the Policy & Resources Committee in due course;
- (9) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Property Services in consultation and liaison with representatives from Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health Board to draft governance documents to regulate the procedure and business of the Shadow Integration Joint Board; and
- (10) that the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to make any consequent changes to the Council's Standing Orders, Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation arising from the Council's decision.

133 Health and Social Care Integration – Appointment of Elected Members to Integration Joint Board

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Council to appoint representatives to the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board.

Following discussion, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Clocherty moved that Councillor McIlwee (with proxy Councillor Dorrian), Councillor McCabe (with proxy Councillor Clocherty), Councillor Rebecchi (with proxy Councillor Shepherd) and Councillor Jones (with proxy Councillor Ahlfeld) be appointed to the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board. As an amendment, Councillor Campbell-Sturgess seconded by Councillor Brooks moved that Councillor MacLeod (with proxy Councillor Brooks) be appointed in place of Councillor Rebecchi.

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On a vote 3 Members voted the amendment and 13 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that the following Members be appointed to the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board:-

- (1) Councillor McIlwee with Councillor Dorrian as proxy;
- (2) Councillor McCabe with Councillor Clocherty as proxy;
- (3) Councillor Rebecchi with Councillor Shepherd as proxy; and
- (4) Councillor Jones with Councillor Ahlfeld as proxy.

134 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Langhouse Road, Inverkip (26 Tonne Weight Restriction) Order 2014 134

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 15 January 2015 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council, Langhouse Road, Inverkip (26 Tonne Weight Restriction) Order 2014.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council, Langhouse Road, Inverkip (26 Tonne Weight Restriction) Order 2014, all as detailed in the copy of the proposed Order forming a supplement to the principal Minute hereof and that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

135 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On Street) Order No. 3 2014 135

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 15 January 2015 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On Street) Order No. 3 2014.

The Head of Legal & Property Services advised the Council of an error in the legend for the map relative to Fort Matilda Place which specifies Gourock instead of Greenock. He confirmed that the appropriate alteration would be made to the finalised Order.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On Street) Order No. 3 2014, all as detailed in the copy of the proposed Order forming a supplement to the principal Minute hereof and that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

136 International Women’s Day, 8 March 2015 – Request by Councillor Jones 136

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising the Council of an item for discussion submitted by Councillor Jones in terms of Standing Order 45(c), proposing that the Council formally recognises and marks International Women’s Day on 8 March 2015.

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Decided:

- (1) that the Council agree to recognise formally and mark International Women's Day on 8 March 2015 by the flying of the International Women's Day flag, through appropriate action by the Council's Senior Management Team to celebrate the economic, social and political achievements of women locally and nationally and also by making this an annual event; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to the appropriate Committee on proposed activities which can be developed in support of International Women's Day in future years.

Appendices to Minutes

137	Policy & Resources Committee – 16 December 2014	137
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
138	Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership Sub-Committee – 8 January 2015	138
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.	
139	Environment & Regeneration Committee – 15 January 2015	139
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
140	Education & Communities Committee – 20 January 2015	140
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Loughran.	
141	Human Resources Appeals Board – 27 January 2015	141
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Brooks.	

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 24 FEBRUARY 2015

Audit Committee

Tuesday 24 February 2015 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor Rebecchi presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership, Head of Legal & Property Services, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Internal Auditor, Finance Manager and Ms G Murphy, Legal & Property Services.

Present also: Ms C Bailey and Mr M Thomas (Grant Thornton).

Prior to the commencement of business, the Convener advised that Mr Gary Devlin had left the employment of Grant Thornton and asked that his appreciation be conveyed to Mr Devlin for his service to the Committee.

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

142 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 142

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

143 Client Assessment Process 143

The Committee heard a presentation on this subject by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership who answered a number of questions from Members.

Noted

144 Information Governance and Management Update 144

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership updating Members on the current position with the Information Governance and Management Framework.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress and activities of the Information Governance Steering Group and its sub-groups; and
- (2) that the Committee note the progress being made on the outstanding Audit Committee actions.

145 External Audit Action Plans - Current Actions 145

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the status of current actions from the External Audit Action Plan at 31 December 2014.

Noted

146 Internal Audit Progress Report – 8 December 2014 to 30 January 2015 146

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources appending the monitoring report in respect of Internal Audit activity for the period 8 December 2014 to 30 January 2015.

Noted

147 External Audit Committee Update and Audit Plan 147

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing an update of activity by the Council's External Auditors, Grant Thornton and presenting their plan for the 2014/15 audit of the Financial Accounts.

Decided:

- (1) that the content of the reports be noted; and
- (2) that Mr Mike Thomas's appointment as Engagement Lead for the Council to replace Mr Gary Devlin be noted.

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Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership Sub-Committee

Thursday 26 February 2015 at 3pm

Present: Councillors V Jones, 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 and Mr B Moore, Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership.

Chair: Councillor McIlwee presided.

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

Prior to the commencement of business, the Convener referred to the fact that this was the last meeting of the Sub-Committee before its dis-establishment at the end of March when it would be replaced by the Shadow Integration Joint Board pending formal approval of the Inverclyde Integration Scheme. He indicated that the Sub-Committee had been operating for over four years and that the experience of positive partnership working provided a solid foundation for the new arrangements and would ensure that the newly established Health & Social Care Partnership and its governance body, the Integration Joint Board, would continue to meet the needs of the Inverclyde community.

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

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| 148 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 148 |
| | Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor J MacLeod, Ms D McCrone, Dr H Macdonald and Mrs M Telfer. | |
| | Councillor McIlwee declared an interest in Agenda Items 12 (Governance of CHCP Commissioned External Organisations) and 14 (Award of Contracts for the Provision of Homecare Services) and Councillor Rebecchi declared an interest in Agenda Item 12. | |
| 149 | Presentation on Child Sexual Exploitation | 149 |
| | The Sub-Committee heard a presentation by the Head of Children & Families and Criminal Justice on issues relating to child sexual exploitation, with particular reference to the findings of the Independent Enquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation in Rotherham 1997-2013 by Professor Alexis Jay, the lessons for Scotland, Scotland's national action plan and also the Inverclyde response. | |
| | Following the presentation, Ms McAlees answered a number of questions from Members. | |
| | Noted | |
| 150 | Community Health & Care Partnership – Financial Report 2014/15 as at Period 9 to | 150 |

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31 December 2014

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership on the Revenue and Capital Budget current year position as at Period 9 to 31 December 2014.

Decided:

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the current year Revenue Budget projected underspend of £181,000 for 2014/15 as at 31 December 2014;
- (2) that the Sub-Committee note the Social Work Capital projected slippage of £25,000 in the current year and over the life of the projects and the Health Capital projected slippage of £5,000;
- (3) that the Sub-Committee note the current Earmarked Reserves position; and
- (4) that the Sub-Committee note the position on Prescribing.

