

INVERCLYDE COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meetings of the Inverclyde Council,
Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards to be submitted
to the Meeting of The Inverclyde Council on**

Thursday 16 April 2009

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL - 19 FEBRUARY 2009

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 19 February 2009 at 4.00 pm

Present: Provost McCormick, Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair, Brooks, Clocherty, Dorrian, Fyfe, Grieve, Loughran, MacLeod, McCabe, McCallum, McIlwee, McKenzie, Moran, Osborne, Rebecchi, White and Wilson.

Chair: Provost McCormick presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education & Social Care, Mr A Barnes (for Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection), Corporate Director Improvement & Performance, Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources, Chief Financial Officer, Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Administration), Head of Safer Communities and Head of Social Work.

Apologies: Councillor Ferguson.

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142 Political Balance on Outside Bodies 142

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive requesting the Council to consider its representation on a number of Outside Bodies and advising of the requirements of paragraph 5.4 of the Scheme of Administration in terms of reflecting, as far as practicable, the balance of political representation on the Council.

Following discussion, it was agreed unanimously that Councillor McCabe relinquish his seat on Riverside Inverclyde and that the resulting vacancy be filled by an opposition member. Councillor Brooks seconded by Councillor MacLeod moved that the vacancy be filled by Councillor Osborne. As an amendment, Councillor White seconded by Councillor Rebecchi moved that Councillor Blair fill the vacancy. On a vote, 5 Members voted for the amendment and 13 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted;
- (2) that Councillor Fyfe be appointed to the Inverclyde Alliance Board in place of Councillor Wilson;
- (3) that Councillor McCallum be appointed as the Council's third representative on Inverclyde Community Development Trust;
- (4) that Councillor McCallum be appointed to River Clyde Homes Board in place of Councillor Wilson; and
- (5) that Councillor Osborne be appointed to Riverside Inverclyde in place of Councillor McCabe.

143 Riverside Inverclyde - Motion by Councillor Osborne 143

It was noted that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

144 Councillor Moran - Resignation from Local Outdoor Access Forum 144

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources advising of the resignation of Councillor Moran from the Local Outdoor Access Forum and requesting the Council to fill the resulting vacancy.

Decided: that Councillor Ahlfeld be appointed to the Local Outdoor Access Forum in place of Councillor Moran.

145 Strathclyde Joint Police Board - Substitute Member 145

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources requesting the Council to appoint a substitute member of Strathclyde Joint Police Board.

Decided: that Councillor Loughran be appointed as Councillor Moran's substitute on Strathclyde Joint Police Board.

The Provost being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Chief Executive was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Council to consider its representation on the Regional Advisory Board at Scottish Enterprise without delay. This was agreed unanimously.

146 Membership of Regional Advisory Board 146

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive requesting the Council to consider nominating a representative for the Regional Advisory Board at Scottish Enterprise.

Decided:

(1) that Councillor Clocherty be nominated to represent the East Renfrewshire/Renfrewshire and Inverclyde areas on the Regional Advisory Board at Scottish Enterprise; and

(2) that it be remitted to the Chief Executive to ascertain whether there is any provision for substitute members.

147 RoSPA - Home Safety Champion: Request by Councillor McCabe 147

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources regarding a request by Councillor McCabe on an invitation from RoSPA to nominate one or more Home Safety Champions.

Decided: that Councillor White be nominated as the Council's Home Safety Champion.

148 Provost's Forum - Replacement Member 148

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources requesting the Council to appoint a replacement Member to the Provost's Forum in place of Councillor Ahlfeld to reflect the political balance of the Council.

Decided: that Councillor Rebecchi replace Councillor Ahlfeld on the Provost's Forum.

149 Approval for Continued Absence of a Councillor 149

It was noted that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

150 Members' Salaries and Expenses Scheme 150

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources (1) advising of changes made to the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Regulations 2007 by the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2008 and (2) seeking approval of the revised Members' Salaries and Expenses Scheme, a copy of which was appended to the report.

Decided:

(1) that the amendments to the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Regulations 2007 by the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2008 be noted;

(2) that the revised Members' Salaries and Expenses Scheme which reflects the changes to the Regulations and provides further guidance on the implementation of the Regulations be approved; and

(3) that it be agreed that, at a minimum, the type of training offered and the number of Elected Members undertaking the particular training be published on the Council's website at the same time as information on Members' expenses is published.

151 HMle Report - Joint Inspection of Services to Protect Children and Young People in the Inverclyde Council Area 151

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care advising of the outcome of the HMle joint inspection report on child protection services within the Council area, a copy of which was appended to the report. The report advised that the grading presented by the Inspectors across the 18 Indicators was 2 "excellent", 15 "very

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good” and 1 “good”.

Decided:

(1) that the Council acknowledge the excellent achievement for Child Protection Services across Inverclyde which has been graded at one of the highest levels in Scotland; and

(2) that the Council commend staff from all public agencies and the voluntary sector for their efforts in securing an outcome which recognises the endeavours of the inter-agency child protection service to provide a robust network of protection for children.

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 on the grounds that consideration of the following item involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act, as detailed in the minute of the relevant Committee, Sub-Committee or Board.

