

Local Police & Fire Scrutiny Sub-CommitteeThursday 18 February 2016 at 2.30pm

Present: Councillors Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, Loughran, McCabe, McColgan and Shepherd.

Chair: Councillor Loughran presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, 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, Group Manager P Nelis and Station Manager K Hughes, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service and Mr D Yates, Scottish Police Authority.

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

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| 110 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 110 |
| | Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Jones, McEleny and Wilson. | |
| | No declarations of interest were intimated. | |
| 111 | Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Performance Report | 111 |
| | There was submitted a report on Fire and Rescue performance and related activities during the period 1 July to 30 September 2015, together with supplementary report providing further information in relation to crewing levels and the organisation of resources. | |
| | Decided: that the information contained in the report and supplementary report be noted. | |
| 112 | Mr Paul Nelis | 112 |
| | The Sub-Committee was advised that Group Commander Paul Nelis would be retiring from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in April 2016 and on behalf of Members, Councillor Loughran extended his best wishes to Mr Nelis for the future. | |
| 113 | Police Scotland Performance Report | 113 |
| | There was submitted a performance report for the Inverclyde local Policing area covering the period 1 April to 31 December 2015. | |
| | Decided: that the report be noted. | |

114 Consultations on Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) Scrutiny Plan 2016-17 and the Review of Scottish Strategic Police Priorities 114

There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities advising the Sub-Committee of a review of Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) consultation on its Scrutiny Plan 2016-17 and the Scottish Government’s Review of Scottish Strategic Police Priorities.

Decided:

(1) that the Sub-Committee note the content of the Scrutiny Plan 2016-17; and
(2) that the Sub-Committee confirm its agreement to continuing the existing priorities detailed at page 2 of the consultation document (Appendix 2) and, in view of the concern expressed by Councillors and the public over issues such as closing public counters, merging of police divisions, etc. recommend the following addition:

“In the interests of transparency and accessibility, commit to comprehensive and timely prior consultation with Local Authorities and communities on all proposals which affect access to Policing resources or confidence in the capacity of the local Policing resource to respond to local priorities”.

115 Draft Annual Police Plan 2016/17 115

There was submitted draft Annual Police Plan 2016/17 together with accompanying letter from the Divisional Commander seeking feedback from the Sub-Committee.

Decided: that an early meeting of the Sub-Group comprising Councillors Loughran, Brennan, Brooks and Shepherd be arranged with the Area Commander with a view to discussing the contents of the draft plan and making representations as appropriate to Police Scotland.

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The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 18 February 2016 at 4pm

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

Chair: Provost Moran presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Property Services, Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services), Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications, Head of Regeneration & Planning, Environmental Services Manager, Roads, Transport & Waste Collection, Ms E Provan (Environmental & Commercial Services) and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications).

116 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Jones, MacLeod and Wilson.

Councillor Clocherty declared an interest in agenda item 10 (The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2015 The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee).

Prior to commencement of business, Provost Moran referred to the recent death of former Councillor Jim Mitchell. Councillor McCabe and Councillor Rebecchi paid tribute to Mr Mitchell and, on behalf of the Council, expressed their condolences to Mr Mitchell's family.

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

117 The Inverclyde Council – 3 December 2015

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Approved on the motion of Provost Moran.

118 Audit Committee – 5 January 2016

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Approved on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi.

119 Health & Social Care Committee – 7 January 2016

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Approved on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.

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120	General Purposes Board – 13 January 2016	120
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
121	Environment & Regeneration Committee - 14 January 2016	121
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
122	Education & Communities Committee – 19 January 2016	122
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Loughran.	
123	Environment & Regeneration Committee - 21 January 2016	123
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick.	
124	Grants Sub-Committee – 26 January 2016	124
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McColgan.	
125	Human Resources Appeals Board – 28 January 2016	125
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty.	
126	Policy & Resources Committee – 2 February 2016	126
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe.	
127	Planning Board – 3 February 2016	127
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Nelson.	
128	Local Review Body – 3 February 2016	128
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
129	General Purposes Board – 10 February 2016	129
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.	
130	Approval of the Band D Council Tax for 2016/17	130

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing information to the Council on the latest position of the 2016/17 Revenue Budget to allow it to determine the level of Council Tax for 2016/17.

Decided:

(1) that the Council note the terms of Appendix 3 and approve the budget quantum for the financial year 2016/17;

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(2) that the Council confirm its decision to freeze the Council Tax for 2016/17 at current levels;

(3) that the Council resolve to set the Band D Council Tax for the year commencing 1 April 2016 at £1,198; and

(4) that a meeting of the Inverclyde Council be held on 10 March 2016 to consider the 2016/18 Budget with any further information as is then available or has been evaluated by its relevant officers as may impact on the Council's financial planning.

131 Kilmacolm Heritage Centre Company: Nomination of Board Member – Request by Councillor McCabe 131

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a request by Councillor McCabe that the Council consider an invitation to provide a nominated Board Member to participate in the business of Kilmacolm Heritage Centre Company.

Decided: that Councillor Wilson be the Council's nominated Board Member on Kilmacolm Heritage Centre Company.

132 Scheme of Delegation – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 132

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 14 January 2016 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: 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 of the report to the Environment & Regeneration Committee and subject to approval from Scottish Ministers.