151 Caladh House (Turning Point Scotland) - Care Home Service Unannounced Inspection 151

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership on the outcome of the unannounced Care Inspection of Caladh House (Turning Point Scotland). The report advised that the inspection provided grades of 5 across all themes, indicating an overall “very good” quality of service.

Decided:

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the outcome of the Care Inspection of Caladh House (Turning Point Scotland) and acknowledge the continued high quality of care and support provided;
- (2) that the Sub-Committee note the two recommendations specified and actions taken to ensure continuous improvement of the service; and
- (3) that the Sub-Committee’s appreciation be extended to the management and staff of the provider for the work undertaken to achieve the evaluation.

152 Hillend Respite Unit Inspection 152

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership on the outcome of the Hillend Respite Unit annual inspection by the Care Inspectorate for 2014. The report advised that the inspection provided grades of 5 across all themes, indicating an overall “very good” quality of service.

Decided:

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the outcome of the inspection report, including the recommendations and requirements;
- (2) that the Sub-Committee note the action taken by the service in addressing the recommendations and requirements issued by the Care Inspectorate; and
- (3) that the Sub-Committee’s appreciation be extended to all management and staff of the respite unit for the work undertaken to achieve the evaluation.

153 Update on Delayed Discharge Performance 153

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership informing the Sub-Committee of the changing target for delayed discharge and the actions underway to address this.

Decided:

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the changing delayed discharge target reducing

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from four weeks to two weeks on 1 April 2015 and the range of initiatives in place to achieve this; and

(2) that the Sub-Committee note that further details of progress against the target will be submitted in due course.

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| 154 | Inverclyde Integrated Care Plan 2014/15 | 154 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership advising the Sub-Committee of the submission to the Scottish Government of the Inverclyde Integrated Care Plan and anticipated allocated funding to the Inverclyde Partnership of £1.7m in 2014/15.</p> <p>Decided: that the Sub-Committee endorse the Inverclyde Integrated Care Plan appended to the report and its submission to the Scottish Government.</p> | |
| 155 | Working Towards a Dementia Friendly Inverclyde | 155 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership on progress in respect of the Inverclyde Dementia Strategy.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the Sub-Committee note the work which is continuing to improve services for people with dementia, their families and carers through the Action Plan for the Inverclyde Dementia Strategy which will contribute towards a Dementia Friendly Inverclyde and endorse the detailed Action Plan appended to the report; and</p> <p>(2) that the Sub-Committee note that further work is required in partnership to develop a Dementia Friendly Inverclyde and that this will be taken forward by the Inverclyde Alliance through the SOA Programme Board.</p> | |
| 156 | Review of Shared Services within Criminal Justice | 156 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership outlining the challenges for the delivery of Throughcare Services and Drug Treatment and Testing Orders (DTTO) within the current shared services model adopted by Inverclyde, East Renfrewshire and Renfrewshire Councils.</p> <p>Decided: that the Sub-Committee agree to the redesign of the Inverclyde Criminal Justice Social Work Service and note the intention of East Renfrewshire CHCP to take similar action in respect of the DTTO Service.</p> | |
| 157 | Scottish Government's Response to the Consultation on the Future Model of Community Justice in Scotland | 157 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership informing the Sub-Committee of the Scottish Government's response to the consultation on its proposed model for community justice in Scotland along with indicative timescales for implementation.</p> <p>Decided: that the Sub-Committee note the content of the report and the work being undertaken by Council Officers in preparation for supporting the transition to the new model.</p> | |
| 158 | Inverclyde CHCP – NHS Continuing Care Facilities and Community Services for Specialist Nursing, Older People's Dementia and Adult Mental Health Intensive Supported Living | 158 |

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership on the current progress of the provision of new NHS Continuing Care facilities on the Inverclyde Royal Hospital site and of the commissioning process for the provision of specialist nursing care for older people with dementia and adult mental health supported living services in Inverclyde.

Decided:

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the development of the NHS Community Care facility as outlined in the report;
- (2) that the Sub-Committee note the progress of the work for the community facilities and service which are funded through agreement with NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde on a non-recurring transitional funding basis until Ravenscraig Hospital is closed, when resource transfer will be available; and
- (3) that the Sub-Committee note the revised timetable for the closure of Ravenscraig Hospital.

159 Integration of Health and Social Care - Update

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership (1) providing an update on local developments relating to the implementation of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 and (2) seeking approval to progress with the course of action in place to complete the implementation.

Decided: that the Sub-Committee note:

- (1) the progress to date regarding the implementation of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014;
- (2) the moves towards the establishment of the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board and the re-constituted Inverclyde Health & Social Care Committee, including frequency and venue;
- (3) the selection and appointment of voting and non-voting members of the Integration Joint Board and arrangements for proxies;
- (4) the intended process for creating the Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration for the Integration Joint Board;
- (5) the development of arrangements for the servicing of the Integration Joint Board;
- (6) the intended areas of focus for the first Integration Joint Board meeting; and
- (7) the intended process for development of a draft Strategic Plan for the new Integration Joint Board for the consideration of Board members at the first meeting.

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.

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Item	Paragraph(s)
Governance of CHCP Commissioned External Organisations	6
Award of Contract for Adult Mental Health Intensive Supported Living	6 and 8
Award of Contracts for the Provision of Homecare Services	6 and 8
Child Sexual Exploitation	14
160 Governance of CHCP Commissioned External Organisations	160
<p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership providing information relating to the CHCP governance process for externally commissioned organisations for the period 1 October to 31 December 2014.</p> <p>Councillor McIlwee declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Director of the Inverclyde Association for Mental Health. 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.</p> <p>The Sub-Committee agreed to note the report and request a further report, all as detailed in the appendix.</p>	
161 Award of Contract for Adult Mental Health Intensive Supported Living	161
<p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership seeking approval to award a contract for the provision of adult mental health intensive supported living.</p> <p>Decided: that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the tender submitted by Turning Point Scotland as detailed in the report.</p>	
162 Award of Contracts for the Provision of Homecare Services	162
<p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership seeking approval to award contracts for the provision of homecare services.</p> <p>Councillor McIlwee declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Director of a company which had submitted a tender, vacated the Chair and left the meeting. The Chair was assumed by Mr Winter.</p> <p>Councillor Rebecchi also declared an interest as a Board Member of an organisation submitting a tender. He 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.</p> <p>Decided: that the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to award contracts to the suppliers listed in table 1 of the report for each of the 8 lots.</p> <p>Councillor McIlwee returned to the meeting at this juncture and resumed the Chair.</p>	

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Child Sexual Exploitation

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership on the key themes relating to child sexual exploitation arising from national and local enquiries and investigations.

