

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 3 MAY 2016

Education and Communities Committee

Tuesday 3 May 2016 at 2pm

Present: Councillors Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, Jones, Loughran, McCabe, McColgan, McEleny, Shepherd and Wilson, Rev F Donaldson and Mrs F Gilpin, Church Representatives, Mr R Thomson, Parent Representative and Mr T Tracey, Teacher Representative.

Chair: Councillor McColgan presided for Items 1 and 2 and Councillor Loughran presided from Item 3 onwards.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Community Safety & Wellbeing Manager, Mr J Douglas (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, Acting Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy, Property Services Manager, Corporate Policy & Partnership Manager and Ms G Bond (Safer & Inclusive Communities).

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

291 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 291

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 4 (Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report) – Councillor Wilson.
 Agenda Item 14 (Payment of the Living Wage – Inverclyde Leisure) – Councillors Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty and McColgan.
 Agenda Item 16 (Review of Summer Play Schemes) – Councillor Shepherd.

292 Communities 2015/16 Revenue Budget Report – Period 11 to 29 February 2016 292

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the 2015/16 Communities Revenue Budget position as at Period 11 to 29 February 2016.

(Councillor Loughran entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided: that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £371,000 for the 2015/16 Communities Revenue Budget as at Period 11 to 29 February 2016.

Councillor Loughran assumed the Chair at this point.

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293 Communities Capital Programme 2015 to 2018 293

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

Decided: that the Committee note the progress of the specific projects detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

294 Clune Park Regeneration Plan Progress Report 294

There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities providing an update on the proposed regeneration of the Clune Park Area, Port Glasgow.

Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest in this matter 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.

Decided: that the Committee note the current progress in respect of the Clune Park Area Regeneration Plan and agree that further progress updates be submitted to future meetings.

295 Tender for a Delivery Partner for 2016/17 HEEPS: ABS Programme 295

There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities seeking the granting of delegated authority to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept a tender for a Delivery Partner for the Home Energy Efficiency Programme: Area Based Scheme (HEEPS: ABS Programme).

(Councillor Brennan entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided: that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender for a Delivery Partner for the 2016/17 HEEPS: ABS Programme and also, subject to further funding from the Scottish Government, to accept the optional year extension to the contract for the 2017/18 programme.

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 three items on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

296 Inverkip Community Centre – Revenue Support 296

There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities requesting the Committee to consider the allocation of revenue funding to support the operation of the new community centre at Inverkip.

Decided: that delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer, to agree the final business plan with Inverkip Community Initiative (SCIO) and provide revenue funding support of £15,000 for the current financial year and up to £30,000 from April 2017.

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297 Payment of the Living Wage – Inverclyde Leisure**297**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) advising of proposed savings by Inverclyde Leisure in order to fund payment of the Living Wage to its employees from 1 April 2016 and (2) seeking the Committee's views as to whether the Council should make a financial contribution to this cost.

Councillors Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty and McColgan declared a non-financial interest in this matter as members of the Board 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.

Following discussion, Councillor McCabe moved that the Committee agree, subject to Policy & Resources Committee approval, to make a contribution of £33,000 funded from the inflation contingency towards the cost of Inverclyde Leisure implementing the Living Wage of £8.25 per hour with effect from 1 April 2016. As an amendment, Councillor Wilson moved that no contribution be made to Inverclyde Leisure. On a vote, one Member voted for the amendment and nine for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that it be agreed, subject to Policy & Resources Committee approval, to make a contribution of £33,000 funded from the inflation contingency towards the cost of Inverclyde Leisure implementing the Living Wage of £8.25 per hour with effect from 1 April 2016.

298 Review of Summer Play Schemes**298**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the planned provision of summer play schemes across Inverclyde in 2016 and the progress of the review of provision from 2017/18 onwards.

Councillor Shepherd declared a non-financial interest in this matter as the relative of a play scheme staff member. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision making process.

Decided: that the Committee agree, in principle, the provision of eight play schemes operated by Inverclyde Leisure as listed in paragraph 5.3 of the report in 2016 and, subject to the outcome of a further review of play schemes, in 2017 and that the matter be remitted to the Policy & Resources Committee with the recommendation that £20,000 be provided from free reserves in 2016/17 and £32,000 in 2017/18 in order to fund the provision.

The Communities business concluded at 3.05pm.

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

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- 299 Roman Catholic Church Representation on Education & Communities Committee 299**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising of the nomination by the Roman Catholic Church of Mrs Frances Gilpin as its representative on the Education & Communities Committee following the resignation of Rev Michael McMahan.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the nomination by the Roman Catholic Church of Mrs Frances Gilpin as its representative on the Committee and welcome Mrs Gilpin to the meeting.
- 300 Education 2015/16 Revenue Budget – Period 11 to 29 February 2016 300**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the 2015/16 Education Revenue Budget position as at Period 11 to 29 February 2016.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the projected underspend of £1.068m for the Education Revenue Budget as at Period 11 to 29 February 2016.
- 301 Education Capital Programme 2015-2018 Progress 301**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and 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 and approve the additional expenditure on the Ardgowan Primary School project and utilisation of the Capital Programme contingency as detailed in paragraph 5.1 of the report.
- 302 Education Standards and Quality Report – August 2014 to March 2016 302**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development appending the Education Standards and Quality Report – August 2014 to March 2016.
- Decided:** that the Committee approve the content and publication of the Education Standards and Quality Report – August 2014 to March 2016.
- 303 Education, Communities & Organisational Development Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2016/19 303**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval of the Education, Communities & Organisational Development Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan (CDIP) 2016/19.
- Decided:**
- (1) that approval be given to the Education, Communities & Organisational Development CDIP 2016/19; and

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(2) that it be noted that the Education, Communities & Organisational Development CDIP 2016/19, along with the Environment, Regeneration & Resources CDIP will be submitted to the Policy & Resources Committee on 17 May 2016 for consideration of the corporate services items contained within the Plans.

304 Physical Education Programme**304**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) on Inverclyde's position in relation to the Scottish Government's target of a minimum of two hours/two periods of quality Physical Education for each child every week, (2) providing an update on Inverclyde's position in relation to the Physical Education Programme and (3) seeking approval for an extension to this programme.

During the course of discussion on this item, Councillor McCabe suggested that, depending on the outcome of the funding arrangements, consideration be given to making a bid for earmarked reserves to the Policy & Resources Committee to support the continuation of the Physical Education Programme.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the information contained in the report; and
- (2) that the Committee approve the extension of the Physical Education Programme up to 31 March 2019 in principle pending confirmation of ongoing support from sportscotland.

305 Consultation on the Relocation of Glenbrae Children's Centre and Kelly Street Children's Centre**305**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising of the requirement to consult on the proposed relocation of Glenbrae Children's Centre and Kelly Street Children's Centre.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the report; and
- (2) that agreement be given to the consultation process proceeding as set out in the report.

The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Committee to take action, if agreed, before the start of the new school term. This was agreed unanimously.

306 Notre Dame High School – Review of Agreed Capping Figure**306**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking a review of the agreed capping figure for Notre Dame High School in light of the pattern of placing request applications for S1 over the last two years and the school's current capacity.

Decided: that the Committee agree to revise the current capping figure for Notre Dame High School from 140 to 160 for the S1 cohort for the new school session starting in August 2016 as an interim measure pending a revised policy on placing requests which will be submitted to the Committee for consideration in September 2016.