

**THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 1 DECEMBER 2016**

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**The Inverclyde Council**

**Thursday 1 December 2016 at 4pm**

**Present:** Provost Moran, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, Dorrian, Jones, Loughran, MacLeod, McCabe, McColgan, McCormick, McEleny, McIlwee, Nelson, Rebecchi, Shepherd and Wilson.

**Chair:** Provost Moran presided.

**In attendance:** Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Head of Legal & Property Services, Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services), Chief Financial Officer, Finance Manager (Environment & Technical), Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications and Corporate Communications Manager.

**In attendance also:** Mr T Yule, Audit Scotland.

**705 Apologies and Declarations of Interest**

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An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Grieve.

Councillor Campbell-Sturgess declared an interest in Agenda Item 6 (Financial Strategy 2016/2024 – Update).

**706 Frank's Law – Request by Councillor McCabe**

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on a request received from Councillor McCabe that the Council consider supporting the campaign by Mrs Amanda Kopel for the introduction of "Frank's Law" for the extension of free personal care for those under the age of 65 who require it.

Mrs Kopel was present and addressed the Council on her campaign.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Council note that, currently, legislation enables personal care to be provided free for people in Scotland aged over 65, provided they are assessed as needing it but that of the 85,807 dementia sufferers in Scotland, 3,201 are under the age of 65 and therefore not entitled to the help;
- (2) that the Council commend the campaign by Mrs Amanda Kopel – "Frank's Law" – to request that the Scottish Government extends free personal care to anyone under the age of 65 who requires such care for their dementia, motor neurone disease, Parkinson's, multiple sclerosis, cancer, progressive supranuclear palsy (or any other degenerative brain disease); and
- (3) that it be remitted to the Chief Executive to write to the First Minister requesting her to consider the introduction of "Frank's Law" to enable free personal care to be extended to under 65s as set out above, and that the Scottish Football Association and Professional Footballers' Association Scotland be copied into the letter to the First Minister.

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**Minutes of Meetings of  
The Inverclyde Council, Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards**

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| <b>707</b> | <b>Local Police &amp; Fire Scrutiny Sub-Committee – 29 September 2016</b>                                 | <b>707</b> |
|            | <b>Approved</b> on the motion of Councillor Loughran.   |            |
| <b>708</b> | <b>The Inverclyde Council – 29 September 2016</b>   | <b>708</b> |
|            | <b>Approved</b> on the motion of Provost Moran.   |            |
| <b>709</b> | <b>Appointment Panel – Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration &amp; Resources – 3 October 2016</b>  | <b>709</b> |
|            | <b>Approved</b> on the motion of Councillor McCabe.   |            |
| <b>710</b> | <b>Planning Board – 5 October 2016</b>  | <b>710</b> |
|            | <b>Approved</b> on the motion of Councillor Nelson.   |            |
| <b>711</b> | <b>Local Review Body – 5 October 2016</b>   | <b>711</b> |
|            | <b>Approved</b> on the motion of Councillor Nelson.   |            |
| <b>712</b> | <b>General Purposes Board – 12 October 2016</b>   | <b>712</b> |
|            | <b>Approved</b> on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.  |            |
| <b>713</b> | <b>Appointment Panel – Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration &amp; Resources – 14 October 2016</b> | <b>713</b> |
|            | <b>Approved</b> on the motion of Councillor McCabe.   |            |
| <b>714</b> | <b>Audit Committee – 18 October 2016</b>  | <b>714</b> |
|            | <b>Approved</b> on the motion of Councillor Rebecchi.   |            |
| <b>715</b> | <b>Health &amp; Social Care Committee – 20 October 2016</b>   | <b>715</b> |
|            | <b>Approved</b> on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.  |            |
| <b>716</b> | <b>Environment &amp; Regeneration Committee – 27 October 2016</b>   | <b>716</b> |
|            | <b>Approved</b> on the motion of Councillor McCormick.  |            |
| <b>717</b> | <b>Education &amp; Communities Committee – 1 November 2016</b>  | <b>717</b> |
|            | <b>Approved</b> on the motion of Councillor Loughran.   |            |

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- 718 Planning Board – 2 November 2016 718**  
**Approved** on the motion of Councillors Wilson (Items 1 and 3) and Nelson (Item 2).
- 719 General Purposes Board – 9 November 2016 719**  
**Approved** on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.
- 720 Environment & Regeneration Committee (Special) – 15 November 2016 720**  
**Approved** on the motion of Councillor McCormick.
- 721 Policy & Resources Committee – 15 November 2016 721**  
**Approved** on the motion of Councillor McCabe.
- 722 Education & Communities Committee (Special) – 22 November 2016 722**  
**Approved** on the motion of Councillor Loughran.
- 723 Sky Lanterns – Request by Councillor McCabe 723**  
 There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on a request received from Councillor McCabe that the Council consider representations made by Mr Alan Bowie, President of the NFU Scotland, asking the Council to ban the use of sky lanterns on Council owned property and at Council-run events.  
**Decided:**  
 (1) that it be agreed to ban the use of sky lanterns on Council-owned property and at Council-run events with immediate effect; and  
 (2) that it be remitted to the Chief Executive to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform with the request that consideration be given to introducing legislation to make the ban effective throughout Scotland.
- 724 Educational Psychologists in Scottish Schools – Motion by East Dunbartonshire Council 724**  
 There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive asking the Council to consider a request from East Dunbartonshire Council that consideration be given to its motion regarding educational psychologists in Scottish schools.  
**Decided:**  
 (1) that the Council recognise the invaluable nature of the role played by educational psychologists in Scottish Schools;  
 (2) that the Council note that the number of pupils identified with additional needs (ASN) has increased dramatically throughout Scotland in recent years; and  
 (3) that it be remitted to the Chief Executive to write to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills asking him to investigate measures, including the reintroduction of educational psychologist bursaries, to ensure that there are sufficient numbers of educational psychologists to meet present and future demands in all Scottish schools.

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**725 Financial Strategy 2016/2024 - Update**

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer appending the updated Financial Strategy for review and approval.

During the course of discussion on this item, Councillor Ahlfeld asked a question regarding persons excluded from the offers process in relation to equal pay claims.

As discussion of this item was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 12 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, it was agreed to discuss the matter at the private session of the meeting.

**Decided:** that the Council approve the latest version of the Financial Strategy 2016/2024.

**726 2018 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies – Publication of Initial Proposals**

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services (1) informing the Council of the Initial Proposals received from the Boundary Commission for Scotland for the 2018 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies which proposes a new Inverclyde and Largs County Constituency in the Inverclyde and North Ayrshire Council areas with 73,965 electors and (2) advising that consultation responses were invited by 11 January 2017.

**Decided:** that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to advise the Boundary Commission for Scotland that Inverclyde Council wholly rejects the proposed changes to the Inverclyde County Constituency which should retain the existing boundaries.

