Environment & Regeneration Committee

Tuesday 16 June 2015 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Head of Legal & Property Services, Mr J Kerr and Ms J Dalgleish (Legal & Property Services), Ms M McCabe (for Chief Financial Officer), Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Mr G Blackie and Mr M Higginbotham (Environmental & Commercial Services), Property Assets Manager and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

441 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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

Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty and McCabe declared an interest in agenda item 8 (Property Assets Management Report).

442 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme Update

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources and the Chief Financial Officer (1) providing an update on the proposals for specific allocations within the current Capital Programme and (2) seeking approval for the progression of major capital projects nearing tender issue stage.

(Councillor Dorrian left the meeting during consideration of this item of business). **Decided:**

(1) that the Committee note and approve the allocation of funding to the Coronation Park slipway project as outlined in section 5 of the report and that a further report on the potential investment required in the park, with details of costs, be submitted to the Committee in due course;

(2) that the Committee note and approve the allocation of funding to the Ravenscraig Stadium floodlighting project as outlined in section 6;

(3) that the Committee note and approve the proposals in terms of the Core Property Services allocation and the projects being taken forward as outlined in section 7;

(4) that approval be given to the issue of tenders for the District Court Offices refurbishment 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 approval be given to the issue of tenders for the Pottery Street vehicle maintenance building 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; and

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(6) that a report on the works at Port Glasgow Town Hall and Greenock Municipal Buildings including the condition of the buildings, the level of future investment required and potential timescales be submitted to the Committee in due course.

443 Powerboat P1 Event 2016

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a proposal for Invercive Council and Riverside Invercive to jointly host the first Powerboat P1 Scottish Grand Prix of the Seas on a free-to-view basis.

Mr Neil Lochiel, Riverside Inverclyde, was present and answered a number of questions from Members.

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

Decided:

(1) that, subject to Policy & Resources Committee approval, approval be given to the Council's involvement in the 50/50 partnership with Riverside Inverclyde to host the first Powerboat P1 Scottish Grand Prix of the Seas event in Inverclyde including approval of (a) a Council contribution of up to £80,000 excluding VAT and (b) the remaining £45,000 budget from Inverclyde Council's Service Level Agreement with Riverside Inverclyde to support tourism-related business development to be re-directed towards this event;

(2) that the Committee note that a further report on the outcome of the 2016 event and seeking authority to participate in the 2017 and 2018 events will be submitted to the Committee in Autumn 2016;

(3) that the Committee support the concept of the mile-long Inverclyde Showcase accompanying the event;

(4) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to conclude, agree and deliver (a) event fee negotiations with Riverside Inverclyde, the Powerboat P1 organisation (including modification to the race route and design of the liveried boat) and, as appropriate, identify resources to support delivery of the event and (b) the implementation of the overall project in collaboration with Riverside Inverclyde and procure part or all services, where necessary; and

(5) that, subject to scrutiny of final estimates and satisfactory conclusion of the above negotiations in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer and the Head of Legal and Property Services, the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources commit Invercelyde Council funds to co-host this event in June 2016.

444 Broomhill Regeneration

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on Riverside Inverclyde's progress relating to the proposed regeneration of Broomhill, Greenock.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note progress to date and that further progress reports will be submitted for Members' information and consideration in due course; and

(2) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to engage Riverside Inverclyde to submit appropriate funding applications to the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund to enable the development of the new light industrial area as outlined in paragraph 5.2 of the report and that a further report be submitted to Members prior to any commitment being entered into.

445 Decriminalised Parking Enforcement – Parking Strategies for Towns and Villages 445 Outside Greenock

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the draft parking strategies for Port Glasgow, Gourock, Kilmacolm, Quarriers, Inverkip and Wemyss Bay.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the principles of Inverclyde Council's parking strategy for settlements outside Greenock;

(2) that approval be given to the proposed strategies for settlements outside Greenock, based on a comparison between those principles and the requests for change given in the appendix to the report;

(3) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to prepare and promote Traffic Regulation Orders to progress and enforce the proposed strategies;

(4) that it be noted officers will review Kempock Street car park's operation and restrictions a year after implementation along with consideration of extending restrictions into Saturday; and

(5) that it be noted officers continue to investigate new opportunities for off-street parking in Kilmacolm and that a further report will be submitted to Members in due course.

446 Request to Proceed to Tender – Blacksmith Term Contract

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to issue and accept tenders for Blacksmith Term Contracts.

The Head of Legal & Property Services clarified that the recommendation relates to a two year contract on the basis of one year with the option to extend for a further year subject to satisfactory performance.

Decided: that approval be given to the issuing of tenders in respect of the Blacksmith work for a period of two years, on the basis of one year with the option to extend for a further year subject to satisfactory performance, and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the most economically advantageous tenders.

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)
Baker Street Realignment Options Update Report	6, 8 and 9
Property Assets Management Report	2, 6 and 9
Waterfront Cinema	2, 6 and 9

447 Baker Street Realignment Options Update Report

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on progress relative to options for the realignment of Baker Street at its sharp bend with Drumfrochar Road.

Decided: that the Committee note the progress in relation to the project and that Option 1 will be progressed with design work through the appointment of consultants and that a further report will be submitted to the September meeting of the Committee which will highlight any increased financial costs and that a presentation for Members be arranged prior to the September meeting.

448 Property Assets Management Report

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on activities and proposals for the management of the Council's property assets.

Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty and McCabe declared non-financial interests in this matter: Councillor Ahlfeld as a Board Member of River Clyde Homes, Councillor Clocherty as a Board Member of Riverside Inverclyde and Councillor McCabe as a Board Member of River Clyde Homes and Riverside Inverclyde. They also formed the view that the nature of their interests 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) land and buildings at Drumfrochar Road and Baker Street, Greenock, (2) land at Sinclair Street, Greenock and Crescent Street, Greenock, (3) land at Trafalgar Street, Greenock, (4) land at Inverkip, (5) a change of name, (6) Gourock Municipal Buildings, (7) part of Greenock Cut and (8) a site in Greenock, all as detailed in the appendix.

449 Waterfront Cinema

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to provide business development and property assistance support to the Waterfront Cinema at a value beyond Officers' delegated limits.

Decided: that it be agreed to increase the cumulative intervention and rate of intervention from business support measures to support the Waterfront Cinema as set out in the report.

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