

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 4 JUNE 2015

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 4 June 2015 at 4pm

Present: Provost Moran, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, Dorrian, Grieve, Jones, Loughran, MacLeod, 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 Safer & Inclusive Communities, Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Business Support Executive, Members' Services Manager and Corporate Communications Manager.

In attendance also: Mr M Thomas and Ms C Bailey, Grant Thornton, Auditors.

Rev Alan Sorensen opened proceedings with a prayer.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Council observed a minute's silence in memory of former Provost and Councillor Sir Simpson Stevenson, following which Councillors McCabe, Clocherty and Rebecchi paid tribute to Sir Simpson's many years of service to the community of Inverclyde.

410 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 410

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

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

411 Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Sub-Committee – 9 April 2015 411

Approved on the motion of Councillor Loughran.

412 Inverclyde Council – 9 April 2015 412

Approved on the motion of Provost Moran.

413 Audit Committee – 21 April 2015 413

Approved on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi.

414 Health & Social Care Committee – 23 April 2015 414

Approved on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.

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- 415 Environment & Regeneration Committee – 30 April 2015 415**
- Councillor McCormick moved approval of the minute as a correct record and, with regard to paragraph 321 (Environmental & Commercial Services (Roads) SPT Grant Funded Projects (2015/16)) asked the Council to note that, since the meeting of the Committee, confirmation had been received from SPT that the original offer of grant funding of £89,000 for extension of Regional Cycle Route R21 through Coronation Park had been awarded and the implications were that the original level of funding had been achieved from this grant and Cycle Route R21 was receiving 100% grant funding.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the minute be approved; and
 - (2) that the position in respect of the funding of Cycle Route R21 be noted.
- 416 Education & Communities Committee – 5 May 2015 416**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor Loughran.
- 417 General Purposes Board – 13 May 2015 417**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.
- 418 Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee – 14 May 2015 418**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor McCabe.
- 419 Policy & Resources Committee – 19 May 2015 419**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor McCabe.
- 420 Inverclyde Shadow Integration Joint Board – 28 May 2015 420**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.
- 421 Planning Board – 3 June 2015 421**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor Wilson.
- 422 Administrative Arrangements: Cycle of Council, Committee, Sub-Committee and Board Meetings 422**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources setting out for approval the cycle of Council, Committee, Sub-Committee and Board meetings for the period to June 2016.
- The Head of Legal & Property Services advised the Council that since the writing of the report, intimation had been received of the formal approval by the Scottish Government of the Inverclyde Integration Scheme and that, as a consequence, the reference in the timetable to the Inverclyde Shadow Integration Joint Board should be to the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board.

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Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the proposed cycle of Council, Committee, Sub-Committee and Board meetings for the year to June 2016 as set out in the timetable appended to the report; and
- (2) that on a trial basis, the start time of the Education & Communities Committee be brought forward to 2pm for the Communities business and 4pm for the Education business (with provision for a later start if necessary) and that prior to the end of the current cycle, this arrangement be subject to cross party review including by the Strategic Leadership Forum and that the review also take account of the views of the five outside representatives on the Committee.

423 Financial Strategy 2015/2023 - Update**423**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer appending the updated Financial Strategy for review and approval.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the latest version of the Financial Strategy 2015/2023 appended to the report; and
- (2) that it be noted that a report on the Budget Strategy will be submitted to the August meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee.

424 Review of Polling Places**424**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive on proposals for a review of the Council's Polling Scheme.

During the course of discussion on this item, Members suggested a number of locations for further review and the Head of Legal & Property Services confirmed that these would be assessed as part of the ongoing process.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the commencement of the review of the Polling Scheme for the three locations specified; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to report further in terms of the outcome of the Consultation Review.

425 Scheme for Councillors' Surgeries**425**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources requesting the Council to consider amendments to the procedures for arranging Councillors' surgeries.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the purchase of an appropriate number of portable screens suitable for both indoor and outdoor use to advertise Councillors' surgeries at specific locations; and
- (2) that it be noted that there will be a review of the advertising arrangements for Councillors' surgeries as part of the budget process and that this will be the subject of a further report in due course.