Decided:

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the content of the report, in particular the establishment of a local multi-agency working group under the direction of Inverclyde Child Protection Committee to determine the scope of further action required in relation to child sexual exploitation; and
- (2) that a follow-up report be submitted to Members in due course.

APPOINTMENT PANEL - HEAD OF EDUCATION – 4 MARCH 2015

Appointment Panel - Head of Education**Wednesday 4 March 2015 at 1pm**

Present: Councillors T Loughran, K Brooks and M Brennan, Mr J Mundell, Chief Executive, Mrs P Cassidy, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and Mr B Moore, Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership.

Present also: Mr S McNab, Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications (Adviser to Panel).

Chair: Mr Mundell presided.

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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.

164 Longleet of Applicants - Post of Head of Education**164**

The Panel considered applications from 17 candidates for the post of Head of Education and decided that 8 candidates comprise a longleet for interview, all as detailed in the appendix.

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Planning Board

Wednesday 4 March 2015 at 3pm

Present: Provost Moran, Councillors Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Dorrian, Jones, Loughran, McColgan, Brennan (for 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), 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.

165 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor McIlwee, with Councillor Brennan substituting.

Councillors Brennan and Loughran declared an interest in Agenda Item 2 (Continued Planning Application: Demolition of Existing Buildings and Erection of Residential Development and Associated Access, Parking, Landscaping and Engineering Works at Former Naval Depot and Coastguard, Eldon Street, Greenock (14/0302/IC)).

166 CONTINUED PLANNING APPLICATION

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There was submitted a report by Head of Regeneration & Planning on a continued application for planning permission by Drum Property Group Ltd for the demolition of existing buildings and erection of residential development and associated access, parking, landscaping and engineering works at former Naval Depot and Coastguard, Eldon Street, Greenock (14/0302/IC), consideration of which had been continued from the meeting on 4 February 2015 for a site visit.

Councillor Brennan declared a non-financial interest in this item, having previously expressed an opinion on the application, and Councillor Loughran declared a non-financial interest as a member of the Royal West of Scotland Amateur Boat Club. Both Members left the meeting during consideration of this item of business.

Councillor Dorrian entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business.

After discussion, Councillor Wilson moved that planning permission be granted subject to the applicant concluding an Agreement under Section 69 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 or Section 75 of the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 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 and subject to the conditions detailed in the report. As an amendment, Councillor Nelson moved that planning permission be refused for the following reasons:-

- (1) Policy RES1 Safeguarding the Character and Amenity of Residential Areas as the height and scale of the proposal incorporating 6 blocks of 4 to 6 storey high buildings is not compatible with the character and amenity of the area where current residences bordering the shoreline do not exceed three stories high;
- (2) Policy HER1 Development which affects the Character of Conservation Areas as the proposal borders the Greenock West End Conservation Area and negatively affects

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the principal views from and on the approaches to the Conservation Area in contradiction to Local PLAN Policy HER1; and

(3) Policy HER5 the Setting of Listed Buildings as the dominance of the proposal is detrimental to the setting and principal views of the neighbouring Grade “B” listed Royal West of Scotland Amateur Boat Club and the nearby Grade “B” listed Former Torpedo Works within Fort Matilda. The approaches and views from listed buildings and list “B” cast iron navigation light on the Esplanade are also compromised by the proposal.

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

Decided: that, subject to the applicant concluding an Agreement under Section 69 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 or Section 75 of the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 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 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 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 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

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contamination;

(6) that no development shall take place within the development site as outlined in red on the approved 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 and approved by the Planning Authority. The developer shall ensure that the programme of archaeological works is fully implemented and that all recording and recovery of the archaeological resources within the development site is undertaken to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority and its archaeological advisor, to safeguard potential archaeological remains on the site;

(7) that none of the flats hereby approved shall be occupied until the right turn storage lane and pedestrian refuge on Eldon Street and 163 off-street parking spaces detailed on docquetted drawing PL01RevA have been completed to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority, in the interests of road safety on Eldon Street;

(8) that all of the flats hereby approved shall have minimum ground floor finished floor level of 5.19m above Ordnance datum, to prevent harm from flooding;

(9) that no development shall commence until a fully detailed planting plan has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the provision of a quality landscape setting for the development;

(10) that no development shall commence until full details of all external lighting has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the provision of a quality external lighting regime;

(11) that the developer shall review the drainage of all planted areas 12 months after implementation: thereafter any works required to improve drainage shall be completed in the first available planting season, to assist in the provision of a sustainable and quality landscape setting;

(12) that the approved landscaping scheme shall be completed in accordance with a phasing plan to be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority before development commences: thereafter any specimens that in the 5 years following the completion of the flats hereby approved die, become diseased or are damaged shall be replaced in the first available planting season with a similar specimen unless the Planning Authority gives its prior written approval to any alternative, to ensure the provision of a sustainable and quality landscape setting;

(13) 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 Greenock;

(14) that in the event of bats being discovered during the demolition, work on site should stop and the advice of SNH and/or a qualified ecologist sought and acted upon before work re-commences, in the interests of the protection of bats; and

(15) that in the event of demolition requiring to take place in the bird breeding season between March and August, prior to that the buildings should be made secure to prevent birds gaining access when the works are to be carried out, in the interests of the protection of birds.

Councillors Brennan and Loughran returned to the meeting at this juncture.

167 PLANNING APPLICATION

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning on an application for planning permission by Ediston Real Estate on behalf of Clydebuilt LP for retail led commercial development to include retail (Class 1), leisure (Class 11) and food and drink/licensed restaurant (Class 3) with associated works including accesses and car parking at the former Scott Lithgow and East Glen Yards, Russell Way, Port Glasgow (14/0402/IC).

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

(1) that before their use, samples of all facing materials shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The approved samples shall thereafter be used unless variations are agreed in writing with the Planning Authority, in the interests of visual amenity;

(2) that prior to their use, samples or other details of all hard landscape surfacing materials, including the rear service yard walls, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The materials shall thereafter be used unless variations are agreed in writing with the Planning Authority, to ensure the provision of adequate vehicular and pedestrian facilities;

(3) that the hard landscaping approved in terms of condition 2 above shall be completed to final wearing course prior to the first of the retail units hereby permitted being brought into use, to ensure the provision of adequate vehicular and pedestrian facilities;

(4) 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;

(5) 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 in place, to protect the amenity of the immediate area, prevent the creation of nuisance due to odours, insects, rodents or birds;

(6) 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;

(7) that the landscaping scheme hereby approved shall be implemented in full within the first planting season following occupation of the first unit hereby approved, to ensure provision of the approved landscaping scheme; and

(8) that any of the trees or shrubs in the landscaping scheme hereby approved that die, are removed or become diseased within 5 years of planting shall be replaced in the following planting season with others of a similar size and species, to ensure retention of the approved landscaping scheme.

