

SAFE, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 28 OCTOBER 2008

Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee

Tuesday 28 October 2008 at 3.00 pm

Present: Councillors Dorrian, Grieve, MacLeod, McCabe, McIlwee, Moran, Rebecchi, Wilson and White.

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection, Ms M McCabe (for Chief Financial Officer), Head of Environmental Services, Head of Planning, Housing & Transportation, Head of Corporate Communications & Public Affairs, Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Administration) and Environmental Services Manager (Roads).

Apologies: Councillors Ferguson and McCallum.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Convener, on behalf of the Committee, extended his appreciation to Mr Graham and his staff within the Roads Service for the work carried out during the recent severe weather conditions.

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

736 Presentation by Max Hislop of the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network 736

The Committee heard a presentation by Mr Max Hislop, Programme Manager for the Glasgow & Clyde Valley Green Network, a 20 year programme which will link paths, walkways, woodlands and countryside along miles of path and cycle routes bringing a range of social, economic and environmental benefits to the Glasgow Metropolitan region. Following the presentation, Mr Hislop answered a number of questions from Members.

The Convener thanked Mr Hislop for his presentation and he thereafter left the meeting.

The Committee adjourned at 3.40 pm and reconvened at 3.45 pm.

737 Capital Programme 2008/11 - Progress 737

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection and the Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Capital Programme 2008/11. There was circulated to the Committee, update on the position of the Community Investment Fund as at 24 October 2008.

Noted

738 Revenue Budget 2008/09 - Period 5 738

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on the position of the Revenue Budget 2008/09 as at Period 5 (31 August 2008) which projected an underspend of £24,000.

Decided:

(1) that the current projected underspend of £24,000 in the Revenue Budget 2008/09

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as at 31 August 2008 be noted; and

(2) that the virement request as detailed at paragraph 6.1 of the report be approved.

739 Trading Account Revenue Budget 2008/09 - Period 5 739

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on the position of the Trading Account Revenue Budget as at Period 5 (31 August 2008) for the Roads and Vehicle Maintenance Trading Accounts. The report advised that, as at 31 August, the Roads Trading Account projected an overspend of £33,000 and the Vehicle Maintenance Trading Account projected an underspend of £3,000.

Decided: that the Committee note the current projected overspend of £33,000 within the Roads Trading Account and the £3,000 underspend within the Vehicle Maintenance Trading Account as at 31 August 2008.

740 Environment and Community Protection Performance Report 740

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection providing details of performance statistics for the Environment and Community Protection Directorate.

Decided: that the Committee note the contents of the report and the action taken to improve performance in 2008/09.

741 Green Charter 741

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection requesting the Committee to approve a draft Green Charter and proposed governance arrangements, as appended to the report.

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to the Green Charter and governance arrangements appended to the report;

(2) that approval be given to the creation of an Officer/Member Working Group comprising Councillors Dorrian (Chair), MacLeod and White to oversee the Charter's Key Actions;

(3) that the creation of the Green Charter be remitted to the Policy & Resources Committee for consideration; and

(4) that the Committee extend its appreciation to Karen Barclay for her work in preparing the Green Charter.

742 Food Waste Trial (2008/09 to 2009/10) 742

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection informing the Committee of the progress of the food waste trial agreed with the Scottish Government for the period 2008/09 to 2009/10.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the successful implementation of the food waste trial collection; and

(2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection to submit regular update reports on the food waste trial collection to the Committee.

743 Waste Management Delivery Model 743

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on the status of the procurement exercise undertaken for the management of Inverclyde Council's waste.

(Councillors Rebecchi and McCabe left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

(1) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection to progress a joint working agreement with Argyll & Bute and West Dunbartonshire Councils as outlined in the report; and

(2) that regular reports be submitted to the Committee on the progress made with both options being considered for the future delivery of waste management services.

744 Real Nappy Trial Promotion

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection providing an update on the short life Real Nappy Promotion previously reported to Members.

Decided: that the Committee endorse the Real Nappy Campaign as set out in the report.

745 Tidy Business Standards

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection (1) advising the Committee of the Keep Scotland Beautiful Tidy Business Standards and (2) seeking approval to develop the programme.

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to the development of the Tidy Business Standards to be funded through the income generated from the Council's Commercial Waste Service; and

(2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection to report to the Committee on completion of the development of the Tidy Standards prior to rolling out the scheme.

746 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - On-Street Parking Places (Without Charges) Order No 2 2008

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order to accompany the provision of parking bays for the disabled.

Decided: that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make a resolution under the Road Traffic Regulation (Scotland) Act 1984 in relation to a Traffic Regulation Order to restrict parking in parking bays to disabled drivers displaying a blue badge only and thereafter that it be remitted to the Head of Planning, Housing & Transportation and the Head of Legal & Administration to arrange for implementation of the Order.

747 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Craigends Bridge, Kilmacolm (13 Tonne Weight Restriction Revocation) Order 2008

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources recommending the making of a Traffic Regulation Order to revoke the Craigends Bridge, Kilmacolm (13 Tonne Weight Restriction) Order 2000 which is no longer necessary as a result of remedial works carried out to the structure.

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Decided: that The Inverclyde Council be recommended to make the Traffic Regulation Order - Craigends Bridge, Kilmacolm (13 Tonne Weight Restriction Revocation) 2008 in terms of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and thereafter that it be remitted to the Head of Planning, Housing & Transportation and the Head of Legal & Administration to arrange for implementation of the Order.

748 Planning Policy and Housing: Update on Work Programmes and Issues Arising

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection (1) providing an update on the work programmes of the Planning Policy and Housing teams of the Planning, Housing and Transportation Service in particular the linkages between the Development Plan and the Strategic Housing Function and (2) seeking approval for the use of the Service's budgeted resources for the first of a 2-3 years Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Housing Needs and Demand Assessment.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the changed circumstances outlined as a result of new Government planning policy and housing guidance published since the report submitted to the March 2008 meeting of the Committee;

(2) that the Committee endorse the revised work programmes of both the Planning Policy and Housing teams due to the requirement to have close integration in the preparation of these key plans and strategies over the next 2-3 years;

(3) that approval be given to the use of the Service's budgeted resources for the first year of a Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Housing Needs and Demand Assessment to be undertaken by the eight Local Authorities comprising the Strategic Development Planning Authority; and

(4) that the Committee's congratulations be extended to Mr Fergus MacLeod following his nomination as Chair of the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Housing Needs and Demand Assessment Technical Group and to Mr Fraser Williamson who will represent COSLA and the Scottish Society of Directors of Planning on the Steering Group established by the Scottish Government to examine the delivery of housing needs and to foster closer links between housing and planning.

749 Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2009-2014 - Progress Report

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection advising of progress made in preparing the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) 2008 which is due for submission to the Scottish Ministers by 28 November 2008.

Decided:

(1) that the progress made to date in preparing the Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2008 be noted; and

(2) that a special meeting of the Committee be arranged to approve the final version of the Council's Strategic Housing Investment Plan which requires to be submitted to the Scottish Ministers by 28 November 2008 and that all Members of the Council be invited to attend the meeting.