

**Environment & Regeneration Committee****Thursday 3 September 2015 at 3pm**

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

**Chair:** Councillor Clocherty presided.

**In attendance:** Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Head of Legal & Property Services, Legal Services Manager (Procurement & Conveyancing), Ms M McCabe (Finance Services), Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Environmental Services Manager, Roads, Transport & Waste Collection, Manager of Streetscene, Burial Grounds & Registrars, Mr M Higginbotham (Environmental & Commercial Services), Head of Regeneration & Planning and Property Assets Manager.

**With the exception of the decision marked “C”, which is open for confirmation or otherwise, the following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Committee.**

**524 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 524**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Ahlfeld, Councillor MacLeod, with Councillor Campbell-Sturgess substituting, and Councillor McCormick, with Councillor McColgan substituting.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:-

Agenda Item 5 (Riverside Inverclyde Project Update) – Councillors Clocherty and McCabe;  
Agenda Item 11 (Employability Pipeline) – Councillor Clocherty; and  
Agenda Item 21 (Lease of Premises – Moss Road, Port Glasgow) – Councillor McCabe.

**525 Environment & Regeneration Revenue Budget 2015/16 – Period 3 to 30 June 2015 525**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on (1) the 2014/15 Revenue Budget Outturn and (2) the 2015/16 position as at Period 3 (30 June 2015) which showed a projected underspend of £36,000.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the outturn for 2014/15 and the current projected underspend of £36,000 for 2015/16 as at 30 June 2015; and
- (2) that approval be given to the virement as detailed in Section 8 and Appendix 5 of the report.

**526 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2015/16 to 2017/18 - Progress 526**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the position of projects within the

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Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the current position of the Capital Programme 2015/18 and the progress of the specific projects detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report;
- (2) that the Committee note and approve the additional expenditure on the Coronation Park seawall repairs project which will be contained within the Committee's overall budget as outlined in section 5.13; and
- (3) that the Committee note and approve the additional expenditure on the Waterfront Leisure Complex flume strut project which will be contained within the Committee's overall budget as outlined in section 6.4.

**527 Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2013/2016 – Annual Review 527**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for those aspects of the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan which fall within the remit of the Environment & Regeneration Committee.

An updated Appendix 1 to the Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan was circulated.

**Decided:** that approval be given to the refreshed Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2013/2016.

**528 Riverside Inverclyde Project Update 528**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on Riverside Inverclyde's progress relating to the regeneration projects in Port Glasgow, Greenock and Gourock.

Councillors Clocherty and McCabe 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.

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

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the progress to date and that further progress reports will be submitted for Members' information and consideration in due course; and
- (2) that the Committee endorse the proposal to explore opportunities to bring the QE2 home to the Clyde.

**529 Inverclyde Local Development Plan: Supplementary Guidance on Renewable Energy – Additional Consultation 529**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the outcome of the additional consultation on the Supplementary Guidance on Renewable Energy following the decision of the Committee at its meeting on 30 April 2015 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.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee approve the amended version of the Local Development Plan Supplementary Guidance on Renewable Energy and that the Head of Regeneration & Planning forward it to the Scottish Government for permission to adopt; and

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(2) that the Head of Regeneration & Planning meet with representatives of Kilmacolm Community Council in regard to its representations.

**530 Greenock Town Centre Regeneration Forum 530**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the establishment of the Greenock Town Centre Regeneration Forum and its future role in developing and implementing the regeneration strategy for Greenock town centre.

**Decided:**

(1) that approval be given to the initiative and that it be noted that, in collaboration with Riverside Inverclyde, the first meeting of the Greenock Town Centre Regeneration Forum will be held after the summer recess and that update reports will be submitted to the Committee and Riverside Inverclyde Board; and

(2) that approval be given to the funding of the preparation of the Regeneration Strategy and Masterplan from the Town and Village Centres Fund as outlined in the report.

**531 Gourock Town Centre Regeneration Forum 531**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the establishment of the Gourock Town Centre Regeneration Forum and its future role in developing and implementing further regeneration proposals for Gourock town centre.

**Decided:** that approval be given to the initiative and that it be noted that, in collaboration with Riverside Inverclyde, the first meeting of the Gourock Town Centre Regeneration Forum will be held during autumn 2015 and that update reports will be submitted to the Committee and Riverside Inverclyde Board.

**532 Inverclyde Tourism Strategy 2009 – 2016 Review 532**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a review of the Inverclyde Tourism Strategy 2009 – 2016 and the requirement for a refreshed strategy for 2016 – 2020.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee note the activities carried out to date and that the completed review will be presented to the Committee in March/April 2016; and

(2) that a refresh of the Tourism Strategy for 2016 – 2020 be submitted to the Committee for consideration and approval in March/April 2016.

**533 The Scottish Employer Recruitment Incentive (SERI) 533**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) advising that Inverclyde Council has been allocated 45 of the 2,240 places available from the Scottish Employer Recruitment Incentive and (2) providing details on the national programme and how it will be managed and delivered locally.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee note the introduction of the new national Employer Recruitment Incentive;

(2) that the Committee note that the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources accepted the terms and conditions of Inverclyde's offer on 9 July 2015;

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and

(3) that an update report be submitted to the Committee in March 2016.

**534 Employability Pipeline**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on services provided by the Council's Employability Pipeline and (2) consultation on the Scottish Government document "Creating a Fairer Scotland, Employability Support: A Discussion Paper".

Councillor Clocherty declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a Board Member of Inverclyde Community Development Trust. 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 activities of the Employability Pipeline; and  
 (2) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to prepare a response on the "Creating a Fairer Scotland, Employability Support" Consultation to the Scottish Government by the 9 October submission date.