LOCAL REVIEW BODY – 4 MARCH 2015

Local Review BodyWednesday 4 March 2015 at 4pm

Present: Councillors Dorrian, Loughran, Nelson, Rebecchi and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Mr R Gimby (Regeneration & Planning 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 Local Review Body.

168 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 168

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Councillor Wilson declared an interest in Agenda Item 2 (Continued Planning Application for Review: Scroggy Bank, Greenock (13/0306/IC)).

169 CONTINUED PLANNING APPLICATION FOR REVIEW 169

**Proposed Siting of 2 x 30m High (HUB) Wind Turbines with a Tip Height of 45.071m:
Scroggy Bank, Greenock (13/0306/IC)**

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review of the refusal of planning permission for the proposed siting of 2 x 30m high (HUB) wind turbines with a tip height of 45.071m at Scroggy Bank, Greenock (13/0306/IC), consideration of which had been continued from the meeting held on 4 February 2015 for an unaccompanied site inspection.

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

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 a combination of height, scale and prominence within this part of the landscape of Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park and proximity to the core footpath network, combine to create an unexpected and dominant feature contrary to:-
 - (a) Policy UT6 of the Inverclyde Local Plan, criteria (a) and (b);
 - (b) Interim Inverclyde Local Plan Policy UT6A, criterion (c);
 - (c) Interim Inverclyde Local Plan Policy UT6B, criterion (f);
 - (d) Inverclyde Local Plan Policy HR1, criterion (b);
 - (e) Proposed Local Development Plan Policy INF1 criteria (a), (b) and (d);
 - (f) Local Plan Policy LR6;
 - (g) Policy ENV1(b)(i) of the proposed Local Development Plan; and
 - (h) Policy ENV3 of the proposed Local Development Plan.

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as set out in the Decision Notice dated 22 August 2014.

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 5 MARCH 2015

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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| 170 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 170 |
| | <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:-
 Agenda Item 6 (Riverside Inverclyde Project Update) – Councillors Clocherty and McCabe;
 Agenda Item 17 (Greenock Town Centre Residents' Parking Permit Scheme Option Appraisal) – Councillor Clocherty; and
 Agenda Item 23 (Proposed Disposal of Four Sites to Registered Social Landlords) – Councillors Ahlfeld and McCabe.</p> | |
| 171 | Environment & Regeneration Revenue Budget 2014/15 – Period 9 to 31 December 2014 | 171 |
| | <p>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 9 (31 December 2014) which showed a projected underspend of £63,000.</p> <p>Decided: that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £63,000 for 2014/15 as at 31 December 2014.</p> | |
| 172 | Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2014/15 to 2015/16 - Progress | 172 |
| | <p>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.</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 Gourrock.

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.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 10 MARCH 2015

Education and Communities Committee

Tuesday 10 March 2015 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, Jones, Loughran, McCabe, McColgan, McEleny, Shepherd and Wilson, Mr T Macdougall, Rev F Donaldson and Father M McMahon, Church Representatives, Mr R Thomson, Parent Representative and Mr T Tracey, Teacher Representative.

Chair: Councillor Loughran presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Mr I Cameron (for Chief Financial Officer), Ms G Murphy (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Community Safety & Wellbeing Manager, Health Protection Service Manager, Corporate Communications Manager, Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy, Acting Head of Education, Ms E Robertson (Education Services) and School Estate Manager.

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

194 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 194

No apologies for absence were intimated.

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 2011-2016: Update) – Councillors McCabe and Wilson;
 Agenda Item 6 (Policy for Access to All Sports and Leisure Pitches) – Councillors Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty and McColgan;
 Agenda Item 8 (Birkmyre Rugby Pitches - Update) – Councillor Wilson;
 Agenda Item 11 (Governance Report for Externally Commissioned Services) – Councillors Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, McColgan, McCabe and Wilson.

195 Communities 2014/15 Revenue Budget Report - Period 9 to 31 December 2014 195

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the 2014/15 Communities Revenue Budget position as at Period 9 to 31 December 2014.

Decided: that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £208,000 in the 2014/15 Revenue Budget as at Period 9 to 31 December 2014.

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- 196 Communities Capital Programme 2014 to 2016/17 - Progress 196**
- 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 and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.
- Decided:** that the progress of the specific projects detailed in appendix 1 be noted.
- 197 Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report 197**
- 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:** 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.
- 198 Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy 2011-2016: Update 198**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities providing an update on (1) the progress of the one-stop shop for housing included within the Local Housing Strategy Action Plan, (2) the policy of promoting wheelchair housing and (3) Inverclyde Council's approach to the Scottish Government regarding the extension of the lifespan of the Local Housing Strategy from a 5 year to an 8 year strategy.
- Councillor McCabe declared a non-financial interest in this item as a member 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:** that the Committee note the report and that a further report on the proposed extension of the Local Housing Strategy timescale will be submitted in May 2015.
- 199 Policy for Access to all Sports and Leisure Pitches 199**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development recommending adoption of an access policy for all sports and leisure facilities owned or operated by the Council.
- Decided:**
- (1) that subject to amendment to the wording of the policy to make explicit reference to the inclusion of amateur football, approval be given to the policy for access to all sports and leisure pitches as detailed in appendix 1; and
 - (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development in consultation with the Head of Legal & Property Services and the Chief Financial Officer to negotiate funding agreements with specific clubs and organisations seeking financial support in accordance with the policy and existing budget provisions.

200 Food Safety and Health and Safety Enforcement Policies**200**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval of a new Food Safety and Standards Enforcement Policy and Workplace Health and Safety Enforcement Policy.

Decided: that approval be given to the new Food Safety and Standards Enforcement Policy and Workplace Health and Safety Enforcement Policy set out in the appendices to the report.

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 3 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 the heading to each item.

Item	Paragraphs(s)
Birkmyre Rugby Pitches – Update	6
Lady Alice and Rankin Park Bowling Clubs	6, 8 and 9
Horticultural Training and Community Centre - Broomhill, Greenock	2, 6 and 9

201 Birkmyre Rugby Pitches – Update**201**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the progress of the proposal to upgrade the rugby pitches at Birkmyre Park, Kilmacolm.

Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest in this item due to a personal association with Birkmyre Rugby Club and St Columba's School. 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 report be noted; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development to submit a further detailed report to the Committee for consideration.