133 Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders – Villages Strategy – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 133

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 14 January 2016 requesting approval of the following Traffic Regulation 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.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the following Traffic Regulation Orders, all as detailed in copies of the Orders 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:-

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- (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.

134 Proposed Variations to Traffic Regulation Orders – Manor Crescent and Cardwell Road, Gourock – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 134

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 14 January 2016 requesting approval of the proposed 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 approve 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, all as detailed in copies of the Orders 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.

135 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Linnet Road, Greenock (One-Way Only) Order 2015 – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 135

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 14 January 2016 requesting approval of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Linnet Road, Greenock (One Way Only) Order 2015.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order - Linnet Road, Greenock (One Way Only) Order 2015, all as detailed in a copy of the 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.

136 Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders – Various Roads including Residents' Parking Permit Scheme – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 136

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee requesting approval of four Traffic Regulation Orders which the Committee at the meeting held on 29 October 2015 had agreed to hold back recommending to the Council until a decision was made regarding The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2015 as they form a package of Traffic Regulation Orders which together make up the Residents' Parking Permit Scheme.

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The report advised that the Environment & Regeneration Committee at the special meeting on 21 January 2016 had agreed to recommend to the Council the making of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2015.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the following Traffic Regulation Orders, all as detailed in copies of the Orders 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:-

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

137 The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2015 137
The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999
Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 21 January 2016 requesting approval of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2015. Councillor Clocherty declared a non-financial interest in this matter having previously declared a view and took no part in its consideration or decision.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order - The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2015, all as detailed in a copy of the 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.

138 SNP Group – Changes to Committee Memberships 138

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 memberships.

Following discussion on the appointment of a Vice-Chair of the General Purposes Board, Councillor McEleny seconded by Councillor Campbell-Sturgess moved that Councillor Campbell-Sturgess be appointed Vice-Chair. As an amendment, Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Clocherty moved that Councillor Brennan be so appointed.

On a vote, six Members voted for the motion and nine for the amendment which was declared carried.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the following changes to Committee memberships:-
 General Purposes Board – Councillor Nelson to be appointed in place of Councillor Grieve; and

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Environment & Regeneration Committee – Councillor Campbell-Sturgess to be appointed in place of Councillor Grieve; and
 (2) that Councillor Brennan be appointed Vice-Chair of the General Purposes Board.

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 on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as detailed in the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as detailed in the relevant minute.

Appendices to Minutes

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| 139 | Health & Social Care Committee – 7 January 2016 | 139 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor McIlwee. | |
| 140 | Environment & Regeneration Committee – 14 January 2016 | 140 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor McCormick. | |
| 141 | Education & Communities Committee – 19 January 2016 | 141 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor Loughran. | |
| 142 | Human Resources Appeals Board – 28 January 2016 | 142 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty. | |
| 143 | Policy & Resources Committee – 2 February 2016 | 143 |
| | Approval of the appendix to the minute as a correct record was moved by Councillor McCabe. | |
| | Decided: | |
| | (1) that the appendix to the minute be approved; and | |
| | (2) that the Council note the Head of Legal & Property Services' assurances in relation to the negotiations for the proposed sale of premises at Cathcart Street, Greenock. | |

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 23 FEBRUARY 2016

Audit Committee

Tuesday 23 February 2016 at 3pm

Present: Provost Moran, Councillors Brennan, Clocherty, Dorrian, Jones, Loughran, Brooks (for MacLeod), Nelson and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor Rebecchi presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Head of Legal & Property Services, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Internal Auditor, Ms G Murphy and Mr N Duffy (Legal & Property Services).

Also Present: Mr M Thomas and Mr R McGahon (Grant Thornton).

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| 144 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 144 |
| | Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Ahlfeld, Campbell-Sturgess and MacLeod, with Councillor Brooks substituting for Councillor MacLeod. | |
| | No declarations of interest were intimated. | |
| 145 | Risk Management Progress Report | 145 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration and Resources updating members of progress made with regard to risk management since the meeting of the Audit Committee on 25 August 2015. | |
| | Noted | |
| 146 | External Audit Action Plan – Current Actions | 146 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration and Resources on the status of current actions from the External Audit Action Plans, as at 31 January 2016. | |
| | Noted | |
| 147 | Internal Audit Progress Report – 7 December 2015 to 29 January 2016 | 147 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration and Resources appending the monitoring report in respect of Internal Audit activity for the period 7 December 2015 to 29 January 2016. | |
| | Noted | |

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148 External Audit Plan 2015-16**148**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer presenting the External Audit Plan for 2015-16 produced by Grant Thornton.

Noted

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE – 25 FEBRUARY 2016

Health & Social Care Committee

Thursday 25 February 2016 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Dorrian, Grieve, Jones, MacLeod, McCabe, McCormick, Loughran (for McIlwee) and Shepherd (for Rebecchi).

