

LOCAL POLICE & FIRE SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE – 8 OCTOBER 2015

Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Thursday 8 October 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 Detective Chief Inspector C Henderson, Police Scotland, Area Manager M Gordon 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.

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| 614 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 614 |
| | No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated. | |
| 615 | Annual Review of Policing 2014/15 | 615 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities advising the Sub-Committee of the published Annual Review of Policing 2014/15 by the Scottish Police Authority (SPA). | |
| | Decided: | |
| | (1) that the contents of the Annual Review of Policing 2014/15 appended to the report be noted; and | |
| | (2) that arrangements be made for representation at the Sub-Committee by both an officer at Assistant Chief Constable level and the SPA Board Member contact at least once a year to consider national issues, including the Annual Review of Policing. | |
| 616 | Police Scotland Performance Report | 616 |
| | There was submitted a performance report for the Inverclyde local policing area covering the period 1 April to 31 July 2015 showing a comparison with the same period in the previous year. | |
| | Noted | |
| 617 | Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Performance Report | 617 |
| | There was submitted a report on fire and rescue performance and activities during the period 1 April to 30 June 2015. | |
| | Noted | |

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 8 OCTOBER 2015

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 8 October 2015 at 4pm

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

Chair: Provost Moran presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Property Services, Legal Services Manager (Litigation, Licensing & Committee Services), Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy, Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Environmental Services Manager, Roads, Transport & Waste Collection, Service Manager, Inverclyde HSCP, HR Manager (Operations) and Corporate Communications Manager.

618 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Grieve and MacLeod.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

Prior to the commencement of business, Provost Moran referred to the recent death of Rev Andrew McLean, former religious representative on the Education & Communities Committee, and those present observed a minute's silence in memory of Rev McLean.

619 Annual Report to Members and the Controller of Audit for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2015 – Remit from Policy & Resources Committee

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Policy & Resources Committee of 22 September 2015 on the Annual Report to Members and the Controller of Audit for the financial year ended 31 March 2015 prepared by the Council's External Auditors, Grant Thornton.

Mr Mike Thomas of Grant Thornton was present and spoke to the report.

Decided: that the Council endorse the contents of the Annual Report to Members and the Controller of Audit for the financial year ended 31 March 2015 and that the Council's thanks to the External Auditors and Officers be recorded.

Minutes of Meetings of

The Inverclyde Council, Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards

620 Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Sub-Committee – 4 June 2015

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Approved on the motion of Councillor Loughran.

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621	The Inverclyde Council – 4 June 2015	621
	Approved on the motion of Provost Moran.	
622	General Purposes Board – 10 June 2015	622
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
623	Environment & Regeneration Committee (Special) – 16 June 2015	623
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
624	Audit Committee (Special) – 18 June 2015	624
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi.	
625	Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee – 18 June 2015	625
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
626	General Purposes Board (Special) – 25 June 2015	626
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
627	Grants Sub-Committee – 25 June 2015	627
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McColgan.	
628	Human Resources Appeals Board – 30 June 2015	628
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Brooks.	
629	Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee – 15 July 2015	629
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
630	General Purposes Board (Special) – 22 July 2015	630
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
631	Appointment Panel – Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development – 27 July 2015	631
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
632	Planning Board – 5 August 2015	632
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	

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| 633 | Local Review Body – 5 August 2015 | 633 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson. | |
| 634 | Policy & Resources Committee – 11 August 2015 | 634 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe. | |
| 635 | General Purposes Board – 12 August 2015 | 635 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian. | |
| 636 | Appointment Panel – Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development – 17 August 2015 | 636 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe. | |
| 637 | Audit Committee – 25 August 2015 | 637 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor Nelson. | |
| 638 | Human Resources Appeals Board – 27 August 2015 | 638 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor Brooks. | |
| 639 | Health & Social Care Committee – 1 September 2015 | 639 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor McIlwee. | |
| 640 | Planning Board – 2 September 2015 | 640 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson. | |
| 641 | Local Review Body – 2 September 2015 | 641 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson. | |
| 642 | Environment & Regeneration Committee – 3 September 2015 | 642 |
| | Approval of the minute as a correct record was moved by Councillor Clocherty seconded by Councillor McCabe. Councillor Clocherty seconded by Councillor McCabe moved with reference to paragraph 535 (Request for a New Street Name at Broadstone, Port Glasgow) that the decision of the Committee as minuted be approved. As an amendment, Councillor Nelson seconded by Councillor McEleny 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 Britain. On a vote, 7 Members voted for the amendment and 10 for the motion which was declared carried. | |
| | Decided: that the minute be approved. | |

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| 643 | Education & Communities Committee – 8 September 2015 | 643 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor Loughran. | |
| 644 | General Purposes Board – 9 September 2015 | 644 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian. | |
| 645 | Policy & Resources Committee – 22 September 2015 | 645 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe. | |
| 646 | Audit Committee (Special) – 24 September 2015 | 646 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi. | |
| 647 | Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee – 1 October 2015 | 647 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe. | |
| 648 | Planning Board – 7 October 2015 | 648 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson. | |
| 649 | Local Review Body – 7 October 2015 | 649 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson. | |
| 650 | SNP Group – Changes to Committees/Outside Body Memberships | 650 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources asking the Council to consider a number of changes proposed by the SNP Group to Committee and Outside Body memberships. | |
| | Decided: | |
| | (1) that approval be given to the following changes to Committee and Outside Body memberships:- | |
| | Human Resources Appeals Board – Councillor Campbell-Sturgess to be appointed in place of Councillor Brooks; | |
| | Planning Board – Councillor Brooks to demit the post of Vice-Chair but remain as a member of the Board; | |
| | Inverclyde Local Access Forum – Councillor MacLeod to be appointed in place of Councillor Nelson; and | |
| | West of Scotland Road Safety Forum – Councillor Nelson to be appointed in place of Councillor MacLeod; | |
| | (2) that Councillor Clocherty be appointed as Chair of the Human Resources Appeals Board and that Councillor Shepherd be appointed Vice-Chair; and | |
| | (3) that Councillor Nelson be appointed Vice-Chair of the Planning Board. | |

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651 Petitions Committee

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Council to (1) establish a Petitions Committee, (2) make consequent changes to the Scheme of Administration and (3) approve a petitions procedure.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted;
- (2) that the Council establish a Petitions Committee with six members and that Councillors Brennan, Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, Loughran, Nelson and Rebecchi be appointed to the Committee;
- (3) that the Council establish a policy of appointing the Convener and Vice-Convener of the Petitions Committee from the Minority Groups and that Councillor Nelson be appointed Convener and Councillor Rebecchi Vice-Convener;
- (4) that, in the first year of operation, the Petitions Committee meet on dates within the agreed cycle of meetings commencing in 2016 as follows: 28 January, 17 March and 12 May at 3pm subject to there being business to consider;
- (5) that the Scheme of Administration be altered to include the terms set out in paragraph 5.4 of the report and that the petitions procedures set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved; and
- (6) that powers be delegated to the Head of Legal & Property Services to make such necessary and practical alterations as may be necessary within the first year of operation to ensure public accessibility and effective and efficient Petitions Committee processes and that a report be then submitted for Council consideration and review.

652 Review of Polling Places

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (1) advising that there have been no representations by interested parties on the proposed amendments to the Polling Scheme by the consultation deadline and (2) seeking approval of the draft Polling Scheme as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that it be agreed further consultation on the proposed amendments to the Polling Scheme is not required; and
- (2) that the amendments to the Polling Scheme as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.

653 Elected Member Champions

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (1) reviewing and formalising the role and remit of the Community Council Champion and (2) seeking agreement to a final list of the Council's Elected Member Champions.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the role and remit of the Community Council Champion as set out in Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (2) that the Council agree the final list of Council Elected Member Champions as set out in the report.