202 Lady Alice and Rankin Park Bowling Clubs**202**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) on the position with regard to Lady Alice and Rankin Park Bowling Clubs and (2) seeking authority to take action which was agreed, all as detailed in the appendix.

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- 203 Horticultural Training and Community Centre – Broomhill, Greenock 203**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the proposed development of the site of the former Mearns Centre and adjoining blaes pitch to Inverclyde Association for Mental Health (IAMH) for the establishment of a new horticultural facility incorporating a community centre and the Committee agreed to the recommendations contained in the report, all as detailed in the appendix.
- The Committee commenced consideration of the Education items of business at 4.35 pm with Father McMahon, Rev Donaldson, Mr Macdougall, Mr Thomson and Mr Tracey joining the meeting.**
- 204 Education 2014/15 Revenue Budget – Period 9 to 31 December 2014 204**
- 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 Revenue Budget as at Period 9 to 31 December 2014.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the projected underspend of £383,000 in the Education Revenue Budget as at Period 9 to 31 December 2014.
- 205 Education Capital Programme 2014-2017 - Progress 205**
- 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 and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the progress of the specific projects detailed in appendix 1 to the report; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to the Committee as soon as possible on options for providing MUGA provision for both Gourrock and Moorfoot Primary Schools utilising the underspend in the MUGA allocation within the Capital Programme.
- 206 Governance Report for Externally Commissioned Services 206**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an annual update in respect of the governance of external organisations with which the Council has a significant financial relationship covering the period November 2013 to November 2014.
- Councillors McCabe and Wilson declared a non-financial interest in this item as members of the Board of Kilmacolm Community Centre Co Ltd and Councillors Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty and McColgan declared a non-financial interest as members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure. All of the 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 the Committee note the content of the governance report.

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- 207 School Leaver Destination Results 2013-14 207**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing information relating to the annual release of school leaver destination results.
- Decided:** that the content of the report and appendices be noted.
- 208 Education Standards and Quality Report 2013/14 208**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development requesting the Committee to consider and approve the Education Standards and Quality Report 2013/14.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee approve the content and publication of the Education Standards and Quality Report 2013/14 as set out in the appendix to the report; and
- (2) that a briefing on attainment be arranged for Members and a report on this subject be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.
- 209 Breakfast Clubs and Free School Meals P1-P3 209**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on (1) the initial stages of the implementation of the Universal Free School Meals Programme for P1-P3 pupils and (2) the current position with regard to Breakfast Club provision in Inverclyde primary schools.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the content of the report; and
- (2) that the Committee consider the future development of Breakfast Clubs within Inverclyde.
- 210 Amendments to the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010: School Closure Review Panels 210**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the arrangements for the School Closure Review Panels to take on their statutory duties from 30 March 2015 as part of the amendments to the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the arrangements for the School Closure Review Panels to take on their statutory duties from 30 March 2015 as part of the amendments to the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.
- 211 School Transport Review 211**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval to continue the interim arrangement for transport to St Columba's High School during session 2015/2016 until revised guidance on school consultation is issued by the Scottish Government.
- Following discussion, Councillor Loughran moved:
- (1) that it be noted that it is not appropriate for the Council to conclude the review on school transport until the revised guidance is issued by the Scottish Government;

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(2) that approval be given to the continuation of the interim transport arrangements for pupils at St Columba's High School until the implementation of the revised policy in August 2016 and agreement be given that the cost of £151,000 be contained within the Committee's overall 2015/16 Revenue Budget; and

(3) that it be noted that a report on the school transport review will be issued after the summer recess.

As an amendment, Councillor Wilson moved that consideration be given to providing additional transport across the school secondary estate similar to that afforded to St Columba's High School pupils and that a report with financial implications be submitted to the Committee for consideration.

On a vote, 3 Members voted for the amendment and 11 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided:

(1) that it be noted that it is not appropriate for the Council to conclude the review on school transport until the revised guidance is issued by the Scottish Government;

(2) that approval be given to the continuation of the interim transport arrangements for pupils at St Columba's High School until the implementation of the revised policy in August 2016 and agreement be given that the cost of £151,000 be contained within the Committee's overall 2015/16 Revenue Budget; and

(3) that it be noted that a report on the school transport review will be issued after the summer recess.

Councillor McCabe, Father McMahon, Mr Macdougall and Mr Thomson left the meeting at this point.

212 Review of Outstanding Remits

212

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) reviewing the outstanding remits and (2) providing an update on the various items and, where appropriate, recommending action to be taken.

Decided: that the Committee note the updated position in regard to outstanding remits as set out in section 5 of the report.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 11 MARCH 2015

General Purposes Board**Wednesday 11 March 2015 at 3.00pm**

Present: Provost Moran, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Dorrian, Jones, Loughran and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

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

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

- 213 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 213**
- Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Grieve, McColgan and McIlwee with Provost Moran substituting on behalf Councillor McIlwee. Provost Moran declared a non-financial interest in Agenda Item 3 (Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Allan Stewart).
- 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.**
- 214 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence – James Moore 214**
- 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 present with his representative Mr Seamus Lamb, Maitlands Solicitors. Mr Jarvie advised this item had been continued from the meeting held on 12 November 2014 and 11 February 2015 to allow pending matters to be concluded. The Board heard Inspector Kirkwood in support of the Police recommendation and Mr Lamb in support of the licence holder. Following discussion, Councillor Brooks moved not to suspend Mr Moore's licence. On a vote, seven Members voted for the motion and two Members abstained.
- Decided:** request for suspension of licence be refused
- Provost Moran declared a non-financial interest in the next item as the applicant is known to him which precluded his continued presence in the Chamber and his participation in the decision making process. Provost Moran left the meeting.
- 215 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Allan Stewart 215**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services for grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Stewart following a Police representation.

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Mr Stewart was present.

Mr Jarvie advised on the background of the report.

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

Following discussion the Board unanimously agreed to grant the application.

Decided: the application be granted.

Provost Moran returned to the meeting at the conclusion of this item.

216 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Stephen Stewart 216

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 Jarvie advised this item had been continued from the meeting held on 11 February 2015 to await the results of a medical report. He advised that matters are still ongoing and Mr Stewart 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.

217 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence – Bernard Bain 217

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to consider the suspension of Mr Bain's Taxi Driver's Licence which expired on 28 February 2015.

Mr Bain was not present or represented.

Mr Jarvie advised that following receipt of a letter dated 17 February 2015 from Police Scotland Mr Bain's licence had been immediately suspended on 23 February 2015 and requested the Board uphold the decision of suspension. Mr Jarvie advised no application for renewal of licence has been submitted by Mr Bain.

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

Decided: to uphold the immediate suspension.

