

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.