

**THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 3 DECEMBER 2015**

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**The Inverclyde Council**

**Thursday 3 December 2015 at 4pm**

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

**Chair:** Provost Moran presided.

**In attendance:** Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Property Services, Ms B McQuarrie (for Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications), Ms E Provan (for Head of Environmental & Commercial Services), Legal Services Manager (Litigation, Licensing & Committee Services) and Corporate Communications Manager.

**770 Apologies and Declarations of Interest 770**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Grieve, McColgan and McEleny.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

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

**771 Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Sub-Committee – 8 October 2015 771**

**Approved** on the motion of Councillor Loughran.

**772 The Inverclyde Council – 8 October 2015 772**

**Approved** on the motion of Provost Moran.

**773 General Purposes Board – 14 October 2015 773**

**Approved** on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.

**774 Audit Committee – 20 October 2015 774**

**Approved** on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi.

**775 Health & Social Care Committee – 22 October 2015 775**

**Approved** on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.

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776	<b>Environment &amp; Regeneration Committee – 29 October 2015</b>	776
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
777	<b>Education &amp; Communities Committee – 3 November 2015</b>	777
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Loughran.	
778	<b>Planning Board – 4 November 2015</b>	778
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
779	<b>Local Review Body – 4 November 2015</b>	779
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
780	<b>General Purposes Board – 11 November 2015</b>	780
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Brennan.	
781	<b>Policy &amp; Resources Committee – 17 November 2015</b>	781
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
782	<b>Planning Board – 2 December 2015</b>	782
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
783	<b>Parking Enforcement in Kilmacolm – Notice of Motion by Councillor Wilson</b>	783
	<p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration &amp; Resources on a motion by Councillor Wilson, countersigned by Councillor Ahlfeld, in relation to parking enforcement in Kilmacolm which had been submitted in accordance with Standing Order 22 in the following terms:-</p> <p>“That the Council consider suspending the parking enforcement currently in place in Kilmacolm until such time as the amended Traffic Regulation Order comes into effect in May 2016 with specific reference to the proposed change from 30 minutes to 2 hours waiting time.”</p> <p><b>Decided:</b> that Standing Orders be suspended to allow for the on-street limited waiting restrictions on Lochwinnoch Road, Bridge of Weir Road, Port Glasgow Road and Market Place, Kilmacolm to be suspended on Mondays to Saturdays inclusive until such time as the proposed Traffic Regulation Order comes into effect in May 2016 or thereby.</p>	

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**784 Fixed Odds Betting Terminals – Notice of Motion by Councillor Campbell-Sturgess 784**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a motion by Councillor Campbell-Sturgess, countersigned by Councillor Brooks, in relation to Fixed Odds Betting Terminals which had been submitted in accordance with Standing Order 22 in the following terms:-

“The Council notes with concern the growing number of Fixed Odds Betting Terminals (FOBTs) in betting shops, allowing gamblers to bet, by debit card, sums of up to £100 at a time.

Council also notes estimates by the Campaign for Fairer Gambling that £58.8 million a year is gambled in FOBTs in Inverclyde, resulting in losses of £2.7 million. Further that based on the number of betting shop licences, there are in the region of 70 of these machines in operation in the area and almost 3,000 players, of whom some 651 are estimated to be “at risk” by the Gambling Commission.

Council believes that the increase in FOBTs is causing significant problems and believes that the UK Government should devolve control of FOBT machines entirely to the Scottish Government, in order to further devolve the powers to allow local authorities in Scotland to regulate how these machines are used.

Council therefore requests:

That the Chief Executive writes to Tracey Crouch MP, the Minister responsible for gambling, requesting that the UK Government commit to fully devolving all aspects of Fixed Odds Betting Terminals to the Scottish Government.”

**Decided:** that the Council support in principle the intent of the motion set out above and that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee for consideration on the issues affecting Fixed Odds Betting Terminals within Inverclyde prior to any representations being made to relevant parties.