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Head of Planning, Health Improvement & Commissioning, Head of Health & Community Care, Head of Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness, Ms E Tamburrini, Service Manager (Homelessness), Mr C McKendrick (Health & Social Care Partnership), Ms A McCreagh, Service Manager (Specialist Children's Services), Ms F McLaren (for Chief Financial Officer), Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Ms S Lang (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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| 149 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 149 |
| | <p>Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Campbell-Sturgess, McIlwee, with Councillor Loughran substituting, and Rebecchi, with Councillor Shepherd substituting.</p> <p>Councillors Ahlfeld, MacLeod and McCabe declared an interest in agenda item 13 (Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations).</p> | |
| 150 | Homelessness Service | 150 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on (1) the ways in which the Homelessness Service is meeting its statutory duties, (2) how this interacts with other services within the HSCP and external partners and (3) current developments and challenges within the Homelessness Service.</p> <p>The Committee heard a presentation on this subject by the Head of Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness along with Ms Eileen Tamburrini and Mr Charlie McKendrick, HSCP, and following the presentation, all 3 Officers answered questions from Members.</p> <p>Decided: that the Committee note the progress being made to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness within Inverclyde as detailed within the report and presentation.</p> | |
| 151 | Strategic Plan Update | 151 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on progress made towards developing the HSCP Strategic Plan.</p> | |

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Decided: that the Committee note the Strategic Plan progress update and agree the principles of the plan.

152 Overview of Development of Governance Arrangements 152

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on the progress made in developing Inverclyde HSCP's governance arrangements, integral to which is compliance with the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014, the Inverclyde HSCP Integration Scheme commitments and Scottish Government guidance, both statutory and non-statutory, on Health and Social Care integration.

Decided: that the Committee note the current status of compliance with statutory and other timescales and the planned activity around the key legislative and other commitments necessary to achieve sound governance and oversight arrangements for Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership from 1 April 2016.

153 Revenue and Capital Budget Report 2015/16 – Period 9 as at 31 December 2015 153

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on the position of the Revenue and Capital Budgets for the current year as at Period 9 to 31 December 2015.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current year Revenue Budget and projected overspend of £168,000 for 2015/16 as at 31 December 2015;
- (2) that the Committee note that the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership will continue work to contain the projected overspend within the overall Social Work Budget for the year;
- (3) that the Committee note the projected Capital position; and
- (4) that the Committee note the current Earmarked Reserves position.

154 Delayed Discharge Performance 154

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising the Committee of Inverclyde's performance in relation to delayed discharges.

Decided: that the Committee note the current performance in relation to delayed discharges.

155 Inverclyde Community Justice Communication and Engagement Strategy 155

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership appending the draft Inverclyde Community Justice Communication and Engagement Strategy.

Decided: that the Committee note the draft Inverclyde Community Justice Communication and Engagement Strategy.

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- 156 Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 156**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising of the duties and responsibilities outlined within the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 and the progress of implementation in respect of Parts 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 14 of the Act.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the scale and significance of the duties and responsibilities outlined within the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 in terms of the delivery, development and implementation of processes and systems which facilitate compliance with the legislation;
 - (2) that arrangements be made for a Members' Briefing on this subject; and
 - (3) that an annual report be submitted to the Committee.
- 157 Child Sexual Exploitation 157**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on the progress of the work of the Child Sexual Exploitation Strategic Group.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the ongoing work of the Child Protection Committee and Child Sexual Exploitation Working Group, the success of the local delivery of the local action plan and the range of ongoing work across a wide range of organisations;
 - (2) that progress reports on the work to tackle child sexual exploitation by the Child Protection Committee and Child Sexual Exploitation Strategic Working Group be submitted to the Committee; and
 - (3) that arrangements be made for a Members' Briefing on this subject and that consideration be given to combining this with the Members' Briefing on the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014, outlined in the preceding item.
- 158 Social Work Services Single Agency Child Protection Procedures 158**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising of the duties and responsibilities outlined within the updated Social Work Services Single Agency Child Protection Procedures.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the duties and responsibilities outlined in the Social Work Services Single Agency Child Protection Procedures.
- 159 Social Work Services Supervision Policy 159**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on the updated Supervision Policy for Social Work Services staff in Inverclyde which meets the obligations of the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) and the HSCP.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the significance of the duties and responsibilities outlined in the HSCP Supervision Policy.
- Councillor McCabe left the meeting at this juncture.

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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)
Report on Social Work Complaints Review Committee of 27 January 2016	1 and 3
Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations	6
Additional Item: Reprovision of Caladh House	6, 8 and 9

160 Report on Social Work Complaints Review Committee of 27 January 2016 160

There was submitted a report by the Social Work Complaints Review Committee on the outcome of a hearing held on 27 January 2016 under the Local Authority Complaints Procedure in respect of the Provision of Social Work Functions. The Committee noted the terms of the report and upheld the recommendation of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee that all seven elements of the complaint be not upheld, all as detailed in the appendix.

161 Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations 161

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on matters relating to the HSCP governance process for externally commissioned Social Care Services.

Councillor Ahlfeld declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Member of the Board of River Clyde Homes and Councillor MacLeod declared a non-financial interest as a Director of Parklea Branching Out. Both Members 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 the governance report set out in Appendix 1 covering the period 1 December 2015 to 31 January 2016.

The Chair being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership 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.

162 Reprovision of Caladh House**162**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership making recommendations relative to the reprovision of the services currently provided by Turning Point Scotland at Caladh House in Bank Street, Greenock which were agreed, all as detailed in the appendix.

