

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE – 30 JUNE 2025

Environment & Regeneration Committee

Thursday 30 June 2025 at 3pm

Present: Provost McKenzie, Councillors Armstrong (for Daisley), Brooks, Cassidy, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Hellyer, McCormick, Nelson and Quinn.

Chair: Councillor Clocherty presided.

In attendance:

Eddie Montgomery	Interim Director - Environment
Neale McIlvanney	Interim Director - Regeneration
Julie Ann Wilson	Principal Accountant
Peter MacDonald	Principal Solicitor
Emma Peacock	Solicitor
Colin MacDonald	Senior Committee Officer
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer
PJ Coulter	Corporate Communications Officer (Media Relations)

This meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors McCormick and Quinn attending remotely.

With the exception of the decision marked “C”, which is open for confirmation or otherwise, the following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Committee.

343 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 343

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Daisley, with Councillor Armstrong substituting.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

344 Implementation of the National Strategy for 20mph Speed Limits 344

There was submitted a report by the Interim Director – Environment informing the Committee of the ongoing engagement with Transport Scotland on the commitment from the Scottish Government to implement the National Strategy for 20mph speed limits in all appropriate roads in built up areas by 2025.

Following discussion, Councillor Brooks moved that the recommendations contained in the report be replaced with the following text:

“1. Opposition to 20mph Speed Limits: Opposes the progression of the implementation of 20mph speed limits on the 1,021 roads identified during the March 2023 assessment and subsequent amendments.

2. Acknowledgement of Funding: Thank the Scottish Government for the allocation of £478,000 intended for the implementation of 20mph speed limits.

3. Request for Funding Redirection: Requests that the Scottish Government redirect this funding to support the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in maintaining life-saving services in Inverclyde.

4. Highlighting Financial Concerns: Notes that the total cost of implementing the 20mph speed limits is estimated at £591,500, which could require Inverclyde Council to find an additional £113,500 from its current resources. Notes that this additional Council funding

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could be allocated to speed reduction measures on roads already identified by Council Officers and Elected Members.

5. Cost Analysis: Reflects that the total cost of £591,500 for implementing 20mph speed limits across 1,021 roads represents a significant financial burden to taxpayers. £579 per road.”

As an amendment, Councillor Clocherty moved the recommendations contained in the report.

As a further amendment, Councillor Nelson moved the recommendations contained in the report, with the exception that the following roads should retain their current speed limits: Dubbs Road, Boglestone Avenue, Ardmore Road, Springhill Road, Barrs Brae, Glenhuntly Road, Glen Avenue, Lilybank Road, Parklea Road, Regent Street, Roxburgh Street, Hastie Street, Nelson Street, Finnart Street, Lyle Road, Grieve Road, Gibshill Road, Lansbury Street, Sinclair Street, Weir Street, Carwood Street, Broomberry Drive, St Johns Road, Barrhill Road, Victoria Road, Cumberland Road, Auchmead Road, Flatterton Road, Langhouse Avenue, Langhouse Road, Finnockbog Road and Ardgowan Road.

On a roll call vote between the two amendments, 3 Members, Provost McKenzie, Councillors Brooks and Nelson voted in favour of the amendment by Councillor Nelson and 8 Members, Councillors Armstrong, Cassidy, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Hellyer, McCormick and Quinn voted in favour of the amendment by Councillor Clocherty. Councillor Nelson’s amendment, having received fewer votes, then fell.

On a roll call vote between the motion and the amendment by Councillor Clocherty, 4 Members, Provost McKenzie, Councillors Brooks, Nelson and Quinn voted in favour of the motion and 7 Members, Councillors Armstrong, Cassidy, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Hellyer and McCormick voted in favour of the amendment by Councillor Clocherty which was declared carried.

Those Members who had voted in favour of the motion then requested in terms of the relevant Standing Order that the matter be referred to the Inverclyde Council for decision in terms of the motion.

Decided:

- (1) that it be noted that Transport Scotland have indicated that £478,000 of funding will be made available in 2025/26 to implement 20mph Speed Limits across Inverclyde;
- (2) that Transport Scotland’s proposed route to implementation by promotion of a number of Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TRRO), followed by consultation to assess the success of the schemes to identify any changes and with final implementation through formal consultation and promotion of permanent Speed Limit Orders (SLOs), be noted;
- (3) that the projected programme for implementation and the challenges associated with meeting those timescales be noted;
- (4) that it be agreed to progress the implementation of 20mph speed limits on the 1,021 roads across Inverclyde identified as being suitable for speed limit reduction based on the Transport Scotland issued roads assessment guidance and criteria and as illustrated on the maps provided in the appendices to the report; and
- (5) that the Transport Scotland position on funding for implementation which is only able to be confirmed for 2025/26 at this time and the risks passed to the Council associated with funding for the final promotion of Speed Limit Orders in 2026/27, and any further soft measures and (where deemed necessary) any physical speed management measures, for roads not reaching a desired level of speed compliance, be noted.

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Gourock Waiting and Loading Traffic Regulation Order (Variation 8) – Maintained Objections

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There was submitted a report by the Interim Director – Environment (1) informing the Committee of the outcome of the consultation procedure undertaken for a Traffic

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Regulation Order (TRO) entitled “The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Gourock, Inverkip & Wemyss Bay) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No.8) Order 2025” relating to Gourock, and (2) seeking a decision as to whether the Committee will hear the objections relating to the TRO via a special meeting of this Committee or appoint an Independent Reporter.

Decided:

- (1) that the requirement to hold a public hearing to consider the maintained objections to the TRO be noted;
- (2) that it be agreed to hear these objections before a special meeting of this Committee; and
- (3) that it be remitted to the Interim Director – Environment and the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services to make the necessary arrangements for the public hearing.

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)	
Property Asset Management Private Report – Report on Offers Received for 5 Kempock Place, Gourock	6, 8 & 9	
Comet Replica – Replacement	6 & 8	
346 Property Asset Management Private Report – Report on Offers Received for 5 Kempock Place, Gourock		346
There was submitted a report by the Interim Director – Environment requesting authority to sell 5 Kempock Place, Gourock.		
Decided: following consideration, the Committee agreed to the actions recommended, all as detailed in the private appendix.		
347 Comet Replica - Replacement		347
There was submitted a report by the Interim Director – Environment providing an update on the tender return position in respect of the Comet Replica Replacement project.		
Decided: following consideration, the Committee agreed to the actions recommended, all as detailed in the private appendix.		