**727 Local Government Elections 2017: Review of Polling Scheme**

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services proposing a draft polling scheme for the local government elections in May 2017 to take account of the decision of the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland to review Inverclyde Council ward boundaries as from that election.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Council note the report and approve the draft Polling Scheme attached to the report for the purposes of an interim review;

(2) that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to conduct a community consultation and to report thereon to a special meeting of the Council in January 2017;

(3) that in the meantime, in the interests of preparing for the May 2017 local government elections, it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to secure viable options for the Polling Scheme as considered appropriate; and

(4) that £120,000 be provided from Free Reserves for the purposes of the local government elections in May 2017.

**728 Proposed Expansion of Joint Civil Contingencies Service to include West Dunbartonshire Council**

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive seeking the Council's approval to expand the Joint Civil Contingencies Service to include West Dunbartonshire Council.

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**Decided:**

- (1) that the Council approve the proposal to expand the Joint Civil Contingencies Service to include West Dunbartonshire Council; and
- (2) that authority be granted to the Chief Executive together with the Head of Legal & Property Services to conclude the required changes to the “Minute of Agreement” and “Detailed Specification of Service” for the Joint Civil Contingencies Service to reflect the expansion of the service to include West Dunbartonshire Council.

**729 Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report 2015/16 729**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Health & Social Care Committee of 20 October 2016 requesting the Council to consider the Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report 2015/16.

**Decided:** that the Council formally endorse the Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report 2015/16.

**730 Treasury Management – Mid-Year Report 2016/17 730**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Policy & Resources Committee of 15 November 2016 requesting the Council to approve the Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2016/17.

**Decided:** that the Council approve the Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2016/17.

**731 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On Street) Order No. 2 2016 731**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 15 November 2016 requesting approval of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On Street) Order No. 2 2016.

**Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On Street) Order No. 2 2016 and that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services and the Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

**732 Trust Funds Annual Accounts 2015-2016 732**

There was submitted a report by the Honorary Treasurer requesting the Council, as Trustees, to adopt the examined Annual Accounts of the Birkmyre Trust and the Watt Institution Trust Fund and to note the examined Annual Accounts of the McLeod Trust.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Council, as Trustees, approve the Annual Accounts for the Birkmyre Trust and Watt Institution Trust Fund for the year ended 31 March 2016; and
- (2) that the Council, as Trustees, note the Annual Accounts of the McLeod Trust for the year ended 31 March 2016.

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**733 Watt Complex Refurbishment 733**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Education & Communities Committee of 1 November 2016 requesting the Council, as Trustees of the Watt Institution, to note the decision of the Education & Communities Committee relative to the Watt Complex Refurbishment.

**Decided:** that the Council, as Trustees of the Watt Institution, note the decision of the Education & Communities Committee relative to the Watt Complex Refurbishment.

**734 McLean Museum Draft Collections Development Policy 734**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Education & Communities Committee of 1 November 2016 requesting the Council, as Trustees of the Watt Institution, to note the decision of the Education & Communities Committee relative to the McLean Museum Draft Collections Development Policy.

**Decided:** that the Council, as Trustees of the Watt Institution, note the decision of the Education & Communities Committee to approve the McLean Museum Draft Collections Development Policy to meet the requirements of the Arts Council England (ACE) Accreditation Scheme.

**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 for consideration of the Appendices to Minutes 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 detailed in the relevant minute, and for resumed consideration of the Financial Strategy report on the grounds that the discussion involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 12 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.**

#### Appendices to Minutes

**735 Appointment Panel – Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources – 3 October 2016 735**

**Approved** on the motion of Councillor McCabe.

**736 Appointment Panel – Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources – 14 October 2016 736**

**Approved** on the motion of Councillor McCabe.

**737 Health & Social Care Committee – 20 October 2016 737**

**Approved** on the motion of Councillor Dorrian.

**738 Environment & Regeneration Committee – 27 October 2016 738**

**Approved** on the motion of Councillor McCormick.

**739 Financial Strategy 2016/2024 Update****739**

Arising from resumed consideration of the Financial Strategy 2016/2024 Update, Councillor Ahlfeld asked for clarification of the number of persons excluded from the offers process in respect of equal pay claims and information in this regard was given by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications. Councillor Campbell-Sturgess declared an interest in the issue which emerged from Councillor Ahlfeld's question as the partner of an individual who may potentially be affected. 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.

## GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 14 DECEMBER 2016

General Purposes BoardWednesday 14 December 2016 at 3.00 pm

**Present:** Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Loughran, McColgan, and Rebecchi.

**Chair:** Councillor Brennan presided.

**In attendance:** Mr D Keenan (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms F Denver (Legal & Property Services) and Sergeant J MacDonald (Police Scotland).

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

**740 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 740**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Dorrian, Jones, McIlwee and Nelson.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

**741 Immigration Act 2016 741**  
**Guidance for Licensing Authorities to Prevent Illegal Working in Taxi and Private Hire Car Sector**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Property Services informing the Board of the provisions of the Immigration Act 2016.

Mr Keenan advised on the new legislation which came into force on 1 December 2016 and the responsibility of the Licensing Authority in issuing licences.

**Decided:** that the content of the report be noted.

**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 Paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.**

**742 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Ian Baxter 742**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Property Services on an application for the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence to Mr Baxter following a Police objection.

The Board heard Sergeant MacDonald in support of comments submitted by Police Scotland who advised that the objection should be amended to a representation and considered as such, and Mr Baxter in support of his application.

**Decided:** that the application be granted.

Sergeant MacDonald left the meeting following consideration of this item of



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business.

- 743 (i) Request to Uphold Immediate Suspension** **743**  
**(ii) Application for Renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence**  
**William McLachlan**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Property Services requesting the Board to uphold the immediate suspension of Mr McLachlan's Taxi Driver's Licence and to consider the application for renewal of Mr McLachlan's Taxi Driver's Licence.

**Decided:**

- (i) that the decision to immediately suspend Mr McLachlan's Taxi Driver's Licence be upheld; and
- (ii) the renewal application be refused.

- 744 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence – Aaron McBryde** **744**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Property Services requesting the Board to consider the suspension of a Taxi Driver's Licence granted to Aaron McBryde.

Mr Keenan advised Members that Police Scotland had submitted additional information on this matter on 5 December 2016 and therefore this item must be continued to the next meeting of the Board to allow the appropriate legislative timescales to be met.

**Decided:** that consideration be continued to the next meeting of the Board to allow the appropriate legislative timescales to be met.

- 745 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence – Stephen Docherty** **745**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Property Services requesting the Board to consider an application for the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence to Mr Docherty.

Mr Keenan advised Members of Mr Docherty's failure to engage with Inverclyde Council regarding the processing of his application.

**Decided:** that the application be refused.

## HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE – 5 JANUARY 2017

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### Health & Social Care Committee

Thursday 5 January 2017 at 3pm

**Present:** Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Dorrian, Grieve, Jones, MacLeod, McCabe, McCormick, McIlwee and Rebecchi.

**Chair:** Councillor McIlwee presided.

**In attendance:** Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Head of Children's Services & Criminal Justice, Head of Health & Community Care, Head of Planning, Health Improvement & Commissioning, Ms V Pollock (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services), Ms F McLaren (for Chief Financial Officer) and Ms A Edmiston (Finance Services).