LOCAL REVIEW BODY – 2 MARCH 2016

Local Review Body**Wednesday 2 March 2016 at 4pm****Present:** Councillors Dorrian, Loughran, Nelson, Rebecchi and Wilson.**Chair:** Councillor Wilson presided.**In attendance:** Ms F Milne (Planning Adviser), Mr J Kerr (Legal Adviser) and Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services).**The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Local Review Body.****163 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 163**

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

164 PLANNING APPLICATION FOR REVIEW 164**Erection of two dwellinghouses (in principle):
Land at Craigmarloch, Port Glasgow Road, Kilmacolm (15/0209/IC)**

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review of the refusal of planning permission for the erection of two dwellinghouses (in principle) on land at Craigmarloch, Port Glasgow Road, Kilmacolm (15/0209/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 dismissed and that planning permission be refused (upholding the appointed Officer's determination) as the applicant has not demonstrated any operational need or any exceptional or mitigating circumstances that would justify the erection of the new dwellinghouses in this Green Belt location. The proposal is therefore contrary to policies SDS8, ENV2 and RES7 of the 2014 Inverclyde Local Development Plan.

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 3 MARCH 2016

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 3 March 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 (Legal & Property Services), Mr M Thomson (for Chief Financial Officer), Ms M McCabe (Finance Services), Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Environmental Services Manager Roads, Transport & Waste Collection, Head of Regeneration & Planning and Property Assets Manager.

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

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| 165 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 165 |
| | <p>An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Campbell-Sturgess.</p> <p>Councillors Clocherty and McCabe declared an interest in agenda item 5 (Kilmacolm Self-Build – Project Update).</p> | |
| 166 | Environment & Regeneration Revenue Budget 2015/16 – Period 9 to 31 December 2015 | 166 |
| | <p>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 9 (31 December 2015) which showed a projected underspend of £117,000.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £117,000 for 2015/16 as at 31 December 2015;</p> <p>(2) that approval be given to the virement as detailed in section 7 and appendix 5 of the report; and</p> <p>(3) that the Committee note the financial performance of the Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) Scheme for the period to 31 December 2015.</p> | |
| 167 | Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2015/16 to 2017/18 - Progress | 167 |
| | <p>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.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(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 of the report;</p> | |

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(2) that approval be given to the issue of tenders for the William Street (former Education HQ) offices refurbishment and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the lowest acceptable tender provided the cost is within the budget allocation for the project; and

(3) that the expenditure on the Port Glasgow Municipal Buildings town clock be noted and that approval be given to the appointment of a specialist contractor to carry out the work as detailed in paragraph 6.13 of the report.

168 Environment, Regeneration & Resources Performance Report

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on progress made towards the achievement of key objectives as set out in the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan (CDIP) 2013 to 2016.

The Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advised the Committee that the current performance figure under the heading traffic lights - faults repaired within 48 hours (appendix 2) should read 100% rather than 87.50%.

Decided: that the Committee note the contents of the report and that the report reflects the progress made by Environment, Regeneration & Resources in delivering their key improvement actions and performance targets as detailed in the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan (CDIP) 2013 to 2016.

169 Kilmacolm Self Build – Project Update

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) providing an update on progress in relation to the development of self-build housing plots at Leperstone Avenue, Kilmacolm, an initiative contained within the Repopulation Action Plan and (2) seeking agreement that, in the unlikely event of the development costs exceeding the current allocation plus receipts from the sale of plots, the Council will cover the financial shortfall.

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 progress to date and that further progress reports will be submitted for Members' information and consideration in due course;

(2) that it be noted Riverside Inverclyde (ri) will appoint solicitors to draft a Development Agreement between ri and Inverclyde Council;

(3) that assurances be granted to ri that Inverclyde Council will cover any financial shortfall that ri may be exposed to in delivering this project for the Council;

(4) that it be remitted to the Policy & Resources Committee to agree to the Council's underwriting of the project and to note the potential future funding requirement in the event of any shortfall; and

(5) that it be noted that ri will award the contract for the works following approval of (4) above by the Policy & Resources Committee.

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- 170 Inverclyde Local Development Plan: Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement 2016 170**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking the Committee's endorsement of (1) the annual update of the Inverclyde Local Development Plan: Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement for submission to the Scottish Government and (2) the setting up of a Members Officers Group for the review of the Local Development Plan.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee approve the publication of the updated 2016 Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement and its submission to the Scottish Government, noting that the review of the Local Development Plan will start formally in March 2016; and
- (2) that agreement be given to the setting up of a new cross-party Members Officers Group to meet on a regular basis to consider the review of the Local Development Plan.
- 171 Household Recycling Charter and Code of Practice 171**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the Household Recycling Charter and associated Code of Practice and seeking approval to sign up to the Charter.
- Decided:** that the Council sign up to the Household Recycling Charter and commence the process of developing a funded transition plan through Zero Waste Scotland.
- 172 Roads Asset Management Plan 2016/17 172**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval in relation to a proposed programme of projects to be undertaken in 2016/17 using Roads Asset Management Plan (RAMP)/Capital Funding and grant offers of funding by the Scottish Government for Cycling, Walking and Safer Street Projects (CWSS).
- Decided:**
- (1) that the proposed list of projects for the 2016/17 RAMP/Capital and CWSS grant aided roads related projects be approved; and
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services to achieve full spend of the RAMP/Capital budget through the substitution of projects from a reserve list when necessary.
- 173 Gourock Town Centre Parking Strategy Review 173**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on proposals to review the parking strategy in Gourock town centre following feedback received.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note that surveys and a consultation will be undertaken and the mix of parking restrictions reconsidered in accordance with the findings; and
- (2) that it be noted a report will be submitted to the Committee at the earliest opportunity detailing the findings of the survey and the consultation and any new proposals which arise as a result.

