

POLICY AND RESOURCES EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE – 7 APRIL 2020

Policy and Resources Executive Sub-Committee

Tuesday 7 April 2020 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld (by telephone), Clocherty, McCabe, C McEleny, Robertson and Brooks (for Wilson).

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Head of Legal & Property Services and Chief Financial Officer.

Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications, Head of Environmental & Public Protection and Service Manager, Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety (all by telephone).

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

208 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 208

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Wilson, with Councillor Brooks substituting.

Councillors Brooks, Clocherty and Robertson declared interests in Agenda Item 2 (COVID-19 – (Coronavirus): Scrutiny Report).

209 COVID-19 (Coronavirus): Scrutiny Report 209

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive providing an update on actions taken by officers of the Council and Health & Social Care Partnership (HSCP) in order to address and mitigate the risks arising from the COVID-19 emergency.

Councillors Brooks and Clocherty declared a non-financial interest in this item as Members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure and Councillors Clocherty and Robertson declared a non-financial interest as Members of the Board of Greenock Arts Guild Ltd. All three Members formed the view that the nature of their interests and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence at the meeting or their participation in the decision-making process.

Decided:

(1) that the actions taken to date to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 emergency in Inverclyde be noted and the Executive Sub-Committee's appreciation of the work undertaken by staff and management throughout the Council and HSCP at this extremely challenging time be recorded;

(2) that it be noted that further reports would be submitted regularly for Members' scrutiny and review;

(3) that the Chief Financial Officer be authorised to pay 100% of the April invoices submitted by school transport providers, as referred to in Appendix 3, upon his receipt of agreed financial information and that a report be submitted to the Executive Sub-Committee prior to any further payments being made to these providers for May and

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210 COVID-19: Request for Consideration by Councillor C McEleny 210

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on a request received from Councillor C McEleny that the Executive Sub-Committee discuss the level of scrutiny by, and accountability of, Members relative to the operational decisions to be taken with service impacts.

Decided:

- (1) that it be agreed that the Executive Sub-Committee meet fortnightly on dates and at times to be agreed in consultation with the Convener;
- (2) that there be continued informal scrutiny with Conveners and spokespersons on relevant items;
- (3) that the emergency powers procedure be used in respect of items of urgency requiring a decision outwith the fortnightly cycle of Executive Sub-Committee meetings; and
- (4) that a weekly update on the operational log be provided to all Members of the Council.

211 Inchgreen Dry Dock 211

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources providing an update on the response received from the Scottish Government relative to the Council's resolution in relation to Inchgreen Dry Dock agreed at its meeting on 20 February 2020.

The report advised that interim discussions would be held with the Head of Clyde Mission and that a meeting involving representatives of the Council's Elected Members would be sought as soon as circumstances permitted this.

Decided:

- (1) that the response to the Council's resolution from the Scottish Government be noted;
- (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources to report on the discussions and arrangements for the proposed meeting with Elected Members of the Council in due course; and
- (3) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee on any outstanding items of representation made by the Council to the Scottish Government.

212 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 1 2020 212

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources requesting the Executive Sub-Committee to approve the making of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 1 2020.

Decided: that the making of the Traffic Regulation Order – The Inverclyde Council Disabled Persons' Parking Places (On-Street) Order No. 1 2020 be approved and that the Shared Head of Service Roads and Head of Legal & Property Services be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.