

LOCAL POLICE & FIRE SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE – 9 APRIL 2015

Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Thursday 9 April 2015 at 2.30pm

Present: Councillors Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, Jones 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 Inspector D Kane, Police Scotland and Group Manager P Nelis, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.

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

257 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 257

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

258 Police Scotland Performance Report 258

There was submitted a performance report for the Inverclyde local policing area covering the period 1 April 2014 to 28 February 2015 showing a comparison with the same period in the previous year.

Noted

259 Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Performance Report 259

There was submitted a report on fire and rescue performance and activities during the January 2015 reporting period.

Noted

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The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 9 April 2015 at 4pm

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

Chair: Provost Moran presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Property Services, Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Environmental Services Manager (Roads, Transport & Waste Collection), Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities and Mr M Bingham (for Corporate Communications Manager).

260 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 260

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

**Minutes of Meetings of
The Inverclyde Council, Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards**

261 Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Sub-Committee – 19 February 2015 261

Approved on the motion of Councillor Loughran.

262 The Inverclyde Council – 19 February 2015 262

Approved on the motion of Provost Moran.

263 Audit Committee – 24 February 2014 263

Approved on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi.

264 Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership Sub-Committee – 26 February 2015 264

Approved on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.

265 Appointment Panel – Head of Education – 4 March 2015 265

Approved on the motion of Councillor Loughran.

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266	Planning Board – 4 March 2015	266
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
267	Local Review Body – 4 March 2015	267
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
268	Environment & Regeneration Committee – 5 March 2015	268
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
269	Education & Communities Committee – 10 March 2015	269
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Loughran.	
270	General Purposes Board – 11 March 2015	270
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Loughran.	
271	Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee – 18 March 2015	271
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
272	Appointment Panel – Head of Education – 20 March 2015	272
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Loughran.	
273	Policy & Resources Committee – 24 March 2015	273
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
274	Appointment Panel – Head of Education – 31 March 2015	274
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Loughran.	
275	Local Review Body – 1 April 2015	275
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
276	General Purposes Board – 8 April 2015	276
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Loughran.	
277	Health & Social Care Integration Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair to Integration Joint Board	277

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

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Decided:

- (1) that Councillor McIlwee be appointed as the Chair of the Shadow Inverclyde Integration Joint Board;
- (2) that the arrangements for appointing the Chair and Vice Chair of the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board be noted; and
- (3) that Councillor McIlwee be appointed as the first Chair of the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board.

278 Prison Visiting Committees 278

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on (1) Scottish Government changes to prison monitoring arrangements which come into effect on 31 August 2015 and (2) a letter from the Scottish Prison Service Visiting Committee Liaison Officer regarding current vacancies at a number of Visiting Committees across Scotland.

Decided: that the statutory change in arrangements which comes into effect on 31 August 2015 removing the Council's responsibility for prison monitoring be noted.

279 Fifth Review of Electoral Arrangements: Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland 279

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland's proposals for wards in Inverclyde Council as part of the Fifth Review of Electoral Arrangements.

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

Decided:

- (1) that the Council note the terms of the report and the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland's consultation with Councils in the period to 19 May 2015;
- (2) that it be remitted to the Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee to meet at 3pm on 14 May 2015 and to finalise the Council's response to take account of any representations received from Elected Members; and
- (3) that, thereafter, it be remitted to the Chief Executive to intimate the Council's formal response to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland by 19 May with a further report thereon to be submitted to the Council in due course.

280 Cemeteries Management Rules – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 280

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 5 March 2015 requesting approval of the Cemeteries Management Rules.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council approve the Cemeteries Management Rules as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report and authorise the Head of Legal & Property Services to make arrangements for these to be signed by a Proper Officer and sealed with the Council Seal.

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- 281 Inverclyde Statutory Quality Partnership Scheme - Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 281**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 5 March 2015 requesting approval of the Inverclyde Statutory Quality Partnership Scheme. The Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advised that the Statutory Quality Partnership Scheme for Inverclyde as identified in Appendix A is a dynamic document and subject to change as the Partnership evolves.
- Decided:** that the Inverclyde Statutory Quality Partnership Scheme be approved.
- 282 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Inner Greenock) (Controlled Parking Zone) (Variation No. 2) Order 2014 - Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 282**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) advising of the withdrawal of two maintained objections to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Inner Greenock) (Controlled Parking Zone) (Variation No. 2) Order 2014 and the cancellation of the Public Hearing agreed by the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 4 December 2014 and (2) requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order.
- Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Inner Greenock) (Controlled Parking Zone) (Variation No. 2) 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 the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.
- 283 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 3) Order 2014 - Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 283**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) advising of the withdrawal of two maintained objections to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 3) Order 2014 and the cancellation of the Public Hearing agreed by the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 4 December 2014 and (2) requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order.
- Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 3) 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 the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

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- 284 **Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Inner Greenock) (Controlled Parking Zone) (Variation No. 3) Order 2015 - Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee** 284

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 5 March 2015 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Inner Greenock) (Controlled Parking Zone) (Variation No. 3) Order 2015.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Inner Greenock) (Controlled Parking Zone) (Variation No. 3) Order 2015 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 the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

- 285 **Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 4) Order 2015 - Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee** 285

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 5 March 2015 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 4) Order 2015.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 4) Order 2015 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 the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

- 286 **Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2015/16 – 2017/18 – Remit from Policy & Resources Committee** 286

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Policy & Resources Committee of 24 March 2015 relative to the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2015/16 – 2017/18.

Decided: that approval be given to the Treasury Management Strategy, Annual Investment Strategy, Treasury Policy Limits, Prudential Indicators, Treasury Management Indicators and List of Permitted Investments (including those for the Common Good Fund).

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 it contained exempt information as defined in the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act, as detailed in the minute of the relevant Committee, Sub-Committee or Board.

Appendices to Minutes

287	Inverclyde Community Health & Care Partnership Sub-Committee – 26 February 2015	287
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.	
288	Appointment Panel – Head of Education – 4 March 2015	288
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Loughran.	
289	Environment & Regeneration Committee – 5 March 2015	289
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
290	Education & Communities Committee – 10 March 2015	290
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Loughran.	
291	Appointment Panel – Head of Education – 20 March 2015	291
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Loughran.	
292	Policy & Resources Committee – 24 March 2015	292
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
293	Appointment Panel – Head of Education – 31 March 2015	293
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Loughran.	

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 21 APRIL 2015

Audit Committee

Tuesday 21 April 2015 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor Rebecchi presided.

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

Present also: Ms C Bailey (Grant Thornton).

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| 294 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 294 |
| | An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor MacLeod. | |
| | No declarations of interest were intimated. | |
| 295 | Risk Management Progress Report | 295 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating Members on the progress made on Risk Management since the meeting of the Committee on 21 October 2014.
(Councillor Campbell-Sturgess entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business). | |
| | Noted | |
| 296 | External Audit Action Plan – Current Actions | 296 |
| | 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 28 February 2015. | |
| | Noted | |
| 297 | Internal Audit Progress Report – 2 February to 27 March 2015 | 297 |
| | 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 2 February to 27 March 2015. | |

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Decided:

- (1) that it be noted that a further report on the complaints procedure will be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee; and
- (2) that the progress made by Internal Audit in the period 2 February to 27 March 2015 be noted.