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174 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 1 2016 174

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order to accompany the provision of parking bays for the disabled.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 1 2016 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.

175 Proposed Lease of Land to Ferguson Marine Engineering Ltd 175

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the responses to the public consultation approved by the Committee at its meeting on 29 October 2015 on the proposal to dispose of an area of ground comprising part of Coronation Park, Port Glasgow to Ferguson Marine Engineering Ltd and (2) having regard to the public consultation, asking the Committee whether it approves the disposal by way of a lease on terms set out in the report.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the responses and objection received to the public consultation in terms of Section 27 of the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act as detailed in appendix 2; and

(2) that the Committee approve disposal and that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to complete negotiations and enter into a lease of areas of land at Coronation Park, Port Glasgow, as identified on the plan at appendix 1, with the adjoining land owner Ferguson Marine Engineering Ltd (or such other company as may be nominated by Ferguson and is satisfactory to the Head of Legal & Property Services and to the Chief Financial Officer) on the basis of the Heads of Terms referred to in the report, and otherwise on terms and conditions acceptable to the Head of Legal & Property Services and to the Chief Financial Officer.

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 paragraphs 2, 6 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

176 Appendix 3 relative to Agenda Item 11 176

There was submitted appendix 3 relative to agenda item 11 (Proposed Lease of Land to Ferguson Marine Engineering Ltd) providing details of the terms of any proposed lease between the Council and Ferguson Marine Engineering Ltd.

Noted

177 Non Operational Property Portfolio Information Scheme of Delegation Register 177

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the exercise by Officers of powers delegated to them in terms of the Scheme of Delegation and providing an update on the management of the Council's non-operational property portfolio for the period April 2015 to December 2015.

Decided: that the Committee note the terms of the report.

178 Property Assets Management Report 178

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on activities and proposals for the management of the Council's property assets.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to action in respect of premises at (1) Dalrymple Street, Greenock, (2) Drumfrochar Road, Greenock and (3) John Street, Gourrock, all as detailed in the appendix.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 8 MARCH 2016

Education and Communities Committee

Tuesday 8 March 2016 at 2pm

Present: Councillors Brennan, Brooks, MacLeod (for Campbell-Sturgess), Clocherty, Jones, Loughran, McCabe, McColgan, McEleny, Shepherd and Wilson, Mr T Macdougall and Rev. M McMahon, Church Representatives, Mr R Thomson, Parent Representative and Mr T Tracey, Teacher Representative.

Chair: Councillor Loughran presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Community Safety & Wellbeing Manager, Health Protection Service Manager, Ms G Murphy (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services), Mr I Cameron (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr C Given (Finance Services), Head of Education, Mr D Smith (Education Services) and Property Services Manager.

In attendance also: Mr Gary Johnstone, HM Inspector for Education in Scotland, as an observer for the Education items only.

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

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| 179 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 179 |
| | An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Campbell-Sturgess with Councillor MacLeod substituting. | |
| | Councillor MacLeod declared an interest in agenda item 3 (Communities Capital Programme 2015 to 2018) and Councillor Wilson declared an interest in agenda item 4 (Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report). | |
| 180 | Communities 2015/16 Revenue Budget Report – Period 9 to 31 December 2015 | 180 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the 2015/16 Revenue Budget position as at Period 9 to 31 December 2015. | |
| | Decided: that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £312,000 in the 2015/16 Revenue Budget as at Period 9 to 31 December 2015. | |
| 181 | Communities Capital Programme 2015 to 2018 | 181 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and the 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 MacLeod declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Member of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and 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 progress of the specific projects detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

182 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.

During the course of discussion on this item, Councillor McCabe suggested that it would be useful for a further review of the occupancy levels in Clune Park to be carried out for submission to a future meeting of the Task Group.

Decided: 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.

183 Housing Renewal Areas – Identification and Prioritisation

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities seeking the Committee's approval of a procedure for the identification and prioritisation of Housing Renewal Areas which will form part of the Council's approach to tackling housing disrepair by encouraging and supporting effective property repair and maintenance of housing in Inverclyde.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the reasons for the procedure outlined in the report as part of an overall approach to tackling housing disrepair and improving maintenance regimes; and
- (2) that the Committee approve the proposed policy set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

184 Delegated Powers

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development requesting that delegated powers be granted to the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities to authorise officers under the Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Act 2016.

Following discussion, Councillor McCabe moved that delegated powers be granted to the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities to authorise officers under the Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Act 2016 as outlined in the report. As an amendment, Councillor Wilson moved that it be remitted to the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities to examine the feasibility of granting the enforcement powers to officers other than the uniformed Council staff as suggested in the report and that this be the subject of a further report to the next meeting of the Committee. On a vote, 1 Member voted for the amendment and 10 for the motion which was declared carried.

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Decided: that delegated powers be granted to the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities to authorise officers under the Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Act 2016 as outlined in the report.

185 Watt Complex Refurbishment – Proposed Amendment 185

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on a proposed amendment to the Watt Complex refurbishment project approved by the Committee on 3 November 2015, following a recommendation from the Members' Budget Working Group.

Decided: that Standing Orders be suspended and that the Committee approve the proposed amendment to the Watt Complex project as detailed in the report which will in turn free up funds to help address the Council's funding gap for 2017/18.