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

#### **1 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 1**

No apologies for absence were intimated.

Councillors Ahlfeld, McCabe, McIlwee and Rebecchi declared an interest in agenda item 10 (Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations).

#### **2 Revenue and Capital Budget Report 2016/17 – Period 7 as at 31 October 2016 2**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership and Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Revenue and Capital Budgets for the current year as at Period 7 to 31 October 2016.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the current year Revenue Budget and projected overspend of £176,000 for 2016/17 as at 31 October 2016;
- (2) that it be noted that the Corporate Director and Heads of Service will continue to work to contain the overspend within the overall Social Work Budget for the year;
- (3) that it be noted that any overspend at the year-end will be contained by the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board;
- (4) that approval be given to the virements listed in appendix 6 of the report;
- (5) that the Committee note the current projected Capital position;
- (6) that the Committee note the current Earmarked Reserves position; and
- (7) that it be agreed that the Convener make representations to the Justice Secretary regarding the potential grant reduction in Criminal Justice funding.

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- 3 Accounts Commission Report: Social Work in Scotland 3**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on the Inverclyde position in respect of the key recommendations arising from the Accounts Commission Report, Social Work in Scotland.
- Decided:** that the Committee note Inverclyde's progress in respect of the recommendations contained in the Accounts Commission Report, Social Work in Scotland.
- 4 Update on Delayed Discharges and Inverclyde Winter Plan 2016/17 4**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership (1) advising of activity in relation to preparation for winter and (2) providing an update on ongoing activity to achieve the Delayed Discharge target. (Councillor Grieve left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
- Decided:** that the Committee note the progress made towards maintaining achievement of the Delayed Discharge target, the risks associated with this and planned arrangements for addressing the winter period.
- 5 Mental Health Officer Service 5**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on the outcome of the review of the Mental Health Officer Service completed in May 2016, the actions being taken to address the challenges identified and the current performance of the service.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the outcome of the review and endorse the actions being taken to ensure that the service and the local authority can meet their statutory duties.
- 6 Inverclyde Carers and Young Carers Strategy 2016-2022 6**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership advising of the progress made with Inverclyde Carers Strategy for 2016-2022.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee approve the Inverclyde Carers and Young Carers Strategy appended to the report for publication in early 2017; and
- (2) that it be agreed that the Carers and Young Carers Strategy be reviewed biennially in line with legislation and submitted to the Committee once completed.
- 7 Children's Residential Childcare Services Reprovision 7**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on Phases 2 and 3 of Inverclyde's residential childcare reprovision of Neil Street and Crosshill Children's Residential Units.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the progress of Phases 2 and 3 of the residential childcare reprovision programme, as detailed in the report.

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**8 Corporate Parenting Planning**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on the progress of Inverclyde's Corporate Parenting Strategy and Action Plan and the associated activity engaging with looked after and care experienced children and young people.

**Decided:** that the Committee endorse the approach taken to developing and implementing Inverclyde's Corporate Parenting Strategy and Action Plan.

**9 Greenock Health and Care Centre**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on the progress of the new Greenock Health and Care Centre.

**Decided:** that the progress to date be noted.

**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 Paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.**

**10 Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on matters relating to the HSCP governance process for externally commissioned Social Care Services.

Councillors Ahlfeld, McCabe and McIlwee declared a non-financial interest in this item as Members of the Board of River Clyde Homes, Councillors Ahlfeld and Rebecchi declared a non-financial interest as Members of the Board of Inverclyde Community Development Trust and Councillor MacLeod declared a non-financial interest as a Non-Executive Director of Parklea Association. All of the Members 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 governance report set out in appendix 1 covering the period 24 September to 20 November 2016; and

(2) that Members acknowledge that Officers regard the control mechanisms in place through the governance meetings as sufficiently robust to ensure ongoing quality and safety and the fostering of a commissioning culture of continuous improvement.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE – 10 JANUARY 2017

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### Audit Committee

Tuesday 10 January 2017 at 3pm

**Present:** Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Clocherty, Dorrian, Jones, MacLeod, Nelson and Rebecchi.

**Chair:** Councillor Rebecchi 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, Chief Internal Auditor, Finance Manager (Environment & Technical), Corporate Policy & Partnership Manager, Ms G Murphy (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Mr N Duffy (Legal & Property Services).

**Present Also:** Mr T Yule and Mr D Jamieson (Audit Scotland).

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| <b>11</b> | <b>Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest</b>  | <b>11</b> |
|           | Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Campbell-Sturgess and Loughran.   |           |
|           | No declarations of interest were intimated.   |           |
| <b>12</b> | <b>Update on Best Value Audit</b>   | <b>12</b> |
|           | The Committee heard a presentation on the subject by Mr Yule and following the presentation, answered questions from Members.   |           |
|           | <b>Noted</b>  |           |
| <b>13</b> | <b>External Audit Action Plans - Current Actions</b>  | <b>13</b> |
|           | There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on the status of current actions from External Audit Action Plans as at 30 November 2016.                             |           |
|           | <b>Noted</b>  |           |
| <b>14</b> | <b>Internal Audit Progress Report – 26 September to 2 December 2016</b>   | <b>14</b> |
|           | There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services appending the monitoring report in respect of Internal Audit activity for the period 26 September to 2 December 2016. |           |
|           | <b>Noted</b>  |           |

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**15 Forthcoming Changes to the CIPFA Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 15**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer giving early advice to Members of the main impending changes to the CIPFA Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom (the Code).

**Decided:**

- (1) that the progress made in preparation for the changes to the 2016-17 CIPFA Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom (the Code) and the introduction of adoption of new accounting standards in future years be noted; and
- (2) that deferral of the requirements in respect of HNA current valuation until 2017/18 at the earliest be noted.

**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 paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.**

**16 Internal Audit Progress Report - Appendix 16**

There was submitted an appendix to the Internal Audit Progress Report providing details of a special investigation undertaken since the last meeting of the Committee.

**Decided:** that the appendix be noted.

**GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 11 JANUARY 2017**

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**General Purposes Board**

**Wednesday 11 January 2017 at 3pm**

**Present:** Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Brooks, Dorrian, Jones, McIlwee, Nelson and Rebecchi.

**Chair:** Councillor Dorrian presided.

**In attendance:** Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms L Carrick (Legal & Property Services), Inspector J MacDonald and Sergeant J Curran, Police Scotland.

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

**17 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 17**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors McColgan, Campbell-Sturges and Loughran.

Councillor McIlwee declared an interest in Agenda Item 2 (Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence – Aaron McBryde).

**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 Paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.**

**18 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence – Aaron McBryde 18**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to consider the suspension of Mr McBryde's taxi driver's licence which expires on 31 January 2017, following a letter submitted by Police Scotland dated 1 November 2016.

Councillor McIlwee declared a non-financial interest in this item as a family acquaintance and left the meeting.

Mr McBryde was present for this item.

Mr Jarvie advised on the background to the report and informed Members that Mr McBryde's licence had not been suspended following receipt of Police Scotland's letter.

The Board heard Inspector MacDonald in support of Police Scotland's recommendation and Mr McBryde in support of his licence which included eight character references, copies of which were circulated to the Board.