298 Internal Audit Annual Audit Plan 2015-2016**298**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources appending the Internal Audit Annual Plan for 2015-2016 for approval.

Decided: that the Committee approve the Internal Audit Annual Plan for 2015-2016.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE – 23 APRIL 2015

Health & Social Care Committee

Thursday 23 April 2015 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Brennan, Campbell-Sturgess, Dorrian, Jones, Brooks (for MacLeod), McCabe, McCormick, McIlwee and Shepherd (for Rebecchi).

Chair: Councillor McIlwee presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Head of Health & Community Care, Head of Children & Families and Criminal Justice, Head of Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness, Head of Planning, Health Improvement & Commissioning, Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms L Bairden (for Chief Financial Officer) and Corporate Procurement Manager.

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

299 **Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest** 299

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Ahlfeld, Grieve, MacLeod (with Councillor Brooks substituting) and Rebecchi (with Councillor Shepherd substituting).

No declarations of interest were intimated.

300 **Health & Social Care Committee – Financial Report 2014/15 as at Period 11 to 28 February 2015** 300

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership and the Chief Financial Officer on the Revenue and Capital Budget current year position as at Period 11 to 28 February 2015.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current year Revenue Budget projected underspend of £164,000 for 2014/15 as at 28 February 2015;
- (2) that the Committee note the Capital projected slippage of £24,000 in the current year and over the life of the projects;
- (3) that the Committee note the current Earmarked Reserves position; and
- (4) that the Committee approve the Social Work Budget virements of £289,000 as detailed in Appendix 4.

301 **Update on Delayed Discharge Performance** 301

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on progress made towards achieving the target for delayed discharge from 1 April 2015 when it was reduced from four to two weeks, reflecting the ongoing strategic commitment to Shifting the Balance of Care.

Decided: that the Committee note the progress made towards achieving the target and the ongoing work to maintain performance.

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- 302 Integrated Performance Improvement Exceptions Report 302**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership presenting a sample of integrated performance exceptions data which reflects a balanced view of performance across the four Heads of Service areas of the Health & Social Care Partnership as well as providing a picture of how people in Inverclyde experience Health and Social Care services.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the performance as detailed in the report together with the remedial action suggested where performance is below the standard expected.
- 303 CHCP Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan – Progress Update to March 2015 303**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on the progress of agreed actions against the Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2013-2016 up to March 2015.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the reported summary of progress up to March 2015 against the CHCP Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2013-16.
- 304 Health and Social Care Partnership Integration Update 304**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership (1) providing an update on the preparation and submission of the Inverclyde HSCP Integration Scheme to the Scottish Government for approval and (2) setting out the intentions and preparations for local implementation of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the position in respect of the Inverclyde HSCP Integration Scheme which was submitted to the Scottish Government on 31 March 2015 for approval and which incorporated minor changes to the earlier draft approved by both the NHS Board and Inverclyde Council.
- 305 Inverclyde HSCP – NHS Continuing Care Facilities and Community Services for Specialist Nursing, Older People’s Dementia and Adult Mental Health Intensive Supported Living 305**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on the current position in respect of the NHS continuing care facilities and community services for specialist nursing, older people’s dementia and adult mental health intensive supported living.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the position in respect of the development of the NHS continuing care facilities;
 - (2) that the 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 at which time resource transfer will be available; and
 - (3) that the Committee note the revised timetable for the closure of Ravenscraig Hospital.
- 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**

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the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6 and 8 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

306 Use of Emergency Powers for the Award of Contracts for the Provision of Homecare Services 306

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising of the use of the emergency powers procedure in respect of the award of Lots 3 and 4 of the Homecare Services contract.

Decided:

- (1) that the use of the emergency powers procedure be noted; and
- (2) that the Committee note the position in respect of the Living Wage and the training of successful providers' homecare staff on dementia awareness.

307 Contract - St Margaret's Court, Grieve Road, Greenock 307

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership seeking authorisation for the award of a contract with a value over £500,000 to Trust Housing Association, St Margaret's Court, Greenock.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee authorise the award of a contract with a value over £500,000 to Trust Housing Association, St Margaret's Court, Greenock in terms of Rule 6.1 of the Rules of Procedure – Contracts for Procurement of Social Care Services; and
- (2) that the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 30 APRIL 2015

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 30 April 2015 at 3pm

Present: Provost Moran, Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, Dorrian, Wilson (for Jones), McCabe, McCormick, Nelson and Shepherd.

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Head of Legal & Property Services, Legal Services Manager, Ms M McCabe (for Chief Financial Officer), Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Environmental Services Manager Roads, Transport & Waste Collection, Mr G Blackie and Mr G Kerr (Environmental & Commercial Services), Head of Regeneration & Planning, Property Assets Manager, Technical Services Manager and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications).

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

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

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Grieve, Councillor Jones, with Councillor Wilson substituting, and Councillor MacLeod.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:-

Agenda Item 4 (Review of Inverclyde Economic Development & Regeneration Single Operating Plan) – Councillors Clocherty, McCabe and Wilson;

Agenda Item 11 (Inverclyde Local Development Plan: Supplementary Guidance on Renewable Energy) – Councillor Wilson; and

Agenda Item 25 (Property Assets Management Report) – Councillors Ahlfeld and McCabe.

309 **Environment & Regeneration Revenue Budget 2014/15 – Period 11 to 28 February 2015**

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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 11 (to 28 February 2015) which showed a projected underspend of £151,000.

(Councillor Shepherd entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £151,000 for 2014/15 as at 28 February 2015;

(2) that approval be given to the virement as detailed in section 7 and appendix 4 of the report; and

(3) that the Committee note the position of the funding contribution to Waverley Excursions Limited.

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310 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2014/15 to 2015/16 - Progress 310

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.

Decided: that the Committee note the current position of the Capital Programme 2014/16 and the progress of the specific projects detailed in appendices 1 and 2 to the report.

311 Review of Inverclyde Economic Development & Regeneration Single Operating Plan 311

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) providing an overview of the first year of the Inverclyde Economic Development & Regeneration Single Operating Plan April 2014 to March 2017 and (2) seeking approval of the regeneration programmes in financial year 2015/16.

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

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the excellent progress being made in year one of the three year Inverclyde Economic Development & Regeneration Single Operating Plan;

(2) that approval be given to the revised spend profile for 2015/16 identified in appendix 1 to the report and that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to vary the programme as necessary to enable the regeneration outputs to be achieved and to provide regular updates to Members;

(3) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to appoint New Skills Consulting Limited to undertake the review of the future delivery of regeneration services at a cost of up to £20,000; and

(4) that a report on the Council's tourism strategy be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee following the summer recess and that a report on Council events be submitted to the appropriate Committee in due course.

312 City Deal Progress Report 312

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on the implementation of the City Deal Programmes.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the progress to date on the implementation of the City Deal Programmes;

(2) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to formally accept the City Deal award for employability when it is received;

(3) that authority be delegated to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender for the delivery of the employability activity;

(4) that the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources engage with Transport Scotland in relation to bus stop provision on the A78 at Inverkip and the potential reduction of the 60mph speed limit currently in place; and

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(5) that a report on the economic benefits and road safety aspects associated with the proposed road improvements at Inverkip Power Station development be submitted to the Committee once details are available.