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

186 Rev. Michael McMahon 186

The Convener referred to the fact that this would be Rev. McMahon's final meeting following his resignation as the Roman Catholic Church representative on the Committee. It was noted that Mrs Frances Gilpin had been nominated to serve as the Church's representative in Rev. McMahon's place.

On behalf of the Committee, the Convener thanked Rev. McMahon for his 10 years of service and wished him every success in his continued role as Educational Director for the Diocese of Paisley.

187 Education 2015/16 Revenue Budget – Period 9 to 31 December 2015 187

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the 2015/16 Education Revenue Budget position as at Period 9 to 31 December 2015.

Decided: that the Committee note the projected underspend of £894,000 in the Education Revenue Budget as at Period 9 to 31 December 2015.

188 Education Capital Programme 2015 – 2018 - Progress 188

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the status of the projects forming the Education Capital Programme and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the progress of the specific projects detailed in Appendix 1; and

(2) that the Committee note that a final decision on the School Estates Acceleration Plan will be taken as part of the 2016/18 budget on 10 March 2016.

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- 189 School Leaver Destination Results 2014 - 15 189**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing information relating to the annual release of school leaver destination results.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the contents of the report.
- 190 Implementation of Credit Unions for all S1 Pupils 190**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development informing the Committee of the introduction of a Credit Union account for all pupils in S1 from 2016/2017.
(Councillor McEleny left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the implementation of Credit Union accounts for every S1 pupil and the associated ongoing spend proposals for this; and
 - (2) that the Committee note the financial support for a test school to set up its own Credit Union bank and to provide ongoing support to the project.
- 191 Scottish Attainment Challenge 191**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing information on the progress and impact of the Attainment Challenge within Inverclyde.
(Councillor McEleny returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
- Decided:** that the Committee note the ongoing progress of the Scottish Attainment Challenge project within Inverclyde.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 9 MARCH 2016

General Purposes Board

Wednesday 9 March 2016 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr D Keenan (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms L Carrick (Legal & Property Services), Mr G Blackie (for Head of Environmental & Commercial Services), Inspector S McInnes and PC R White, Police Scotland.

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

192 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 192

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Rebecchi with Councillor Shepherd substituting.

Councillor McIlwee declared an interest in Agenda Item 2 (Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence – Aaron McBryde).

193 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence – Aaron McBryde 193

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to consider the suspension of Mr McBryde's taxi driver's licence which expires on 31 January 2017, following a letter submitted by Police Scotland dated 9 February 2016. Councillor McIlwee declared a non-financial interest in this item as a family acquaintance and left the meeting.

Mr McBryde was present for this item

Mr Keenan advised on the background to the report and informed Members that Mr McBryde's licence had not been suspended following receipt of Police Scotland's letter. The Board heard Inspector McInnes in support of Police Scotland's recommendation and Mr McBryde in support of his licence which included six character references, copies of which were circulated to the Board.

(Councillor Shepherd entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business). Following discussion, Councillor Loughran moved that Mr McBryde's licence be not suspended. As an amendment, Councillor Campbell-Sturgess moved that Mr McBryde's licence be suspended. On a vote, two Members voted for the amendment and seven for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that Mr McBryde's Licence be not suspended.

Councillor McIlwee entered the meeting at this juncture.

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- 194 Application for Taxi Driver’s Licence – Robert Burke 194**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on an application for a taxi driver’s licence by Mr Burke following a police objection. Mr Burke was not present or represented. Mr Keenan advised on the background to the report and informed the Board that this item had been continued from the meeting held on 10 February 2016 to allow Mr Burke to attend. The Board heard Inspector McInnes in support of the police objection. Following discussion, Councillor Ahlfeld moved that the application be refused. As an amendment, Councillor Loughran moved that the application be granted. On a vote, four Members voted for the motion and four for the amendment. There being equality in voting, the Chair exercised his casting vote in favour of the amendment, which was declared carried.
- Decided:** that Mr Burke’s application be granted.
- 195 Application for the Renewal of Taxi Driver’s Licence – Stuart Maxwell 195**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on an application for renewal of a taxi driver’s licence by Stuart Maxwell following a letter of representation by Police Scotland dated 4 February 2016. Mr Maxwell was not present or represented. The Board heard Inspector McInnes in support of Police Scotland’s letter.
- Decided:** that Mr Maxwell’s application be granted.
- 196 Application for Street Trader Licence - Anthony Remo Serapiglia 196**
- Mr Keenan advised the Board that this item would be referred to the next meeting of the Board.
- Decided:** that consideration of this item be continued to the next meeting.
- 197 Application for the Grant of a Street Trader’s Licence – John Molloy 197**
Fixed Site on Arthur Street, Greenock (between Carlsburn Street and Knowe Road)
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on an application for a street trader’s licence by Mr Molloy following receipt of a letter of objection from the existing street trader at Arthur Street and a recommendation to refuse the application on the grounds of road safety received from the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services. Mr Molloy was present for this item. Mr Keenan advised on the background to the report. The Board heard Mr Blackie (Environmental & Commercial Services) in support of the recommendation by the Roads Department and Mr Molloy in support of his application.
- Decided:** that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to arrange for a site visit to the proposed location and that consideration of the application be continued to a future meeting of the Board.