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654 The ‘One In Five’ Campaign: Involving Disabled People in Politics 654

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive providing information on how the Council meets the requirements of the ‘One In Five’ Campaign which aims to encourage, empower and increase political participation amongst disabled people in Scotland.

Decided: that the Council note the contents of the report.

655 Proper Officer – Authorised Signatory 655

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Council to appoint the Legal Services Manager (Litigation, Licensing & Committee Services) as a Proper Officer of the Council and an Authorised Signatory.

Decided: that the Council appoint the Legal Services Manager (Litigation, Licensing & Committee Services) as a Proper Officer of the Council as defined by Section 235(3) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, with authority in the absence of the Head of Legal & Property Services to sign all leases, dispositions and other formal documents which require to be sealed with the Common Seal of the Council and to sign any other formal documentation such as stock certificates, bonds and mortgages.

656 Trade Union Bill – Notice of Motion by Councillor Clocherty 656

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a motion by Councillor Clocherty, countersigned by Councillor McColgan, in relation to the Trade Union Bill which had been submitted in accordance with Standing Order 22 in the following terms:-

“That this Council recognises the positive contribution that trade unions and trade union members make in our workplaces. This Council values the constructive relationship that we have with our trade unions and we recognise their commitment, and the commitment of all our staff, to the delivery of good quality public services.

This Council notes with concern the Trade Union Bill which is currently being proposed by the UK Government and which would affect this Council’s relationship with our trade unions and our workforce as a whole. This Council rejects the Bill’s attack on local democracy and the attack on our right to manage our own affairs.

This Council is clear that facility time, negotiated and agreed by us and our trade unions to suit our own specific needs, has a valuable role to play in the creation of good quality and responsive local services. Facility time should not be determined or controlled by the UK Government.

This Council is happy with the arrangements we currently have in place for deducting trade union membership subscriptions through our payroll. We see this as an important part of our positive industrial relations and a cheap and easy way to administer a system that supports our staff. This system is an administrative matter for the Council and should not be interfered with by the UK Government.

This Council resolves to support the campaign against the unnecessary, anti-democratic and bureaucratic Trade Union Bill.

This Council further resolves to seek to continue its own locally agreed industrial relations strategy and will take every measure possible to maintain its own autonomy with regard to facility time and the continuing use of check-off, up to and including refusal to comply with the legislation.”

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Councillor Clocherty seconded by Councillor McColgan then moved that the motion be adjusted by deleting the words “up to and including refusal to comply with the legislation”.

As an amendment, Councillor McEleny seconded by Councillor Campbell-Sturgess, moved that the following be added to the adjusted motion:-

“Council further notes that the STUC – the umbrella organisation for Trade Unions in Scotland – believes that Employment Law and Trade Union Law should be devolved to the Scottish Parliament. This council supports this stance as it will better protect the rights of Trade Union Members and Workers in Inverclyde and across Scotland.”

On a vote, 5 Members voted for the amendment and 12 for the adjusted motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that the Council support the adjusted motion as submitted by Councillor Clocherty.

657 Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on a request from the UK Government, via CoSLA, for local authorities to provide accommodation and support to the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation (VPR) Scheme.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the report and the request for support from the UK Government be noted;
- (2) that the Council indicate its intention to CoSLA to participate in the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme and agree to the recommendation from officers that support will be offered to ten families initially; and
- (3) that the existing multi-agency group chaired by the Health & Social Care Partnership, established to deal with the Afghan Resettlement Programme, be extended to include the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme.

658 The ‘Stick Your Labels’ Anti-Poverty Campaign

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy seeking the Council's support for the ‘Stick Your Labels’ Campaign which seeks to challenge negative attitudes towards people experiencing poverty in Scotland and improve understanding of the role of the Welfare System.

Decided:

- (1) that the Council agree to support the ‘Stick Your Labels’ Campaign; and
- (2) that officers bring forward an action plan setting out actions to support the Campaign's three key pledges and to ensure this underpins the work of the Council.

659 Treasury Management – Annual Report 2014/15 – Remit from Policy & Resources Committee

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources requesting the Council to consider a remit from the Policy & Resources Committee of 11 August 2015 requesting approval of the Treasury Management Annual Report 2014/15.

Decided: that approval be given to the Treasury Management Annual Report 2014/15.

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- 660 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 3) Order 2015 – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 660**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 3 September 2015 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 3) Order 2015.
- Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (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.
- 661 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 1 2015 – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 661**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 3 September 2015 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 1 2015.
- Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 1 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.
- 662 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 2 2015 – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 662**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 3 September 2015 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 2 2015.
- Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 2 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.
- 663 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Gourock Waterfront (One Way Only) Order 2014 – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 663**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 3 September 2015 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Gourock Waterfront (One Way Only) Order 2014.

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Decided: that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Gourock Waterfront (One Way Only) Order 2014, as detailed in appendix 1 to the report, 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.

664 Appointments to Greenock Arts Guild Board of Directors

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources requesting the Council to consider appointing two Elected Members to the Board of Greenock Arts Guild.

Decided: that Councillor McCabe and Councillor Nelson be appointed to the Board of Directors of Greenock Arts Guild subject to the completion of all conditions of grant attached to the Council's financial support and that this be effective only upon the date of payment to John Graham Construction Limited.

665 Reorganisation of Lady Alice Shaw Stewart Memorial Trust

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There was submitted a report by the Honorary Treasurer requesting the Council as Trustees to approve a reorganisation scheme to transfer the entire funds of the Lady Alice Shaw Stewart Memorial Trust to a national charity Action for Children with strong local links in order that the funds may be put to more appropriate use in the assistance and rehabilitation of women offenders in the Inverclyde area.

Decided: that the Council, as Trustees:

- (1) approve the submission of an application or applications to OSCR for consent to reorganise the Lady Alice Shaw Stewart Memorial Trust to permit transfer by the Trustees of the whole funds held by the Trust (both by way of the original endowment and unrestricted revenue reserves) to Action for Children, to wind up the Trust by making such a transfer and to remove the Trust from the Scottish Charity Register;
- (2) reorganise the Trust on the basis set out at (1) as above, but that only following on OSCR approval of the same;
- (3) transfer the whole funds held by the Trust (both by way of the original endowment and unrestricted revenue reserves) to Action for Children and so wind up the Trust, but that only after reorganisation in terms of (2) above, and on the basis that they will utilise these funds to (i) continue provision of a support/mentoring service to women in Inverclyde involved in offending (by way of one and a half dedicated practitioner posts in the financial year 2016-2017) and (ii) continue to administer small awards scheme of the type currently in place to assist individual female service users in their rehabilitation;
- (4) enter a formal agreement with Action for Children to secure their commitment to utilise the funds in the manner outlined in the report, which agreement will be novated to the Inverclyde Council prior to the winding up of the Trust, and that on such terms as are recommended by the Council's Head of Legal & Property Services and Chief Financial Officer; and
- (5) in their capacity as Elected Members of the Inverclyde Council, accept novation of the agreement as outlined at (4) above.

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666 Reorganisation of SC019229 William Stewart of St Fillans Bequest

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There was submitted a report by the Honorary Treasurer requesting the Council as Trustees to approve reorganisation of the William Stewart of St Fillans Bequest and the distribution of the funds between two local charities, the Little Sisters of the Poor and Greenock Medical Aid.

Decided: that the Council, as Trustees:

- (1) approve the submission of an application or applications to OSCR for consent to reorganise the William Stewart of St Fillans Bequest to permit transfer by the Trustees of the whole funds held by the Trust (both by way of the original endowment and unrestricted revenue reserves) to the Little Sisters of the Poor and Greenock Medical Aid (an equal share to each), to wind up the Trust by making such a transfer and to remove the Trust from the Scottish Charity Register;
- (2) reorganise the Trust on the basis set out at (1) above, but that only following on OSCR approval of the same; and
- (3) transfer the whole funds held by the Trust (both by way of the original endowment and unrestricted revenue reserves) to the Little Sisters of the Poor and Greenock Medical Aid (an equal share to each) and so wind up the Trust, but that only after reorganisation in terms of (2) above.