**785 Equal Pay – Notice of Motion by Councillor Ahlfeld 785**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a Notice of Motion by Councillor Ahlfeld, countersigned by Councillor Jones, in relation to equal pay which had been submitted in accordance with Standing Order 22 in the following terms:-

“In terms of the August 2015 decision of the Policy and Resources Committee, that the Chief Executive be remitted to investigate specifically the merits of the equal pay challenge by the group of clerical and administrative employees in local schools and that, where appropriate, he enter into negotiations to settle these equal pay cases as may be justified upon legal assessment.”

**Decided:** that the Council support the Notice of Motion as set out above.

**786 2015 Inverclyde Community Council Elections 786**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services (1) providing an update on the outcome of the 2015 Community Council Elections and (2) advising of the progress in engagement with the community.

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**Decided:**

- (1) that the Council note (a) the outcome of the 2015 Inverclyde Community Council Elections, (b) the longer term proposals for the establishment of Community Councils in those areas where they are not presently established and (c) the ongoing discussions being undertaken by officers with groups and individuals in those areas;
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to provide a substitute administrative grant to the Port Glasgow Community Association on the basis outlined in paragraphs 7.5 to 7.6 of the report and on such terms and conditions as the Head of Legal & Property Services in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer considers appropriate;
- (3) that it be clarified that for the purposes of the Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils, the minimum number of members of a given Community Council shall be one half of the maximum number of members applying from time to time for that Community Council as provided for in the Scheme; and
- (4) that the terms of the guidance on the use of Inverclyde Council's Administrative Grant to Community Councils set out in appendix 2 and the examples of allowable promotional expenditure be noted.

**787 Financial Strategy 2015/23 - Update 787**

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

**Decided:** that the Council approve the latest revision of the Financial Strategy 2015/23 as set out in the appendix to the report.

**788 Chief Social Work Officer Report 2014/15 788**

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

**Decided:** that approval be given to the 2014/15 Inverclyde Chief Social Work Officer report appended to the report for submission to the Scottish Government.

**789 Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders – The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variations No 5 and 6) Orders – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 789**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 29 October 2015 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders – The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 5) Order 2015 (as modified) and The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 6) Order 2015.

**Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Orders - The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 5) Order 2015 (as modified) and The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 6) Order 2015, all as detailed in the copies of the proposed Orders forming a supplement to the principal minute hereof and that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

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- 790 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 3 2015 – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 790**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 29 October 2015 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 3 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. 3 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 Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.
- 791 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 4 2015 – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 791**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 29 October 2015 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 4 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. 4 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 Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.
- 792 Treasury Management – Mid-Year Report 2015/16 – Remit from Policy & Resources Committee 792**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Policy & Resources Committee of 17 November 2015 relative to the Mid-Year Review Report on Treasury Management for 2015/16.
- Decided:** that the Council approve the Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2015/16.
- 793 Watt Complex Refurbishment – Project Development – Remit from Education & Communities Committee 793**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Education & Communities Committee of 3 November 2015 requesting the Council, as Trustees of the Watt Institution, to note the decision made by the Committee to approve (a) progressing the Watt Complex refurbishment project in line with a two phased approach as set out in option 3 of the report to the Committee, (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 essential works and (c) the development and submission of a revised Heritage Lottery Fund bid in line with option 3.

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**Decided:** that the Council, as Trustees of the Watt Institution, note the decision of the Education & Communities Committee relative to the project development for the Watt Complex refurbishment.

**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 item of business 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 detailed in the relevant minute.**

**Appendices to Minutes**

<b>794</b>	<b>Environment &amp; Regeneration Committee – 29 October 2015</b>	<b>794</b>
	<b>Approved</b> on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
<b>795</b>	<b>Policy &amp; Resources Committee – 17 November 2015</b>	<b>795</b>
	<b>Approved</b> on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	