

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 28 APRIL 2016

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 28 April 2016 at 3pm

Present: Provost Moran, Councillors Ahlfeld, Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, Dorrian, Jones, McEleny (for MacLeod), McCabe, McCormick, Nelson and Shepherd.

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Property Services), 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, Service Manager (Roads), Manager of Streetscene, Burial Grounds & Registrars, Head of Regeneration & Planning, Property Assets Manager and Technical Services Manager.

In attendance also: Ms F Maguire, Physical Regeneration Service Manager, and Mr N Lochiel, Enterprise and Corporate Development, Riverside Inverclyde.

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

267 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor MacLeod, with Councillor McEleny substituting.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:-

Agenda Item 3 (Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2015/16 to 2017/18 – Progress) – Councillors Ahlfeld and Campbell-Sturgess;
 Agenda Item 5 (Inverclyde Economic Development and Regeneration Single Operating Plan Extension 2016-19) – Councillors Clocherty and McCabe;
 Agenda Item 6 (Riverside Inverclyde Project Update) – Councillors Clocherty and McCabe; and
 Agenda Item 22 (Property Assets Management Report) – Councillor McEleny.

268 Environment & Regeneration Revenue Budget 2015/16 – Period 11 to 29 February 2016

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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 11 (29 February 2016) which showed a projected underspend of £137,000.

Decided: that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £137,000 for 2015/16 as at 29 February 2016.

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- 269 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2015/16 to 2017/18 - Progress 269**
- 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.
- Councillors Ahlfeld and Campbell-Sturgess declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Board Members of Inverclyde Leisure. They also formed the view that the nature of their interest and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision making process.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the current position of the Capital Programme 2015/18 and the progress of the specific projects detailed in appendices 1 and 2 of the report;
 - (2) that the Committee note and approve the payment to Inverclyde Leisure in respect of loss in connection with the refrigeration plan project as set out in paragraph 6.2 of the report; and
 - (3) that the Committee note the proposed use of the additional earmarked reserves for parks and play areas as detailed in appendix 4.
- 270 Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2016/19 270**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2016/19, a copy of which was appended to the report.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee approve the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2016/19; and
 - (2) that the Committee note the changes to the line management arrangements as outlined in paragraph 4.4 of the report.
- 271 Inverclyde Economic Development & Regeneration Single Operating Plan Extension 2016 - 19 271**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the final draft Inverclyde Economic Development & Regeneration Single Operating Plan April 2016 to March 2019, an extension to the initial plan approved for March 2014 to April 2017 between Riverside Inverclyde and Inverclyde Council's Regeneration Services.
- 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 approve the Inverclyde Economic Development & Regeneration Single Operating Plan 2016 – 19; and
 - (2) that the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources be authorised to seek endorsement of the Single Operating Plan by the Riverside Inverclyde Board.

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- 272 Riverside Inverclyde Project Update** **272**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on Riverside Inverclyde's progress relating to the regeneration projects within Port Glasgow, Greenock and Gourock. 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:** that the Committee note the progress to date and that further progress reports will be submitted for Members' information and consideration in due course.
- 273 Town Centre Regeneration Forums Progress** **273**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the progress in relation to the Greenock, Gourock and Port Glasgow Town Centre Regeneration Forums.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the progress to date and that further progress reports will be submitted for Members' information and consideration in due course.
- 274 Town and Village Centres – Environmental Improvements** **274**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) providing details of the recent feasibility study into proposed environmental improvements within town and village centres across Inverclyde and (2) requesting Members to consider the extent of funds to be disbursed across the town and village centres.
- Decided:** that the Committee:-
- (1) approve the range of projects outlined in Table 1 at paragraph 5.3 of the report; and
 - (2) delegate authority to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to (i) engage Riverside Inverclyde as delivery agent on behalf of the Council as outlined in paragraph 5.4 and (ii) consult relevant Community Councils or the recently established Town Centre Regeneration forums in Greenock, Gourock and Port Glasgow prior to undertaking works.
- 275 Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009: Public Bodies Duties Action Plan – Year Three Progress** **275**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the progress in the third year of the approved action plan aimed at ensuring the Council meets its obligations under Part 4 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009, "Duties of Public Bodies Relating to Climate Change".
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the third year progress update of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009: Public Bodies Duties Action Plan; and
 - (2) that the Committee receive a report in April/May 2017 on the fourth year update.