667 Trust Funds Annual Accounts 2014-2015

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There was submitted a report by the Honorary Treasurer requesting the Council as Trustees to review and approve the annual accounts of two Trust Funds that are not registered charities.

Decided: that the Council, as Trustees:

- (1) approve the annual accounts for the Birkmyre Trust and the Watt Institution Trust Fund for the year ended 31 March 2015;
- (2) note the accounts of the McLeod Trust administered by Port Glasgow High School for the year ended 31 March 2015; and
- (3) remit to Officers to explore the use of a further sum from the Birkmyre Trust funds for environmental improvements at Birkmyre Park and bring forward proposals as part of the budget process.

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 two 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 and for 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.

668 Shared Services Update

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (1) updating the Council on the outcome of the work undertaken to develop shared service options among Inverclyde, Renfrewshire and East Renfrewshire Councils for roads and transportation and (2) advising of future options for service collaboration between Councils.

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Decided:

- (1) that the work undertaken to develop a shared roads and transportation service among Inverclyde, Renfrewshire and East Renfrewshire Councils be noted;
- (2) that it be noted that Renfrewshire and East Renfrewshire Councils do not wish to implement shared services for roads and transportation services; and
- (3) that the Council support the furtherance of the Council's Chief Executive's work in continuing to explore all possible service collaboration options with West Dunbartonshire, East Dunbartonshire and Argyll & Bute Councils with the intention of providing an update report to Inverclyde Council by no later than March 2016.

669 Appendices 2A and 2B Relative to Agenda Item 19 669

There were submitted appendices 2A and 2B relative to agenda item 19 (Reorganisation of Lady Alice Shaw Stewart Memorial Trust) comprising detailed case studies.

Noted

Appendices to Minutes

670 Environment & Regeneration Committee (Special) – 16 June 2015 670

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.

671 Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee – 18 June 2015 671

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.

672 Human Resources Appeals Board – 30 June 2015 672

Approved on the motion of Councillor Brooks.

673 Appointment Panel – Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development – 27 July 2015 673

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.

674 Policy & Resources Committee – 11 August 2015 674

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.

675 Appointment Panel – Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development – 17 August 2015 675

Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.

676 Human Resources Appeals Board – 27 August 2015 676

Approved on the motion of Councillor Brooks.

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| 677 | Environment & Regeneration Committee – 3 September 2015 | 677 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick. | |
| 678 | Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee – 1 October 2015 | 678 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe. | |

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 14 OCTOBER 2015

General Purposes Board**Wednesday 14 October 2015 at 3.00pm**

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

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Property Services); Inspector McInnes and PC McLeod, Police Scotland.

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

679 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 679

There were no apologies, substitutions or declarations of interest intimated.

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.

680 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Brian Rennie 680

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

Mr Rennie was present.

Mr Douglas advised on the background of the report.

The Board heard PC McLeod in support of the Police representation and Mr Rennie in support of his application.

On a vote, nine Members voted to grant the application, no Member voted to refuse the application and one Member abstained. Mr Douglas confirmed the application as granted.

Decided: the application be granted.

**681 Application for Licences for House in Multiple Occupation
FSL Properties Greenock Limited 681**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services for grant of a House in Multiple Occupation Licence by FSL Properties Greenock Limited following public objections submitted to the application.

Mr David Adams, Solicitor, Messrs Levy McRae was present representing the applicant. Mr Scott Hume, Director and Angela Wylie, Day to Day Manager, Infiniti Properties; Sandra Martin, Landlord's English Agent, Deparr Lettings; Ronald McShefferey, tenant, Waterfront Campus; and Thomas Bryce, objector, Registered Management Agent were in attendance.

Mr Douglas advised on the background of the report and intimated that two public objections had been submitted, however one of those objections has been withdrawn

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and therefore one objection remains to be considered. Mr Douglas also explained that Mr Adams had provided extensive documentation for submission to the Board which was circulated to Members together with a letter in support of the application. Mr Douglas asked the Board to consider continuation of the application due to the complexity and amount of additional documentation produced.

The Board unanimously agreed to continue consideration of the application to the next meeting of the Board.

Mr Douglas confirmed the procedures to Mr Adams and Mr Bryce and the Board's decision to continue the application to the next meeting.

Decided: the application be continued to the next meeting of the Board.

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 20 OCTOBER 2015

Audit Committee

Tuesday 20 October 2015 at 3pm

Present: Provost Moran, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, Jones, Loughran, Brooks (for MacLeod), Nelson and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor Rebecchi presided.

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

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

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| 682 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 682 |
| | <p>Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Dorrian and MacLeod, with Councillor Brooks substituting for Councillor MacLeod.</p> <p>No declarations of interest were intimated.</p> | |
| 683 | External Audit Action Plans – Current Actions | 683 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the status of current actions from External Audit Action Plans, as at 31 August 2015.
(Councillor Campbell-Sturgess and Councillor Nelson entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).</p> <p>Noted</p> | |
| 684 | Internal Audit Progress Report – 3 August to 25 September 2015 | 684 |
| | <p>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 3 August to 25 September 2015.</p> <p>Noted</p> | |
| 685 | Forthcoming Changes in Basis of Valuation of Highways Networks Assets (HMA) | 685 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer advising Members of impending changes to the CIPFA Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom and progress made in preparation for the implementation of depreciated replacement cost for highways network assets.</p> <p>Noted</p> | |
| 686 | Ms Jan Buchanan | 686 |
| | <p>The Chair referred to Ms Jan Buchanan, Finance Services, who would shortly be leaving the Council to take up a new post and, on behalf of the Committee, extended best wishes to Ms Buchanan for the future.</p> | |

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE – 22 OCTOBER 2015

Health & Social Care Committee

Thursday 22 October 2015 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Dorrian, Jones, McCormick, McIlwee and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor McIlwee presided.

In attendance: Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Head of Health & Community Care, Head of Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness, Head of Planning, Health Improvement & Commissioning, Service Manager (Specialist Children's Services), Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms F McLaren (for Chief Financial Officer) and Ms A Edmiston (Finance Services).

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

687 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 687

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Campbell-Sturgess, McCabe and MacLeod.

Councillor McIlwee declared an interest in agenda item 11 (Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations).

688 Revenue and Capital Budget Report 2015/16 – Period 5 as at 31 August 2015 688

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on the position of the Revenue and Capital Budgets for the current year as at Period 5 to 31 August 2015.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current year Revenue Budget and the projected overspend of £163,000 for 2015/16 as at 31 August 2015;
- (2) that the Policy & Resources Committee be requested to allocate £75,000 from the recently approved Kinship Care funding to fund prudentially £1.1m of the cost of the Children's Homes, rather than a one-off contribution from the Residential Accommodation earmarked reserve;
- (3) that it be noted that the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership will continue to work to contain the projected overspend within the overall Social Work budget for the year;
- (4) that the revised projected Capital position be noted; and
- (5) that the current earmarked reserves position be noted.

689 Chief Social Work Officer Report 2014/15 689

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer/Chief Social Work Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership appending for endorsement the 2014/15 Inverclyde Chief Social Work Officer report.

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Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the 2014/15 Inverclyde Chief Social Work Officer report for submission to the Scottish Government; and
- (2) that an information note be provided to Members on the School Leaver Destination results for young people living within the most deprived SIMD areas.

690 Care Inspectorate Inspection of Learning Disability Day Opportunities, Fitzgerald Centre, Greenock 690

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on the outcome of the Care Inspectorate inspection of the Fitzgerald Centre Day Opportunities Service held on 20 November 2014.

The report advised that the service had received grades of 5 (very good) for quality of care and support, quality of staffing and quality of management and leadership.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the outcome of the inspection and the actions taken to address the recommendations highlighted within the inspection report; and
- (2) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all staff involved in the service provision.