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HUMAN RESOURCES APPEALS BOARD - 25 FEBRUARY 2009

Human Resources Appeals Board

Wednesday 25 February 2009 at 10 am

Present: Councillors Brooks, MacLeod, Moran, Osborne and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor Brooks presided.

In attendance: Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Administration) and Mr A Moore (Head of Organisational Development & Human Resources).

Apologies: Councillors McIlwee and McCallum.

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

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 for the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

159	Appeal Against Dismissal - Employee in Education & Social Care	159
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The Board considered an appeal against dismissal on behalf of an employee in Education & Social Care Services and agreed that the grounds of the appeal had not been substantiated and that the appeal be not upheld.

AUDIT COMMITTEE - 3 MARCH 2009

Audit Committee

Tuesday 3 March 2009 at 3.00 pm

Present: Provost McCormick, Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair, Clocherty, Dorrian, Fyfe, MacLeod and McCallum.

Chair: Councillor Blair presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Improvement & Performance, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Internal Auditor, Head of Performance Management & Procurement and Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Administration).

Present Also: Ms E Boyd and Mr L Slavin, Audit Scotland.

Apologies: Councillors Brooks and Ferguson.

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

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| 160 | <p>Risk Management Progress Report</p> <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Improvement and Performance on the progress made on Risk Management since the meeting of the Committee on 6 January 2009.</p> <p>Noted</p> | 160 |
| 161 | <p>External Audit Progress Report</p> <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Improvement and Performance presenting to Members the reports produced by Audit Scotland since the last meeting of the Committee.</p> <p>Noted</p> | 161 |
| 162 | <p>External Audit Action Plan - Outstanding Actions</p> <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Improvement and Performance advising Members of the status of outstanding actions from External Audit Action Plans as at 31 December 2008.</p> <p>Decided: that the progress to date be noted.</p> | 162 |
| 163 | <p>Internal Audit Progress Report - 8 December to 6 February 2009</p> <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Improvement and Performance presenting to Members the Monitoring Report on Internal Audit activity from 8 December 2008 to 6 February 2009.</p> <p>Decided: that the progress made by Internal Audit during the reporting period be noted.</p> | 163 |

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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 for the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

164 Internal Audit Progress Report - Appendix**164**

There was submitted appendix to the Internal Audit Progress Report providing details of special investigations undertaken since the last meeting of the Committee.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the specific concerns expressed by a number of Members in relation to the issues raised in this Appendix and that an appropriate officer be invited to attend the next meeting of the Committee to provide further information; and
- (2) that the report be noted.

EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE - 3 MARCH 2009

Education and Lifelong Learning Committee

Tuesday 3 March 2009 at 4 pm

Present: Provost McCormick, Councillors Blair, Clocherty, Fyfe, Loughran, McCabe, McKenzie, MacLeod (for Osborne) and Wilson, Rev W Hamilton, Rev C McGranaghan and Father M McMahon, Church Representatives, Mr G Miller, Parent Representative and Mr T Tracey, Teacher Representative.

Chair: Councillor McKenzie presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education & Social Care, Head of Schools, Head of Lifelong Learning & Educational Support, Head of Support & Development, Head of School Estate Projects, School Estate Manager, Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Administration) and Mr M Bingham (for Head of Corporate Communications & Public Affairs).

Apologies: Councillors Brooks, Grieve and Osborne.

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165	Results of the Consultation on the Future of Highlanders Academy Primary School and Overton Primary School and the Possibility of Amalgamation of the Two Schools	165
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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education and Social Care (1) providing the Committee with information on the statutory consultation exercise relative to the future of Highlanders Academy Primary School and Overton Primary School and the possibility of amalgamation of the two schools carried out between 19 September and 28 November 2008, (2) highlighting the issues raised during the consultation and the implications which these have for the proposals and (3) seeking approval of the recommendations contained in the report.

Decided:

- (1) that a refurbished school be developed on the current Overton Primary School site for the pupils of Highlanders Academy Primary School and Overton Primary School;
- (2) that the refurbished school include the amalgamated nursery and both primary and nursery Gaelic bases;
- (3) that the Additional Support Base be removed from the project and developed at another school;
- (4) that the roll of the new school be monitored and catchment modifications or capping be introduced as required; and
- (5) that it be remitted to the joint Parent Council of the new refurbished school in due course to suggest a new name for the school, for approval by the Committee.

166	Results of the Consultation on Additional Support Needs	166
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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education and Social Care (1) providing the Committee with information on the statutory consultation exercise relative to Additional Support Needs provision in Inverclyde carried out between 19 September and 28 November 2008, (2) highlighting the issues raised during the consultation and the implications which these have for the proposals and (3) seeking approval of the

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recommendations contained in the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the Garvel Centre for the Deaf be relocated to Moorfoot Primary School once the accommodation becomes available;
- (2) that a review of both the short term and the longer term accommodation options in respect of the Mearns Centre be evaluated to ensure the longer term delivery of the service provided at that location and that a report thereon be submitted to the meeting of the Committee on 12 May 2009, taking into account the budget savings approved on 12 February relative to the future plans for this service;
- (3) that a working group be established chaired by the Convener of the Committee to identify the possible options for Lilybank and Glenburn Schools and Hillend Children's Centre, the working group to comprise a Labour, Independent, SNP and Liberal Democrat Elected Member, representation from the teaching trade unions and other representation as appropriate; and
- (4) that following consideration by the working group, a consultation paper in respect of the services provided at both schools be developed and submitted to the meeting of the Committee on 12 May 2009 for approval, prior to public consultation.