313 Town and Village Centres Environmental Improvements 313

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to procure and appoint consultant support for the Town and Village Centres Environmental Improvements initiative.

Decided: that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to tender for and accept the most economically advantageous tender for consultant support for the Town and Village Centres Environmental Improvements up to a value of £15,000.

314 Developing Scotland's Young Workforce (DSYW) 314

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the implementation of Developing Scotland's Young Workforce (DSYW), Scotland's Youth Employment Strategy.

Decided: that the Committee note that £86,000 has been received by the Council in 2014/15 and that it has been added to the Reserves and that its use will form part of the Earmarked Reserves considerations at the September meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee.

315 Youth Employment Initiative – YEI Scotland 315

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on the Youth Employment Scotland Initiative (YEI Scotland).

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress being made with YEI Scotland;
- (2) that the associated finance and outputs for YEI Scotland be noted;
- (3) that delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to receive the funding and proceed to secure service delivery through tendering for the activity on Public Contracts Scotland; and
- (4) that a report on employment initiatives be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

316 Repopulation Outcome Delivery Group – Redistribution of Funds and Update on Progress as at March 2015 316

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) updating the Committee in respect of the work of the Repopulation Outcome Delivery Group (ODG) and (2) providing information on the total surplus funds available in the Repopulation budget and seeking delegated authority to revise the budget profile.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress being made in respect of promoting Inverclyde and developing strategies to repopulate the area;
- (2) that the budget reduction of £20,000 be noted; and

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(3) that delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to revise the budget profile and re-distribute the surplus funds.

317 Local Development Plan (2014) – Proposed Planning Guidance on Developer Contributions 317

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the preparation of Planning Guidance on Developer Contributions and (2) seeking approval for the proposed guidance to be adopted as non-statutory guidance to the Local Development Plan (2014).

Decided: that approval be given to the adoption of the proposed Planning Guidance on Developer Contributions as non-statutory guidance to the Local Development Plan (2014).

318 Inverclyde Local Development Plan: Supplementary Guidance on Renewable Energy 318

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the outcome of the targeted consultation on the amended Supplementary Guidance on Renewable Energy 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.

Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a Board Member of Clyde Murshiel Park Authority Joint Committee. 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 consideration of the matter be continued to allow the Head of Regeneration & Planning to undertake further consultations and that an All Members' Briefing be arranged prior to the submission of a further report to the Committee.

319 Inverclyde Local Development Plan: Conservation Area Proposals 319

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the outcome of the consultation on the proposed conservation area boundary at The Cross, Kilmacolm and seeking approval for its designation together with two new conservation areas at West Bay and Shore Street/Kempock Street, Gourrock and the re-designation of the amended conservation area boundary in Inverkip and (2) seeking approval to carry out a consultation on Article 4 Directions and to investigate the preparation of Conservation Area Appraisals for all conservation areas in Inverclyde.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note that there were no objections to the recent consultation on the proposed conservation area boundary at The Cross, Kilmacolm;
- (2) that approval be given to the designation of conservation areas at The Cross, Kilmacolm, West Bay and Shore Street/Kempock Street, Gourrock and the amendment of the existing conservation area boundary in Inverkip;
- (3) that approval be given to public consultation on proposed Article 4 Directions for all conservation areas in Inverclyde; and
- (4) that approval be given to the investigation into the preparation of Conservation Area Appraisals for all eight conservation areas.

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320 Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009: Public Bodies Duties Action Plan – Year Two Progress 320

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on progress on the second year of the approved action plan aimed at ensuring the Council meets its obligations under Part 4 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009, "Duties of Public Bodies relating to Climate Change".

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the second year progress update of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009: Public Bodies Duties action plan; and
- (2) that the Committee receive a report in April/May 2016 on the third year update on progress of the action plan.

321 Environmental & Commercial Services (Roads) 321
SPT Grant Funded Projects (2015/16)

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising the Committee of the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport approved grant funded projects for 2015/16.

The Head of Environmental & Commercial Services advised that information had been received earlier that day that the grant awarded by Sustrans for the construction of Regional Cycle Route R21 from Coronation Park to Newark Castle Park was £20,000. With the £20,000 contribution from Sustrans, the funding from SPT would now reduce to £69,000 instead of £89,000 as indicated in the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note and approve the SPT approved project list detailed in paragraph 5.1 of the report for 2015/16; and
- (2) that the Committee note the investment by SPT of (1) £25,000 for the further improvements of the Quality Bus Corridor and (2) £69,000 for the extension of Regional Cycle Route R21 through Coronation Park.

322 Environmental & Commercial Services (Roads) 322
Sustrans Grant Funded Projects (2015/16)

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising the Committee of the Sustrans grant funded projects expected to be approved by Sustrans on 17 April 2015.

The Head of Environmental & Commercial Services advised that information had been received earlier that day that the grant awarded for the construction of Regional Cycle Route R21 from Coronation Park to Newark Castle Park was £20,000.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note and approve the Sustrans approved project list detailed at paragraph 5.1 of the report for 2015/16; and
- (2) that the Committee note the investment by Sustrans of (1) £20,000 for the construction of the R21 cycle track from Coronation Park to Newark Castle Park and (2) £20,000 for the feasibility study for the R21 cycle track from Newark Castle Park to Parklea.

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- 323 Mr George Kerr** **323**
- The Convener referred to Mr George Kerr, Supervisory Engineer/Flood Officer, who would be leaving the Council's employment at the end of the week to take up a new post and to his invaluable contribution to the work of the Council. On behalf of the Committee, he extended best wishes to Mr Kerr for the future.
- 324 Flooding Update No. 5** **324**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the progress of the Greenock Flood Prevention Scheme and advising of the priority to complete all phases of the Scheme by 31 March 2016 in accordance with the terms of the support funding from the Scottish Government.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the progress that has been made on the Central Greenock Flood Protection Scheme; and
 - (2) that authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender received for the Cartsburn Flood Protection Project.
- 325 Road Safety Inspection and Fault Categorisation Guidance Document** **325**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the proposal to introduce a new Road Safety Inspection and Defect Categorisation process developed in collaboration with 11 other local authorities, a copy of which was appended to the report.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the collaborative work carried out to develop a new guidance document that promotes a more proactive approach to road maintenance and a consistent rationale from which Councils would be in a stronger position to defend public liability claims; and
 - (2) that adoption of the Road Safety Inspection and Fault Categorisation Guidance Document as policy and good practice be recommended to the Inverclyde Council, it being noted that reference within the Document to annual inspections is a minimum and that the Council will continue to carry out inspections on a six monthly basis in relation to category 4b carriageways.
- 326 Traffic Regulation Order Procedure (Revision 1)** **326**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a revision to the procedure and decision making process involved in the promotion of permanent Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) which will result in a reduction in the time taken to promote a TRO.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the revision to the procedure and decision making process involved in the promotion of permanent TROs in terms of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999.

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327 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 4 2014 327

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

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 4 2014 and that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services to arrange for implementation of the Order.

328 Commercial Voids 328

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on the number of voids in Council shop premises along with further information in respect of voids in the whole town centre's retail stock and initiatives being used to address the issue.

Decided: that the Committee note the level of voids in Council owned shops and the interventions Economic Development staff employ to support businesses.

