

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 19 SEPTEMBER 2017

Policy & Resources CommitteeTuesday 19 September 2017 at 3pm

Present: Provost Brennan (for Councillor McCormick), Councillors Quinn (for Ahlfeld), Clocherty, Curley (for MacLeod), McCabe, C McEleny, McVey, Moran, Rebecchi, Crowther (for Robertson) and Brooks (for Wilson).

Chair: Councillor McCabe 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, Head of Legal & Property Services, Ms G Murphy and Ms R McGhee (Legal & Property Services), Chief Financial Officer, Revenues & Customer Services Manager, Social Care Finance Manager, Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications, Ms P Ramsay (Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications), ICT Service Manager, Ms M Tait (ICT Services), Corporate Procurement Manager, Service Manager, Inequalities, Migration & Strategic Housing, Mr D Robinson (Health & Social Care Partnership) and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

488 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 488

Apologies for absence were intimated by:-
Councillor Ahlfeld, with Councillor Quinn substituting;
Councillor MacLeod, with Councillor Curley substituting;
Councillor McCormick, with Provost Brennan substituting;
Councillor Robertson, with Councillor Crowther substituting; and
Councillor Wilson, with Councillor Brooks substituting.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

489 Policy & Resources Capital Programme 2017/2020 – Progress Report 489

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) providing an update on the status of the projects within the Policy & Resources Capital Programme and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.

Decided: that the Committee note the current position of the 2017/2020 Capital Programme and the progress on the specific projects detailed in the report and Appendix 1.

490 Capital Programme 2017/20 490

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the latest position of the 2017/20 Capital Programme.

Decided: that the Committee note the current position of the 2017/20 Capital Programme.

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- 491 Policy & Resources Committee Revenue Budget 2017/18 – Period 4 to 31 July 2017 491**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and Chief Financial Officer on the 2016/17 Revenue Budget outturn and the 2017/18 projected outturn for the Policy & Resources Committee as at Period 4 to 31 July 2017.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the 2016/17 Revenue Budget outturn and the 2017/18 projected underspend of £182,000 for the Policy & Resources Committee as at Period 4 to 31 July 2017; and
- (2) that the Committee note the projected fund balance of £15,510 for the Common Good Fund and that action will proceed as part of the 2017/18 budget to begin to increase the fund balance to the recommended level.
- 492 General Fund Revenue Budget 2017/18 as at 31 July 2017 492**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the position of the General Fund Revenue Budget as at 31 July 2017 and (2) providing an update on the position of the General Fund Reserves and Earmarked Reserves.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the latest position of the 2017/18 Revenue Budget and General Fund Reserves; and
- (2) that the Committee note that the use of any free reserves will be considered as part of the review of the Council's Earmarked Reserves recommended as part of the recent Best Value Audit.
- 493 ICT Services Performance Update 493**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the performance of ICT Services.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the Performance Statistics Report statistics and Action Plan updates for the Digital and ICT Strategies.
- 494 Procurement Update 494**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on the latest developments within Procurement.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note progress on the Procurement Strategy and the updates with regard to the SME and local spend statistics; and
- (2) that a further report on how the Council can provide assistance to local companies to enable them to bid for contracts be submitted to the Committee.
- 495 Welfare Reforms Update 495**
- 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.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the ongoing impacts and actions being taken by

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Officers in respect of the implementation of Welfare Reforms within Inverclyde.

496 Welfare Reform Mitigation Third Sector Funding Annual Report 2016/17 496

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing a performance update on the 2 year funding allocated to local third sector organisations to help mitigate the impacts of welfare reform.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the contents of the report into the use and impact of the welfare reform mitigation funding within Inverclyde;
- (2) that agreement be given to the proposals to fund Financial Fitness, IHeat £75 for 75 and Inverclyde Starterpacks for a further year (2018/19) from the Anti-Poverty Fund; and
- (3) that a further report be submitted to the Committee in February 2018 outlining further proposals for the Anti-Poverty Fund.

497 Debt Recovery Performance 2016/17 497

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer advising the Committee of the Council's Debt Recovery performance during 2016/17.

Decided: that the Committee welcome the Council's continued good debt recovery performance in 2016/17.

498 Customer Services Performance – Annual Update 498

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing an update on (1) Customer Service Centre (CSC) performance for 2016/17 and (2) the Action Plan approved by the Committee in 2015.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the positive progress made in delivering the CSC Action Plan and the plans for further improvement/development in 2017/18; and
- (2) that the Committee note the anticipated impact of Welfare Reform changes, including the new Scottish Social Security Agency, on the workload/service delivery within the CSC.

499 Corporate Services Progress Report 2017/18 499

There was submitted a report by the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy providing an update on the achievement of key objectives during 2017/18 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 Committee note the progress made by the Council's Corporate Services during 2017/18 in delivering the year two improvement actions outlined in their respective CDIPs 2016/19; and
- (2) that a second progress report be considered by the Committee at its meeting on 6 February 2018.

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500 Committee Timetable 2018/19 – School Holidays 500-

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources requesting the Committee to consider whether it would wish to make alterations to the Committee timetable 2018/19 to take account of the school holidays, which were the subject of a report to the meeting of the Education & Communities Committee on 5 September 2017.