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Results of the Consultation on the Future of St Stephen's High School and Port Glasgow High School and the Possibility of a Joint Campus for the Two Secondary Schools

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There was submitted a replacement report by the Corporate Director Education and Social Care (1) providing information on the statutory consultation exercise relative to secondary school provision in Port Glasgow carried out between 19 September and 28 November 2008, (2) highlighting the issues raised during the consultation and the implications which these have for the proposals and (3) seeking approval of the recommendations contained in the report.

Decided:

- (1) that Option 4 contained in the consultation document involving the provision of a joint campus to accommodate both St Stephen's High School and Port Glasgow High School be approved;
- (2) that the Port Glasgow High School site be used for the joint campus;
- (3) that temporary classrooms be provided on the current St Stephen's High School site and alterations be made to the accommodation within the building, thus avoiding the need for a decant to Wellington Academy; and
- (4) that a working group be established to review, monitor and influence the development of a new joint campus, the working group composition to include senior managers from both schools, the head boy and girl from both schools, representatives of the Parent Councils of both secondary schools and their associated primaries, appropriate elected member representation from Ward 1 and Ward 2, church representatives, trade union representatives and education officials.

PLANNING BOARD - 4 MARCH 2009

Planning Board

Wednesday 4 March 2009 at 3.00 pm

Present: Councillors Blair (for Brooks), Fyfe, Grieve, Loughran, McCallum, McIlwee (for Moran), Rebecchi and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Head of Planning & Housing, Mr D Greenslade (for Head of Environmental Services), Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Administration) and Mr M Bingham (for Head of Corporate Communications & Public Affairs).

Apologies: Councillors Brooks and Moran.

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

168 PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR CONTINUED CONSIDERATION

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- (a) Change of use of flat and attic to two self contained flatted dwellings together with the installation of roof windows to the front and rear and two dormer windows to the rear:
37B Campbell Street, Greenock (08/0270/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning & Housing regarding an application by Mr Neil Martin for the change of use of flat and attic to two self contained flatted dwellings together with the installation of roof windows to the front and rear and two dormer windows to the rear at 37B Campbell Street, Greenock (08/0270/IC), consideration of which had been continued from the meeting of 4 February 2009 for a site visit.

The report recommended that planning permission be granted subject to a number of conditions.

After discussion, Councillor Wilson moved that planning permission be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report. As an amendment, Councillor Rebecchi moved that planning permission be refused as the proposal would exacerbate the existing difficult parking situation in the area. On a vote, 3 Members voted for the motion and 5 for the amendment which was declared carried.

Councillor Loughran entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business.

Decided: that planning permission be refused as the proposal would exacerbate the existing difficult parking situation in the area.

- (b) Proposed erection of a 3 storey Class 2 office at 30 Regent Street and formation of 16 car parking spaces adjacent to 39 Regent Street and 10 Bank Street, Greenock:
30 Regent Street, Greenock (09/0029/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning & Housing regarding an application by Inverclyde Council for the proposed erection of a 3 storey Class 2 Office at 30 Regent Street and formation of 16 car parking spaces adjacent to 39 Regent Street and 10 Bank Street, Greenock at 30 Regent Street, Greenock (09/0029/IC), consideration of which had been continued from the meeting of 4 February 2009 to allow the submission of an amended planning application.

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The report recommended that planning permission be granted subject to a number of conditions.

After discussion, Councillor Wilson moved that, subject to referral to the Scottish Ministers in accordance with the Town & Country Planning (Notification of Applications) (Scotland) Direction 2007, planning permission be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report.

As an amendment, Councillor Blair moved that planning permission be refused as:

- (1) the proposal is contrary to the Local Plan, in particular green belt provision;
- (2) there is insufficient car parking provision for the traffic likely to be generated by a development of this scale;
- (3) the proposal would be detrimental to road safety in that the likely increase in traffic associated with the proposal would make a difficult route through Greenock even more difficult; and
- (4) that the development would be out of scale and character with the surrounding area and would dominate the adjacent Wellpark.

On a vote, 3 Members voted for the amendment and 5 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that, subject to referral to the Scottish Ministers in accordance with the Town & Country Planning (Notification of Applications) (Scotland) Direction 2007, planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

- (1) that the development to which this permission relates must be begun within five years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;
- (2) that the office hereby approved shall not be occupied until the parking layout detailed on docquetted drawing 07 126 101 has been completed, to prevent obstructive parking on Regent Street and Bank Street;
- (3) that no development shall commence until details of tree planting to replace the 4 trees to be felled in the Wellpark have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Planting shall take place in the first planting season following completion of the office and any specimens that in the subsequent 5 years die, become diseased or are damaged shall be replaced in the next planting season with a similar specimen unless the Head of Planning and Housing gives prior approval to any alternatives, to ensure a quality tree setting for the office and the Wellpark;
- (4) that development shall not begin until samples of materials to be used on external surfaces of the buildings or in construction of hard standings/walls/fences have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Development shall thereafter be carried out using the approved materials or such alternatives as may be agreed in writing with the Head of Planning and Housing, to ensure a continuity of materials in this part of Greenock; and
- (5) that no development shall commence until details of measures to improve the security and natural surveillance of the side and rear footpaths and the provision of 2m high boundary treatment to the east and north site boundaries have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Head of Planning & Housing. Development shall thereafter be carried out in accordance with the approved details or such alternatives as may be agreed in writing with the Head of Planning and Housing, to improve the security of the building hereby approved and to accord with Police advice.