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)
Recycling Contract – Current Markets	6 and 8
Environmental & Commercial Services (Roads) RAMP/Capital Programme for Carriageway Protective Surface Treatments 2015/16 – Acceptance of Tender	6 and 8
Non-Operational Property Portfolio Information Scheme of Delegation Register	2, 6 and 9
Lease of Premises – Tower Drive, Gourock	2, 6 and 9
Property Assets Management Report	2, 6 and 9

329 Recycling Contract – Current Markets 329

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the current state of the recycling market and the potential impact on the Council's recycling contracts.

Decided: that the Committee note the content of the report and that further progress reports will be submitted for Members' information in due course.

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- 330 Environmental & Commercial Services (Roads) 330**
RAMP/Capital Programme for Carriageway Protective Surface Treatments 2015/16
– Acceptance of Tender
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval as required in terms of the Council's Contract Standing Orders to accept a tender for the RAMP/Capital Programme for Carriageway Protective Surface Treatments for 2015/16.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee approve a revised overall budget for carriageway protective surface treatments of £641,000, the revised expenditure to be contained within the overall approved RAMP Budget for 2015/16; and
- (2) that the Head of Legal & Property Services accept the most economically advantageous tender, that by Kiely Brothers Limited in the sum of £570,096.25.
- 331 Non-Operational Property Portfolio Information 331**
Scheme of Delegation Register
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the exercise by Officers of powers delegated to them in terms of the Scheme of Delegation and providing an update on the management of the Council's non-operational property portfolio for the period October 2014 to March 2015.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the terms of the report.
- 332 Lease of Premises – Tower Drive, Gourock 332**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to grant a lease of premises at Tower Drive, Gourock and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.
- 333 Property Assets Management Report 333**
- There was submitted a report together with addendum report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on activities and proposals for the management of the Council's property assets.
- Councillors Ahlfeld and McCabe declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Board Members of a Registered Social Landlord 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 continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision making process.
- Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended in respect of (1) premises within Gourock Park, (2) ground at Cumberland Walk, Greenock, (3) four former school sites, (4) the boat shed at Battery Park, Greenock and (5) a site at Mearns Street, Greenock, all as detailed in the appendix.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 5 MAY 2015

Education and Communities Committee

Tuesday 5 May 2015 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, Jones, Loughran, McCabe, McColgan, McEleny, Shepherd and Wilson, 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, Lead Officer Community Learning & Development, Head of Inclusive Education, Culture and Corporate Policy, Acting Head of Education, Ms L Wilkie and Mr G Manson (Education Services), Property Services Manager, Corporate Communications Manager and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications).

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

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| 334 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 334 |
| | 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 (HEEPS Programme 2015 – 2016 and Update on Progress) – Councillor McCabe. | |
| | Agenda Item 23 (River Clyde Homes: Proposed Amendments to Memorandum and Articles of Association) – Councillors McCabe and McEleny. | |
| 335 | Communities 2014/15 Revenue Budget Report – Period 11 to 28 February 2015 | 335 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the 2014/15 Revenue Budget position as at Period 11 to 28 February 2015. | |
| | Decided: that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £258,000 for the 2014/15 Revenue Budget as at Period 11 to 28 February 2015. | |
| 336 | Communities Capital Programme 2014 – 2016/17 | 336 |
| | There was submitted updated 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. | |

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Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress of the projects detailed in appendix 1 to the report; and
- (2) that approval be given to the award of the Council's contribution to the capital funding of the Horticultural Training Centre and Community Facility at Broomhill, Greenock agreed at the meeting on 10 March 2015 to In-Work Enterprises Ltd, a wholly owned trading subsidiary of Inverclyde Association for Mental Health.

337 Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report 337

There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities on the proposed regeneration of the Clune Park Area, 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 in respect of the Clune Park Area Regeneration Plan and agree that further progress updates be submitted to future meetings of the Committee.

338 HEEPS Programme 2015 – 2016 and Update on Progress 338

There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities on the programme of works to be undertaken in 2015/16 utilising Home Energy Efficiency Programme for Scotland: Area Based Schemes (HEEPS: ABS) funding from the Scottish Government.

Councillor McCabe declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Member of the Board of River Clyde Homes. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision making process.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the HEEPS: ABS Programme 2015 – 2016 as set out in paragraphs 5.2 to 5.5 of the report together with the proposals for additional funding submitted by Inverclyde Council to the Scottish Government;
- (2) that the Committee note the progress to date of HEEPS: ABS projects across the Inverclyde Council area as detailed in paragraph 5.10 of the report; and
- (3) that the Committee note the success of Inverclyde Council in attracting substantial HEEPS: ABS investment for the benefit of both private owners and tenants of social rented properties.

339 Rankin Park – Mountain Bike Development Update 339

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

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the progress of the project to tender stage; and
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development to accept the most economically advantageous tender received.

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- 340 Rankin Park – Developing the Sport of Mountain Biking 340**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval to progress with the development of the sport of mountain biking based at Rankin Park.
- Decided:**
- (1) that approval in principle be given to progress the development of mountain biking as a sport based at Rankin Park;
 - (2) that the funding implications be remitted to the Policy & Resources Committee for consideration; and
 - (3) that in the meantime, schools within Inverclyde be consulted for their views on the proposed re-allocation of the outdoor education budget to the development of mountain biking.
- 341 Community Facilities Fund 341**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval of the eligibility criteria for the Community Facilities Fund and the process for the approval of applications.
- Decided:**
- (1) that approval be given to the process for application to the Community Facilities Fund detailed in appendix 1 to the report; and
 - (2) that approval be given to the eligibility criteria detailed in appendix 2 subject to appropriate alteration to the wording in the section entitled “Funding” to make it clear that while in normal course, the criteria set out in the paper will apply, in exceptional circumstances consideration will be given to larger projects provided resources for these are available.
- 342 Craigend Resource Centre – Update on Development Proposals 342**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking agreement to submit a bid to the next round of the Scottish Government’s Regeneration Capital Grant Fund in support of the development proposals at Craigend Resource Centre, Greenock.
- Decided:** that delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development to apply to the next round of the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund in support of the proposals to extend the facilities at Craigend Resource Centre.
- 343 Waivers Update Report 343**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval for amendments to the sports waiver scheme.
- (Councillor McEleny entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
- Decided:**
- (1) that approval be given to the proposals for the treatment of sports waivers for the current season detailed in section 7.1 of the report;
 - (2) that approval be given to the proposals for amendments to the sports waiver scheme detailed in section 7.3; and

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(3) that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee on the practical issues involved in introducing a system of providing an allowance of hours to clubs.

344 Grants to Voluntary Organisations Fund

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the implementation of the proposals to improve the effectiveness and impact of resources associated with Grants to Voluntary Organisations (GTVO) funding agreed by the Committee on 21 January 2014.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress made in implementing the proposals agreed on 21 January 2014;
- (2) that approval be given to the proposals as detailed in annex 1 to the report; and
- (3) that details of all applications which have failed on technical grounds be included in a confidential appendix to the reports submitted to the Grants Sub-Committee.

