

EDUCATION & COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 22 NOVEMBER 2016

Education and Communities Committee

Tuesday 22 November 2016 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Brennan, Brooks, Nelson (for Campbell-Sturgess), Clocherty, Jones, Loughran, McCabe, Provost Moran (for Councillor McColgan), MacLeod (for McEleny) and Shepherd.

Chair: Councillor Loughran presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Head of Legal & Property Services, Managing Solicitor (Litigation, Licensing & Committee Services), Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services), Mr C Given (for Chief Financial Officer), Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Community Safety & Wellbeing Manager, Mr W Rice and Ms J Stitt (Safer & Inclusive Communities) and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

703 **Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest** 703

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Campbell-Sturgess, with Councillor Nelson substituting, Councillor McColgan, with Provost Moran substituting, Councillor McEleny, with Councillor MacLeod substituting, and Councillor Wilson.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

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 item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6 and 12 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

704 **Clune Park Estate** 704

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on the recent judgement relative to the six Clune Park Demolition Order Appeals and setting out the intended future progress providing (1) a detailed appraisal of the actions of the Officers and the external parties involved in supporting the Council's aims, (2) an assessment of the implications of the Sheriff's judgement and subsequent findings and (3) the recommended next steps in the Council's action.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the report;
- (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development to continue with the course of action set out in Section 14 of the report, including the service of appropriate Statutory Notices, all in consultation with the Head of Legal & Property Services;
- (3) that it be noted that progress reports will be submitted to the Education & Communities Committee at its standing meetings;

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(4) that if any formal legal offer to convey the properties within the Clune Park Estate is received by the Council, a report thereon be submitted to the Education & Communities Committee at the earliest opportunity but that, in the meantime, the actions decided in terms of (2) above be pursued; and

(5) that Officers engage with the Scottish Government to (a) discuss the implications of the recent judgement on the implementation by local authorities of their statutory powers relative to housing legislation and area renewal and (b) seek any financial assistance that may be available to the Council for the regeneration of the Clune Park Estate.