(c) Formation of new roof incorporating front and rear dormer windows:

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48 Douglichill Place, Port Glasgow (08/0275/IC)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning & Housing regarding an application by Mr J Mulholland for the formation of new roof incorporating front and rear dormer windows at 48 Douglichill Place, Port Glasgow (08/0275/IC), consideration of which had been continued from the meeting of 4 February 2009 for a site visit.

Councillor Wilson declared a non financial interest in this matter as a neighbour of the applicant. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business precluded his continued presence in the Chamber and his participation in the decision making process. He therefore vacated the Chair and left the Chamber prior to consideration of this item of business.

Councillor Fyfe assumed the Chair.

Decided: that planning permission be granted.

Councillor Fyfe left the meeting following consideration of this item of business and Councillor Wilson returned and resumed the Chair.

169 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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There were submitted reports by the Head of Planning & Housing on the following applications, together with letters of objection and support where submitted, which were dealt with as follows:-

**(a) Erection of 5 dwellinghouses (approval of reserved matters):
Land at Rear of Cardell, Wemyss Bay Road, Wemyss Bay (08/0302/IC)**

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

(1) that no development shall commence, no plant or materials delivered and no site preparation other than site survey work shall be undertaken, before the following measures have been undertaken in accordance with drawing 3178/J201 dated November 2003:-

(a) the submission to and approval by the Planning Authority of a suitable practical guarantee of visibility splays of 2.5m x 90m on either side of the junction of Wemyss Bay Road and the A78(T) will be maintained in perpetuity;

(b) the permanent physical clearance of the above splays of all obstructions to visibility between 1.05m and 2.0m above road channel level;

to ensure that the drivers of vehicles leaving and entering the A78(T) are able to see and to be seen from vehicles on this road and thereby join the traffic stream safely; and

(2) that no development shall commence until samples of all external materials have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority; development thereafter shall proceed utilising the approved materials unless the Planning Authority gives its prior written approval to any alternatives, to ensure a continuity of finishing materials in this part of Wemyss Bay.

**(b) Erection of 3 dwellinghouses (in outline):
Land between 34 and 36 Dunvegan Avenue, Gourrock (08/0313/IC):**

(Councillor Fyfe returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business.)

Decided: that planning permission be refused as the loss of the area of open space would be severely detrimental to the open and spacious nature of the residential area and would remove an area where children can play safely, which would be contrary to Local Plan Policies H1 and LR1.

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**(c) Non-compliance with Condition 3 of Planning Permission IC/03/342 - Extension of working hours:
TSSU, Wren Road, Greenock (08/0143/IC)**

Councillor McIlwee declared a non-financial interest in this matter as an employee of NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business precluded his participation in the decision making process.

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

- (1) that the security gates providing access to the site shall remain closed between the hours of 10pm and 6am, to address concerns over security of the site and adjacent residences; and
- (2) that there shall be no vehicular movements, including collections or deliveries, between the hours of 10pm and 7am, in the interests of residential amenity.

**(d) Installation of six 2.5 Kw wind turbines on 6.5m towers on roof of hospital:
Inverclyde Royal Hospital, Larkfield Road, Greenock (08/0249/IC)**

Councillor McIlwee declared a non-financial interest in this matter as an employee of NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business precluded his participation in the decision making process.

Decided: that planning permission be granted.

**(e) Erection of lock up garages and stores:
Ground to rear of 28 and 30 Ardgowan Street, Greenock (08/0241/IC)**

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

- (1) that the development to which this permission relates must be begun within five years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;
- (2) that the garages and stores hereby approved shall be used solely for purposes incidental to residential use, to prevent harm to adjoining residential properties from business activity;
- (3) that no development shall commence until samples of all external materials have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority; development shall thereafter proceed utilising the approved materials unless the Planning Authority gives its prior written approval to any alternatives, to ensure a continuity of materials in this part of the Greenock West End Conservation Area;
- (4) that access shall be taken via a footway crossover constructed in accordance with the Council's Roads Development Guide and all surface water shall be intercepted within the site, in the interests of road safety on Ardgowan Street; and
- (5) that no development shall commence until fully detailed boundary treatment drawings have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority; the approved regime of boundary treatment shall be completed prior to any of the garages and stores hereby approved being occupied and thereafter maintained in perpetuity, to maintain the privacy of neighbouring properties.

**(f) Change of use of Class 1 shop to a Class 1 shop and 12 flats:
69 - 71 West Blackhall Street, Greenock (08/0220/IC)**

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Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

- (1) that the development to which this permission relates must be begun within five years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997; and
- (2) that development shall not begin until samples of materials to be used on external surfaces of the building have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Development shall thereafter be carried out using the approved materials or such alternatives as may be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority, to ensure a continuity of materials in West Blackhall Street.

