

**POLICY AND RESOURCES EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE – 19 MAY 2020**

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**Policy and Resources Executive Sub-Committee**

**Tuesday 19 May 2020 at 3pm**

**Present:** Councillors McVey (for Ahlfeld), McCabe, C McEleny and Brooks (for Wilson).  
Councillors Clocherty and Robertson (both by video-conference).

**Chair:** Councillor McCabe presided.

**In attendance:** Chief Executive, Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership, Head of Legal & Property Services, Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications, IT Service Manager and Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services).

Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Environmental & Public Protection and Service Manager, Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety (all by video-conference).

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

**232      Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest      232**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Ahlfeld, with Councillor McVey substituting, and Councillor Wilson, with Councillor Brooks substituting.

Councillor Brooks declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 (Tender for a Delivery Partner for 2020/21 Energy Efficiency Scotland: Area Based Schemes).

**233      COVID-19 (Coronavirus): Scrutiny Report      233**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive providing an update on action taken by officers in order to address and mitigate the risks arising from the COVID-19 emergency.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the actions taken to date to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 emergency in Inverclyde be noted;
- (2) that it be noted that further reports will be submitted regularly for Members' scrutiny and review;
- (3) that approval be given to the ICT investment as set out in paragraph 5.24 of the report; and
- (4) that an update be provided to the next meeting on the position in relation to the blue bin recycling contract.

**234      COVID-19 Testing and Access Arrangements for Key Workers and the Community      234**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on the current arrangements for testing symptomatic Inverclyde Council staff and household members, following the decision of the Executive Sub-Committee at its meeting on 5 May 2020.

Appended to the report was the Chief Executive's letter of 11 May 2020 to the Cabinet

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Secretary for Health and Sport advising of the Council's concerns regarding access to testing facilities for key workers and the community and requesting consideration of additional local testing facilities for Inverclyde. The response from the Cabinet Secretary of 17 May setting out the position regarding testing in Scotland was circulated separately to Members.

The Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications provided an update to the Executive Sub-Committee on the arrangements for the mobile testing unit which will be setting up operation in Inverclyde from Friday 22 May.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the current arrangements in place for key worker testing as set out in the report and letter from the Scottish Government and the position with regard to the mobile testing unit be noted; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to each future meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee providing an update on key issues in relation to testing.

**235 Home Schooling During COVID-19 Emergency**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development outlining (1) how schooling at home has been supported during school closure as a result of the COVID-19 emergency, (2) options to support children returning to school, including those due to undertake an education transition and start primary school in August 2020 and (3) measures in place to best support equity of learning in relation to the known existing gap in educational attainment.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted;
- (2) that a report be submitted to the next meeting on the progress of the school opening programme; and
- (3) that a regular progress report be submitted to each meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee and that further detail be included regarding parental involvement in the working groups which have been set up to look at key aspects of transition back to school.

**236 Tender for a Delivery Partner for 2020/21 Energy Efficiency Scotland: Area Based Schemes**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to grant delegated authority to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept a tender for a delivery partner for the 2020/21 Energy Efficiency Scotland Area Based Schemes (ABS) programme.

Councillor Brooks declared a non-financial interest in this item as a member of the Board of River Clyde Homes. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence at the meeting or his participation in the decision-making process.

**Decided:** that authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender for a delivery partner for the 2020/21 Energy Efficiency Scotland Area Based Scheme programme and also, subject to further funding from the Scottish Government, to accept an optional year extension to the contract for 2021/22 notwithstanding the terms and in variation of paragraph 17.3(ii) of the Standing Orders relating to Contracts.

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**237 Contract Awards – 1 October 2019 to 31 March 2020****237**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on contracts awarded for the supply of goods or materials, provision of services and execution of works during the period 1 October 2019 to 31 March 2020.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the contracts awarded by the Council during the period 1 October 2019 to 31 March 2020 be noted;
- (2) that information be included in future reports on the number of local companies bidding for each contract listed; and
- (3) that it be remitted to the relevant officers to discuss with the Greenock Chamber of Commerce any additional measures to promote tendering by local companies for public sector contracts and that an update on the position be included in the next procurement progress report submitted to Committee.

**238 Proposed Temporary Lay-Up of Cruise Ships – Peel Ports Update****238**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) providing an update on the proposal by Peel Ports to accommodate cruise ships in the Clyde for lay-up and (2) appending a letter sent to the Chief Executive of Peel Ports opposing the laying-up of cruise ships in the Clyde in accordance with the decision of the Executive Sub-Committee at its meeting on 5 May 2020. Peel Port's response of 18 May 2020 to the Chief Executive's letter was circulated separately to Members.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted; and
- (2) that officers at their meeting with Peel Ports on 20 May convey in the strongest terms the Council's continued opposition to the laying-up of cruise ships in Greenock; and
- (3) that a further report be submitted to the next meeting on the response received from Peel Ports together with the outcome of the representations made on this matter by the local MP and MSP.