

POLICY AND RESOURCES EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE – 28 JULY 2020

Policy and Resources Executive Sub-Committee

Tuesday 28 July 2020 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Mr A Stevenson (for Corporate Director (Chief Officer), Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership), Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Head of Legal & Property Services, Chief Financial Officer, Ms B McQuarrie (for Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications), Head of Environmental & Public Protection, Head of Regeneration & Planning, Property Services Manager, Service Manager, Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety, Ms S Lang and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Property Services).

The meeting was held by video-conference.

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

266 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 266

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

Councillors Brooks and Clocherty declared an interest in Agenda Item 2 (COVID-19 (Coronavirus): Scrutiny Report).

267 COVID-19 (Coronavirus): Scrutiny Report 267

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive providing an update on actions taken by officers in order to address and mitigate the risks arising from the COVID-19 emergency, together with letter received from the Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Fair Work and Culture relative to the Newly Self-Employed Hardship Fund.

Councillors Brooks and Clocherty declared a non-financial interest in this item 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 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;
- (2) that it be noted that further reports will be submitted regularly for Members' scrutiny and review;
- (3) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender for Family Support Worker services in variation of paragraph 17.3(ii) of the Standing Orders relating to Contracts;
- (4) that the cost of preparing to retender the Greenock Ocean Terminal building contract be funded from the City Deal Earmarked Reserve in the first instance;

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- (5) that it be remitted to the Chief Financial Officer to provide Inverclyde Leisure with a letter of comfort regarding the Council's financial support during 2020/21;
- (6) that it be agreed to fund the opening of Gourrock Pool for the period to the end of October 2020, with the costs being added to the COVID-19 costs budget;
- (7) that it be confirmed that the regular schedule of meetings of the Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee cease as at 28 July 2020 pending resumption of the ordinary cycle of Committees on 11 August 2020, subject to any emergency reconvening of the Sub-Committee if determined necessary in consultation with the Convener;
- (8) that the Leader of the Council's letter to the Scottish Government relative to the Newly Self-Employed Hardship Fund and the response received from the Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Fair Work and Culture be noted;
- (9) that the response of the First Minister relative to the campaign to support families in poverty in Inverclyde be noted; and
- (10) that the response of the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport on the level of COVID-19 deaths in Inverclyde be noted.

268 Disasters Emergency Committee Scotland: COVID-19 Pandemic – Request by Councillor McCabe 268

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising of a request received from Councillor McCabe that the Council consider supporting the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Appeal for the world's most vulnerable countries facing Coronavirus.

Decided: that £20,000 be provided from the Contingency Earmarked Reserve to support the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) appeal for the world's most vulnerable countries facing Coronavirus.

269 Early Learning and Childcare Expansion – Infrastructure Update and Project Approvals 269

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) providing an update in respect of the status of the two remaining major capital projects within the 1140 Hours infrastructure expansion plan and (2) seeking delegated authority to progress the formal legal process for acceptance of the construction contracts.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress of the projects be noted; and
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to agree, execute and deliver the Design and Build Development Agreements for the Larkfield and Park Farm (Rainbow Family Centre) projects as detailed in paragraph 7.1 of the report, provided the cost is within the available budget for the projects.

270 Report on the Annual Return on the Charter to the Scottish Housing Regulator 270

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources advising of the completion of the 2019/20 Annual Return on the Charter (ARC) to the Scottish Housing Regulator, a copy of which was appended to the report.

Decided: that the Annual Return on the Charter prepared on behalf of Inverclyde Council be approved for onward transmission to the Scottish Housing Regulator for publication on the Regulator's webpage.

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It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 2, 6 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

271 Property Assets Management Report**271**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) advising of offers received for (a) the site of the former Anderson Street Depot, Anderson Street, Port Glasgow and (b) the semi-detached house at 16 Golf Road, Gourrock and (2) seeking authority to sell both the site and the house on the basis of the terms and conditions detailed in the report which was agreed, all as detailed in the appendix.