

## ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 14 JANUARY 2016

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### Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 14 January 2016 at 3pm

**Present:** Provost Moran, Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, Dorrian, Jones, MacLeod, 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), Ms R McGhee and Mr P MacDonald (Legal & Property Services), Mr M Thomson (for Chief Financial Officer), Ms M McCabe (Finance Services), Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Manager of Streetscene, Burial Grounds and Registrars, Mr G Blackie, Mr G Leitch and Ms E Provan (Environmental & Commercial Services), Head of Regeneration & Planning, Property Assets Manager, Health Protection 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.**

#### **22 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 22**

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

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:-

Agenda Item 3 (Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2015/16 to 2017/18 – Progress) – Councillor MacLeod;

Agenda Item 4 (Riverside Inverclyde Project Update) – Councillors Clocherty and McCabe;

Agenda Item 9 (Employability Services – External Contracts: Proposed Six Month Extensions) – Councillors Ahlfeld and Clocherty; and

Agenda Item 10 (Governance of External Organisations – Inverclyde Community Development Trust) – Councillors Ahlfeld and Clocherty.

#### **23 Environment & Regeneration Revenue Budget 2015/16 – Period 7 to 31 October 2015 23**

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 7 (31 October 2015) which showed a projected underspend of £154,000.

**Decided:** that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £154,000 for 2015/16 as at 31 October 2015.

#### **24 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2015/16 to 2017/18 – Progress 24**

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

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Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme.

Councillor MacLeod declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a Board Member of Inverclyde Leisure. 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 current position of the Capital Programme 2015/18 and the progress of the specific projects detailed in appendices 1 and 2 to the report.

### 25 Riverside Inverclyde Project Update

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on Riverside Inverclyde's progress relating to the regeneration projects within Port Glasgow, Greenock and Gourock together with addendum report advising of additional costs relating to Gourock Municipal Buildings.

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

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the progress to date and that further progress reports will be submitted for Members' information and consideration in due course;
- (2) that the Committee agree to Riverside Inverclyde being the delivery agent for the Baker's Brae Road realignment project; and
- (3) that the Committee approve the additional budget allowance of £90,000 for additional repair works at Gourock Municipal Buildings.

### 26 European Structural Funds 2014-2020 – European Social Fund Programme

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the 2014-2020 European Structural Fund and Investment Fund (ESIF), specifically the European Social Fund (ESF).

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the position of Inverclyde's ESF 2014-2020 funding;
- (2) that approval be given to the continued use of the Council's Regeneration Fund to provide match funding to ESF programmes;
- (3) that authority be delegated to relevant officers to accept European offers of grant; and
- (4) that the Committee note the need to submit further Strategic Intervention Employability Pipeline and Poverty & Social Inclusion (Enhanced Pipeline) applications for delivery post January 2019 and authorise submission of such applications within a timeline yet to be determined by the Scottish Government.

### 27 City Deal Update

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on recent activity and progress in relation to the City Deal projects.

**Decided:** that the Committee note the activity and progress being made on the City Deal projects.

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- 28 Carbon Management Plan 2012/17: Review of Performance to October 2015 28**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the existing Carbon Management Plan, including a review of performance to October 2015, and (2) appending updated Carbon Management Plan for approval.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the performance of the Carbon Management Plan up to October 2015 be noted; and
- (2) that the Committee approve the updated Carbon Management Plan for publication.
- 29 Request for a New Street Name – Langhill Road, Inverkip 29**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for a new street name for an un-named private roadway leading from Millhouse Road to the Daff Reservoir in Inverkip.
- Decided:** that the Committee approve the new street name Langhill Road for the un-named private roadway at Inverkip.
- 30 Employability Services – External Contracts: Proposed 6 Month Extensions 30**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) updating the Committee on the delivery of the contracts funded via the Regeneration Fund Programme 2015-2016 and (2) where considered appropriate, seeking authority to extend existing contracts for an additional six months.
- The Head of Regeneration & Planning advised the Committee that the dates in paragraph 3.3 should read “post April 2016” and “from 30 September 2016” rather than “post September 2015” and “from 1 October 2015”.
- Councillors Ahlfeld and Clocherty declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Board Members of Inverclyde Community Development Trust. They also formed the view that the nature of their interest and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision making process.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the performance of contracts for the period 1 October 2014 to 31 October 2015 as set out in Appendix 1;
- (2) that the Committee authorise the six month contract extensions, subject to final budget approval; and
- (3) that the Committee recognise the continued need for Inverclyde unemployed and in-work residents to be supported by employability activity post April 2016, recognise best value is achieved by procuring these services and authorise procurement of activity taking place and time to award contracts for the delivery of services from 30 September 2016.
- 31 Governance of External Organisations – Inverclyde Community Development Trust 31**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on monitoring and governance arrangements relating to Inverclyde Community Development Trust.