691 Care Inspectorate Report on Inverclyde Care and Support at Home Service 691

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on the outcome of the annual inspection of the Care and Support at Home Service.

The report advised that the service had received grades of 5 (very good) for quality of care and support, quality of staffing and quality of management and leadership.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the outcome of the inspection and, in particular, that no recommendations or requirements were issued by the Care Inspectorate; and
- (2) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all staff involved in the service provision.

692 HSCP Complaints Annual Report 692

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership informing the Committee of the annual performance of the Health & Social Care Partnership with regard to the operation of complaints procedures in respect of Social Work functions as determined by the Scottish Government Guidance and Directions (SWSG5/1996).

Decided: that the Committee note the annual performance of the Health & Social Care Partnership 2014/15 in respect of the statutory complaints procedures.

693 Tendering of Telecare Service 693

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising of a number of procurement matters relating to the forthcoming tender process for the Telecare Service in Inverclyde.

Decided: that it be agreed to suspend Contract Standing Order 6.8.2 to allow the use of a 60% Quality and 40% Cost of Service weighting in the forthcoming tender for the Telecare Service.

694 Review and Redesign of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and Inverclyde HSCP Learning Disability Services 694

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership (1) on the progress of the redesign of NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Tier 3 and 4 Adult Learning Disability Services and (2) making a number of other recommendations in this regard.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the continued NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Tier 3 and 4 Learning Disability Services Redesign with a reconfiguration of front line and clinical staff and resources across the Health Board;
- (2) that the Committee note and support the Scottish Government strategy, 'The Keys to Life – Implementation Framework and Priorities 2015-2017'; and
- (3) that the Committee note the update of the redesign of HSCP Learning Disability Services and the governance arrangements for implementation and development through the Learning Disability Strategic Implementation Partnership.

695 Update on Implications of Blue Badge Legislation Changes 695

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising the Committee of the impact of changes to the Blue Badge legislation and the HSCP procedures to implement the scheme.

Decided: that the Committee note the changes to the legislation and the update provided on the implementation in Inverclyde.

696 Corporate Parenting 696

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising the Committee of proposals to fulfil Inverclyde's corporate parenting duties and powers contained within Part 9 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee acknowledge and note the new duties and powers on local authorities and other corporate parents as set out in the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014; and
- (2) that the Committee acknowledge and agree the proposals to ensure that Inverclyde fulfils its corporate parenting responsibilities, being (a) the development of a Corporate Parenting Plan to include key themes that reduce the barriers faced by looked after children and care leavers, (b) the establishment of a Champions Board as a mechanism to deliver the desired outcomes and (c) the holding of a Corporate Parenting Event on 16 December 2015 to which key policy implementers and decision makers will be invited.

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.

697 Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing information on performance and progress relating to the HSCP governance process for externally commissioned social care services.

Councillor McIlwee declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Director of Inverclyde Association for Mental Health. 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 governance report for the period 1 July to 30 September 2015; and
- (2) that it be noted that a separate report will be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on those providers who have been awarded very low grades following the inspection process.

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 29 OCTOBER 2015

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 29 October 2015 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Clocherty, Dorrian, McCabe, McCormick, Nelson and Shepherd.

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Head of Legal & Property Services, Legal Services Manager (Procurement & Conveyancing), Mr J Kerr and Ms J Dalgleish (Legal & Property Services), Ms M McCabe (for Chief Financial Officer), Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Manager of Streetscene, Burial Grounds and Registrars, Mr G Blackie and Ms E Provan (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.

698 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 698

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Provost Moran and Councillors Ahlfeld, Grieve, Jones and MacLeod.

Councillor McCabe declared an interest in Agenda Item 19 (Property Assets Management Report).

699 Environment & Regeneration Revenue Budget 2015/16 – Period 5 to 31 August 2015 699

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the position of the Revenue Budget 2015/16 as at Period 5 (to 31 August 2015) which showed a projected underspend of £212,000.

Decided: that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £212,000 for 2015/16 as at 31 August 2015.

700 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2015/16 to 2017/18 - Progress 700

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.

The Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updated the Committee in relation to the completion date for the Gourrock Pier and Railhead development project which is late November 2015.

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 next tranche of play area investment as

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detailed in section 5.14 of the report;

(3) that it be agreed to extend the holding back of the leasing of the two larger rooms (units 1 and 2) on the upper floor of Gourrock Municipal Buildings, as agreed by the Committee on 30 October 2014, by a period of four months from the date of the meeting to allow local community groups to establish a feasible community end use; and

(4) that a briefing be arranged for all Members on the flooding strategy early in 2016.

701 Public Bodies' Duties Required Climate Change Reporting 701

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the Scottish Government's decision to implement mandatory climate change reporting for the public sector as stated in Part 4 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 and (2) appending the Council's provisional response using the Scottish Government's new reporting template.

Decided: that the Committee note and endorse the information given in the completed climate change reporting template appended to the report for submission to the Scottish Government by 30 November 2015.

702 Scotland's National Marine Plan 702

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the adoption on 25 March 2015 of Scotland's National Marine Plan which provides a comprehensive framework for the development and use of Scotland's seas, setting out strategic objectives and general planning policies which promote the principles of sustainable development, and its implications for Inverclyde.

Decided: that the Committee note the adoption of the National Marine Plan and its implications for Inverclyde.

703 Update on RCGF Bids for Physical Regeneration Projects 703

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) updating the Committee on the outcome of the Stage 1 Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF) application process and (2) proposing how projects are funded through the use of free reserves.

Decided: that the projects as outlined in Section 5 of the report be approved and that consideration of allocating the use of £2m from free reserves be remitted to the next meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee.

**704 Roads Asset Management Plan
Street Lighting Investment Strategy - Update 704**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) seeking approval of an accelerated spend for 2015/16 in relation to a proposed programme of street lighting projects and (2) advising of the proposed schemes, procurement arrangements and works programme for street lighting to March 2018.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the proposed schemes, procurement arrangements and works programme for Roads Asset Management Plan (RAMP) Street Lighting to March 2018; and

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(2) that approval be given to the proposed accelerated programme of street lighting works to be undertaken in 2015/16 using RAMP/Capital funding.

705 Residents' Parking Permit Scheme Terms and Conditions

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) seeking approval of the terms and conditions of the residents' parking permit scheme and (2) advising of the change in format of the residents' parking permit from a paper permit to a virtual permit.

Decided: that approval be given to the residents' parking permit scheme terms and conditions relative to applying for and using residents' parking permits.

706 Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders – Various Roads Including Residents' Parking Permit Scheme

706

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the outcome of the consultation procedure undertaken for the five Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) associated with the introduction of Resident Parking Permits in Greenock, one TRO associated with the new car parks adjacent to Gourrock Station and one TRO associated with the realignment and division of the Kempock Street car park and (2) requesting the Committee to decide whether it would wish to hear maintained objections in relation to the Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2015 at a special meeting of the Committee or to appoint an independent Reporter.

Decided:

(1) in relation to the Residents' Parking Permit Scheme, that the Committee:-

(a) note the requirement to hold a public hearing and to consider the maintained objections in relation to the Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2015 and that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services to make the necessary arrangements for the public hearing at a special meeting of the Environment & Regeneration Committee;

(b) agree to hold back the recommendation to the Inverclyde Council to make the following TROs, thus delaying the implementation of the Residents' Parking Permit Scheme in Inner Greenock:

- The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Inner Greenock) (Controlled Parking Zone) (Variation No. 4) Order 2015
- The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Inner Greenock) (Controlled Parking Zone) (Variation No. 5) Order 2015
- The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 5) Order 2015
- The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 4) Order 2015

(c) note the delay to the implementation of the whole Residents' Parking Permit Scheme by 3-4 months;

(d) note the cost of approximately £10,000 from the Decriminalised Parking Enforcement revenue budget of appointing an independent Reporter;

(2) in relation to the Station Road off-street car parks, Gourrock, that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 5) Order 2015 and that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Property

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Services to arrange for implementation of the Order;

(3) in relation to the Kempock Street off-street car parks, Gourock that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 6) 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; and

(4) that officers explore the possible suspension of TROs in Kilmacolm over the festive period and any scope for increasing parking provision within Kilmacolm.