**Decided:** that Mr McBryde's licence be suspended.

## ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 12 JANUARY 2017

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### Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 12 January 2017 at 3pm

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

**Chair:** Councillor McCormick presided.

**In attendance:** Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services), Finance Manager (Environment & Technical), Ms M McCabe (Finance Services), Head of Environmental & Commercial Services, Service Manager (Roads), Environmental & Commercial Services Manager, Mr K Lang (Environmental & Commercial Services), Head of Regeneration & Planning, Acting Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Property Assets Manager and Technical Services Manager.

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

Prior to the commencement of business, Councillor McCormick welcomed Mr Scott Allan, recently appointed Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, to the meeting.

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

#### **19 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest**

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Provost Moran, Councillor Campbell-Sturgess and Councillor Jones with Councillor Brennan substituting for Provost Moran and Councillor McEleny substituting for Councillor Campbell-Sturgess.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:-

Agenda Item 5 (Riverside Inverclyde Project Update) – Councillors Clocherty and McCabe;

Agenda Item 6 (Governance of External Organisations – Employability Pipeline) – Councillors Ahlfeld and Clocherty; and

Agenda Item 21 (Property Assets Management Report) – Councillors Ahlfeld and McCabe.

#### **20 Environment & Regeneration Revenue Budget 2016/17 – Period 7 to 31 October 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 7 (31 October 2016) which showed a projected overspend of £101,000.



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**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the current projected overspend of £101,000 for 2016/17 as at 31 October 2016;
- (2) that approval be given to the virement detailed in section 7 and appendix 5 of the report;
- (3) that the Committee note that there is a separate report on the agenda regarding the pressure in the Waste Budget; and
- (4) that the Committee note the low levels of expenditure on Earmarked Reserves but that delayed projects are now underway and it is anticipated an improved position will be reported to the next meeting of the Committee.

**21 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2016/17 to 2017/18 - Progress 21**

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.

**Decided:** 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.

**22 Environment, Regeneration & Resources Performance Report 22**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on progress made towards the achievement of key objectives as set out in the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan (CDIP) 2016/19.

**Decided:** that the Committee note that the report reflects the progress made by the Environment, Regeneration & Resources Directorate in delivering its key improvement actions and performance targets as detailed in the Environment, Regeneration & Resources CDIP and that further performance reports will be submitted to every second meeting of the Committee.

**23 Riverside Inverclyde Project Update 23**

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.

**24 Governance of External Organisations – Employability Pipeline 24**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing the annual update in respect of the governance of external organisations.

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Councillors Ahlfeld and Clocherty declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Board Members of Inverclyde Community Development Trust. 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 that appropriate governance arrangements exist for Inverclyde Community Development Trust, Stepwell and Inverclyde Advice & Employment Rights Centre.

### 25 Kilmacolm Traders – Parking Disc Zone

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on Officers' meetings with the Kilmacolm Traders and Kilmacolm Community Council following the request from the Kilmacolm Traders to abolish the parking disc zone in the village and the concerns raised by Kilmacolm Community Council on this matter.

Councillor Wilson was present as a Member with a specific ward-based interest in the item and, with the consent of the Convener, participated in the debate.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the report and the options which were considered;
- (2) that it be noted that amendments will be made to the information map which provides an overview on the waiting restrictions within Kilmacolm to improve the detail contained within it;
- (3) that the Committee note that Officers will consider the options available to improve the signage at the boundaries to the disc zone and will implement these where possible;
- (4) that it be noted that Officers do not support any changes to the current limited waiting restrictions within Kilmacolm; and
- (5) that a report on the implications of enforcing the existing two hour time limit without the need to display a parking disc, on a permanent basis, be submitted to the Committee for consideration.

### 26 Gourock Heritage Project - Update

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the progress of the Gourock Heritage project.

**Decided:** that the Committee note the progress in respect of the Gourock Heritage project.

### 27 Scottish Government Consultation on Building Warrant Fees

27

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the consultation response submitted to the Scottish Government on increasing building warrant and associated fees, to make the building standards system achieve full cost recovery, by the 9 January 2017 deadline.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the consultation response submitted to the Scottish Government in respect of building warrant fees; and
- (2) that once any financial implications are clear, a further report be submitted to the Committee.

**28 Cemetery Development**

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services (1) on progress regarding the proposed extension of Greenock Cemetery, (2) requesting approval of funding to proceed with the design and construction of the extension, subject to ongoing site investigations being satisfactory, and (3) requesting the approval of funding to explore the feasibility of extending Port Glasgow and Kilmacolm Cemeteries.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note that a site investigation is now underway to confirm whether it is feasible to expand Greenock Cemetery onto vacant adjacent land in upper Bow Farm;
- (2) that approval be given to funding of £50,000 in order that other possible sites for cemetery development are explored, including possible extensions of Port Glasgow and Kilmacolm Cemeteries, and other potential sites at locations yet to be confirmed;
- (3) that it be noted further reports will be submitted on the outcome of the feasibility studies when the information is available and that revenue implications will be confirmed at that stage; and
- (4) that the Committee approve in principle funding of £1.5M for expansion of appropriate cemetery sites following the results of the feasibility studies, this funding to be remitted to the budget process for formal approval and to be included in the 2017/20 Capital Budget.

**29 Cremator Replacement**

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services seeking approval to plan for and commence the replacement of cremators within Greenock Crematorium.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee approve funding of £15,000 for a feasibility study into the options for the replacement of two cremators at Greenock Crematorium, the scope of the study to include an assessment of one-off and recurring costs associated with the project, and any potential alternative options for future delivery of cremation provision; and
- (2) that it be noted that on completion of the feasibility study a detailed report outlining the costs, revenue implications and funding routes will be prepared for consideration.

**30 Parks, Cemeteries and Open Spaces Asset Management Plan**

30

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services updating the Committee on the progress in producing a Parks, Cemeteries and Open Spaces Asset Management Plan (OSAMP), which will identify where capital investment is required.

**Decided:**

- (1) that a further report on OSAMP be brought forward in early course recommending the priorities for allocating capital funds and identifying the likely extent of capital investments required over a period of 10 years; and
- (2) that £300,000 be allocated over 2017/20 initially pending a more detailed report, this funding to be remitted to the budget process for formal approval and inclusion in the 2017/20 Capital Budget.

