

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 27 OCTOBER 2016

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 27 October 2016 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCormick presided.

In attendance: Head of Legal & Property Services, Legal Services Manager (Procurement & Conveyancing), Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services), Chief Financial Officer, Finance Manager (Environment & Technical), Ms M McCabe and Ms C Alderson (Finance Services), Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Service Manager (Roads), Corporate Procurement Manager, Property Assets Manager and Technical Services Manager.

In attendance also: Ms F Maguire, Acting Chief Executive, Riverside Inverclyde.

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

636 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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No apologies for absence were intimated.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:-

Agenda Item 7 (City Deal and City Region Update) – Councillor Ahlfeld;
 Agenda Item 10 (Letter from Kilmacolm Traders – Request by Councillor McCabe) – Councillor Jones; and
 Agenda Item 13 (Property Assets Management Report) – Councillors Ahlfeld and McCabe.

637 Environment & Regeneration Revenue Budget 2016/17 – Period 5 to 31 August 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 2016/17 as at Period 5 (31 August 2016) which showed a projected overspend of £184,000.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current projected overspend of £184,000 for 2016/17 as at 31 August 2016;
- (2) that the Committee note that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services will bring forward a report to the next meeting of the Committee in respect of the pressure on the Waste Management Budget resulting from the increase in tonnages treated; and
- (3) that the Committee note that the Corporate Director and Heads of Service will review areas where spend can be reduced in order to bring the Committee back on budget.

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- 638 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2016/17 to 2017/18 - Progress 638**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the position of the projects within the Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the current position of the Capital Programme 2016/18 and the progress of the specific projects detailed in appendices 1 and 2 of the report; and
- (2) that a report detailing the Roads Investment Programme projects completed during the current year and anticipated projects for the forthcoming year be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.
- 639 Update on Employability Fund – Skills Development Scotland Contract 639**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the delivery of the Employability Fund contract.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the progress being made with delivery of the Employability Fund contract.
- 640 Update on the Modern Apprentice Programme 640**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the Modern Apprentice Programme.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the progress being made with delivery of the Modern Apprentice Programme.
- 641 Sustainable Procurement Policy – Supporting the Local Economy and SMEs 641**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on (1) the proposed implementation of the Sustainable Procurement Policy, a copy of which was attached to the report, and (2) the proposed increase in the percentage weighting attributed to Community Benefits in a future tender exercise.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the Sustainable Procurement Policy attached to the report and the proposal to complete a pilot tender exercise using a 10% weighting for Community Benefits and that both proposals be remitted to the Policy & Resources Committee for approval.
- 642 City Deal and City Region Update 642**
- 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 projects and developments in respect of the wider City Region.
- Councillor Ahlfeld declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a Board Member of Inverclyde Community Development Trust. 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:**
- (1) that the Committee note the activity and progress being made on the City Deal

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projects;

(2) that in the event of the project not proceeding, the Council's share of the feasibility costs for the Greenock Ocean Terminal project be funded from the City Deal revenue budget; and

(3) that it be agreed to support collaborative working in economic development areas across the City Region for appropriate reports on any implications for service delivery impact in Inverclyde in due course.

643 Ultra Low Emission Vehicle Procurement Support Scheme

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services providing information on the Scottish Government Ultra Low Emission Vehicle Procurement Support Scheme and recommending uses for Inverclyde Council's allocated funding from the scheme.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee accept the £19,200 grant funding from the Scottish Government Ultra Low Emission Vehicle Procurement Support Scheme;

(2) that the Committee approve the use of £35,900 for the purchase of four vehicles from the ongoing reduction in travel and subsistence budget introduced in 2011; and

(3) that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services allocate the vehicles to users.

Councillor Campbell-Sturgess left the meeting at this juncture.

644 Bridgend Road, Greenock – Feasibility Report Findings

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the outcome of a feasibility study into traffic congestion on Bridgend Road, Greenock adjacent to Lady Octavia Sports Centre.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the findings and recommendations within the feasibility study;

(2) that it be agreed to progress with the detailed design of Options D and F as outlined in appendix 1; and

(3) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services to prepare a detailed design and tender documentation and to seek competitively tendered prices for options D and F, with the costs to be contained within Roads Asset Management Plan and Property Services General Provision, it being noted that this will displace other projects within these funding streams.

645 Letter from Kilmacolm Traders – Request by Councillor McCabe

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on a request by Councillor McCabe that the Committee consider a letter from traders in Kilmacolm calling for the abolition of the parking disc zones in the village.

Councillor Jones declared a non-financial interest in this matter as the operator of a business from the premises of one of the letter's signatories. She also formed the view that the nature of her interest and of the item of business did not preclude her continued presence in the Chamber or her participation in the decision making process.

Decided: that Officers meet with the Kilmacolm traders and Kilmacolm Community Council to clarify their concerns and that a report thereon be submitted to the next

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meeting of the Committee.

646 Proposed Tree Preservation Order (IC 32) at Wateryetts, Finlaystone Road, Kilmacolm 646

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to make a Tree Preservation Order at Wateryetts, Finlaystone Road, Kilmacolm.

Decided: that approval be given to the proposed Tree Preservation Order at Wateryetts, Finlaystone Road, Kilmacolm and that the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to proceed with the confirmation procedures.

The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources 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.

647 Commercial and Industrial Property Improvements 647

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking authority to change part of the 2016/17 earmarked reserve for economic development from grant to direct intervention.

Decided: that it be agreed to change the intervention type from grant to direct intervention on up to £120,000 of the 2016/17 economic development earmarked reserve to facilitate lease opportunities and shopfront improvements as set out in the report and that the report be remitted to the Policy & Resources Committee for approval in relation to the two properties within the Common Good Fund.

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.

648 Lease of Premises – Lynedoch Street, Greenock 648

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to renew the lease of premises at Lynedoch Street, Greenock.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

649 Property Assets Management Report 649

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.

Councillors Ahlfeld and McCabe declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Board Members of a Registered Social Landlord referred to in the report. They also formed the view that the nature of their interest and of the item of business did not preclude

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their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision making process.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to (1) note the current position regarding the ongoing correspondence with the office of the Housing Regulator and that a further report with recommendations be brought forward when the position is clear and (2) the action recommended in respect of two former janitors' houses, all as detailed in the appendix.