707 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No 3 2015 707

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. 3 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.

708 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No 4 2015 708

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 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.

709 Victoria Tower – Refurbishment as Tourist Attraction 709

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the proposal to carry out refurbishment work to the Victoria Tower to facilitate its use as a tourist attraction.

Decided: that the Committee accept that public access to the Victoria Tower has inherent risks which are not acceptable to the Council and that the remaining funding of £127,000 for the project be reallocated to the refurbishment of the District Court Room.

710 District Court Room – Refurbishment as Tourist Attraction 710

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the proposal to carry out refurbishment work to the District Court Room to facilitate its use as a tourist attraction and possibly a wedding suite.

Decided: that approval be given to Option 1 set out in the report to refurbish the District Court Room at a cost of £450,000 funded from reallocated funding from the Earmarked Reserves previously allocated to the Victoria Tower for Tourism Initiatives, funding from the Asset Management Plan, funding from Core Property Assets General Provision and that an application for a grant from Historic Scotland to bridge the funding

gap be submitted.

711 Proposed Sale of Land to Ferguson Marine Engineering Limited

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to enter into single party negotiations for the proposed disposal of areas of land at Coronation Park, Port Glasgow to Ferguson Marine Engineering Limited to facilitate additional car parking provision for a proposed increase in Ferguson's workforce.

Decided:

- (1) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to enter into single party negotiations regarding the possible disposal of areas of land at Coronation Park, Port Glasgow, as identified hatched on the plan attached as Appendix 1 to the report, with the adjoining land owner Ferguson Marine Engineering Limited, the negotiations to include options for lease of the areas of land and the inclusion of a buy-back condition; and
- (2) that the Committee note the intention to progress the statutory notice process by advertisement of the proposed disposal in accordance with Section 27 of the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1959.

The Convener 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 the action recommended, if approved, to be progressed at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.

712 Environmental Services (Roads)

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Renewal of Weather Forecast Partnership and Provision of Weather Forecasting Service

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to enter into a further weather forecast partnership with 12 other Councils for the provision of a weather forecast service contract for roads in the West of Scotland.

Decided: that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to enter into a new weather forecast partnership with the 12 other West of Scotland Councils, commencing October/November 2015, and for the provision of a weather forecast service contract, commencing 16 May 2016, for a four year period with the option to extend for a further two years.

The Convener 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 the Committee to be apprised of the current position and to consider its view on the proposal to change the designation of Braehead in the forthcoming Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan: Proposed Plan. This was unanimously agreed.

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713 **Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan: Proposed Plan – Designation of Braehead** 713

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the outcome of the legal challenge by objectors to the designation of Braehead as a 'town centre' in the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan 2014 and (2) seeking agreement to maintaining Inverclyde Council's position in objecting to the designation of Braehead as a 'town centre' and for it to retain its current status of 'commercial centre' in the forthcoming Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan: Proposed Plan.

Decided: that the Committee note the outcome of the legal challenge to the adoption of the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan 2014 in regard to the status of Braehead and reaffirm Inverclyde Council's opposition to the proposal to change the designation of Braehead to 'town centre' in the forthcoming Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan: Proposed Plan.

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)
Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2015/16 to 2017/18 Progress – Addendum	6 and 8
Lease of Premises – Bridgend Road, Greenock	2, 6 and 9
Lease of Premises – Cathcart Street, Greenock	2, 6 and 9
Lease of Premises – Sir Michael Street, Greenock	2, 6 and 9
Property Assets Management Report	2, 6 and 9
Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive: Proposed Sale of Surplus Land at Inverkip	2, 6 and 9

714 **Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2015/16 to 2017/18 Progress – Addendum** 714

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee in respect of the status of the District Court Offices Redevelopment project providing information on the tender return position and value engineering exercise undertaken to allow the project to be progressed and summarising the proposed expenditure and funding arrangements.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note and approve the proposed additional expenditure on the District Court Offices Redevelopment project;

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(2) that approval be given to the utilisation of the AMP Office balance/contingency within the Capital Programme to address the over-expenditure noted in (1) above; and
 (3) that the Committee approve the acceptance of the tender from Clark Contracts Limited and issue of a formal letter of acceptance by the Head of Legal & Property Services.

715 Lease of Premises – Bridgend Road, Greenock 715

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to assign and extend the lease of premises at Bridgend Road, Greenock and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

716 Lease of Premises – Cathcart Street, Greenock 716

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to grant a lease of premises at Cathcart Street, Greenock and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

717 Lease of Premises – Sir Michael Street, Greenock 717

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for early termination of a lease of premises at Sir Michael Street, Greenock and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

718 Property Assets Management Report 718

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.

Councillor McCabe declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a Board Member of a registered social landlord referred to in the report. 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 in respect of (1) sites at Sinclair Street and Crescent Street, Greenock, (2) a site at Parkhill Avenue, Port Glasgow, (3) a site at Thomas Muir Street, Greenock and (4) a site at Mearns Street, Greenock, all as detailed in the appendix.

719 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive: Proposed Sale of Surplus Land at Inverkip 719

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive in relation to the proposed sale of surplus land at Inverkip.

Noted

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 3 NOVEMBER 2015

Education and Communities Committee

Tuesday 3 November 2015 at 2pm

Present: Councillors Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, Jones, Loughran, McCabe, McColgan, 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: Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Community Safety & Wellbeing Manager, Mr H Scott (Community Learning & Development), Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy, Ms G Bergin (Libraries & Museum), Mr I Cameron (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr C Given (Finance Services), Ms G Murphy (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Property Services Manager, Head of Education and Mr R Lamb (Education Services).

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

720 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 720

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

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 3 (Communities Capital Programme 2015 to 2018) – Councillor McCabe.
 Agenda Item 4 (Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report) – Councillor Wilson.
 Agenda Item 5 (Strategic Housing – Strategic Local Programme 2015-2018) – Councillor McCabe.
 Agenda Item 14 (Inverclyde Leisure – Annual Report) – Councillors Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty and McColgan.

721 Communities 2015/16 Revenue Budget Report – Period 5 to 31 August 2015 721

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer, Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities and Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy on the 2015/16 Communities Revenue Budget position as at Period 5 to 31 August 2015.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £140,000 for the 2015/16 Revenue Budget as at Period 5 to 31 August 2015; and
- (2) that approval be given to the virement of £80,000 as detailed in appendix 5 of the report.

722 Communities Capital Programme 2015 - 2018 722

There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities and 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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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 progress of the specific projects as detailed in appendix 1 to the report; and
- (2) that approval be given to the use of up to £25,000 from the allocation for the Woodhall Community Facility to enable the purchase of the required land.

723 Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities providing an update on the proposed regeneration of the Clune Park Area of 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:

- (1) 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; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on the impact of the strategy of rehousing out of the Clune Park estate, including an assessment of the needs of the remaining population.

724 Strategic Housing – Strategic Local Programme 2015-2019

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities providing an update on changes to the Strategic Local Programme 2015-2019 as a result of the new Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2015-2020.

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: that the Committee note the projects included in the Strategic Local Programme 2015-2019 as detailed in the appendix to the report.

725 National Youth Work Strategy 2014-2019 – Outcomes and Implementation Model

725

There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities advising of the publication of national outcomes and an implementation model in support of 'Our Ambitions for Improving the Life Chances of Young People in Scotland: National Youth Work Strategy 2014-2019'.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the publication of national outcomes and an implementation model in support of 'Our Ambitions for Improving the Life Chances of Young People in Scotland: National Youth Work Strategy 2014-2019';
- (2) that the Committee note the progress made within Inverclyde towards the achievement of the ambitions of the Strategy and the youth work outcomes associated with it; and

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(3) that the Committee endorse the National Youth Work Strategy and associated outcomes and give approval for these linkages to be reflected within the '3 Year Plan for Co-ordinating Community Learning and Development in Inverclyde 2015-2018'.