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- 31 Audit Scotland – Maintaining Scotland’s Roads – A Follow Up Report 31**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the content and recommendations of Audit Scotland’s August 2016 report “Maintaining Scotland’s Roads – A Follow-up Report” and (2) advising the Committee of Inverclyde Council’s progress with regard to meeting the report’s findings and recommendations.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the content of the report and the progress being made in implementing the recommendations of Audit Scotland’s report.
- 32 Road Asset Management Strategy 2018-2023 32**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the development of the Road Asset Management Strategy 2018-2023.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the progress and improvement in the roads assets as a result of the investment over the past 3-4 years;
  - (2) that the Committee note the options for future investment in roads assets contained within attachment 1 to the report, Road Asset Management Strategy 2018-2023;
  - (3) that the Committee note the recommendations in section 6 of the Strategy and that option 3 set out in paragraph 6.2 of the report - £15M total roads capital investment over five years – be adopted as it offers the optimum solution in terms of continuing to improve the condition of the network; and
  - (4) that the Committee remit consideration of the resultant financial implications to the 2017/18 budget process.
- 33 RAMP Update Report and Future Plans 33**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on improvements to the carriageway and footway networks achieved with the RAMP investment strategy 2013-18.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the progress and improvement in the roads assets as a result of the investment over the past 3-4 years; and
  - (2) that the Committee note the options for proposed investment in roads assets.
- 34 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 4 2016 34**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources together with amended schedule recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order to accompany the provision of parking bays for the disabled.
- Decided:** that the Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council, Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 4 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.

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**35 Scottish Materials Brokerage Service Update**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the current position with regard to the Scottish materials brokerage service.

**Decided:** that the Committee note the content of the report and the timelines associated with the materials brokerage service.

**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 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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| Waste Disposal Budget Pressure                           | 6 & 8        |
| Lease of Premises – Cathcart Street, Greenock            | 2, 6 & 9     |
| Proposed Disposal of Sites to Registered Social Landlord | 2, 6 & 9     |
| Property Assets Management Report                        | 2, 6 & 9     |

**36 Waste Disposal Budget Pressure**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on the budget pressure with regard to the waste disposal budget and (2) seeking approval to the virement of budget from underspends within Environmental & Commercial Services.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee note the virement of £130,000 from within Environmental & Commercial Services budgets to partially offset the pressure within waste disposal approved by the Committee during consideration of the report on the Environment & Regeneration Revenue Budget earlier in the meeting; and

(2) that the Committee note the content of the report and remit the remaining £76,000 pressure to the Policy & Resources Committee for consideration.

**37 Lease of Premises – Cathcart Street, Greenock**

37

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

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

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**38 Proposed Disposal of Sites to Registered Social Landlord 38**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to dispose of three sites to a Registered Social Landlord. Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

**39 Property Assets Management Report 39**

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.

The Property Assets Manager advised the Committee that the first entry in the table at paragraph 5.1 of the report had been included erroneously and should, therefore, be disregarded.

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

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to the action recommended in respect of (1) premises at William Street, Greenock, (2) premises at Shore Street, Gourrock and (3) a site at Cumberland Walk, Greenock, all as detailed in the appendix.

## EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 17 JANUARY 2017

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### Education and Communities Committee

Tuesday 17 January 2017 at 2pm

**Present:** Councillors Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty, Loughran, McCabe, Provost Moran (for Councillor McColgan), McEleny, Shepherd and Wilson, Mr T Macdougall, Rev F Donaldson and Mrs F Gilpin, Church Representatives and Mr T Tracey, Teacher Representative.

**Chair:** Councillor Loughran presided.

**In attendance:** Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy, Acting Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Community Safety & Wellbeing Manager, Libraries, Museums & Archives Manager, Mr H Scott (Community Learning & Development), Head of Legal & Property Services, Ms G Murphy and Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services), Mr I Cameron (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr C Given (Finance Services), Head of Education, Property Services Manager, Ms K Barclay and Ms E Hamilton (Education Services) and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

#### **40 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest**

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor McColgan, with Provost Moran substituting, Councillor Jones and Mr Thomson.

Declarations of interest were intimated as follows:

Agenda Item 9 (Education Scotland Report on St Ninian's Primary School) – Councillor McCabe.

Agenda Item 18 (Governance of Council Commissioned External Organisations) – Councillors Campbell-Sturgess, Clocherty and McCabe.

Agenda Item 19 (Annual Update on the Beacon Arts Centre: The Greenock Arts Guild Limited) – Councillor McCabe.

#### **41 Communities 2016/17 Revenue Budget – Period 7 to 31 October 2016**

41

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the 2016/17 Communities Revenue Budget position as at Period 7 to 31 October 2016.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee note the current projected overspend of £16,000 for the 2016/17 Revenue Budget as at Period 7 to 31 October 2016; and

(2) that the Committee note that the current projected overspend of £16,000 is being contained within the overall Education & Communities Directorate Revenue Budget due to a projected underspend of £515,000 in the Education Revenue Budget.

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- 42 Communities Capital Programme 2016-2018 42**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the status of the projects forming the Communities Capital Programme and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.  
(Councillor Wilson entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).  
**Decided:** that the Committee note the progress of the specific projects detailed in appendix 1 to the report and the projected acceleration of £998,000 or 9.8% expenditure.
- 43 Watt Complex Closure – Alternative Service Provision 43**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval to use an alternative location from which to deliver a Library and Museum service to residents and visitors to Inverclyde during the closure period of the Watt Complex for refurbishment works.  
**Decided:**  
(1) that the Committee approve use of part of the Business Store as a temporary location from which to run the Watt Library and the McLean Museum for a total estimated period of around 18 months, with the building being open to the public for around 12 months of that time; and  
(2) that the decision of the Committee be referred, for noting, to the next meeting of the Inverclyde Council, as Trustees of the Watt Institution.
- 44 Implementing a Trusted Trader Scheme in Inverclyde 44**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval to implement a Trusted Trader Scheme in Inverclyde.  
**Decided:**  
(1) that the Committee approve the development and launch of an Inverclyde Trusted Trader Scheme and that an update on the implementation of the scheme be submitted to the Committee in due course; and  
(2) that the Committee approve a charge to participating firms of £50 in the first year of the scheme, increasing to £100 in subsequent years.
- 45 Public Space CCTV Provision - Update 45**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the outcome of the formal approach to Police Scotland for funding for the ongoing maintenance and monitoring of the CCTV system, as agreed by the Inverclyde Council at its meeting on 29 September 2016.  
**Decided:**  
(1) that the Committee note that there is no commitment of new, current or future funding for CCTV provision in Inverclyde from Police Scotland; and  
(2) that it be agreed to continue to pursue this issue through CoSLA and with Police Scotland.



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**46 Grants to Voluntary Organisations 2017-2018**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development requesting the Committee to give consideration to funding from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Budget in 2017-18.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee agree to the one year extension of funding to all organisations previously in receipt of three year awards, which meet all conditions of grant; and
- (2) that it be noted that the cost of the one year extension is contained within the existing 2017-18 core budget for Grants to Voluntary Organisations.

**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 the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as are set opposite the heading to each item.**

| <b>Item</b>   | <b>Paragraph(s)</b> |
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| <b>Clune Park Estate</b>  | <b>6 and 12</b>     |
| <b>Governance of Council Commissioned External Organisations</b>            | <b>6</b>            |
| <b>Annual Update on the Beacon Arts Centre: The Greenock Arts Guild Ltd</b> | <b>6</b>            |

**47 Clune Park Estate**

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services (1) on the progress of the regeneration plan for the Clune Park Estate, Port Glasgow and (2) reflecting the critical legal advice on the next steps.

**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 to implement the course of action set out in section 6 of the report, all in consultation with the Head of Legal & Property Services; and
- (3) that it be noted that progress reports will continue to be submitted to the Committee at its standing meetings.