(g) Erection of 12 flats:

Ground at rear of 69 - 71 West Blackhall Street, Greenock (08/0287/IC)

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

- (1) that the development to which this permission relates must be begun within five years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;
- (2) that the development shall not commence until a risk assessment, including any necessary remediation strategy with timescale for implementation, of all pollutant linkages has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The investigations and assessment shall be site-specific and completed in accordance with acceptable codes of practice. The remediation strategy shall include verification/validation methodologies. This may be incorporated as part of a ground condition report and should include an appraisal of options, to satisfactorily address potential contamination issues in the interests of environmental safety;
- (3) that on completion of remediation and verification/validation works and prior to the site being occupied, the developer shall submit a Completion Report for approval in writing by the Planning Authority confirming that the works have been carried out in accordance with the remediation strategy. This report shall demonstrate that no pollutant linkages remain or are likely to occur and include (but not limited to) a collation of verification/validation certificates, analysis information, remediation lifespan, maintenance/aftercare information and details of imported/disposed/reused materials relevant to the site, to provide verification that remediation has been carried out to the authority's satisfaction;
- (4) that the presence of any previously unrecorded contamination or variation to reported ground conditions that becomes evident during site works shall be brought to the attention of the Planning Authority within one week. Consequential amendments to the Remediation Strategy shall not be implemented unless it has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that all contamination issues are recorded and dealt with appropriately;
- (5) that no material shall be imported onto the site until written details of the source of the imported material has been submitted for approval in writing by the Planning Authority. The details which shall be submitted no later than four weeks prior to the material being imported onto the site shall include: the source of the imported material, any potential source(s) of contamination within 50 metres of the source of the material to be imported and verification analysis information. The material must not be imported on to the site until written approval has first been received from the Planning Authority. The material from the source agreed only shall be imported in strict accordance with these agreed details, to protect receptors from the harmful effects of imported contamination;
- (6) that development shall not begin until samples of materials to be used on external surfaces of the buildings and in construction of hard standings/walls/fences have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Development shall

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thereafter be carried out using the approved materials or such alternatives as may be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority, to ensure a continuity of materials; and
(7) that none of the flats hereby approved shall be occupied until the 6 off street parking spaces detailed on drawing PL08 have been completed, to prevent obstructive parking on West Stewart Street.

**(h) Formation of pedestrian access to existing dwellinghouse:
13 Luss Place, Greenock (08/0289/IC)**

The report recommended that planning permission be refused as the proposed pedestrian access would encourage vehicles to park on Luss Avenue to the front of the property obstructing forward visibility on the road curve creating a situation where vehicles would be forced to overtake on the curve and steep incline. This would lead to confrontation and possible collisions between vehicles thereby prejudicing road safety.

After discussion, Councillor Wilson moved that planning permission be refused for the reason detailed in the report. As an amendment, Councillor McCallum moved that consideration of the application be continued to allow the Head of Environmental Services to investigate the feasibility of erecting a railing along the kerb side of the footpath from 27 Luss Avenue to the junction of Luss Avenue and Luss Place. On a vote, 3 Members voted for the amendment and 4 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that planning permission be refused as the proposed pedestrian access would encourage vehicles to park on Luss Avenue to the front of the property obstructing forward visibility on the road curve creating a situation where vehicles would be forced to overtake on the curve and steep incline. This would lead to confrontation and possible collisions between vehicles thereby prejudicing road safety.

**(i) Erection of six lighting columns each carrying two 2KW metal halide floodlights:
Birkmyre Park Playing Fields, Knockbuckle Road, Kilmacolm (08/0157/IC)**

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

(1) that the development to which this permission relates must be begun within five years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;

(2) that the lux levels shall not exceed 5 lux within residential properties, and prior to the floodlights hereby permitted being brought into use, they shall be fitted with baffles, in the interests of residential amenity and to prevent glare to drivers and pedestrians using adjacent roads; and

(3) that the floodlights shall not be used on any day after 10.00pm, in order to protect the amenity of adjacent residential properties.

**(j) Alterations and refurbishment of existing village centre and old school buildings to facilitate the formation of new community centre together with associated landscaping work:
Community Centre, Lochwinnoch Road, Kilmacolm (08/0307/IC & 08/0019/LB)**

Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a Director of Kilmacolm New Community Centre Co Ltd. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business precluded his continued presence in the Chamber and his participation in the decision making process. He therefore vacated the Chair and left the Chamber prior to consideration of this item of business.

Councillor Fyfe assumed the Chair.