218 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – William Barclay 218

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

Mr Barclay was present.

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

During discussion, Mr Barclay provided three letters in support of his application which were circulated to Members.

Following discussion the Board unanimously agreed to refuse the application.

Decided: the application be refused.

POLICY AND RESOURCES EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE – 18 MARCH 2015

Policy and Resources Executive Sub-Committee**Wednesday 18 March 2015 at 1.30pm**

Present: Councillors Clocherty, Brooks (for MacLeod), McCabe, Campbell-Sturgess (for McEleny) and Provost Moran (for McIlwee).

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, Head of Legal & Property Services, Chief Financial Officer, CHCP Finance Manager, Head of Community Care & Health and Corporate Procurement Manager.

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

219 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest**219**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor MacLeod, with Councillor Brooks substituting, Councillor McEleny, with Councillor Campbell-Sturgess substituting, Councillor McIlwee, with Provost Moran substituting, and Councillor Wilson.

Councillor Clocherty declared an interest in Agenda Item 3 (Award of Contracts for the Provision of Homecare Services).

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)
Port Glasgow Landmark Feature	6, 8 and 9
Award of Contracts for the Provision of Homecare Services	6, 8, 9 and 12

220 Port Glasgow Landmark Feature**220**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) providing an update on Riverside Inverclyde's progress relating to the commissioning of the Western Entrance Sculpture "The Shipbuilders of Port Glasgow" and (2) seeking approval to appoint the artist through a tripartite agreement.

Decided: that, subject to consultation with the Convener of the Environment & Regeneration Committee, the Sub-Committee:-

(1) note progress to date and authorise the appointment of John McKenna to supply and install the artwork for the Western Entrance Roundabout to Port Glasgow;

(2) note that discussions are currently ongoing with Transport Scotland (TS) and the design of the plinth/foundations is liable to change until these are formally signed off by

TS; and

(3) delegate authority to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to progress matters relating to occupancy rights and maintenance, with the ongoing maintenance costs of the sculpture being contained within the Property Services maintenance budgets.

221 Award of Contracts for the Provision of Homecare Services

221

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the position in respect of the award of contracts for the provision of Homecare Services approved by the CHCP Sub-Committee at its meeting on 26 February and (2) seeking approval to award contracts to providers.

Councillor Clocherty declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Board Member of an organisation which had submitted a tender. 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: that, subject to consultation with the Vice-Convener of the Health & Social Care Committee, the Sub-Committee:-

- (1) agree that the previous award of Homecare Services Contracts by the CHCP Sub-Committee approved at its meeting on 26 February 2015 not be implemented on the basis of a material change in circumstances arising from the evaluation as provided for within the contract documentation;
- (2) note the information within the report in respect of the evaluation process;
- (3) approve the award of contracts to the providers listed in paragraph 5.4 of the report for each of the respective Lots 1-6 inclusive and for Lot 8;
- (4) withdraw Lot 7 and authorise the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership to re-tender in due course;
- (5) remit it to the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources jointly to take any actions necessitated by the withdrawal of Lot 7 in consultation with the Head of Legal & Property Services and the Chief Financial Officer, as may be necessary, all subject to a future report on outcomes to the Health & Social Care Committee in due course; and
- (6) remit it to the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership to report to the Health & Social Care Committee at its next meeting on the award of contracts to providers as specified in paragraph 5.4 of the report and on the re-tendering exercise, all in terms of the report.

APPOINTMENT PANEL – HEAD OF EDUCATION – 20 MARCH 2015

Appointment Panel - Head of Education**Friday 20 March 2015 at 10am**

Present: Councillors T Loughran, K Brooks and M Brennan, Mr J Mundell, Chief Executive, Mrs P Cassidy, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and Mr B Moore, Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership.

Present also: Mr S McNab, Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications (Adviser to Panel).

Chair: Mr Mundell presided.

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

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.

222 Shortleat of Applicants - Post of Head of Education**222**

The Panel considered applications from 8 longleated candidates for the post of Head of Education and decided to call a shortleat of six candidates for interview and thereafter to make an appointment, all as detailed in the appendix.

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 24 MARCH 2015

Policy & Resources Committee

Tuesday 24 March 2015 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, Campbell-Sturgess (for MacLeod), McCabe, McCormick, McEleny, Brennan (for 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, Head of Legal & Property Services, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Manager, Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications, Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy, Acting Head of Education, Service Manager Health Improvement, Inequalities and Personalisation, Mr D Robinson (Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership) and Corporate Communications Manager.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Convener referred to the forthcoming retirement of Robert Stoakes, Interim Head of ICT, and, on behalf of the Committee, extended his appreciation to Mr Stoakes for his contribution to the Council and conveyed his best wishes to him for a long and happy retirement.

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

223 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 223

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor McIlwee, with Councillor Brennan substituting and Councillor MacLeod, with Councillor Campbell-Sturgess substituting.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 16 (Mileage Allowance Payments (MAPs) for Teachers) – Councillor McCabe.

Agenda Item 18 (Grand Central Savings) – Councillors Ahlfeld, McCabe, McEleny and Campbell-Sturgess.

Agenda Item 19 (Scottish Charity Regulator Report – Arm's Length External Organisations) – Councillors Ahlfeld, Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, McCabe and Wilson.

224 Policy & Resources Capital Programme 2014/18 - Progress Report 224

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 within the Policy & Resources Capital Programme 2014/18 and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.

Decided: that the Committee note the current position of the 2014/18 Capital Programme and the progress of the specific projects detailed in Appendix 1.

225 2014/18 Capital Programme 225

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the latest position of the 2014/18 Capital Programme.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the initial position of the 2014/18 Capital Programme; and
- (2) that the Committee note the current projected level of capital slippage in 2014/15.

226 Policy & Resources Committee 2014/15 Revenue Budget – Period 10 to 31 January 2015 226

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and the Chief Financial Officer on the 2014/15 projected outturn for the Policy & Resources Committee as at Period 10 to 31 January 2015.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the 2014/15 projected underspend of £2,038,000 for the Policy & Resources Committee as at Period 10 to 31 January 2015; and
- (2) that the Committee note the projected fund balance of £90,490 for the Common Good Fund.

227 2014/15 General Fund Revenue Budget as at 31 January 2015 227

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the position of the General Fund Revenue Budget as at 31 January 2015 and (2) providing an update in respect of 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 that 100% of the 2014/15 Workstream Savings have been delivered; and
- (3) that the Committee note the increase in General Fund Reserves arising since the 19 February 2015 budget meeting and agree that the utilisation of any surplus reserves be considered by the Members' Budget Working Group during 2015/16 in the context of the remaining 2016/17 savings target.