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- 276 Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan: Proposed Plan 2016 – Representations Received 276**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the representations received during the public consultation for the second Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan: Proposed Plan and the anticipated date of final approval.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the representations received as part of the public consultation for the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan Proposed Plan and its expected approval in spring 2017.
- 277 Economic Development – Additional Budget Allocation 277**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing details of the allocation by the Council at the budget meeting on 10 March 2016 of £500,000 of earmarked reserves for additional economic development activity.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the allocation in the budget for additional economic development activity; and
 - (2) that further update reports on activity be submitted to the Committee.
- 278 Review of the Inverclyde Tourism Strategy 2009 - 2016 and Approval of a Refreshed Inverclyde Tourism Strategy for 2016 - 2020 278**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) apprising Members of the review of the Inverclyde Tourism Strategy 2009 – 2016 and (2) seeking approval of the refreshed Inverclyde Tourism Strategy for 2016 – 2020.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee approve the review of the Inverclyde Tourism Strategy 2009 – 2016 attached to the report as Appendix 1;
 - (2) that the Committee approve the refresh of the Inverclyde Tourism Strategy for 2016 – 2020 attached to the report as Appendix 2 and note the ongoing development required to create a new Inverclyde Tourism Partnership with strategic partners on board to develop and implement a Tourism Action Plan to accompany the strategy;
 - (3) that the Committee approve and note the findings of the Inverclyde Tourism Business Barometer attached to the report as Appendix 3; and
 - (4) that a briefing session on the Inverclyde Tourism Strategy be arranged for Elected Members.
- 279 Tourism and Marketing – Additional Budget Allocation 279**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing details of the allocation by the Council at the budget meeting on 10 March 2016 of £150,000 of earmarked reserves for additional tourism and marketing support.

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Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the allocation in the budget for tourism and marketing activity; and
- (2) that a further update report on findings be submitted to the next meeting of the Environment & Regeneration Committee.

280 Prisoner Pre-Release Initiative – Budget Allocation 280

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing details of the allocation by the Council at the budget meeting on 10 March 2016 of £200,000 of earmarked reserves for a prisoner pre-release initiative.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the allocation in the budget for the prisoner pre-release initiative;
- (2) that the environmental scheme detailed in the report be implemented from the budget allocation;
- (3) that further scoping work for a share shop be undertaken in order that it may be rolled out should funds become available in the future; and
- (4) that further update reports on activity be submitted to the Committee.

281 Environmental & Commercial Services (Roads) – SPT Grant Funded Projects (2016/17) 281

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising the Committee of the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) approved grant funded projects for 2016/17.

Decided: that the Committee note and approve the SPT approved project list detailed in paragraph 5.1 of the report for 2016/17.

282 Environmental & Commercial Services (Roads) - Flooding Update Report No. 7 282

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the progress of the Council's flood prevention programme.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current progress on the Central Greenock Flood Prevention Schemes;
- (2) that the Committee note the current progress on the Flood Prevention Schemes outwith central Greenock;
- (3) that the Committee note the current progress with regard to the Clyde & Lomond Flood Risk Management Plan, to be published later this year; and
- (4) that update reports be submitted to every meeting of the Committee.

283 Road Traffic Congestion – Bridgend Road, Greenock Request by Councillor McCormick 283

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a request by Councillor McCormick that the Roads Department look at road traffic congestion issues in Bridgend Road, Greenock with a view to having a feasibility study undertaken.

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Decided: that a feasibility study with regard to traffic congestion issues on Bridgend Road, Greenock be undertaken.

284 Gourock Residents' Parking Permit Scheme 284
Request by Councillor McEleny

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a request by Councillor McEleny seeking Committee approval to draft and implement a Residents' Parking Permit Scheme for residents living in central Gourock.

Councillor McEleny indicated that he would wish to amend his request and asked that the Committee consider suspending the Traffic Regulation Orders currently in force in the lower Kempock Street car park.

As the request was contrary to decisions of the Council within the last six months, Councillor McEleny moved that Standing Orders be suspended to allow the Committee to discuss the matter. On a vote, six Members voted in favour of suspending Standing Orders. As less than two thirds of the Members present and voting were in favour of suspending Standing Orders, Standing Orders were not suspended and, accordingly, there was no further discussion on the matter.

285 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Jamaica Lane, Greenock (One-Way Only) 285
Order 2016

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order – Jamaica Lane, Greenock (One-Way Only) Order 2016.

Decided: that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - Jamaica Lane, Greenock (One-Way Only) Order 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.

286 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Union Street, Greenock (18 Tonne Weight 286
Restriction) Order 2016

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order - Union Street, Greenock (18 Tonne Weight Restriction) Order 2016.

Decided:

(1) that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - Union Street, Greenock (18 Tonne Weight Restriction) Order 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; and

(2) that the Committee note that, if approved, the Order may not be implemented until the making of the Order has been advertised to allow any persons who so wish a period of six weeks to question the validity of the Order in terms of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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- 287 City Deal Update 287**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on recent activity and progress in relation to the City Deal since the last report in January.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the activity and progress being made on the City Deal projects.
- 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 two 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) |
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| Property Assets Management Report
Update on Oak Mall | 2, 6 & 9
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- 288 Property Assets Management Report 288**
- 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.
- Councillor McEleny declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a Board Member of a Registered Social Landlord referred to in the report. 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.
- Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended in respect of premises at Cumberland Walk, Greenock, all as detailed in the appendix.
- 289 Update on Oak Mall 289**
- The Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updated the Committee on various matters relating to the Oak Mall, Greenock.
- Noted**
- 290 Mr Ian Moffat 290**
- The Convener referred to Mr Ian Moffat, Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, who would shortly be leaving the Council to take up a new post and, on behalf of the Committee, he extended best wishes to Mr Moffat for the future.