(Councillor Rebecchi left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

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Decided:

(a) that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

(1) that the development hereby permitted shall be commenced within five years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;

(2) that prior to the commencement of work on site, full details and samples of all new materials to be used within the development on the elevations and roofs of the buildings, including windows and doors, shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority. The development shall then proceed utilising the approved materials, to ensure the proposed materials are acceptable in terms of the existing buildings and appropriate for the listed building;

(3) that prior to the commencement of works on site, full details and specifications of all new doors and windows shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority. The development shall then proceed utilising the approved specifications, to ensure the proposed windows and doors are acceptable in terms of the existing buildings and appropriate for the listed building;

(4) that prior to the commencement of work on site, the full specification and details of the rooflights hereby approved on the old school building be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority. For the avoidance of doubt, the rooflights will be of a conservation type, to ensure the rooflights are appropriate for the listed building;

(5) that prior to the commencement of work on site full details of all hard and soft landscape works, including a programme for the completion and subsequent maintenance of soft landscape, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The landscaping work will then proceed as approved, to ensure an appropriate hard and soft landscaping scheme for the proposed development;

(6) that no consent is granted for the parking arrangement adjacent to the old school building as shown on approved drawing number 2248 AL(0)020. Prior to the commencement of work on site, an alternative parking layout shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure that the new spaces proposed are in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Roads Development Guidelines, in the interests of vehicular and pedestrian safety; and

(7) that prior to the commencement of work on site, a scheme to maintain an appropriate level of parking provision within Kilmacolm Village Centre during the lifetime of the construction work for the development hereby permitted shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority, to ensure that appropriate parking is maintained during construction works within Kilmacolm Village Centre; and

(b) that listed building consent be granted subject to the following conditions:-

(1) that the development to which this permission relates must be begun within five years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;

(2) that prior to the commencement of work on site, full details and samples of all new materials to be used within the development on the elevations and roofs of the building, including windows and doors, shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority. The development shall then proceed utilising the approved materials;

(3) that prior to the commencement of works on site, full details and specifications of all new doors and windows shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority. The development shall then proceed utilising the approved specifications; and

(4) that prior to the commencement of work on site, the full specification and details of the rooflights hereby approved be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority. For the avoidance of doubt, the rooflights will be of a conservation type, conditions (2)-(4) being imposed to ensure the works area is appropriate in terms of the listed building.

(Councillor Wilson returned to the meeting at this juncture and resumed the Chair).

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- (k) **Erection of a two storey dwellinghouse with detached garage and non-compliance with condition 9 of Planning Permission IC/04/218 (Construction outwith approved zone):**

Plot 2, Avenel, Knockbuckle Road, Kilmacolm (09/0012/IC)

The report recommended that planning permission be granted subject to a number of conditions.

Decided: that consideration of the application be continued to allow the Head of Planning & Housing to consult with the applicant regarding the location of the house on the plot and to seek to locate the house on the development platform previously approved.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE - 5 MARCH 2009

Health & Social Care Committee

Thursday 5 March 2009 at 3 pm

Present: Provost McCormick, Councillors Ahlfeld, Dorrian, Fyfe, Grieve, McCabe, McIlwee, MacLeod, Moran and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor McIlwee presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education & Social Care, Head of Social Work Services, Head of Community Care & Strategic Services, Head of Support & Development, Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Administration) and Ms A Edmiston (for Chief Financial Officer).

Apologies: Councillor Brooks.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Convener asked that his pleasure at the finding of the HMle report on the inspection of Children's Services in Inverclyde be recorded.

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

170	Capital Programme 2008/09 - 2010/11 - Progress	170
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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care and the Chief Financial Officer updating the Committee in respect of the status of the projects forming the Health & Social Care Capital Programme and highlighting the overall financial position.

Noted

171	Revenue Budget 2008/09 - Period 9	171
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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care and the Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Revenue Budget 2008/09 as at Period 9 (31 December 2008) which was projecting an overspend of £111,000.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current projected overspend for 2008/09 as at 31 December 2008 and that the Corporate Director Education & Social Care will continue to strive to minimise any overspend by the year end;
- (2) that the Committee approve the permanent virement of £143,000 as detailed in paragraph 7.1 and appendix 3; and
- (3) that the Committee note the current situation with regard to the funding issues between the Council and the Health Board regarding the reduction in frail elderly beds.

172	Social Work Services Performance Report	172
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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care on the progress of Social Work Services in achieving the key objectives as set out in the Education & Social Care Directorate Plan and how they have contributed to the achievement of key corporate priorities.

Decided: that the Committee endorse the performance information contained in the

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report and note that further reports on the performance of Social Work Services will be presented to future meetings of the Committee.

173 **Inverclyde Joint Care Board - Minute of Meeting of 17 December 2008** 173

There was submitted minute of the Inverclyde Joint Care Board of 17 December 2008.

Noted

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 for the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3, 6 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

174 **Change of Social Care Service for Specific Individuals** 174

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care advising the Committee of the change in service model, from residential care to housing support model, for a group of individuals with learning difficulties. The Committee agreed to the recommendations, all as detailed in the appendix.

SAFE, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 10 MARCH 2009

Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee

Tuesday 10 March 2009 at 3.00 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, 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, Mr R Graham, Environmental Services Manager (Roads), Head of Safer Communities, Mr N McLaren, Mr F MacLeod and Mr R Lee (for Head of Planning & Housing), Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Administration) and Mr M Bingham (for Head of Corporate Communications & Public Affairs).

Apologies: Councillor Ferguson.

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

175 Revenue Budget 2008/09 - Period 9

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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 9 (31 December 2008) which projected an underspend of £219,000.