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 10 MARCH 2016

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 10 March 2016 at 4pm

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

Chair: Provost Moran presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Property Services, Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications, Legal Services Manager (Litigation, Licensing & Committee Services), Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services) and Corporate Communications Manager.

198 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

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

No declarations of interest were intimated.

The meeting adjourned at 4.05pm and recommenced at 4.10pm.

199 2016/18 Budget

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing the Council with the necessary information in order that it can (1) approve the Revenue, Capital and Common Good Budgets and (2) agree any use of Free Reserves. There were circulated Equality Impact Assessments carried out for proposed budget savings.

Decided:

- (1) that the Council agree the changes to the 2016/17 Revenue Budget as detailed in Appendix 1 and thereafter agree to the 2016/17 Revenue Budget;
- (2) that the Council agree the provisional 2017/18 Revenue Budget as outlined on page 1 of Appendix 3 adjusted for a further £600,000 of savings to be developed by the Corporate Management Team and reported to the September 2016 Policy & Resources Committee plus the temporary use of £810,000 from the General Fund Reserves pending a decision when setting the 2017/18 Revenue Budget regarding the use of Council Tax or further budget savings;
- (3) that the Council approve the 2016/18 Capital Programme as detailed in Appendix 4;
- (4) that the Council approve the 2016/18 Common Good Budget as detailed in Appendix 5;
- (5) that the Council approve the use of Free Reserves as detailed in Appendix 6 page 2 and agree to defer consideration of the use of any remaining Free Reserves until the conclusion of the 2015/16 year end accounts exercise in September 2016;

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(6) that delegated powers be granted to the Chief Executive to release individuals in line with the Council's Early Release Policy and who are impacted by proposals approved as part of the 2016/18 Revenue Budget; and

(7) that the Members' Budget Working Group continue to meet during 2016/17 in order to consider the proposals to come to the September 2016 Policy & Resources Committee and the updated 2017/18 settlement figures once these are available from the Scottish Government.

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 22 MARCH 2016

Policy & Resources Committee

Tuesday 22 March 2016 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Ms A Hunter (for Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership), Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Property Services, Property Services Manager, Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services), Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications, Head of Regeneration & Planning, Ms K Barclay, (Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy) and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

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| 200 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 200 |
| | An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor MacLeod, with Councillor Brooks substituting. | |
| | No declarations of interest were intimated. | |
| 201 | Policy & Resources Capital Programme 2015/18 - Progress Report | 201 |
| | 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. | |
| 202 | Capital Programme 2015/18 | 202 |
| | 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. | |
| 203 | Policy & Resources Committee 2015/16 Revenue Budget – Period 10 to 31 January 2016 | 203 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director Education, Communities & | |

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Organisational Development and Chief Financial Officer on the 2015/16 projected outturn for the Policy & Resources Committee as at Period 10 to 31 January 2016.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the projected underspend of £2,828,000 for the Policy & Resources Committee as at Period 10 to 31 January 2016; and
- (2) that the Committee note the projected fund balance of £34,750 for the Common Good Fund and that this will be addressed as part of the 2016/18 budget.

204 General Fund Revenue Budget 2015/16 as at 31 January 2016 204

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the position of the General Fund Revenue Budget as at 31 January 2016 and (2) providing an update on the position of the General Fund Reserves and Earmarked Reserves.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the latest position of the 2015/16 Revenue Budget and General Fund Reserves; and
- (2) that the Committee note the decision of the Inverclyde Council on 10 March 2016 that any remaining Free Reserves remain unallocated and that consideration of potential uses be delayed until after the finalisation of the 2015/16 accounts in September 2016.

205 SOLACE Improving Local Government Benchmarking Framework 2014/15 205

There was submitted a report by the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture and Corporate Policy (1) providing details of the Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) 2014/15 data and (2) highlighting Inverclyde Council's performance across a range of indicators.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note that the LGBF 2014/15 data was published on 29 January 2016;
- (2) that it be agreed that the information in the appendix to the report be used to form the basis of the Council's public performance reporting on the LGBF 2014/15; and
- (3) that a briefing session on the LGBF 2014/15 be arranged for Elected Members.

206 Welfare Reforms Update 206

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on the actions being taken by the Council in response to ongoing Welfare Reform changes. There was circulated to the Committee copy letter dated 10 March 2016 from Ms Margaret Burgess MSP, Minister for Housing & Welfare, in relation to Scottish Welfare Fund funding distribution for 2016/17.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the report and that a detailed report on the impact of the introduction of Personal Independence Payments will be submitted to the next meeting of the Health & Social Care Committee; and
- (2) that the Committee approve the proposed Discretionary Housing Payments Policy changes for 2016/17 outlined in the report.