345 McLean Museum/Watt Library

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) advising the Committee of available options following the unsuccessful Heritage Lottery Fund bid in respect of the McLean Museum/Watt Library in 2014 and (2) seeking approval for action in this regard.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the intention to undertake a detailed options appraisal which will inform the Council on how best to secure the McLean Museum/Watt Library building's future and develop Inverclyde's cultural offer;
- (2) that agreement be given to the appointment of a temporary consultant/specialist secondee for a period of three months to undertake the appraisal and that this be funded from the Budget Workplan Earmarked Reserve; and
- (3) that it be noted that officers will report back to the Committee in September 2015 on the outcome of the options appraisal.

346 Loan of Painting from McLean Museum – Arthur Melville

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising of a request for the loan of a painting from the McLean Museum and Art Gallery (the James Watt Trust).

Decided: that approval be given to the request for the loan of the painting "A Spanish Bullfight" by Arthur Melville to the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh from October 2015 until January 2016 subject to matters of transport, security and insurance being arranged to the satisfaction of the Libraries Manager.

347 Loan of Painting and Sculpture from McLean Museum – Mary Armour and Ivy Gardiner

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising the Committee of a request for the loan of a painting and marble sculpture from the McLean Museum and Art Gallery (the James Watt Trust).

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Decided: that approval be given to the request for the loan of the painting “Still Life with Pomegranate” by Mary Armour and the marble sculpture “Loving Birds or the Doves” by Ivy Gardiner to the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh from November 2015 to July 2016 subject to matters of transport, security and insurance being arranged to the satisfaction of the Libraries Manager.

348 River Clyde Homes: Proposed Amendments to Memorandum and Articles of Association 348

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development requesting the Committee to consider proposed amendments to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of River Clyde Homes as part of its programme of modernisation and customer focus.

Councillors McCabe and McEleny declared a non-financial interest in this item as Members of the Board of River Clyde Homes. 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 approval be given to the proposed changes to the River Clyde Homes Memorandum and Articles of Association as detailed in the report and its appendix.

The Committee commenced consideration of the Education items of business at 4.40pm with Father McMahon, Rev Donaldson, Mr Thomson and Mr Tracey joining the meeting.

349 Education Scotland Report on the Inspection of the Learning Community surrounding Clydeview Academy 349

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the findings of the report by Education Scotland following the inspection of the learning community surrounding Clydeview Academy. The report advised that of the four Indicators of Quality, one had been evaluated as “excellent” and three as “very good”.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee endorse the contents of the Education Scotland inspection report on the learning community surrounding Clydeview Academy; and
- (2) that the Committee’s appreciation be conveyed to all those involved for the work undertaken to achieve the evaluation.

The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Committee to consider the Education Scotland evaluation at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.

350 Education Scotland Report on Clydeview Academy 350

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the results of the Education Scotland external evaluation of Clydeview Academy. The report advised that of the Indicators of Quality, three aspects of the school had been judged to be “very good” and two aspects to be “good”.

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Mr Willie Todd, Head Teacher, was present and spoke in relation to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee endorse the contents of the Education Scotland inspection report on Clydeview Academy; and
- (2) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all those involved for the work undertaken to achieve the evaluation.

351 Education 2014/15 Revenue Budget – Period 11 to 28 February 2015 351

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the 2014/15 Revenue Budget position as at period 11 to 28 February 2015.

Decided: that the Committee note the projected underspend of £823,000 in the Education Revenue Budget as at period 11 to 28 February 2015.

352 Education Capital Programme 2014 – 2017 – Progress 352

There was submitted an updated 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.

The Property Services Manager advised the Committee of the recent collapse of a section of the retaining wall at Ardgowan Primary School. He confirmed that a full update on the position would be provided to Members and stakeholders as soon as possible.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress of the specific projects detailed in appendix 1 be noted;
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Property Services and the Chief Financial Officer to enter into the formal standard Hub West Scotland Project contract agreements for the St Patrick's Primary School project as detailed in section 7.2 of the report provided the cost is within the budget allocation for the project;
- (3) that approval be given to the utilisation of part of the projected MUGA budget underspend and Children and Young People Bill grant funding allocation to address the projected over expenditure on the Kilmacolm Primary School refurbishment project as detailed in paragraph 8.1 of the report;
- (4) that approval be given to the issue of tenders for the St Francis Primary School external works as outlined in section 13.1 of the report and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the lowest acceptable tender provided the cost is within the budget allocation for the project;
- (5) that it be noted that a report on the Early Years Estate Management Plan will be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee; and
- (6) that the position in respect of the Ardgowan Primary School project be noted.

353 Education & Communities Directorate Performance Report 353

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

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Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress made in implementing the Education, Communities & Organisational Development Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2013/16; and
- (2) that it be agreed to consider the sixth progress report at the first meeting of the Committee following the summer 2015 recess.

354 Use of Hand Held and Mobile Devices in Schools**354**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the findings of the pilot programme for the use of personal mobile and hand held ICT devices in Clydeview Academy.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the results of the Clydeview Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) pilot project;
- (2) that the Committee agree in principle to the roll out of the BYOD facility to all schools in Inverclyde and instruct that this is made available to secondary schools in the first instance;
- (3) that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee on the financial implications of rolling out the project to primary schools;
- (4) that Standard Circular 9.5 be rescinded with the issue of the misuse of mobile devices being addressed within each establishment's behaviour policy and BYOD agreement; and
- (5) that a report on progress of the BYOD facility roll out be submitted to the Committee in due course.

355 600 Hours of Early Learning and Child Care**355**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing (1) an update on the implementation of 600 hours of Early Learning and Child Care and (2) information on the resource and financial implications of the increase in entitlement.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress made in 2014/15;
- (2) that approval be given to the developments for 2015/16 as detailed in section 7; and
- (3) that agreement be given to the financial commitments as detailed in section 8 of the report.

356 Endowment Fund for Talented Children and Young People**356**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy seeking approval to use the "winding up" clause in the Deed of Trust in respect of Endowment for Talented Children and Young People.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the report and approve the "winding up" of the Endowment Fund for Talented Children and Young People; and
- (2) that the endowment fund be disbursed to Head Teachers of Secondary Schools within Inverclyde on an equitable basis for disbursement to talented pupils through an application process.

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The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Committee to consider the draft Improvement Plan in respect of the Scottish Attainment Challenge at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.

357 The Scottish Attainment Challenge

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) providing the Committee with information on the Scottish Attainment Challenge and (2) seeking approval of the draft Improvement Plan.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the update and approve the submission of the draft Improvement Plan attached as appendix 1 to the Scottish Government;
- (2) that it be remitted to the appropriate officers to report regularly to future meetings of the Committee on the progress of the programme; and
- (3) that delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and the Chief Financial Officer to implement the Improvement Plan within resources allocated by the Scottish Government.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6 and 8 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

358 School Transport Contracts (Mainstream) – Result of Tenders for Contracts 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval to accept tenders for mainstream school transport contracts due for renewal from the start of school session 2015/16.

Decided: that approval be given to the acceptance of the tenders as set out in appendix 1 to the report for mainstream school transport contracts due for renewal from the start of school session 2015/16.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 13 MAY 2015

General Purposes BoardWednesday 13 May 2015 at 3.00pm

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

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr D Keenan (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Chief Inspector E Brown 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.

359 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 359

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Brooks and Grieve with Councillor Nelson substituting for Councillor Brooks.
Councillor McColgan declared an interest in Item 4 (Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Craig Millar) as he is known to the applicant.