**48 Governance of Council Commissioned External Organisations**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the governance of external organisations which deliver commissioned services to the Council or which are in receipt of grants supporting service delivery.

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Councillor McCabe declared a non-financial interest in this item as a member of the Board of Kilmacolm Community Centre Co Ltd and River Clyde Homes and Councillors Campbell-Sturgess and Clocherty declared a non-financial interest 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.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee agree the funding for Craighends Community Centre, Branchton Community Centre and Youth Connections for 2017-18 as detailed in paragraph 5.1 of the report;
- (2) that the Committee note the governance arrangements for the self-managed community centres and Inverclyde Leisure detailed at appendix 1;
- (3) that the Committee note the national governance arrangements for Housing Associations described at paragraph 5.3 of the report; and
- (4) that an annual report be submitted to the Committee on the performance of River Clyde Homes against the stock transfer agreement from 2017-18 onwards.

### 49 Annual Update on the Beacon Arts Centre: The Greenock Arts Guild Ltd

49

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an annual update on the Beacon Arts Centre/ Greenock Arts Guild Ltd as part of the Council's commitment to reporting on the governance of external organisations.

Councillor McCabe declared a non-financial interest in this item as a member of the Board of Greenock Arts Guild. 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.

The Committee agreed to note the position as detailed in the report and agree the continuation of established governance procedures and the submission of a further report, all as detailed in the appendix.

**The Communities business concluded at 3.35pm.**

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

### 50 Education Scotland Report on St Ninian's Primary School

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising the Committee of an Education Scotland external inspection of St Ninian's Primary School. The report advised that the school had received a positive report from Education Scotland with all four indicators of quality being found to be satisfactory and no more visits requiring to be made in connection with the inspection.

Councillor McCabe did not return to the meeting for this item, having declared a personal interest as the spouse of the Head Teacher of the school.

The Committee heard Mrs Lesley McCabe, Head Teacher, who spoke in relation to the improvement plans put in place following the inspection.

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**Decided:** that the Committee note the Education Scotland report on St Ninian's Primary School.

Councillor McCabe returned to the meeting and Councillor Campbell-Sturgess left the meeting at this juncture.

### 51 Education 2016/17 Revenue Budget – Period 7 to 31 October 2016 51

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the 2016/17 Education Revenue Budget position as at Period 7 to 31 October 2016.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the current projected underspend of £515,000 for the 2016/17 Education Revenue Budget as at Period 7 to 31 October 2016; and
- (2) that the Committee approve the virement of £41,000 as detailed in paragraph 7.1 and appendix 5 of the report.

### 52 Education Capital Programme 2016-2018 Progress 52

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) providing an update 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 to the report; and
- (2) that the Committee approve the issue of tenders for the Lady Alice Primary School refurbishment project and for delegated authority to be granted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender provided that the cost is within the budget allocation for the project, as detailed in paragraph 6.2 of the report.

### 53 Education and Communities Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2016/19 - Performance Report 53

There was submitted a report by the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy providing an update on the achievement of key objectives in the Education, Communities & Organisational Development Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan (CDIP) 2016/19, focusing on improvement actions which sit within the Education, Inclusive Education & Culture and Safer & Inclusive Communities Services.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the progress made in implementing the Education, Communities & Organisational Development Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2016/19;
- (2) that a report be submitted to the Committee on the roll-out of the pilot project for schools on-line payments; and
- (3) that the third progress report be submitted to the meeting of the Committee on 13 June 2017.

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- 54 Update in Respect of the Governance of External Early Learning and Childcare Partner Establishments 54**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update in respect of the governance of external Early Learning and Childcare partner establishments.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the report and the governance arrangements in place to monitor the position of external Early Years partner centres; and
- (2) that it be noted that all of the information and checks carried out indicate that all of the Council's external partner centres are in a sustainable position to continue partnership working with the Council.
- 55 National Improvement Framework for Scottish Education 55**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development informing the Committee of the Scottish Government's National Improvement Framework for Scottish Education which is intended to drive both excellence and equity in Scottish Education.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the key priorities outlined in the National Improvement Framework for Scottish Education and the drivers of improvement which support these priorities; and
- (2) that the Committee note the associated legislative duties from the Education (Scotland) Act 2016 which are scheduled to take effect from August 2017.
- 56 Outcome of the Consultation on the Relocation of Glenbrae Children's Centre and Kelly Street Children's Centre 56**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing information on the outcome of the public consultation on the proposed relocation of Glenbrae Children's Centre and Kelly Street Children's Centre.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee agree the content of the outcome reports of the public consultation on the proposed relocation of Glenbrae Children's Centre and Kelly Street Children's Centre; and
- (2) that approval be given to the decision to relocate Glenbrae Children's Centre and Kelly Street Children's Centre, as detailed in the reports.
- 57 Draft Revised Policy for Admission and Pupil Placement in Mainstream Schools 57**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval for proposed changes to the 2009 Policy on Admission and Pupil Placement in Mainstream Schools, following a statutory consultation exercise.
- (Councillor Wilson left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

**Decided:** that it be agreed to implement the revised Policy on Admission and Pupil Placement in Mainstream Schools as outlined in appendix B of the report, subject to any reference to “Catholic Faith” being changed to “Roman Catholic Faith”.

**58 Bailey Gwynne Report – Inverclyde Response**

58

There was submitted a report by the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy informing the Committee of the recommendations from the recently published report to Aberdeen Council on the circumstances of the death of Bailey Gwynne in 2015 and the proposed response by Inverclyde Council to these recommendations.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee acknowledge the contents of the report and the annotated recommendations contained in appendix 1;
- (2) that the Committee agree to the formation of a short life strategic implementation group to consult with all stakeholders with a view to implementing the agreed amended recommendations contained in appendix 1; and
- (3) that the Committee take account of the advice given in the report with regard to changes to policy and practice in Inverclyde educational establishments.





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Councillor Wilson's amendment, having received fewer votes, then fell.

On a vote between the motion and the amendment by Councillor McEleny, 7 members, Councillors Brooks, Jones, MacLeod, McEleny, Wilson, Mr Tracey and Rev Donaldson voted for the amendment and 7 members, Councillors Brennan, Clocherty, Loughran, McCabe, McCormick, Shepherd and Mrs Gilpin voted for the motion. There being equality in voting, the Convener exercised his casting vote in favour of the motion, which was declared carried.

**Decided:** that having considered the statutory consultation outcome, the status quo be retained, including the existing interim arrangements.



**POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 31 JANUARY 2017**

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**Policy & Resources Committee**

**Tuesday 31 January 2017 at 3pm**

**Present:** Councillors Ahlfeld, Clocherty, Brennan (for Loughran), McCabe, McCormick, McEleny, Provost Moran (for McIlwee) and Rebecchi.

**Chair:** Councillor McCabe presided.

**In attendance:** Chief Executive, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Head of Legal & Property Services, Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services), Chief Financial Officer, Ms A Edmiston (Social Care Finance Manager), Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications, HR Manager (Operations), Head of Community Care & Health, ICT Service Manager, Ms K Barclay (Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy), Corporate Policy & Partnership Manager, Corporate Procurement Manager and Corporate Communications Manager.