726 Watt Complex Refurbishment – Project Development

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy informing the Committee of the progress which has been made to date on the work of consultants in considering future options for the Watt Complex, Greenock.

During the course of discussion on this item, reference was made by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities to the fact that, as indicated in the report, applications with a combined development and delivery request of £2m or more are decided on by the Heritage Lottery Fund Board of Trustees and that the Watt Complex project bid of £3m would enter into that UK wide competitive arena. A further option available would be to bid in two separate tranches comprising an initial £2m bid followed by a further £1m bid if necessary, thus keeping the funding bid within the Scottish criteria.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee approve (a) progressing the Watt Complex refurbishment project in line with a two phased approach as set out in Option 3, (b) the early implementation work to repair the external fabric and the delegation of authority to the Head of Legal & Property Services to appoint external consultants to develop, design and oversee the implementation of the essential works and (c) the development and submission of a revised Heritage Lottery Fund bid in line with Option 3; and

(2) that the decision above be referred for noting to the Inverclyde Council as Trustees of the Watt Institution.

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 two 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.

727 Gibshill Community Centre – Revenue Support

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities requesting the Committee to consider the allocation of revenue funding to support the operation of the new Community Centre at Gibshill, Greenock.

Decided: that delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer to agree the final business plan with Gibshill Community Centre and to provide revenue funding support of £9,555 for the current financial year up to £32,000 per year for two years from April 2016.

728 Inverclyde Leisure – Annual Report

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities appending the first annual review of Inverclyde Leisure's three year Business Plan 2014-17 for approval.

Councillors Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty and McColgan declared a non-financial interest in this item as members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure. They also formed the view that the nature of their interest and of the item of business did not preclude

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their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision making process.

Decided: that approval be given to the Inverclyde Leisure Annual Report 2014/15 as appended to the report.

The Committee commenced consideration of the Education items of business at 4pm with Father McMahon, Mr Thomson and Mr Tracey joining the meeting.

Prior to the commencement of business the Convener referred to the recent death of Rev Andrew McLean who had served for a number of years as a religious representative on the Committee. He expressed his appreciation for Rev McLean's contribution to the work of the Committee and, on behalf of those present, asked that his condolences be conveyed to Rev McLean's family.

The Convener also referred to the recent death in a road traffic accident of St Andrew's Primary School pupil Robbie Quigg and he extended his condolences to Robbie's family and also the wider school community. The Committee then observed a minute's silence in memory of Robbie.

729 Education 2015/16 Revenue Budget – Period 5 to 31 August 2015

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer, Head of Education, Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy and Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities on the position of the 2015/16 Education Revenue Budget as at Period 5 to 31 August 2015.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the projected underspend of £214,000 in the Education Revenue Budget as at Period 5 to 31 August 2015; and
- (2) that approval be given to the virement of £12,000 as detailed in appendix 5 of the report.

730 Education Capital Programme 2015-2018 - Progress

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Education and Chief Financial Officer (1) on the status of the projects forming the Education Capital Programme and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.

(Rev Donaldson entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress of the specific projects detailed in appendix 1; and
- (2) that the Committee note the review of the School Estate Funding Model which is a separate item on the agenda.

731 Education & Communities Directorate Performance Report

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

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress made in implementing the Education, Communities and Organisational Development Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan

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2013/16; and

(2) that it be agreed to consider the seventh progress report at the meeting of the Committee on 8 March 2016.

732 Review of School Estate Funding Model 2015

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Education and Chief Financial Officer (1) providing an update on the current position of the School Estate Funding Model and (2) seeking approval of the revised model.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee approve the revised Funding Model and the associated changes/revisions as highlighted in sections 4 and 5 of the report;

(2) that the Committee note the summary of the current condition and suitability of the properties contained in appendix 3 and approve the proposed programme for the primary school refurbishment to 2020 as detailed in paragraph 4.5; and

(3) that the Committee note that the financial implications of the revised model will be built into the Council's revised Financial Strategy due to be submitted to the Council in December 2015.

733 Developing Inverclyde's Young Workforce

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy providing an update on the implementation of Developing Scotland's Young Workforce – Scotland's Youth Employment Strategy.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the content of the report and that updates on future implementation will be submitted to the Committee;

(2) that it be noted that a Steering Group has been established with all key stakeholders represented and that further consideration will be given to any appropriate additions to the representation on the Group;

(3) that it be noted that a local delivery plan is in progress following school consultations;

(4) that it be noted that discussions are underway to maximise the budget allocation; and

(5) that support be given to the implementation of developing Inverclyde's Young Workforce Plan.

PLANNING BOARD – 4 NOVEMBER 2015

Planning Board

Wednesday 4 November 2015 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Head of Regeneration & Planning, Development & Building Standards Manager, Mr G Leitch (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.

734 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 734

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

735 CONTINUED PLANNING APPLICATION 735

**Erection of Off-Road Carport, Sheds and Extension to Existing Rear Deck:
Flat 1-1, 14 Grey Place, Greenock (15/0078/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning regarding an application by Mr J Burleigh for the erection of off-road carport, sheds and extension to existing rear deck at Flat 1-1, 14 Grey Place, Greenock (15/0078/IC), consideration of which had been continued from the meeting on 7 October 2015 for a site visit.

After discussion, Councillor Rebecchi moved that planning permission be refused for the following reasons:-

- (1) as the size of the car parking space proposed falls below absolute minimum standards laid down in the Scottish Government policy Designing Streets; and
- (2) as the proposed car parking space line of sight is obstructed by a wall and vehicles using the adjacent car parking space which totally obscure the line of sight in contradiction to guidance in the Scottish Government policy Designing Streets.

As an amendment, Councillor Dorrian moved that planning permission be granted subject to the condition detailed in the report. On a vote, 4 Members voted for the motion and 6 for the amendment which was declared carried.

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to no development commencing on site until full details of all external materials have been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority. For the avoidance of doubt this shall include precise details of all external materials for the outbuildings, the car parking space, the works to the boundary wall, the lower level storage space and the screening for the proposed enlargement of the rear deck. This screening is to be erected prior to the enlarged deck being brought into use and retained at all times thereafter, in the interest of visual amenity and to ensure the satisfactory completion of the proposed development.

736 PLANNING APPLICATION

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**Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse:
Orsay House, Glencairn Road, Kilmacolm (15/0226/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning on an application for planning permission by Mr E Mackay for alterations and extension to dwellinghouse at Orsay House, Glencairn Road, Kilmacolm (15/0226/IC).

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

- (1) that prior to the commencement of works on site, samples of all external materials to be used in construction shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Works shall then proceed as approved unless an alternative is agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the external materials are visually appropriate; and
- (2) that prior to the commencement of works on site, the detailed specification of the appearance of the rooflight windows hereby permitted shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Works shall then proceed as approved unless an alternative is agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the appearance of the rooflight windows are appropriate for the conservation area location.

LOCAL REVIEW BODY – 4 NOVEMBER 2015

Local Review Body

Wednesday 4 November 2015 at 4pm

Present: Councillors Dorrian, Loughran, Nelson, Rebecchi and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Mr R Gimby (Regeneration & Planning 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 Local Review Body.

737 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 737

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

738 PLANNING APPLICATION FOR REVIEW 738

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review of the refusal of planning permission for alterations to roof over the garage and formation of dormer at 2 Blairmore Place, Gourrock (15/0173/IC).

