

POLICY AND RESOURCES EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE – 14 MAY 2015

Policy and Resources Executive Sub-CommitteeThursday 14 May 2015 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

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

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

369 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 369

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor MacLeod, with Councillor Campbell-Sturgess substituting.

Councillors Clocherty, McCabe, McEleny and McIlwee declared an interest in the additional agenda item (International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia: 17 May 2015 – Request by Provost Moran).

370 Fifth Review of Electoral Arrangements: Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland – Remit from Inverclyde Council 370

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Sub-Committee to consider a remit from the Inverclyde Council of 9 April 2015 on the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland's (LGBCS) proposals for wards in Inverclyde Council as part of the Fifth Review of Electoral Arrangements.

Decided:

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the terms of the report;
- (2) that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to write to the Boundary Commission for Scotland requesting that the boundary at Inverkip Marina be altered to include the water area at the Marina Complex within the constituency boundary; and
- (3) that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to intimate the Council's formal response to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland by 19 May in respect of the proposals for wards in Inverclyde Council as part of the Fifth Review of Electoral Arrangements confirming the Council's continued representations against increasing the number of Councillors; requesting that the LGBCS take account of forecast electorate numbers and demographic changes and proposals for future housebuilding; noting the difficulties in applying the LGBCS deprivation methodology on a locality basis within Inverclyde and its effects on existing community boundaries; requesting that the LGBCS review their categorisation to place Inverclyde with other comparator authorities and so reflect parity among existing wards and that a further report thereon be submitted to the Council in due course.

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The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Head of Legal & Property Services was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the flying of the flag on 17 May, if agreed by the Sub-Committee. This was agreed unanimously.

371 **International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia: 17 May 2015 – Request by Provost Moran** 371

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on a request from Provost Moran that the Council fly a flag on 17 May 2015 to mark International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia following a late request from Unite the Union.

Councillors Clocherty, McCabe, McEleny and McIlwee declared a non-financial interest in this matter as members of Unite the Union. 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.

After discussion, Councillor McCabe moved that the Council agree to fly a flag on 17 May 2015 to mark International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia and to do so annually. As an amendment, Councillor Wilson moved that no action be taken on the request.

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

Decided: that the Council agree to fly a flag on 17 May 2015 to mark International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia and to do so annually.