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- 426 Roles and Remits of Member Champions 426**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive reviewing and formalising the roles and remits of various Member Champions appointed by the Council.
- Decided:**
- (1) that approval be given to the roles and remits of the following Member Champions as set out in appendices 1 to 7 of the report:
 Older People's Champion
 Young People's Champion
 Carers' Champion
 Armed Forces' Champion
 Healthy Lifestyles Champion
 Welfare and Financial Inclusion Champion
 Sports Champion
- (2) that action be taken to ensure that there are appropriate links and signposting to the Member Champions on the Council's website; and
- (3) that arrangements for consultation with Member Champions on their areas of interest be developed as part of the Council Committee decision-making process.
- 427 The "One in Five" Campaign: Involving Disabled People in Politics 427**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive seeking agreement for the Council to sign up to the "One in Five" Campaign which calls on organisations to sign up to a charter which pledges to make society and politics more accessible for disabled people.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Council agree to support the "One In Five" Campaign by signing the charter; and
- (2) that a report be submitted which demonstrates how the Council is meeting the requirements of the charter and the needs of specific Members.
- 428 City Deal Collaborative Framework for Professional Services 428**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval, in terms of Contract Standing Order 12.1, to establish a framework for professional services using a collaborative procurement approach with the Councils which are part of City Deal.
- Decided:** that approval be given to the request to take part in establishing a collaborative framework for professional services for City Deal projects, in accordance with Contract Standing Order 12.1.
- 429 Update on Local Strategies to Alleviate Child Poverty 429**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) providing the Council with details of the work which has been carried out in connection with tackling child poverty in Inverclyde and (2) making recommendations as to where additional support is required locally.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Council note the activity which is taking place across Inverclyde to tackle poverty;

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(2) that it be agreed to ask the Community Planning partners to resource jointly with the Council a project co-ordinator to develop the family support model in Broomhill and that this be the subject of a further report;

(3) that it be agreed that the Leader of the Council write to the Scottish and UK Governments setting out a number of specific requests to help support Inverclyde tackle child poverty;

(4) that, learning from the Glasgow model, agreement be given to investigate setting up an engagement panel involving people living in Inverclyde who have experienced, or are experiencing, poverty to inform an asset based approach to tackling poverty; and

(5) that the Council note the activity and success of the Financial Inclusion Partnership and agree that the refreshed Financial Inclusion Strategy and Action Plan be submitted to an appropriate future Committee.

430 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 4 2014 – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 430

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 7 April 2015 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 4 2014.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 4 2014, all as detailed in the copy of the proposed Order forming a supplement to the principal minute hereof and that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

431 Road Safety Inspection and Fault Categorisation Guidance Document – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 431

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 30 April 2015 relative to the Road Safety Inspection and Fault Categorisation Guidance document.

Decided: that it be agreed to adopt the Road Safety Inspection and Fault Categorisation Guidance document appended to the report as policy and good practice, it being noted that the 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.

Councillor Jones left the meeting at this juncture.

432 Accounts of Charitable Trusts and Awards 432

There was submitted a report by the Honorary Treasurer requesting the Council as Trustees to take action relative to the updated accounts of Charitable Trusts and Awards.

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Decided: that the Council as Trustees:

- (1) adopt the annual accounts for both the Lady Alice Shaw-Stewart Memorial Fund and the William Stewart of St Fillans Bequest for the year ended 31 March 2015 and approve their onward transmission to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR);
- (2) note the findings within Grant Thornton's audit report;
- (3) note and homologate the award made by the Lady Alice Shaw-Stewart Memorial Trust;
- (4) approve the actions to wind-up the William Stewart of St Fillans Bequest and its removal from the OSCR register; and
- (5) note the ongoing action to reorganise and wind-up the Lady Alice Shaw-Stewart Memorial 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 during consideration of the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act and the item thereafter 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 relevant minute.

433 CoSLA Constitution and Membership 433

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (1) informing the Council of the changes which had been made to CoSLA's Constitution and (2) highlighting a number of implications which have arisen as a result of the decision of four Councils to leave CoSLA.

Decided: that the Council note the implications of CoSLA's revised Constitution.

Appendices to Minutes

434 Environment & Regeneration Committee – 30 April 2015 434

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.

435 Policy & Resources Committee – 19 May 2015 435

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.