360 Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 360
Application for Multi-Access General Hire Taxi Licence – John McCafferty

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services for grant of a Taxi Licence by Mr McCafferty for a wheelchair accessible vehicle.
Mr McCafferty was not present or represented.
Mr Keenan advised the Board on the content of the Report and highlighted that there is a restriction of 20 licences for these types of vehicles and currently there are 19 operational and one pending a vehicle to be operational by 17 July 2015. He confirmed that there is no vacant licence available at this time.
Following discussion, Councillor Ahlfeld moved refusal of the application which was unanimously agreed.
Decided: the application be refused.

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.

361 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Samuel Worthington 361

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services for grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Worthington following a Police objection.
Mr Worthington was not present or represented.
Mr Keenan advised on the background of the report.
The Board heard Chief Inspector Brown in support of the Police objection.
Following discussion the Board unanimously agreed to refuse the application.
Decided: the application be refused.

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Councillor McColgan left the meeting before consideration of the next item.

362 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Craig Millar 362

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

Mr Millar was present.

Mr Keenan advised on the background of the report.

The Board heard Sergeant Fitzpatrick in support of the Police representation and Mr Millar in support of his application.

Following discussion the Board unanimously agreed to grant the application.

Decided: the application be granted.

Councillor McColgan returned to the meeting following consideration of this item.

363 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Arthur Cowdell 363

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

Mr Cowdell was not present.

Mr Keenan advised on the background of the report and referred the Board to Mr Cowdell's letter dated 15 April 2015 within the Agenda papers indicating that he is unable to attend today and providing his submissions to the Board.

The Board heard Chief Inspector Brown in support of the Police representation.

Following discussion the Board unanimously agreed to grant the application.

Decided: the application be granted.

364 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Stephen Stewart 364

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 medical report and Police objection.

Mr Stewart was present.

Mr Keenan advised on the background of the report.

The Board heard Sergeant Fitzpatrick in support of the Police objection and Mr Stewart in support of his application.

Following discussion the Board unanimously agreed to grant the application and a medical be undertaken on the renewal application of his licence as recommended in the medical report.

Decided:

- (i) the application be granted; and
- (ii) a medical report is sought on a renewal application being submitted

365 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Sean Grana 365

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

Mr Grana was present.

Mr Keenan advised on the background of the report.

The Board heard Chief Inspector Brown in support of the Police objection and Mr Grana in support of his application. Mr Grana provided qualification Certificates of courses he had undertaken.

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During consideration, the Chair read the majority of the Certificates lodged by Mr Grana. After discussion the Board unanimously agreed to grant the application.

Decided: the application be granted.

366 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence and Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence – William Smiley 366

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services for consideration of (i) the suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence held by Mr Smiley; and (ii) renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence by Mr Smiley following a medical report.

Mr Smiley was present.

Mr Keenan advised on the background of the report and confirmed additional information had been received from Dr Sykes the Council's Medical Practitioner including a letter from Mr Smiley's own GP. The documentation was circulated to Members. Mr Keenan also advised that Mr Smiley's licence had been immediately suspended by the Head of Legal & Property Services on 2 April 2015.

The Board heard Mr Smiley in support of his application.

Following discussion the Board unanimously agreed to uphold the immediate suspension. Councillor Loughran moved grant of the application as an amendment Councillor Campbell-Sturgess moved refusal of the application. On a vote, one Member voted for the amendment and nine Members for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided:

- (i) uphold the immediate suspension of licence; and
- (ii) the renewal application be granted.

367 Application for Grant of a Street Trader Licence – Sean McGartland 367
Fixed Site at Lay-by at Drumfrochar Road, Greenock

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services for grant of a Street Trader Licence (employee) by Mr McGartland following a Police objection.

Mr McGartland was not present or represented.

Mr Keenan advised on the background of the report.

The Board heard Chief Inspector Brown in support of the Police objection.

Following discussion the Board unanimously agreed to refuse the application.

Decided: the application be refused.

368 Application for Renewal of Late Hours Catering Licence – Mr Tabatabaeyan 368
Premises – Kilted Kebabs, 22 Westburn Street, Greenock

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services for renewal of a Late Hours Catering Licence by Mr Tabatabaeyan following a Police objection.

Mr Tabatabaeyan was present.

Mr Keenan advised on the background of the report.

The Board heard Sergeant Fitzpatrick in support of the Police objection and Mr Tabatabaeyan in support of his application.

Following discussion the Board unanimously agreed to grant the application.

Decided: the application be granted.

POLICY AND RESOURCES EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE – 14 MAY 2015

Policy and Resources Executive Sub-Committee

Thursday 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**

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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.

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 19 MAY 2015

Policy & Resources Committee

Tuesday 19 May 2015 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, Brooks (for MacLeod), McCabe, McCormick, McEleny, Provost Moran (for McIlwee), 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 Health & Social Care Partnership, Head of Legal & Property Services, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications, Corporate Procurement Manager, Corporate Policy & Partnership Manager, Business Support Executive and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications).

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

372 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 372

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor McIlwee, with Provost Moran substituting, Councillor MacLeod, with Councillor Brooks substituting, and Councillor Nelson.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:-

Agenda Item 10 (Overview of Local Government in Scotland 2015 – Report by the Accounts Commission) – Councillor Wilson; and
Agenda Item 22 (Former Tied Housing Employees) – Provost Moran and Councillors Clocherty, McCabe and McEleny.

373 Policy & Resources Capital Programme 2014/18 - Progress Report 373

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.

374 2014/18 Capital Programme 374

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 current position of the 2014/18 Capital Programme; and

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(2) that the Committee note the current projected level of capital slippage in 2014/15 and that a detailed report on the 2014/15 final position will be presented to the Committee in August.

375 Policy & Resources Committee 2014/15 Revenue Budget – Period 11 to 28 February 2015 375

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and Chief Financial Officer on the 2014/15 projected out-turn for the Policy & Resources Committee as at Period 11 to 28 February 2015.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the 2014/15 projected underspend of £2,272,000 for the Policy & Resources Committee as at period 11 to 28 February 2015; and
- (2) that the Committee note the projected fund balance of £69,810 for the Common Good Fund.

376 2014/15 General Fund Revenue Budget as at 28 February 2015 376

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the position of the General Fund Revenue Budget as at 28 February 2015 and (2) providing an update in respect of the position of the General Fund Reserves and Earmarked Reserves.

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 the increase in General Fund Reserves arising since the 19 February 2015 budget meeting will be considered by the Members Budget Working Group and reported to Committee in September;
- (3) that the Committee agree to the allocation of a further £200,000 from the Council's Reserves to the Budget Development Earmarked Reserve to fund the delivery of the 2015/17 Budget Work Plan; and
- (4) that the Committee delegate authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer and the Head of Legal & Property Services to make any necessary appointments for and to commit expenditure on implementation of the 2015/17 Budget Work Plan to facilitate early progress.

377 Procurement Update and Procurement and The Living Wage 377

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the progress being made with Procurement since the last report in February 2015 and (2) proposing changes to the Council's Procurement Policy arising from the Scottish Government Policy Note 1/2015 in relation to the evaluation of workforce matters and public contracts, including the Living Wage.