**In attendance also:** Mr T Yule, Audit Scotland.

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

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| <b>64</b> | <b>Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest</b>   | <b>64</b> |
|           | <p>Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Loughran, with Councillor Brennan substituting, MacLeod, McIlwee, with Provost Moran substituting, Nelson and Wilson.</p> <p>Councillor McEleny declared an interest in agenda item 18 (Defence Employer Recognition Scheme).</p>   |           |
| <b>65</b> | <b>Policy &amp; Resources Capital Programme 2016/18 – Progress Report</b>  | <b>65</b> |
|           | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration &amp; Resources (1) providing an update on the status of the projects within the Policy &amp; Resources Capital Programme and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b></p> <p>(1) that the Committee note the current position of the 2016/18 Capital Programme, the reported slippage and the progress on the specific projects detailed in the report and appendix 1;</p> <p>(2) that the Committee approve the virement of £50,000 from the Rolling Replacement of PCs to the Modernisation Fund to meet the continued costs of digitisation of Council Services; and</p> <p>(3) that the Committee approve the allocation of £20,000 from the Modernisation Fund for the upgrade of the Council's Income Management System.</p> |           |

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| <b>66</b> | <b>Capital Programme 2016/18</b>   | <b>66</b> |
|           | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the latest position of the 2016/18 Capital Programme.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b></p> <p>(1) that the Committee note the current position of the 2016/18 Capital Programme; and</p> <p>(2) that the Committee note that Officers are developing a 2017/20 Capital Programme for consideration as part of the Budget Process.</p>  |           |
| <b>67</b> | <b>Policy &amp; Resources Committee Revenue Budget 2016/17 - Period 8 to 30 November 2016</b>  | <b>67</b> |
|           | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education, Communities &amp; Organisational Development and Chief Financial Officer on the 2016/17 projected out-turn for the Policy &amp; Resources Committee as at Period 8 to 30 November 2016.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b></p> <p>(1) that the Committee note the 2016/17 projected underspend of £56,000 for the Policy &amp; Resources Committee as at period 8 to 30 November 2016; and</p> <p>(2) that the Committee note the projected fund balance of £2,930 for the Common Good Fund and that a 2017/18 Common Good budget will be presented to the Council in February 2017.</p> |           |
| <b>68</b> | <b>General Fund Revenue Budget 2016/17 as at 30 November 2016</b>  | <b>68</b> |
|           | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the position of the General Fund Revenue Budget as at 30 November 2016 and (2) providing an update on the position of the General Fund Reserves and Earmarked Reserves.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b></p> <p>(1) that the Committee note the latest position of the 2016/17 Revenue Budget and General Fund Reserves; and</p> <p>(2) that the Committee note that at the meeting on 20 September 2016 consideration of the use of Free Reserves was deferred until considering the 2017/18 budget in February 2017.</p>   |           |
| <b>69</b> | <b>ICT Services Performance Update</b>   | <b>69</b> |
|           | <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the performance of ICT Services and (2) providing updates on a number of projects.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b> that the Committee note the performance detailed in the report and supporting appendices.</p>  |           |
| <b>70</b> | <b>Procurement Update</b>  | <b>70</b> |
|           | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration &amp; Resources providing an update on the latest developments within Procurement.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b></p> <p>(1) that the Committee note progress on the Procurement Strategy and that the 2016/18 savings target has now been achieved; and</p>   |           |

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(2) that the Committee note the Procurement and Commercial Improvement Programme (PCIP) score of 66%.

**71 Welfare Reforms Update**

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on the impact on the Council of the ongoing Welfare Reform changes.

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

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee welcome the successful bid by the Health & Social Care Partnership team on behalf of the Financial Inclusion Partnership and note the contract start date of February 2017;

(2) that the Committee agree that any Discretionary Housing Payments overspend in 2016/17 be met from the Welfare Reform Earmarked Reserve;

(3) that the Committee endorse the contents of the letter sent by the Convener to Lord Freud, a copy of which was attached to the report;

(4) that the Committee otherwise note the contents of the report; and

(5) that the Leader of the Council write to the Minister for Welfare Reform making representations in respect of (a) the proposal to close Port Glasgow Job Centre, expressing concern that this would result in a diminution in service to clients residing in Port Glasgow, Kilmacolm, Quarriers Village and the east end of Greenock and requesting the Minister to consider any opportunities for retaining the Job Centre in Port Glasgow such as colocation and (b) the future of Greenock Job Centre including any potential for colocation

**72 Corporate Services Performance Report**

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy providing an update on the achievement of key objectives by the Council's Corporate Services as detailed in the Education, Communities & Organisational Development Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan (CDIP) 2016/19 and the Environment, Regeneration & Resources CDIP 2016/19.

**Decided:**

(1) that the progress made by Corporate Services in delivering the improvement actions outlined in the Education, Communities & Organisational Development and Environment, Regeneration & Resources CDIPs 2016/19 be noted;

(2) that a third progress report be considered by the Committee at its meeting on 20 June 2017; and

(3) that a progress report on the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

**73 Membership of the Members' Budget Working Group**

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services asking the Committee to note the continuation of the Members' Budget Working Group following the withdrawal of the SNP Group representation.

**Decided:** that the Committee note the terms of the report.



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**78 Glasgow City Region - Regional Economic Strategy 2017-2035 78**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking endorsement of the Glasgow City Region – Regional Economic Strategy 2017-2035 and associated Action Plan, copies of which were attached to the report.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the progress being made in collaborative working across the City Region; and
- (2) that the Committee endorse the Glasgow City Region – Regional Economic Strategy 2017-2035 and associated Action Plan.

**79 People and Organisational Development Strategy 2017-2020 - Update 79**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications providing an update on the key actions planned over the next few months to support the Council's People and Organisational Development Strategy 2017-2020.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the key workforce planning actions outlined in section 5 of the report which will support the Council to manage the workforce implications required to address the projected funding gap and to support Council employees through the next period of significant change; and
- (2) that the Committee note the intention to undertake a "soft" voluntary severance trawl in key targeted areas where there may be potential for workforce reductions.

**80 Recruitment and Selection Policy 80**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications seeking approval of a revised Recruitment and Selection Policy which has been updated in line with legislative changes and best practice.

After discussion, Councillor McCabe moved (1) that, with the exception of the appointment process for the Chief Executive, the Committee approve the revised Recruitment and Selection Policy attached at Appendix 1 to the report; (2) that it be remitted to the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications to submit a further report to the Committee on the appointment process for the Chief Executive on the basis of a shortlisting panel of Elected Members, reflecting the political balance of the Council, the appointment to be made by the Inverclyde Council sitting as an Appointment Panel with appointment decisions being based on a majority vote; and (3) that the Committee note that procedural guidelines on the application of the policy will be available for employees and managers.