228 Corporate Performance Report 228

There was submitted a report by the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy on the achievement of key objectives by the Council's Corporate Services as detailed 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 Committee note the performance information outlined in the report; and
- (2) that it be agreed to consider the fifth progress report at the first meeting of the Committee following the summer 2015 recess.

229 SOLACE Improving Local Government Benchmarking Framework 2013/14 229

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing details of the publication of the 2013/14 Local Government Benchmarking Framework data and in particular highlighting Inverclyde Council's performance across the range of benchmarking indicators.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note that the Local Government Benchmarking Framework data for 2013/14 was published on 30 January 2015;
- (2) that approval be given to the action plan for the Corporate Management Team as set out in Appendix 2 to the report; and
- (3) that it be agreed that the service commentary be used to form the basis of the Council's public performance reporting on the Local Government Benchmarking Framework.

230 Welfare Reforms Update

230

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and 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 actions being taken by officers;
- (2) that approval be given to the request to vire £140,000 from Crisis Grants to Community Care Grants;
- (3) that the existing Non-SSSC Discretionary Housing Payment Policy be maintained with funding remaining at 2014/15 levels and that the difference of £24,000 be funded from Welfare Reforms Earmarked Reserves; and
- (4) that the position be reviewed as part of the 2016/17 budget process.

231 Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2015/16 – 2017/18

231

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2015/18, Treasury Policy Limits, the Council's Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators for the next three years and the List of Permitted Investments.

Decided:

- (1) that the following, as outlined in the report, be remitted to the Inverclyde Council for approval:-
 - (a) Treasury Management Strategy;
 - (b) Annual Investment Strategy;
 - (c) Treasury Policy Limits;
 - (d) Prudential Indicators;
 - (e) Treasury Management Indicators;
 - (f) List of Permitted Investments (including those for the Common Good Fund); and
- (2) that the Committee note the effect of banking changes and ongoing reviews of legislation on lending by the Council to other external bodies, as outlined in sections 5.40 to 5.44 of the report.

232 Corporate Charging Policy

232

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) providing an update on the action plan previously agreed by the Committee on 4 February 2014 and (2) seeking

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approval of the Corporate Charging Policy for Inverclyde Council.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the Charging Policy as set out in Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (2) that the progress against the actions previously agreed on 4 February 2014 be noted.

233 Information Governance and Management Update

233

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership on the current position with regard to the Information Governance and Management Framework.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress of and momentum regained on the Information Governance and Management Framework;
- (2) that the Committee note that Inverclyde Council and Inverclyde Licensing Board will submit their Records Management Plan by 30 June 2015; and
- (3) that it be agreed that a progress report be submitted to the Committee later in the year.

234 Equality Mainstreaming Report and Progress against Equality Outcomes

234

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development appending a summary of the Council's statutory reporting requirements under the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Regulations 2012.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee endorse the publication of the information contained in the report; and
- (2) that a further report and action plan be submitted to the Committee in early course.

235 Audit Scotland Report: Community Planning – Turning Ambition into Action

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing a summary of the Audit Scotland Report, 'Community Planning – Turning Ambition into Action', published in November 2014. (Councillor Wilson left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the key messages and recommendations made by Audit Scotland; and
- (2) that agreement be given to support the delivery of the actions set out in Appendix 2 to the report.

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236 Update – Audit Scotland Report: Major Capital Investment in Councils 236

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services providing an update on the action plan progress in respect of the Audit Scotland report on Major Capital Investment in Councils dated March 2013.

Decided: that the Committee note that the action plan will be monitored as part of the regular External Audit Action Plan follow-up report to the Audit Committee.

237 Records Management Policy 237

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership seeking approval of the Records Management Policy appended to the report.

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to the Records Management Policy appended to the report; and

(2) that progress on implementation of the policy be reported to a future Committee and also on an annual basis.

238 Mileage Allowance Payments (MAPs) for Teachers 238

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications recommending a change to teachers' mileage allowance rates to reflect the rates promoted by HMRC which apply to all other employees.

Councillor McCabe declared a non-financial interest in this item as the relative of an affected employee. 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: that it be agreed that mileage claims for teachers be paid at approved HMRC rates with effect from 1 April 2015 at the current rates of 45p per mile for the first 10,000 miles and 25p per mile after 10,000 miles.

Councillor Wilson returned to the meeting at this juncture.

239 Scottish Charity Regulator Report – Arm's Length External Organisations 239

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on a recent paper issued by the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) regarding a study which it had carried out in respect of Arm's Length External Organisations (ALEOs) and (2) seeking approval for the proposed action plan in this regard.

Councillors Clocherty, McCabe and Wilson declared a non-financial interest in this item as Members of the Board of Riverside Inverclyde and Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty and Campbell-Sturgess declared a non-financial interest as Members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure. All of the 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:

(1) that the Committee note the content of the report by OSCR; and

(2) that approval be given to the proposed actions as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

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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 ground 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)
Former Tied Housing Employees	1, 11 and 12
Grand Central Savings	6

240 Former Tied Housing Employees 240

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications (1) providing an update on the formal consultation period with the trade unions in relation to the implementation of revised rent arrangements for employees in former tied houses and (2) outlining the potential next steps for consideration.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the positive discussions which have taken place with the trade unions;
- (2) that it be agreed to extend the formal period of consultation with the trade unions to 30 April 2015 during which time officers will negotiate and consult in an endeavour to reach an agreement; and
- (3) that a report on the outcome of the consultation process be submitted to the meeting of the Committee on 19 May 2015.

241 Grand Central Savings 241

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership on the current position in respect of Grand Central Savings. Councillors Ahlfeld, McCabe and McEleny declared a non-financial interest in this item as Members of the Board of River Clyde Homes and Councillor Campbell-Sturgess declared a non-financial interest due to a personal relationship with an account holder. All of the 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. The Committee agreed to take action, all as detailed in the appendix.

APPOINTMENT PANEL – HEAD OF EDUCATION – 31 MARCH 2015

Appointment Panel - Head of Education**Tuesday 31 March 2015 at 8.30am**

Present: Councillors T Loughran, K Brooks and M Brennan, Mr J Mundell, Chief Executive, Mrs P Cassidy, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and Mr B Moore, Corporate Director Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership.

Present also: Mr S McNab, Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications and Mr D Parr (Advisers to Panel).

Chair: Mr Mundell presided.

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

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.

242 Appointment of Head of Education**242**

The Panel interviewed five candidates, one candidate having withdrawn, and agreed to appoint Ms Ruth Binks to the post of Head of Education, all as detailed in the appendix.