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- 207 Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy – 2016/17 – 2019/20 207**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2016/20, Treasury Policy Limits, the Council's Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators for the next four years and the List of Permitted Investments.
- Decided:** that the following, as outlined in the report, be remitted to the Inverclyde Council for approval:-
- (a) Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy;
 - (b) Authorised Limit for 2016/17;
 - (c) Treasury Management Policy Statement set out in paragraph 5.2 of the report;
 - (d) Treasury Policy Limits;
 - (e) Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Indicators; and
 - (f) List of Permitted Investments (including those for the Common Good Fund).
- 208 Results from the Citizens' Panel Autumn 2015 Survey 208**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy on the headline results from the Citizens' Panel Autumn 2015 Survey.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the main findings from the Autumn 2015 Citizens' Panel Survey;
 - (2) that account be taken of the results when reviewing service delivery as appropriate; and
 - (3) that a briefing on dementia be arranged for Elected Members.
- 209 Financial Inclusion Partnership Strategy: 2016 Refresh 209**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership (1) on the refreshed Inverclyde Financial Inclusion Strategy 2012-17 and (2) seeking approval for its continued implementation.
- Decided:** that approval be given to the refreshed Financial Inclusion Strategy and Action Plan attached to the report.
- 210 Leasing Arrangements – Commercial and Industrial Property Portfolio 210**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking endorsement of the current criteria applied when considering a new lease or a lease renewal.
- Decided:** that the Committee endorse the existing arrangement for new leases or lease renewals within the commercial and industrial property portfolio.
- 211 Recruitment and Selection Policy – Request by Councillor Jones 211**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services advising of a request from Councillor Jones that a report be prepared by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications in relation to gender balance in all appointment panels.
- Councillor Jones was present and spoke on the matter.

Decided: that the issue of gender balance in all appointment panels be considered as part of the current review of the Council's recruitment and selection policy and procedures and that a report thereon be submitted to the August meeting of the Committee.

212 Post-Project Evaluation Procedure

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services updating the Committee on the progress and proposals in respect of the implementation of a post-project evaluation procedure for major capital investment projects and high value goods and services contracts.

Decided: that the Committee note and approve the implementation of a post-project evaluation procedure.

213 Gourock Highland Games

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications seeking agreement to moving the Gourock Highland Games from Gourock Park to Battery Park.

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

Decided:

(1) that Gourock Highland Games be held in Battery Park on Sunday 8 May 2016 and that a post event report be compiled to review and recommend future developments of the event;

(2) that the Gourock Highland Games be a free event for 2016; and

(3) that a sub-group comprising the Convener and Vice-Convener of the Policy & Resources Committee and Councillor McEleny, as a Member of the Minority Groups, together with the Chief Financial Officer be established to consider any formal requests received by the Council for funding contributions towards community led events associated with the Gourock Highland Games 2016 and to decide on the allocation of funding up to a maximum total of £10,000.

214 Kilmacolm Self-Build – Project Update: Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 3 March 2016 requesting the Committee to agree to the Council's underwriting of the Kilmacolm self-build project at Leperstone Avenue, Kilmacolm and to note the potential future funding requirement in the event of any shortfall.

Decided: that the Committee agree to the Council's underwriting of the project and note the potential future funding requirement in the event of any shortfall.

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 ground that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

215 Voluntary Severance Policy Update**215**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications updating the Committee on the position of releases made under the Council's Voluntary Severance Scheme over the period 2014/16.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note that 19 employees have been released under the Council's Voluntary Severance Scheme as set out in appendix 1 to the report and formally homologate the list; and
- (2) that the Committee note that future reports will be submitted to update Members on the release of employees by the Chief Executive under delegated authority on an annual basis.

PLANNING BOARD – 6 APRIL 2016

Planning Board

Wednesday 6 April 2016 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 & Buildings Standards Manager, Service Manager (Roads), Mr G Leitch (Environmental & Commercial Services), Mr J Kerr (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services).

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

216 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 216

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Councillor Wilson declared an interest in Agenda Item 2 (Erection of 23 New Dwellings and Associated Works at the former St Gabriel's Primary, Juno Terrace, Greenock (15/0254/IC)).

217 PLANNING APPLICATION 217

**Erection of 23 new dwellings and associated works:
Former St Gabriel's Primary, Juno Terrace, Greenock (15/0245/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning on an application by Link Group for the erection of 23 new dwellings and associated works at the former St Gabriel's Primary, Juno Terrace, Greenock (15/0245/IC).

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

The Head of Regeneration & Planning advised that the proposal incorporates 26 off-street parking spaces, rather than 23 as indicated in the report.

Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a Board Member of Link Housing Association and Larkfield Housing Association and left the meeting. Councillor Nelson assumed the Chair.

After discussion, Councillor Dorrian moved that consideration of the application be continued for a site visit to be arranged by the Head of Legal & Property Services in consultation with Councillor Nelson. As an amendment, Councillor Nelson moved that planning permission be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report.

On a vote, one Member voted for the amendment and nine for the motion which was declared carried.

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 Councillor Nelson.

LOCAL REVIEW BODY – 6 APRIL 2016

Local Review BodyWednesday 6 April 2016 at 4pm

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

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Mr R Gimby (Planning Adviser), Mr J Kerr (Legal Adviser) and Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services).

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

218 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 218

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

219 PLANNING APPLICATION FOR REVIEW 219

Erection of a conservatory:

Cottage 44, Campbell Snowdon House, Craigbet Road, Quarriers Village (16/0001/IC)

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review of the refusal of planning permission for the erection of a conservatory at Cottage 44, Campbell Snowdon House, Craigbet Road, Quarriers Village (16/0001/IC).

The Chair advised the Local Review Body that there were no suggested conditions should planning permission be granted on review.

Decided:

(1) that sufficient information had not been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and

(2) that, in terms of Regulation 16 of the Town and Country Planning (Schemes of Delegation and Local Review Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, consideration of the application for review be continued for an unaccompanied site inspection to be arranged by the Head of Legal & Property Services in consultation with the Chair.