

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.

165 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 165

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Campbell-Sturgess.

Councillors Clocherty and McCabe declared an interest in agenda item 5 (Kilmacolm Self-Build – Project Update).

166 Environment & Regeneration Revenue Budget 2015/16 – Period 9 to 31 December 2015 166

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.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £117,000 for 2015/16 as at 31 December 2015;
- (2) that approval be given to the virement as detailed in section 7 and appendix 5 of the report; and
- (3) that the Committee note the financial performance of the Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) Scheme for the period to 31 December 2015.

167 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2015/16 to 2017/18 - Progress 167

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.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current position of the Capital Programme 2015/18 and the progress of the specific projects detailed in appendices 1 and 2 of the report;

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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.