Decided:

- (1) that sufficient information had been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and
- (2) that the application for review be upheld and that planning permission be granted subject to the condition that no development shall commence until samples of all external materials have been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority in writing, development thereafter shall proceed utilising the approved materials, unless the Planning Authority gives its prior written approval to any alternatives, to ensure a continuity of external finishes in this part of Gourrock.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 11 NOVEMBER 2015

General Purposes Board**Wednesday 11 November 2015 at 3.00 pm**

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Loughran, McColgan, McIlwee, McCormick, Shepherd and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor Brennan presided.

In attendance: Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Property Services); Mr J Bradley (for Head of Environmental & Commercial Services), Inspector D Kane and Sergeant J Curran, Police Scotland.

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

739 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 739

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Grieve, Councillor Jones with Councillor Shepherd substituting and Councillor Dorrian, with Councillor McCormick substituting.

Councillor McIlwee declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 (Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver Licence – Kevin Porteous).

740 Mandatory Training of Taxi Drivers 740

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to consider introducing mandatory training of taxi drivers.

Mr Douglas advised on the background to the report and informed Members of the outcome of the consultation process.

Following discussion, Councillor Campbell-Sturgess moved that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to report further to the Board at a later date to allow officers to investigate training facilities and costs and to carry out further consultation relative to multi access vehicle drivers.

Decided: that the item be continued to allow officers to prepare a report into requiring drivers of wheelchair accessible vehicles to undertake a mandatory training course on how to move and handle disabled passengers and how that might be funded.

741 Licenced Vehicle Engine Capacity 741

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services requesting the Board to consider the modification of guidelines for vehicles to be issued as Taxis or Private Hire.

Mr J Bradley advised on the background to the report and informed Members that the Taxi Trade supported the recommendation.

Decided: that it be agreed to modify the guidelines for vehicles to be used as Taxis or Private Hire as detailed in the report.

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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.

742 Request for Suspension of a Taxi Driver Licence – John Eardley 742

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to consider the suspension of Mr Eardley's taxi driver licence which expires on 31 January 2016 following a letter submitted by Police Scotland dated 22 September 2015.

Mr Eardley was present for this item.

Mr Douglas advised on the background to the report and informed Members that Mr Eardley's licence had not been suspended following receipt of Police Scotland's letter.

The Board heard Inspector Kane in support of Police Scotland's recommendation and Mr Eardley in support of his licence.

Decided: that Mr Eardley's taxi driver licence not be suspended.

743 Request for Suspension of a Taxi Driver Licence – Kevin Porteous 743

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to consider the suspension of Mr Porteous' taxi driver licence which expires on 30 November 2015.

Councillor McIlwee declared a non-financial interest in this item as a relative of the applicant's representative and left the meeting.

Mr Porteous was present with his representative, Miss Lauren Reid, Solicitor, Robert Kerr Solicitors.

Mr Douglas advised the Board on the background to the immediate suspension.

The Board heard Inspector Kane in support of Police Scotland's recommendation and Miss Reid in support of Mr Porteous' fitness to continue to hold a licence.

Following discussion, Councillor Campbell-Sturgess moved that the suspension be upheld. As an amendment, Councillor Ahlfeld moved that the suspension be not upheld. On a vote, three Members voted for the motion and six for amendment which was declared carried.

Decided: that the decision of the Head of Legal & Property Services be not upheld and that the suspension of Mr Porteous' Taxi Driver Licence not be continued or imposed for any period of time.

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

744 Application for Licence of House in Multiple Occupancy – FSL Properties Greenock Ltd 744

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to consider an application for a House in Multiple Occupancy Licence by FSL Properties Greenock Limited following receipt of a public objection which had been continued from the previous meeting of the Board.

Mr Douglas advised on the background to the report.

The Board heard Mr David Adams, Solicitor, Messers Levy McRae, in support of the applicant.

Decided: that the application be approved in principle for further consideration of the Head of Legal & Property Services

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 17 NOVEMBER 2015

Policy & Resources Committee**Tuesday 17 November 2015 at 3pm**

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, MacLeod, McCabe, McCormick, Brooks (for McEleny), McIlwee, Nelson, Loughran, Rebecchi and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Ms A Hunter (Health & Social Care Partnership), Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Property Services, Mr P MacDonald (Legal & Property Services), Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications, Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Environmental Services Manager Roads, Transport & Waste Collection, Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy, Finance Manager, Corporate Procurement Manager and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

745 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 745

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor McEleny, with Councillor Brooks substituting.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:-

Agenda Item 9 (Annual Update in respect of Governance of External Organisations) – Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, MacLeod, McCabe, McIlwee and Rebecchi.

Agenda Item 17 (Contract Awards – 1 April 2015 to 30 September 2015) – Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty and Rebecchi.

746 Policy & Resources Capital Programme 2015/18 – Progress Report 746

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 and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.

Decided: that the Committee note the current position of the 2015/18 Capital Programme and the progress of the specific projects detailed in Appendix 1.

747 2015/18 Capital Programme 747

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the latest position of the 2015/18 Capital Programme.

Decided: that the Committee note the current position of the 2015/18 Capital Programme.

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748 Policy & Resources Committee 2015/16 Revenue Budget – Period 6 to 30 September 2015 748

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy, Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications and Chief Financial Officer on the 2015/16 projected out-turn for the Policy & Resources Committee as at period 6 to 30 September 2015.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the projected underspend of £2,437,000 for the Policy & Resources Committee as at period 6 to 30 September 2015; and
- (2) that the Committee note the projected fund balance of £43,010 for the Common Good Fund and that a full review of the Common Good budget is being undertaken as part of the 2016/18 budget.

749 2015/16 General Fund Revenue Budget as at 30 September 2015 749

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the position of (1) the General Fund Revenue Budget as at 30 September 2015 and (2) General Fund Reserves and Earmarked Reserves.

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

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the latest position of the 2015/16 Revenue Budget and General Fund Reserves;
- (2) that the Committee note the use of free reserves approved on 22 September 2015 by the Policy & Resources Committee reflected in Appendix 3 and that any further increases during the year will be subject to further reports; and
- (3) that the Council implement the new UK Living Wage rate of £8.25 per hour effective from 2 November 2015, the associated costs to be met from the under utilisation of the pay and non-pay inflation allowance.

750 Welfare Reforms Update 750

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership (1) providing an update on the various aspects of Welfare Reform and (2) seeking approval for the allocation of part of the Welfare Reform revenue budget.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the report and the Council's initial experiences from the introduction of Universal Credit within Inverclyde;
- (2) that the proposed changes to non-SSSC DHP outlined in paragraph 5.4 be approved;
- (3) that the Committee approve the allocation of £43,000 from the Welfare Reform revenue budget from 2016/17 to allow the Council to create a post to continue to fulfil its fraud obligations post transfer of Housing Benefit fraud duties to the DWP in February 2016; and
- (4) that the Chief Financial Officer update Elected Members in due course on the position with regard to Universal Credit in Inverclyde including any impact following the termination of short term work contracts over the festive period.

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- 751 Treasury Management – Mid-Year Report 2015/16 751**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the operation of the treasury function and its activities for the first six months of 2015/16 as required under the terms of Treasury Management Practice 6 ('TMP6') on 'Reporting Requirements and Management Information Arrangements'.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the Mid-Year Report on Treasury Management for 2015/16 and the ongoing work to ensure the delivery of financial benefits for the Council; and
- (2) that the Mid-Year Report be remitted to the Inverclyde Council for approval.
- 752 Insurance Fund Position as at 30 September 2015 752**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the position of the Council's Insurance Fund as at 30 September 2015 and (2) highlighting any relevant issues.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the contents of the report and the continued financial benefits the Council is achieving from the current insurance strategy.
- 753 Ms Jan Buchanan 753**
- The Convener referred to Ms Jan Buchanan, Finance Manager, who would shortly be leaving the Council to take up a new post. On behalf of the Committee, he thanked her for her contribution to the work of the Council and extended best wishes to her for the future.
- 754 Annual Update in respect of Governance of External Organisations 754**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing the annual update in respect of the governance of external organisations.
- The following Members declared a non-financial interest in this item:-
- Councillor Ahlfeld as a Board Member of Inverclyde Community Development Trust, Inverclyde Leisure and River Clyde Homes;
- Councillor Clocherty as a Board Member of Inverclyde Community Development Trust, Inverclyde Leisure and Riverside Inverclyde;
- Councillor MacLeod as a member of Parklea Association and a Board Member of Inverclyde Leisure and River Clyde Homes;
- Councillor McCabe as a Board Member of Greenock Arts Guild, River Clyde Homes and Riverside Inverclyde;
- Councillor McIlwee as a Board Member of River Clyde Homes; and
- Councillor Rebecchi as a Board Member of Inverclyde Community Development Trust.
- All of the Members 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.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the last twelve months' performance in respect of the governance of external organisations as shown in Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (2) that the Committee approve the list of external organisations that will form part of the framework for the period October 2015 – September 2016 as shown in Appendix 3.