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

**Decided:** that the Committee note that appropriate governance arrangements exist for Inverclyde Community Development Trust.

### 32 Business Rates – Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 32

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on new power that came into effect on 31 October 2015 under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 which allows Councils to develop schemes to reduce or eliminate Non-Domestic Rates levied by them from 2015/16.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the report and the proposals contained in the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015; and
- (2) that it be noted officers will submit an appropriate report for Committee consideration in the event that there is an economic requirement which would benefit from such a scheme which cannot be dealt with through existing business support schemes.

### 33 Scheme of Delegation 33

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of an amended Scheme of Delegation prepared under the terms of Section 43A of the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 for determining local developments.

**Decided:**

- (1) that agreement be given to the adoption of the amended Scheme of Delegation prepared under the terms of Section 43A of the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 for determining local developments as outlined in Appendix 1 and subject to approval from Scottish Ministers; and
- (2) that (1) above be remitted to the Inverclyde Council for approval.

### 34 Flooding Update Report No. 6 34

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the progress of the Greenock Flood Prevention Scheme together with addendum report providing details of the preparation work and activities undertaken during the recent severe weather (Storm Frank).

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the current progress on the Central Greenock Flood Protection Schemes;
- (2) that authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the most economically advantageous tenders for the West Station Flood Protection Works;
- (3) that the Committee note the status of the Central Greenock Flood Prevention Scheme as set out in Appendix 1;
- (4) that the Convener write to the Minister for Transport & Islands requesting a meeting with the Scottish Government and appropriate agencies to seek a solution to flooding problems on the A8 trunk road in Inverclyde;

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- (5) that the local MP and MSPs be invited to attend a briefing on flood prevention;
- (6) that a visit to key flooding sites within Inverclyde be arranged for Elected Members, the local MP and MSPs and other interested parties; and
- (7) that the Committee's thanks to staff for keeping the roads within the area clear during the recent severe weather be recorded.

### 35 Self-Certification of Flood Risk and Drainage Impact Assessments 35

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of (1) the Operational Protocol set out in Appendix 1 requiring self-certification of Flood Risk and Drainage Impact Assessments prepared for residential developments of more than five dwellings and for industrial and commercial developments of more than 250m<sup>2</sup> under Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) June 2014 and (2) the Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Impact Assessment Planning Guidance for Developers set out in Appendix 2 that supersedes the Surface Water Management for Proposed Developments.

**Decided:** that the Committee approve the adoption of the Operational Protocol and the Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Impact Assessment Planning Guidance for Developers set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report.

### 36 Neighbourhood Recycling Points 36

There was submitted replacement report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the Waste Strategy Unit's intention to undertake an intensive campaign in conjunction with colleagues from Safer Communities to improve some of the poorer performing neighbourhood recycling points.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the report and approve a campaign to improve the overall aesthetics and use of the recycling points identified in the report; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to the Committee identifying the outcome of the campaign, including any further recommendations.

### 37 Environmental & Commercial Services (Roads) – Proposed RAMP/Capital Programme for Carriageway Protective Surface Treatments (2016/17) 37

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the proposed capital programme for carriageway protective surface treatments for 2016/17.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee approve the programme and spend profile for carriageway protective surface treatments for 2016/17, as outlined in paragraph 5.1 of the report; and
- (2) that it be noted further reports will be submitted to a future meeting of the Environment & Regeneration Committee in respect of the award of the tenders for carriageway protective surface treatments.