As an amendment, Councillor McEleny moved (1) that the Committee approve the revised Recruitment and Selection Policy attached at appendix 1 to the report subject to amendment to the appointment process for the Chief Executive, this being on the basis of a shortlisting panel of eight Elected Members, reflecting the political balance of the Council, the appointment to be made by the Inverclyde Council sitting as an Appointment Panel with appointment decisions being based on a majority vote; and (2) that the Committee note that procedural guidelines on the application of the policy will be available for employees and managers.

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On a vote, one Member, Councillor McEleny, voted for the amendment and seven Members, Provost Moran, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Clocherty, McCabe, McCormick and Rebecchi voted for the motion, which was declared carried.

**Decided:**

- (1) that, with the exception of the appointment process for the Chief Executive, the Committee approve the revised Recruitment and Selection Policy attached at Appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) that it be remitted to the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications to submit a further report to the Committee on the appointment process for the Chief Executive on the basis of a shortlisting panel of Elected Members, reflecting the political balance of the Council, the appointment to be made by the Inverclyde Council sitting as an Appointment Panel with appointment decisions being based on a majority vote; and
- (3) that the Committee note that procedural guidelines on the application of the policy will be available for employees and managers.

Councillor Ahlfeld left the meeting at this juncture.

**81 Defence Employer Recognition Scheme**

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications (1) informing Members of work being undertaken by the Council as an employer to support the Armed Forces community and (2) seeking approval to apply for the MoD Employer Recognition Gold Award as set out in appendix 1 to the report.

Councillor McEleny declared a non-financial interest in this item by virtue of employer. 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 support already provided to the Armed Forces through the Council's employment policies and practices;
- (2) that the Committee approve the inclusion in the Recruitment Procedures of an instruction that Managers give positive consideration to leaving veterans for posts where they meet the essential criteria of the post;
- (3) that Officers apply for the MoD Employer Recognition Gold Award and implement any changes necessary to meet the criteria for receiving this award, subject to such changes not having financial implications that are not contained within existing agreed budgets;
- (4) that the Committee note that publicity material has been developed to raise awareness of the support and services available to defence personnel; and
- (5) that the Committee approve the Reserve Forces Training and Mobilisation Policy attached to the report at appendix 2, which consolidates the current Inverclyde Council terms and conditions and statutory entitlements for reservists.

**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 the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as are set opposite each item:-**

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| Item  | Paragraph(s) |
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| <b>Award of Contract for Supply and Delivery of Hire of Surfacing Plant and Roads Related Services</b>  | 6, 8 and 9   |
| <b>Common Good Public Consultation – Proposed Lease of Site, Lynedoch Street, Greenock</b>  | 2, 6 and 9   |
| <b>Waste Disposal Budget Pressure – Remit from Environment &amp; Regeneration Committee</b>   | 6 and 8      |
| <b>82 Award of Contract for Supply and Delivery of Hire of Surfacing Plant and Roads Related Services</b>   | <b>82</b>    |
| <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration &amp; Resources seeking approval, as required in terms of the Council's Contract Standing Orders, to award a contract for the supply and delivery of hire of surfacing plant and roads related services contract.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b> that approval be given to award the contract to the suppliers listed in appendix 1 to the report for each of the six lots.</p> |              |
| <b>83 Common Good Public Consultation – Proposed Lease of Site, Lynedoch Street, Greenock</b>   | <b>83</b>    |
| <p>It was noted that this item had been withdrawn.</p>  |              |
| <b>84 Waste Disposal Budget Pressure – Remit from Environment &amp; Regeneration Committee</b>  | <b>84</b>    |
| <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration &amp; Resources requesting the Committee to consider a remit from the Environment &amp; Regeneration Committee of 12 January 2017 relative to budget pressures within the Waste Disposal Budget.</p> <p><b>Decided:</b> that the £76,000 budget pressure balance be remitted to the budget process.</p>   |              |





**LOCAL REVIEW BODY – 1 FEBRUARY 2017**

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**Decided:**

- (1) that sufficient information had not been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and
- (2) that, in terms of Regulation 16 of the Town and Country Planning (Schemes of Delegation and Local Review Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, consideration of the application for review be continued for an unaccompanied site inspection to be arranged by the Head of Legal & Property Services in consultation with the Chair.

**(c) Erection of farm worker's house on Lukestone Farm, Bridge of Weir:  
Lukeston Farm, Branchal Road, Quarriers Village (16/0184/IC)**

There were submitted papers relative to the application for review of the refusal of planning permission for the erection of a farm worker's house on Lukestone Farm, Bridge of Weir at Lukeston Farm, Branchal Road, Quarriers Village (16/0184/IC) to enable the Local Review Body to consider the matter afresh.

**Decided:**

- (1) that sufficient information had not been submitted to allow the Local Review Body to decide the matter without further procedure; and
- (2) that, in terms of Regulation 16 of the Town and Country Planning (Schemes of Delegation and Local Review Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, consideration of the application for review be continued for an unaccompanied site inspection to be arranged by the Head of Legal & Property Services in consultation with the Chair.

## GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 8 FEBRUARY 2017

General Purposes BoardWednesday 8 February 2017 at 3pm

**Present:** Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Brooks, Campbell-Sturgess, Dorrian, Loughran and Rebecchi.

**Chair:** Councillor Dorrian presided.

**In attendance:** Mr D Keenan (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms F Denver (Legal & Property Services) and Inspector J MacDonald and Sergeant J Curran (Police Scotland).

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

- 87 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 87**
- Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Jones, McColgan, McIlwee and Nelson.
- 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 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.**
- 88 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence – Francis Quinn 88**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to uphold the immediate suspension of Mr Quinn's Taxi Driver's Licence on 13 January 2017.
- Mr Quinn was not present for this item.
- The Board heard Inspector MacDonald in support of Police Scotland's recommendation.
- Decided:** that the decision to immediately suspend Mr Quinn's Taxi Driver's Licence be upheld.
- 89 Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence – Julie McEleny 89**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services requesting the Board to uphold the immediate suspension of Ms McEleny's Taxi Driver's Licence on 19 January 2017 and to consider whether or not to further suspend the licence which expires on 31 October 2017.
- Ms McEleny was not present for this item.
- The Board heard Inspector MacDonald in support of Police Scotland's recommendation.

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**Decided:**

- (1) that the decision to immediately suspend Ms McEleny's Taxi Driver's Licence be upheld; and
- (2) to further suspend the licence, all as detailed in the appendix.

**APPOINTMENT PANEL – CORPORATE DIRECTOR (CHIEF OFFICER),  
INVERCLYDE HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP – 10 FEBRUARY 2017**

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**Appointment Panel  
Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership**

**Friday 10 February 2017 at 9am**

**Present:** Councillors J Clocherty (for J McIlwee), V Jones and Mr A Fawcett, Chief Executive, Inverclyde Council, Mr S Carr, Board Member, Dr D Lyons, Board Member and Mr R Calderwood, Chief Executive, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde

**Present also:** Mr S McNab, Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications, Inverclyde Council.

**Chair:** Mr Carr presided.

**Apologies:** Councillor McIlwee.

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

**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 for the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.**

**90      Appointment of Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership      90**

The Panel interviewed four candidates and agreed to appoint Ms Louise Long to the post of Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, all as detailed in the appendix.