**535 Request for a New Street Name at Broadstone, Port Glasgow**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for a new street name for one section of the new housing development at Broadstone, Port Glasgow.

The report indicated that the developer had suggested the name Sycamore Lane.

After discussion, Councillor Nelson moved that consideration of the matter be continued and that officers liaise with the developer to assign a suitable name reflecting a species of bush/tree indigenous to Scotland. As an amendment, Councillor Clocherty moved that approval be given to the name Sycamore Lane. On a vote, 4 Members voted for the motion and 5 for the amendment which was declared carried.

Those Members who had voted in favour of the motion then requested in terms of the relevant Standing Order that the decision be referred to the Inverclyde Council for decision in terms of the motion.

**C Decided:** that the Committee approve the new street name Sycamore Lane for a section of the new housing development at Broadstone, Port Glasgow. **C**

**536 Coronation Park – Potential Investment**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on potential investment required in Coronation Park, providing details of recent and current committed investment.

**Decided:** that the Committee note the update on current committed work and the future potential investment required in Coronation Park which will be reported in the future in relation to the Open Space asset management programme.

**537 Roads Asset Management Plan 2015/16  
 Progress Update for Carriageway and Footway Works**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval in relation to a proposed accelerated programme of carriageway and footway resurfacing/reconstruction projects to be undertaken in

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2015/16.

**Decided:** that the Committee approve the proposed accelerated programme of carriageway and footway projects to be undertaken in 2015/16 using RAMP/Capital Funding.

**538 Baker Street Realignment Business Case Update Report No. 2 538**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on (1) the preferred option for the realignment of Baker Street at its sharp bend with Drumfrochar Road and (2) the proposed next steps towards the wider economic evaluation of the preferred option and its subsequent detailed design.

During the course of discussion, Members asked a number of questions and it was agreed that officers respond to the points raised following exclusion of the public and press from the meeting.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee note the confirmed preferred Option 1 for the road realignment of Baker Street at Drumfrochar Road;

(2) that the intention of the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to submit a further report when the study into the wider economic justification for Option 1 is complete be noted;

(3) that the Committee note the joint first stage application by Riverside Inverclyde and Inverclyde Council for £1,510,000 to the Scottish Government Regeneration Capital Grant Fund; and

(4) that consideration of the allocation of £1,305,000 towards the project from free reserves be remitted to the Policy & Resources Committee in September 2015.

**539 Residents' Parking, Wemyss Bay – Request by Councillor Rebecchi 539**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a request from Councillor Rebecchi that the west side of the A78 Shore Road at Wemyss Bay Station (opposite the shops) should be part of a residents' parking scheme.

Councillor Rebecchi was present and with consent spoke on the matter.

**Decided:** that a report on the implications of introducing a residents' parking scheme at the A78 Shore Road at Wemyss Bay Station (opposite the shops) be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

**540 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 3) Order 2015 540**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 3) Order 2015.

**Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 3) Order 2015 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.

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- 541 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 1 2015 541**
- 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. 1 2015 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.
- 542 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 2 2015 542**
- 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. 2 2015 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.
- 543 The Inverclyde Council, Gourock Waterfront (One Way Only) Order 2014 Independent Reporter’s Recommendations 543**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on (1) the recommendations of the independent Reporter concerning the proposed Traffic Regulation Order necessary to implement one way working on Kempock Street and Lower Kempock Street, Gourock and (2) Officers’ subsequent recommendations to the Committee.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the recommendations of the independent Reporter;
  - (2) that the Committee accept the Reporter’s recommendations in full; and
  - (3) that the Committee recommend to the Inverclyde Council the making of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Gourock Waterfront (One Way Only) Order 2014.
- The Chair being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow progress on the proposals, if agreed, to be made at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.**
- 544 Decriminalised Parking Enforcement – Parking Strategies for Towns and Villages Outside Greenock - Update 544**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on changes requested by the Central Gourock Redevelopment Working Group to the draft parking strategy for Gourock agreed by the Committee at its meeting on 16 June 2015.

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**Decided:** that, subject to the suspension of Standing Order 31, the Committee:-

- (1) approve the proposed changes to the Gourrock parking strategy;
- (2) remit to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to prepare and promote Traffic Regulation Orders to progress and enforce the proposed changes; and
- (3) note that Officers will review Kempock Street car park's operation and restrictions a year after implementation.

Councillor Campbell-Sturgess left the meeting at this juncture.

**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)
<b>Baker Street Realignment Business Case Update Report No. 2</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Lease of Premises – Moss Road, Port Glasgow</b>	<b>2, 6 and 9</b>
<b>Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive: Lease of Premises – Cathcart Street, Greenock</b>	<b>2, 6 and 9</b>
<b>Property Assets Management Report</b>	<b>2, 6 and 9</b>

**545 Baker Street Realignment Business Case Update Report No. 2 545**

The Committee resumed discussion in relation to the report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the Baker Street Realignment Business Case and Officers responded to the questions from Members.

**Noted**

**546 Lease of Premises – Moss Road, Port Glasgow 546**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to grant a lease of premises at Moss Road, Port Glasgow. Councillor McCabe declared a non-financial interest in this matter as one of the applicants is known to him. 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.

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

**547 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive: Lease of Premises – Cathcart Street, Greenock 547**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive relative to the assignation and extension of lease of premises at Cathcart Street, Greenock.

**Noted**

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**548 Property Assets Management Report****548**

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. Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended in respect of (1) premises at Nicolson Street, Greenock and (2) premises at McLeod Street, Greenock, all as detailed in the appendix.

**549 Mr Mark Higginbotham****549**

The Chair referred to Mr Mark Higginbotham, Environmental & Commercial Services, who would shortly be leaving the Council to take up a new post and, on behalf of the Committee, he extended best wishes to Mr Higginbotham for the future.