### 38 Decriminalised Parking Enforcement – First Year Review 38

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities on the first 12 months of Decriminalised

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Parking Enforcement (DPE) in Inverclyde and highlighting some operational issues affecting the work of the Safer & Inclusive Communities Enforcement Team.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the changes which have been made or are currently being made to the new Traffic Regulation Orders over the first 12 months of Decriminalised Parking Enforcement;
- (2) that the Committee note the details of penalty charge notices issued, the appeal process and the incidences of violence and aggression towards staff;
- (3) that approval be given to the use of the standard letters at Appendices 3 and 4 as responses to approaches about individual parking issues outwith the formal appeals process, for example people approaching Councillors about penalty charge notices they have received;
- (4) that the Committee make clear its support for enforcement staff, possibly by a publicity campaign, making clear that abuse of any of its staff will not be tolerated; and
- (5) that it be noted an update on the financial performance of decriminalised parking enforcement will be reported to the March 2016 meeting of the Committee.

### 39 Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders – Villages Strategy

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the outcome of the consultation procedure undertaken for the four Traffic Regulation Orders associated with the Villages Strategy in Inverclyde and recommending the making of the Orders.

**Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the following Traffic Regulation Orders 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 Orders:-

- (1) The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Port Glasgow, Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 1) Order 2015;
- (2) The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Port Glasgow, Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 2) Order 2015;
- (3) The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Gourock, Inverkip and Wemyss Bay) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 1) Order 2015; and
- (4) The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Gourock, Inverkip and Wemyss Bay) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 2) Order 2015.

### 40 Proposed Variations to Traffic Regulation Orders - Manor Crescent and Cardwell Road, Gourock

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of the Traffic Regulation Orders – The Inverclyde Council Cardwell Road, Gourock (Waiting Restrictions) (Amendment No. 1) (Variation No. 1) Order 2015 and The Inverclyde Council Manor Crescent, Gourock (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 1) Order 2015.

**Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Orders – The Inverclyde Council Cardwell Road, Gourock (Waiting Restrictions) (Amendment No. 1) (Variation No. 1) Order 2015 and The Inverclyde Council Manor Crescent, Gourock (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 1) 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 Orders.

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**41 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Linnet Road, Greenock (One Way Only) Order 2015 41**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council Linnet Road, Greenock (One Way Only) Order 2015.

**Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council Linnet Road, Greenock (One Way Only) 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.

**42 Review of the Future Delivery of Regeneration Services in Inverclyde 42**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the outcome of the Review of the Future of Delivery of Regeneration Services in Inverclyde carried out in late 2015 by New Skills Consulting Ltd and (2) seeking approval for a range of associated proposals including the ongoing retention of Riverside Inverclyde (ri), Inverclyde's Urban Regeneration Company, up to March 2019.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee note the detail of the Review of the Future Delivery of Regeneration Services in Inverclyde, carried out by New Skills Consulting Ltd;

(2) that approval be given to the adoption of Option 1 as the way forward and that a further review be undertaken in 2018/19 as to the future retention of ri;

(3) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to develop a new Regeneration Strategy post March 2017 and a revised Single Operating Plan up to March 2019, seek approval from ri and Scottish Enterprise and thereafter report back to the Committee;

(4) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to engage with ri to progress the appointment of a new Head of Business Investment and Operations by the summer of 2016; and

(5) that any residual unallocated Regeneration Funding be allocated to ri for developing regeneration projects as part of the Single Operating Plan up to March 2019.

**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.**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Paragraph(s)</b>
<b>Proposed Sale of Premises – Cathcart Street, Greenock</b>	<b>2, 6 &amp; 9</b>
<b>Flooding Update - Single Source Trash Screens</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Lease of Premises – Dubbs Road, Port Glasgow</b>	<b>2, 6 &amp; 9</b>

- 43 Proposed Sale of Premises – Cathcart Street, Greenock 43**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to dispose of premises at Cathcart Street, Greenock. Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.
- 44 Flooding Update - Single Source Trash Screens 44**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to enter into negotiations with a single supplier to supply trash screens to be installed in water courses to prevent flooding. The Head of Environmental & Commercial Services requested the Committee to approve negotiations for the supply and installation of up to four trash screens.
- Decided:**
- (1) that approval be given to single source procurement for the supply and installation of up to four trash screens after demonstrating Best Value principles as detailed in the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts (February 2013) Section 11.1; and
- (2) that approval be given to the suspension of Section 6 of the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts regarding the advertising and publication of the tender notice.
- 45 Lease of Premises – Dubbs Road, Port Glasgow 45**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to proceed with a Minute of Extension and variation of the lease of premises at Dubbs Road, Port Glasgow. Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.