After discussion, Councillor McCabe moved (1) that the Committee note the progress on the Strategic Procurement Framework; (2) that the progress made in savings delivery be noted; and (3) that the Committee approve the proposed policy and approach to Procurement and the Living Wage. As an amendment, Councillor Wilson moved that no action be taken in relation to the proposed policy and approach to Procurement and the Living Wage. On a vote, one Member voted for the amendment and nine for the motion which was declared carried.

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Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress on the Strategic Procurement Framework;
- (2) that the progress made in savings delivery be noted; and
- (3) that the Committee approve the proposed policy and approach to Procurement and the Living Wage.

378 Welfare Reforms Update

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update in respect of various aspects of the Welfare Reform agenda and the Welfare Reform Revenue Budget and Earmarked Reserve.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the latest position in respect of the Council's response to the Welfare Reform changes;
- (2) that the Committee approve the request for additional one off funding contained in section 7 of the report;
- (3) that the Committee note the latest position in respect of the recurring Welfare Reform Revenue Budget and agree that the Council Tax reduction scheme underspend of £780,000 over 2014/16 be allocated to the General Fund Reserves; and
- (4) that the Committee note that the recurring Welfare Reform Revenue Budget will be reviewed as part of the 2016/18 Revenue Budget process.

379 Corporate Services Performance Report

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on the achievement of key objectives by the Council's Corporate Services 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 progress made by Corporate Services in delivering improvement actions outlined in their respective Corporate Directorate Improvement Plans 2013/16 be noted; and
- (2) that a sixth progress report be submitted to the first meeting of the Committee following the summer 2015 recess.

380 Audit Scotland Report: Borrowing and Treasury Management in Councils

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the Audit Scotland Report "Borrowing and Treasury Management in Councils" published in March 2015 and seeking approval of a proposed action plan to address the issues raised by Audit Scotland.

Decided: that the Committee note the Audit Scotland Report "Borrowing and Treasury Management in Councils" and Supplement and approve the proposed action plan attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

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- 381 Overview of Local Government in Scotland 2015 – Report by the Accounts Commission 381**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the Accounts Commission report “An Overview of Local Government in Scotland 2015” and (2) seeking approval for the actions identified by officers.
Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Director of Link Housing Association. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision making process.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the “Overview of Local Government in Scotland in 2015” report issued by the Accounts Commission; and
(2) that the Committee approve the actions outlined in Appendix 1 and note that updates on delivering these actions will be provided via the Audit Committee.
- 382 National Scrutiny Plan 2015/16 382**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive on the National Scrutiny Plan 2015/16 summarising the strategic scrutiny work from April 2015 to March 2016 in each of Scotland’s 32 Councils.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the contents of the National Scrutiny Plan 2015/16.
- 383 Audit Scotland: Local Scrutiny Plan 2015/16 383**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive on the Local Scrutiny Plan 2015/16 based upon a shared risk assessment undertaken by representatives of all of the main local government audit and inspection agencies.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the Local Scrutiny Plan 2015/16 as presented by Audit Scotland.
- 384 Earmarked Reserves Policy 384**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer seeking approval of an amended policy in respect of the establishment and utilisation of Earmarked Reserves.
- Decided:**
- (1) that approval be given to the Earmarked Reserve Policy set out in Appendix 2 to the report; and
(2) that consideration be given to the utilisation of any surplus Free Reserves at the September meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee and that any proposals comply with the amended Earmarked Reserves Policy.
- 385 Future Budget Consultations 385**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing feedback on the Council’s budget consultation 2016/17 process and suggesting changes to future consultations.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the main findings from the feedback on the budget consultation 2016/17 process;

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- (2) that the suggestions for improvement be taken into account when future consultation exercises are being devised; and
- (3) that the budget consultation process be funded as outlined in section 7 of the report.

386 Renewal of Partnership Agreement – Children’s Hearings Scotland 386

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services seeking approval of the renewal, for a period of three years, of the partnership agreement with Children’s Hearings Scotland for the continued support of Inverclyde’s Area Support Team.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee agree to support an agreement with Children’s Hearings Scotland to continue to provide staffing resources, up to the level currently provided, to the Inverclyde Area Support Team, for a further term of three years, to 30 June 2018; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Chief Executive to progress and, as appropriate, to conclude negotiations with Children’s Hearings Scotland to ensure the best interests of the Council, and those of the Children’s Hearings system in Inverclyde.

387 Contract Awards – 1 October 2014 to 31 March 2015 387

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising the Committee of contracts awarded for the supply of goods or materials, provision of services and execution of works during the period 1 October 2014 to 31 March 2015.

Decided: that the Committee note the contracts awarded by the Council during the period 1 October 2014 to 31 March 2015.

388 Updated Policy for the Retention and Disposal of Documents and Records Paper and Electronic 388

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership seeking approval of the updated Policy for the Retention and Disposal of Documents and Records Paper and Electronic.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the updated Policy for the Retention and Disposal of Documents and Records Paper and Electronic; and
- (2) that the Corporate Director Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, through the Information Governance Steering Group, submit a further report on the progress of the implementation of the Policy on an annual basis.

389 Disasters Emergency Appeal in Scotland: Nepal Earthquake Appeal – Request by Councillor McCabe 389

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services advising of a request received from Councillor McCabe that the Committee consider supporting the Disasters Emergency Appeal (DEC) in Scotland Nepal Earthquake Appeal by means of financial donation and/or promotional activity.

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Decided: that it be agreed to provide £10,000 to the Disasters Emergency Appeal in Scotland Nepal Earthquake Appeal and that this be supported by promotional activity.

390 Proposed Closure of Longannet Power Station – Motion by Councillor McCabe

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a motion by Councillor McCabe, countersigned by Councillor Clocherty, in relation to the proposed early closure of Longannet Power Station which had been submitted in accordance with Standing Order 22 in the following terms:-

“That the Committee consider the impact on the Scottish Economy of the proposed early closure of Longannet Power Station in Fife by Scottish Power and agree that appropriate representations should be made to Scottish Power and the Scottish and UK Governments in relation to this matter.”

The Committee discussed this item with reference to the letter received from the Industrial Communities Alliance. During the course of discussion of the item, a question arose in relation to the separate issue of the proposed closure of the Playtex premises in Inverclyde and it was confirmed that the Council would continue to pursue engagement with DB Apparel to explore alternatives to closure and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources undertook to keep Elected Members updated on that position.

Decided: that it be remitted to the Chief Executive to write to Scottish Power and the Scottish and UK Governments to make appropriate representations in relation to the proposed early closure of Longannet Power Station.

391 Zero Hours Contracts – Request by Councillor McEleny

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services advising of a request from Councillor McEleny that the Committee consider the remit of zero hours contracts and Council funding to external organisations.

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

Decided: that the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources submit a report to the Committee on the implications of the Council deciding to implement a policy of not providing future funding to any organisation which employs people on exploitative zero hours contracts.

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)
Legal Representation – Planning	8 and 12
Update on the Greenock Arts Guild Limited: The Beacon Arts Centre	6
Former Tied Housing Employees	1, 11 and 12

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Business Property Renovation Allowance Scheme

6 and 12

392 Legal Representation - Planning

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to appoint external legal representation in relation to a forthcoming Public Inquiry.

Decided: that approval be given to a budget of £25,000 to enable the appointment of external legal representation for the Council at the forthcoming Public Inquiry.