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755 Corporate Services Performance Report 755

There was submitted a report by the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy 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 refreshed Education, Communities and Organisational Development Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2013/16 and the refreshed 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 refreshed Corporate Directorate Improvement Plans 2013/16 be noted; and
- (2) that a seventh progress report be considered by the Committee at its meeting on 22 March 2016.

756 Statutory and Key Performance Indicators Annual Report 2014/15 756

There was submitted a report by the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy (1) on the Council's Statutory and Key Performance Indicators Annual Report 2014/15 which details progress made in the last year towards achievement of performance indicator targets and (2) providing performance information regarding the Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) performance return which is submitted to the Improvement Service.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the performance information outlined in the report;
- (2) that it be agreed that the performance information in the appendices be used to update the performance pages on the Council's website;
- (3) that it be noted that a further report will be prepared in 2016 when the 2014/15 LGBF indicators have been published and analysed and the Council's performance in relation to other Scottish local authorities is known; and
- (4) that officers review the roads customer satisfaction survey process with a view to improving participation.

757 Media & Social Media Protocol - Update 757

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications updating the Media & Social Media Protocol agreed by the Council in December 2013, providing additional information requested by the Committee on 22 September 2015 in relation to Ward Councillor involvement and clarifying the role of Council Champions.

The Corporate Communications Manager asked the Committee to approve additions to the Protocol as follows:-

Paragraph 1.3, bullet point 3, add 'Elected Members who are designated Council Champions may also be quoted singularly in relevant press releases'.

Paragraph 1.5 add 'designated Champions'.

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After discussion, Councillor McCabe moved that the Committee note the examples of areas where Ward Councillors would be invited to media events and launches detailed in appendix 2 and, subject to amendment at paragraph 1.3 to include the wording 'Elected Members who are designated Council Champions may also be quoted singularly in relevant press releases' and at paragraph 1.5 to include the wording 'designated Champions', approve the alterations to the Media and Social Media Protocol set out in Appendix 1.

As an amendment, Councillor Brooks moved that the Committee acknowledge that the present media policy as practised puts the opposition at a disadvantage and that otherwise the report be noted.

On a vote, three Members voted for the amendment and eight for the motion of which was declared carried.

Decided: that the Committee note the examples of areas where Ward Councillors would be invited to media events and launches detailed in Appendix 2 and, subject to amendment at paragraph 1.3 to include the wording 'Elected Members who are designated Council Champions may also be quoted singularly in relevant press releases' and at paragraph 1.5 to include the wording 'designated Champions', approve the alterations to the Media and Social Media Protocol set out in Appendix 1.

758 Council Tax – 2016/18 Budget Implications

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing information for consideration as part of the budget process regarding the implications of increasing Council Tax.

Decided: that the Committee note the contents of the report and agree to review this matter as part of the final consideration of the 2016/18 Budget.

759 2016/18 Budget Update

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the current position of the 2016/18 budget and (2) seeking decisions regarding savings options to form part of the Budget Consultation exercise to commence late November.

There was circulated to Members updated Appendix 2 to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the application of the efficiencies/budget adjustments outlined in Appendix 1;
- (2) that agreement be given to increase the 2017/18 Pressures allowance to £600,000 pending final decisions at the February Budget meeting;
- (3) that the Committee agree the package of savings to be subject to public consultation based on the information supplied in the updated Appendix 2; and
- (4) that the Committee otherwise note the contents of the report.

760 Inverclyde Information Sharing Protocol

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership seeking approval of the Inverclyde Council Information Sharing Protocol, a copy of which was appended to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the Inverclyde Council Information Sharing Protocol; and

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(2) that the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, through the Information Governance Steering Group, decide on the best approach to implement the Information Sharing Protocol and for Council services and partner organisations to agree to the principles contained within.

761 Contract Awards – 1 April 2015 to 30 September 2015 761

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 April 2015 to 30 September 2015.

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

Decided: that the Committee note the contracts awarded by the Council during the period 1 April 2015 to 30 September 2015.

762 Social Work Revenue Budget – Remit from Health & Social Care Committee 762

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Health and Social Care Committee relative to the Social Work Revenue Budget.

Decided: that it be agreed to allocate £75,000 from the recently approved Kinship Care funding to fund prudentially £1.1m of the cost of the Children's Homes, rather than a one-off contribution from the Residential Accommodation earmarked reserve.

763 Update on RCGF Bids for Physical Regeneration Projects – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 763

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee requesting the allocation of funding from free reserves to fund physical regeneration projects.

Decided: that it be agreed to allocate £2m from free reserves to fund the Port Glasgow Lower Town Quarter, Strategic Arterial Road Improvement: Bakers Brae Realignment and King George VI Building, Port Glasgow projects.

764 Suspension of Parking Restrictions on Saturdays During December 2015 in Kilmacolm 764

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for the suspension of on-street parking restrictions in Kilmacolm for the four Saturdays during December 2015.

Decided: that the on-street limited waiting restrictions on Lochwinnoch Road, Bridge of Weir Road, Port Glasgow Road and Market Place, Kilmacolm be suspended on all Saturdays during December 2015.

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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)
Former Tied Housing Employees	1, 11 and 12
Change to Home Care Working Pattern	1, 11 and 12
Business Property Renovation Allowance Scheme	6

765 Former Tied Housing Employees 765

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications (1) providing an update 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. Following a vote, the Committee agreed to take action all as detailed in the Appendix.

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

766 Change to Home Care Working Pattern 766

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications updating the Committee on the successful outcome of negotiations with the trades unions to implement revised working patterns for home care employees.

Decided: that the Committee note the successful outcome in relation to negotiations with the trades unions to implement the revised working patterns for home care employees.

767 Business Property Renovation Allowance Scheme 767

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources informing the Committee of the need to appoint external legal advisers to assist the Council in implementing a second Business Property Renovation Allowance Scheme at William Street, Greenock.

Decided: that the Committee note the proposal to carry out a competitive selection exercise to appoint external legal advisers to deliver the Business Property Renovation Allowance Scheme for the former education offices at William Street, Greenock.

PLANNING BOARD – 2 DECEMBER 2015

Planning Board

Wednesday 2 December 2015 at 3pm

Present: Provost Moran, Councillors Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Jones, Loughran, McColgan, McIlwee, Nelson, Rebecchi and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Head of Regeneration & Planning, Development & Building Standards Manager, Mr G Leitch (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.

768 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 768

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

769 Planning Applications 769

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

(a) Reconstruction, partial demolition and new build at former hospital building to form 27 flats:

Broadstone House, Hollybush Lane, Port Glasgow (15/0191/IC)

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

The Head of Regeneration & Planning advised that clarification is required from Historic Environment Scotland as to whether Broadstone House is a Category A or Category B Listed Building.

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) Reconstruction, partial demolition and new build at former hospital building to form 27 flats:

Broadstone House, Hollybush Lane, Port Glasgow (15/0028/LB)

The report recommended that listed building consent be granted subject to a number of conditions.

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.