Decided:

- (1) that the dates of the meetings outlined in the report be altered to take account of school holidays; and
- (2) that it be noted that the necessary changes will be made to the timetable for submission to the Council in June 2018.

501 Marriages within Inverclyde Council Premises 501

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing an update on proposals regarding the delivery of marriage ceremonies within Council premises.

Decided:

- (1) that the Provost's Room in the Port Glasgow Town Hall become the designated Marriage Facility for the Council from the Summer of 2018, the use of the premises being managed to ensure no overlap between bookings for marriages and wedding receptions by different wedding parties;
- (2) that, following the planned refurbishment, the former District Court be promoted as an alternative unique and historical location for marriage ceremonies and that access be via the Town Hall;
- (3) that Officers continue to work with Inverclyde Leisure to promote both facilities and the opportunities this gives to couples for an integrated marriage and reception offering;
- (4) that the option to book the Provost's Room in the Greenock Municipal Buildings for marriage ceremonies be discontinued for any ceremonies post July 2018;
- (5) that the pricing structure outlined in Section 6 of the report be approved; and
- (6) that a report on the operation of the Provost's Room in the Port Glasgow Town Hall and the former District Court as marriage facilities be submitted to the Committee in due course.

502 Information Classification Policy Implementation 502

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on the implementation of the Information Classification Policy approved by the Committee on 22 September 2015.

Decided: that the Committee note the steps being taken as set out in the report to enforce and implement the Information Classification Policy.

503 Corporate Health and Safety Policy 503

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications seeking approval of the revised Corporate Health and Safety Policy.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the Corporate Health and Safety Policy set out in Appendix 1 to the report; and

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(2) that the Policy be supported by active promotion and support of Health and Safety.

504 3G Pitch Carpet Rejuvenation at Lady Octavia Recreation Centre – Remit from Education & Communities Committee 504

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources requesting the Committee to consider a remit from the Education & Communities Committee of 5 September 2017 in relation to the allocation of funding from the Repairs and Renewals Fund to progress the 3G Pitch Carpet Rejuvenation at Lady Octavia Recreation Centre as set out in Section 10.1 of the report to the Education & Communities Committee.

Decided: that the Committee approve the allocation of funding from the Repairs and Renewals Fund to progress the 3G Pitch Carpet Rejuvenation at Lady Octavia Recreation Centre.

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)
Residual Waste Disposal Tender – Scottish Materials Brokerage Service	6 & 8
Bow Road, Greenock – Disposal of Premises – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee	2, 6 & 9
Transfer of Site at Drumfrochar Road, Greenock – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee	2, 6 & 9
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505 Residual Waste Disposal Tender – Scottish Materials Brokerage Service 505

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the current position with regard to the Council's recent residual waste disposal tender and the Scottish Materials Brokerage Service.

Decided: that the Committee note the contents of the report and the positive outcome of the Residual Waste Mini Competition.

506 Bow Road, Greenock – Disposal of Premises – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee 506

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources requesting the Committee to consider a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 31 August 2017 in relation to the disposal of premises at Bow Road, Greenock.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to take action, all as detailed in the Appendix.

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507 **Transfer of Site at Drumfrochar Road, Greenock – Remit from Environment & Regeneration Committee** 507

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources requesting the Committee to consider a remit from the Environment & Regeneration Committee of 31 August 2017 relative to the transfer of a site at Drumfrochar Road, Greenock.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to ratify the decision of the Environment & Regeneration Committee, all as detailed in the Appendix.

The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Committee to consider the opportunity for the Council to host large scale events in Inverclyde and to submit a bid to host a major pipe band championship for 2019-22, if agreed, by the closing date for bids. This was agreed unanimously.

508 **Hosting Large Scale Events** 508

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Human Resources & Communications on an opportunity for the Council to host large scale events in Inverclyde advising that the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association (RSPBA) is seeking bids from locations across Scotland and the UK to host major pipe band events from 2019 onwards.

After discussion, Councillor McCabe moved that the Council submit a bid to the RSPBA to host a major pipe band championship in the current round 2019-2021 by the 21 September 2017 closing date with the caveat that the necessary funding requires to be considered by the Council as part of the 2018 budget process.

As an amendment, Councillor C McEleny moved that the Council submit a bid to the RSPBA to host a major pipe band championship in the current round 2019-2021 by the 21 September 2017 closing date.

As a further amendment, Councillor Moran moved that the Committee note the opportunity to host a major pipe band championship for 2019-2022 and decline the opportunity to bid in the current round 2019-2021.

On a vote between the two amendments, 1 Member, Councillor Moran, voted for his further amendment and 3 Members, Councillors Crowther, Curley and C McEleny voted for the amendment by Councillor C McEleny. 7 Members, Provost Brennan and Councillors Brooks, Clocherty, McCabe, McVey, Quinn and Rebecchi abstained from voting.

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

On a vote between the motion and the amendment by Councillor C McEleny, 4 Members, Councillors Crowther, Curley, C McEleny and Rebecchi voted for the amendment and 7 Members, Provost Brennan and Councillors Brooks, Clocherty, McCabe, McVey, Moran and Quinn voted for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that the Council submit a bid to the RSPBA to host a major pipe band championship in the current round 2019-2021 by the 21 September 2017 closing date with the caveat that the necessary funding requires to be considered by the Council as part of the 2018 budget process.