Following discussion, Councillor Moran moved (1) that the current projected underspend of £219,000 as at 31 December 2008 be noted and (2) that the virement requests set out in Section 7.1 of the report be approved. As an amendment, Councillor White moved that £10,000 of the projected underspend of £219,000 be reallocated to Roads and Lighting to allow the continuation of pothole maintenance and lighting works to the end of March 2009.

On a vote, four Members voted for the amendment and six for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided:

(1) that the current projected underspend of £219,000 as at 31 December 2008 be noted; and

(2) that the virement requests set out in Section 7.1 of the report be approved.

176 Trading Account Revenue Budget 2008/09 - Period 9

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on the position of the Roads and Vehicle Maintenance Trading Accounts as at Period 9 (31 December 2008). The report advised that (1) the Roads Trading Account was currently projecting a surplus of £135,000 which represented a shortfall of £31,000 against the cash target and (2) that the Vehicle Maintenance Trading Account was currently projecting a surplus of £44,000 which represented a shortfall of £16,000 against the cash target.

Noted

177 Capital Programme 2008/11 - Progress

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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.

Noted

178 Environmental Services Service Plan 2009/12 178

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection appending the Environmental Services Service Plan which incorporates the Roads and Vehicle Maintenance Significant Trading Organisations.

Decided:

- (1) that the report be noted; and
- (2) that agreement be given to the format of the Service Plans in terms of aligning services to the respective Directorate Plans.

179 Report on the Scottish Building Standards Agency Verification Audit of Inverclyde Council's Building Standards Service 179

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on the Scottish Building Standards Division Follow Up Verification Audit of the Council's Building Standards Function.

Decided:

- (1) that the report be noted; and
- (2) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to the relevant staff for the improvements achieved.

180 Adoption of Inverclyde Core Paths Plan 180

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection (1) advising of the successful outcome of the formal consultation on the draft Inverclyde Core Paths Plan, (2) seeking approval of the proposed responses to the representations received and (3) requesting authority to adopt the Plan in light of the positive response.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the broad overall support for the Inverclyde Core Paths Plan contained within the representations received and agree the proposed responses to each of the representations;
- (2) that agreement be given to the two proposed changes concerning path nos 55 and 5B; and
- (3) that approval be given to the adoption of the finalised version of the Inverclyde Core Paths Plan and for the arrangements for publication and associated publicity.

181 Modernising Planning - New Regulations 181

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection advising of new Planning Regulations laid before Parliament as part of the Scottish Government's Modernising the Planning System agenda.

Decided: that the Committee note the changes being introduced into the planning system and that further reports will be submitted on the administrative arrangements required to implement these changes.

182 Inverclyde Local Development Plan: Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement 182

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection (1) on the Council's new responsibilities under the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006 to prepare and produce a Local Development Plan for Inverclyde which is the first prescribed stage in commencing the preparation of a new Plan and (2) seeking endorsement of a Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the introduction and intended commencement of the new Development Plan system from March 2009 which is a first stage in the preparation of the first Local Development Plan for Inverclyde; and

(2) that the Committee endorse the Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement appended to the report, for submission to the Scottish Government.

183 Householder Permitted Development Rights

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection (1) advising of proposed changes to the planning controls in respect of existing dwellinghouses and (2) seeking approval for a response to the consultation paper to be submitted to the Scottish Government.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the proposed changes to the planning controls in respect of existing dwellinghouses; and

(2) that approval be given to the responses detailed in the appendix as the Council's formal response to the consultation paper.

184 Investing in Affordable Housing: A Consultation

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection informing the Committee of the Lead Developer proposals contained within the document "Investing in Affordable Housing: A Consultation" published by the Scottish Government in December 2008 and of the proposed response by Inverclyde Council.

Decided:

(1) that the publication of the consultation document "Investing in Affordable Housing: A Consultation" be noted; and

(2) that approval be given to the Inverclyde Council response to the consultation document as set out in the appendix to the report for submission to the Scottish Government.

185 Environmental Services (Roads) - Capital Programme 2009/10

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on a proposed programme of projects to be funded from the Environmental Services (Roads) Capital Budget for 2009/10.

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to the list of projects detailed in the report to be funded from the 2009/10 Environmental Services (Roads) Capital Programme;

(2) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental Services to proceed to tender in respect of the various projects listed (or in terms of the Best Value regime, to issue the work to the Environmental Services (Roads) Significant Trading Organisation) and that delegated authority be granted for the acceptance of the most advantageous tender in each case, in terms of the Council's Financial Regulations and Standing Orders relating to Contracts;

(3) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental Services to apply appropriate variances as specified in paragraph 4.4 of the report; and

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(4) that approval be granted to the Head of Environmental Services to evaluate and accept, in terms of the Council's Financial Regulations and Standing Orders relating to Contracts, negotiated tenders to a total value of £60,000 from Colas and Kiely as single suppliers of proprietary treatments for appropriate carriageways and footways, as set out in paragraph 6.1 of the report.

186 Environmental Services (Roads) - Grant Aided Roads Related Projects 2009/10

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection seeking approval of a proposed programme of projects to be undertaken in 2009/10 using grant offers of funding by (1) the Scottish Executive for Cycling, Walking and Safer Street Projects (CWSS) and (2) Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT).

