

POLICY AND RESOURCES EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE – 18 JUNE 2015

Policy and Resources Executive Sub-Committee

Thursday 18 June 2015 at 4 pm

Present: Councillors McColgan (for Clocherty), MacLeod, McCabe, McIlwee and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, 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, Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Finance Manager and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

452 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 452

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Clocherty with Councillor McColgan substituting.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

453 Inverclyde Council and Trade Union Partnership at Work Pledge 453

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications on proposals for a Partnership at Work Pledge between the Council and Trades Unions which will assist in building on the good working relationship and the co-operative approach to employment relations which already exist across the Council.

Following discussion, Councillor McCabe moved (1) that the Sub-Committee approve the contents of the report and specifically the Inverclyde Council and Trade Union Partnership at Work Pledge as shown in appendix 1 and (2) that the Sub-Committee note that arrangements will be made for representatives from the Council and Trades Unions to sign the Pledge formally once approved. As an amendment, Councillor Wilson moved that no action be taken on the proposed Pledge. On a vote, 1 Member voted for the amendment and 4 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided:

(1) that the Sub-Committee approve the contents of the report and specifically the Inverclyde Council and Trade Union Partnership at Work Pledge as shown in appendix 1; and

(2) that the Sub-Committee note that arrangements will be made for representatives from the Council and Trades Unions to sign the Pledge formally once approved.

454 Commission on Local Tax Reform 454

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) providing background information relating to the Commission for Local Tax Reform and (2) appending a proposed draft response for the Sub-Committee's consideration.

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Following discussion, Councillor McCabe moved that the draft submission from the Council appended to the report be approved and sent to the Minister for Local Government and Community Empowerment following consideration of the comprehensive response by CoSLA's Fiscal Empowerment Task Group by the CoSLA Convention on 26 June 2015. As an amendment, Councillor Wilson moved that no submission be made. On a vote, 1 Member voted for the amendment and 3 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that the draft submission from the Council appended to the report be approved and sent to the Minister for Local Government and Community Empowerment following consideration of the comprehensive response by CoSLA's Fiscal Empowerment Task Group by the CoSLA Convention on 26 June 2015.

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)
Commission on Local Tax Reform – Appendix 2	6
Update on the Greenock Arts Guild Limited: The Beacon Arts Centre	6 and 12
Inverkip Community Facility: Progress Update	6, 8 and 9

455 Commission on Local Tax Reform – Appendix 2 455

There was submitted draft CoSLA submission to the Commission on Local Tax Reform dated May 2015.

Noted

456 Update on the Greenock Arts Guild Limited: The Beacon Arts Centre 456

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on the progress of the Board of Greenock Arts Guild Limited (GAG) in meeting the conditions of the Council's financial support as agreed at the January 2015 Council meeting.

Decided:

- (1) that the Sub-Committee note the progress which has been made by GAG in order to secure the release of revenue and capital funding as approved by the Council subject to the detailed agreed terms; and
- (2) that the Sub-Committee note that a further report will be submitted to Committee prior to the release of any of the £1.95m previously agreed by the Council.

457 Inverkip Community Facility: Progress Update**457**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) providing an update on the progress made to develop the new Inverkip Community Facility and (2) seeking authority in respect of a number of issues to conclude final negotiations and agreements with the relevant parties and approve funding, which were agreed, all as detailed in the appendix.