LOCAL REVIEW BODY – 1 APRIL 2015

Local Review Body

Wednesday 1 April 2015 at 4pm

Present: Councillors Dorrian, Loughran, Nelson, Rebecchi and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Mr R Gimby (Regeneration & Planning 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 Local Review Body.

243 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 243

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

244 PLANNING APPLICATION FOR REVIEW 244

Conversion of former ARP station to 3 detached dwellinghouses (variation to consent 10/0237/IC):

Former ARP Station, Lochwinnoch Road, Kilmacolm (14/0390/IC)

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review of the refusal of planning permission for the conversion of the former ARP Station to 3 detached dwellinghouses (variation to planning consent 10/0237/IC) at Lochwinnoch Road, Kilmacolm (14/0390/IC).

Mr Kerr and Mr Gimby referred to new matters raised by the applicant in the form of drawing 2314_D.213 (elevation in line with consents). Mr Kerr asked the Local Review Body whether it wished to have regard to this drawing in determining the application for review of the refusal of planning permission in terms of Section 43(B) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997. Elected Members agreed that the drawing be taken into consideration and copies were circulated.

After discussion, Councillor Loughran moved:-

(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 upheld and that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

(i) 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 choice of finishes consistent with the countryside location;

(ii) if works are to be undertaken between March and October inclusive, roofing felt shall be removed by hand prior to renovation/demolition. If bats are subsequently found to be present SNH shall be contacted to advise on necessary licencing requirements, in order to avoid any offence being committed under the Habitats Regulations 1994;

(iii) 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

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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;

(iv) 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;

(v) 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;

(vi) 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; and

(vii) notwithstanding the information in the docquetted drawings, no development shall commence until details of bin storage have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, in order to provide satisfactory measures for the storage and uplift of waste materials.

As an amendment, Councillor Rebecchi moved:-

(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 and 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.

On a vote, one Member voted for the amendment and four for the motion which was declared carried.

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 upheld and that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

(i) 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 choice of finishes consistent with the countryside location;

(ii) if works are to be undertaken between March and October inclusive, roofing felt

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shall be removed by hand prior to renovation/demolition. If bats are subsequently found to be present SNH shall be contacted to advise on necessary licencing requirements, in order to avoid any offence being committed under the Habitats Regulations 1994;

(iii) 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;

(iv) 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;

(v) 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;

(vi) 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; and

(vii) notwithstanding the information in the docquetted drawings, no development shall commence until details of bin storage have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, in order to provide satisfactory measures for the storage and uplift of waste materials.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 8 APRIL 2015

General Purposes Board**Wednesday 8 April 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 J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Inspector G Kirkwood, Inspector D Kane and Sergeant G Fitzpatrick, Police Scotland.

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

245 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 245

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Grieve. There were no substitutions or declarations of interest intimated.

246 Mandatory Training for Taxi Drivers 246

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services following a proposal by Councillor Rebecchi that taxi drivers undertake mandatory training as a condition of being granted a new licence or being granted a renewal of an existing licence.

Mr Douglas advised the Board on the content of the Report for consideration.

There followed a discussion on the terms and practicalities of the report.

Decided:

- (i) introduce, in principle, mandatory training for all taxi drivers licensed by Inverclyde Council; that such training must be undertaken by a recognised training body; and mandatory training would be the personal responsibility of those wishing to be licensed as a taxi driver by Inverclyde Council; and
- (ii) remit to the Head of Legal & Property Services to undertake a consultation with the taxi trade and Inverclyde Council on Disability and report back to the Board with the results of the consultation together with options available so that a final decision might be made.

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.

247 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Stuart Maxwell 247

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

Mr Maxwell was present.

Mr Douglas advised on the background of the report.

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

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Following discussion the Board unanimously agreed to grant the application.

Decided: the application be granted

248 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Scott Cairns 248

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

Mr Cairns was not present or represented.

Mr Douglas advised on the background of the report.

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

Following discussion the Board unanimously agreed to refuse the application.

Decided: the application be refused.

249 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – William Mearns 249

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

Mr Mearns was not present or represented.

Mr Douglas advised on the background of the report.

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

Following discussion the Board unanimously agreed to refuse the application.

Decided: the application be refused.

250 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – James Glass 250

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

Mr Glass was present.

Mr Douglas advised on the background of the report.

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

Following discussion the Board unanimously agreed to grant the application.

Decided: the application be granted.

Councillor Rebecchi left the meeting following this item.

251 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Daniel Melville 251

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

Mr Melville was present.

Mr Douglas advised on the background of the report.

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

Following discussion the Board unanimously agreed to grant the application.

Decided: the application be granted.

252 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Stephen Stewart 252

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 Douglas advised that Mr Stewart had submitted a letter to the Licensing Section

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intimating that he would be unable to attend the meeting and requested continuation of the hearing to the next meeting of the Board.

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

253 Application for Taxi Driver’s Licence – Gordon MacDonald 253

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

Mr MacDonald was present.

Mr Douglas advised on the background of the report.

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

Following discussion the Board unanimously agreed to grant the application.

Decided: the application be granted.

254 Application for Taxi Driver’s Licence – James Smith 254

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

Mr Smith was present.

Mr Douglas advised on the background of the report.

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

Following discussion the Board unanimously agreed to refuse the application.

Decided: the application be refused.

255 Application for Taxi Driver’s Licence – John Gavin 255

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 present.

Mr Douglas advised on the background of the report.

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

Following discussion Councillor Campbell-Sturgess moved refusal of the application. On a vote, one Member voted for refusal and seven Members for the grant of the application with one Member abstaining.

Mr Douglas declared the application granted.

Decided: the application be granted.

**256 Application for Grant of Street Trader Licence – Peter McGill
Fixed Site at Branchton Road, Greenock 256**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services for grant of a Street Trader Licence by Mr McGill following a public objection being submitted. The application is to operate a Fixed Site at Branchton Road, Greenock.

Mr McGill was present. Mr McCloy was also present representing Branchton Community Centre Association objection.

Mr McGill had submitted a letter dated 13 March 2015 in support of his application enclosing a signed petition and a letter dated 3 February 2015 from Jericho House as a character reference. Copies were circulated to Members together with a copy of the location plan of the proposed site.

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Mr Douglas advised on the background of the report and intimated that no objections had been received from Police Scotland, any Council Officers or Members consulted on the application.

The Board heard Mr McGill in support of his application and Mr McCloy in support of the objection submitted by Branchton Community Centre Association.

During discussion, Members were concerned as to the exact location of the site and its proximity to Inverclyde Academy and unanimously agreed that a site visit should be undertaken prior to any decision being taken on the application.

Decided:

- (i) remit to the Clerk to arrange a site visit to the proposed location; and
- (ii) continue consideration of the application to the June meeting of the Board.