393 Update on the Greenock Arts Guild Limited: The Beacon Arts Centre

393

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the progress of the Board of the Greenock Arts Guild Limited (GAG) to meet the conditions of grant totalling £1.2m as agreed at the meeting of the Council on 29 January 2015 including the progress made by the Board of GAG on the governance arrangements, an update on the current financial position, GAG progress with its business plan, discussions with Creative Scotland and the grant award from the Scottish Government.

Decided:

- (1) that it be noted more focused progress is necessary by GAG to meet the conditions of the Council grant as agreed on 29 January 2015;
- (2) that the Committee note the updated financial position including the loss of the significant contribution from the anonymous philanthropist;
- (3) that approval be given to the proposals outlined in section 6 of the report;
- (4) that officers be instructed to implement the proposals; and
- (5) that, once the proposals in section 6 and the conditions of payment previously agreed are satisfied, a meeting of the Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee be called to consider the scale of any payment.

394 Former Tied Housing Employees

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications (1) updating the Committee on the formal consultation period with the Trades 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.

Provost Moran and Councillors Clocherty, McCabe and McEleny 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.

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

395 Business Property Renovation Allowance Scheme

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There was submitted a report together with updated Appendix 1 by the Chief Financial Officer seeking approval for the Council to enter into a second Business Property Renovation Allowance Scheme to assist with the delivery of the Office Asset Management Plan and the Committee to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

INVERCLYDE SHADOW INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD – 28 MAY 2015

Inverclyde Shadow Integration Joint Board

Thursday 28 May 2015 at 3pm

Present: Councillors V Jones, S McCabe, J McIlwee and L Rebecchi, Dr D Lyons, Mr A Macleod, Mr R Finnie, Dr H MacDonald, Mr B Moore, Ms L Bairden, Mr R Taggart, Ms D McCrone, Ms M Telfer, Mr I Bruce and Ms S McLeod.

Chair: Councillor McIlwee presided.

In attendance: Ms D Gillespie, Head of Mental Health, Addictions & Homelessness, Ms B Culshaw, Head of Health & Community Care, Ms H Watson, Head of Planning, Health Improvement & Commissioning, Ms A Howard, Service Manager, Criminal Justice Services, Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms S Lang, Legal & Property Services and Ms K Haldane, Executive Officer, Your Voice Inverclyde Community Care Forum.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Chair advised the Board that the Inverclyde Integration Scheme had now been formally approved by the Scottish Government and that the process was under way to have the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board formally established by Order of the Scottish Parliament. The next meeting would therefore be the inaugural meeting of the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board.

396 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 396

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr K Winter, Dr C Jones, Mr A Black and Ms C Roarty.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

397 Health & Social Care Integration – Remit and Membership of Inverclyde Shadow Integration Joint Board 397

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services (1) seeking approval of the proposed remit of the Shadow Integration Joint Board (Shadow IJB), (2) setting out the proposed membership arrangements and (3) advising of the appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Shadow IJB.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the remit for the Shadow IJB as set out in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) that the proposed membership arrangements for the Shadow IJB set out in Appendix 2 be noted; and
- (3) that the appointment of Councillor Joe McIlwee as Chair and Mr Ken Winter as Vice-Chair of the Shadow IJB be noted.

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- 398 Health & Social Care Integration – Standing Orders for Meetings of the Shadow Integration Joint Board 398**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services seeking approval for procedural Standing Orders to govern the conduct of meetings of the Shadow Integration Joint Board (Shadow IJB).
- Decided:** that approval be given to the proposed Standing Orders detailed in Appendix 1 of the report as the Standing Orders to govern the conduct of meetings of the Shadow IJB.
- 399 Financial Governance Arrangements – Progress Report 399**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer Designate, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising the Shadow IJB of progress in developing a financial governance and reporting framework for the IJB once operational.
- Decided:** that the Shadow IJB note the contents of the report and agree to receive progress and implementation updates at future Board meetings.
- 400 Health & Social Care Partnership Integration Update 400**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer Designate, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership (1) on the preparation and submission of the Inverclyde HSCP Integration Scheme to the Scottish Government for approval, (2) setting out the intentions and preparations for local implementation of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 and (3) presenting a draft outline of the proposed Strategic Plan for approval.
- The Head of Planning, Health Improvement & Commissioning advised the Board that since the writing of the report, and as indicated by the Chair at the commencement of the meeting, the Inverclyde Integration Scheme had now been formally approved by the Scottish Government.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the approval of the Inverclyde Integration Scheme by the Scottish Government be noted; and
- (2) that approval be given to the draft outline for the Inverclyde Strategic Plan.
- 401 Health and Social Care Integration – First Meeting of Inverclyde Integration Joint Board 401**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer Designate, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing Members of the Shadow IJB with details of the business which it is likely will require to be transacted at the first meeting of the Inverclyde IJB once it has been formally established.
- The Chief Officer Designate advised the Board that in addition to the list of suggested agenda items set out in the appendix, it was proposed to submit reports on prescribing and the updated position in relation to delayed discharges.
- Decided:** that the contents of the report be noted.

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402 Proposed Dates of Future Meetings

402

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Shadow IJB to consider a timetable of future dates based on five meetings per year.

Decided: that it be agreed that the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board meet at 3pm on the following dates:

Monday 10 August 2015

Tuesday 10 November 2015

Tuesday 26 January 2016

Tuesday 15 March 2016

Tuesday 10 May 2016

403 Update on Delayed Discharge Performance

403

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer Designate, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on progress towards achieving the target for delayed discharge from 1 April 2015.

Decided: that the progress towards achieving the delayed discharge target and the ongoing work to maintain performance be noted.

PLANNING BOARD – 3 JUNE 2015

Planning Board

Wednesday 3 June 2015 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

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

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

404 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 404

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

405 PLANNING APPLICATIONS 405

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

- (a) Change of use from nursery (Class 10) to hot food takeaway and erection of flue to rear:
3-5 John Street, Gourrock (15/0073/IC)**

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

After discussion, Councillor Brooks moved that planning permission be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report. As an amendment, Provost Moran moved that consideration of the application be continued for a site visit to be arranged by the Head of Legal & Property Services in consultation with the Chair. On a vote, 3 Members voted for the motion and 8 for the amendment which was declared carried.

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

- (b) Change of use of dwelling to dwellinghouse and childminding operation for up to 12 children (in retrospect):
29 Kelly Street, Greenock (15/0084/IC)**

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

- (1) that the childminding operation shall be restricted to not more than 12 children present at any one time, in the interests of safeguarding residential amenity and character; and

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(2) that the childminding operation shall not operate outwith the hours of 8am to 6pm, in the interests of safeguarding residential amenity and character.

406 PLANNING APPEAL – LAND NORTH AND EAST OF CORLIC HILL, GREENOCK**406**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning advising that following the decision of the Inverclyde Council at the meeting held on 4 December 2014 to refuse planning permission for the erection of eight wind turbines, the construction of access tracks and ancillary development (including crane hardstandings, cabling, transformers and culverts), the formation of a borrow pit, the erection of a sub-station and control building, the formation of a car park and the erection of temporary construction compounds at land north and east of Corlic Hill, Greenock (13/0199/IC), an appeal against refusal of planning permission had been made to the Scottish Government.

Noted