Decided:

- (1) that the proposed list of Grant Aided Roads Related Projects as detailed in paragraph 5.1 of the report be approved;
- (2) that the SPT approved project list for 2009/10 detailed in paragraph 5.2 of the report be noted;
- (3) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental Services to proceed to tender in respect of the various projects listed (or in terms of the Best Value regime, to issue the work to the Environmental Services (Roads) Significant Trading Organisation) and that delegated authority be granted to accept the most advantageous tender in each case, in terms of Council's Financial Regulations and Standing Orders relating to Contracts; and
- (4) that it be remitted to the Head of Environmental Services to apply appropriate variances as specified in paragraph 4.3 of the report.

187 Winter Maintenance 2008/09 Update

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection advising of the likely impact of the extreme winter weather of 2008/09 on the budget.

(Councillors Wilson, Dorrian and Ahlfeld left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

- (1) that the report be noted; and
- (2) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all staff involved in the winter maintenance works.

188 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - On-Street Parking Places (Without Charges) Order No 1 2009

188

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 by restricting parking to drivers displaying a Blue Badge.

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 and thereafter that it be remitted to the Head of Planning & Housing and the Head of Legal & Administration to arrange for implementation of the Order.

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 11 MARCH 2009

General Purposes BoardWednesday 11 March 2009 at 3.00 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Dorrian, Fyfe, Grieve, MacLeod, McCallum, McIlwee, McKenzie, Moran and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor Ahlfeld presided.

In attendance: Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Administration).

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

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 Paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

189 Informal Consultation Group**189**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Administration requesting that the Board consider the terms of the draft Constitution for an Informal Consultation Group. At its meeting on 11 February 2009 the Board had remitted it to the Head of Legal and Administration to report further on proposals for the establishment of an Informal Consultation Group to consider matters relating to the licensing of taxis and private hire vehicles in Inverclyde.

Decided:

- (1) that the Board approve the terms of the draft Constitution as amended; and
- (2) that the Board establish an Informal Consultation Group on the basis of the draft Constitution.

190 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Mr Peter Campbell**190**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Administration on an application for a taxi driver's licence by Mr Peter Campbell. The Board was requested to consider the application and also to consider the suspension of the licence in the event of the application being granted. The Board heard Constable Gailey.

Decided: that the application for renewal be refused and that the suspension of the licence be confirmed.

REGENERATION COMMITTEE - 12 MARCH 2009

Regeneration Committee

Thursday 12 March 2009 at 3.00 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair, Clocherty, Grieve (for Ferguson), Loughran, McCallum, McCabe, McKenzie, MacLeod, Osborne and White.

Chair: Councillor Clocherty presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources, Mr M Thomson (for Chief Financial Officer), Head of Economic & Social Regeneration, Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Administration), Head of Property Resources & Facilities Management, Mr M Bingham (for Head of Corporate Communications & Public Affairs), Chief Internal Auditor and Physical Investment Services Manager.

Apologies: Councillor Ferguson.

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

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| 191 | <p>Revenue Budget 2008/09 - Period 9</p> <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the position of the Revenue Budget 2008/09 as at Period 9 (31 December 2008) which showed a projected underspend of £21,000.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) that the current projected underspend of £21,000 for 2008/09, as at 31 December 2008, be noted; and (2) that the virement request totalling £1,000 as detailed in paragraph 7.1 and appendix 4 of the report be approved and that the Policy & Resources Committee be requested to approve the virement. | 191 |
| 192 | <p>Building Services Trading Account 2008/09 - Period 9</p> <p>There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the position of the Building Services Trading Account as at Period 9 (31 December 2008) which showed a projected cash surplus of £118,000.</p> <p>Noted</p> | 192 |
| 193 | <p>Capital Programme 2008/09 to 2010/11 - Progress</p> <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources and the Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Capital Programme 2008/09 to 2010/11.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) that the Committee note the progress of the specific projects detailed in the appendix to the report; and (2) that the SNP Group be invited to nominate a Member to serve on the Central Gourock Redevelopment Working Group. | 193 |
| 194 | <p>Regeneration & Resources Directorate Performance Report</p> | 194 |

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the performance of Property Resources & Facilities Management and Economic & Social Regeneration in achieving their key objectives as set out in the Regeneration & Resources Directorate Plan and how they have contributed to the achievement of key corporate priorities.

Noted

195 **Consultant Framework Agreements - Permission to Tender** 195

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to procure the services of appropriate consultants to supplement the in-house resource to address peaks in demand as required on a "call off" Framework Agreement basis.

Decided: that approval be given to the issue of tender documents pursuant to Consultant Framework Agreements as set out in section 5 of the report and to accept the most economically advantageous tenders.

196 **Loan Request - Sculpture of Robert Thom** 196

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on a request for the loan of a sculpture of Robert Thom from the collection of the McLean Museum and Art Gallery.

Decided: that approval be given to the loan of the sculpture of Robert Thom to the Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park for a period of five years, subject to matters of transport, security and insurance being arranged to the satisfaction of the Head of Economic & Social Regeneration.

197 **External Funding Seminar on Local Fund Raising Awareness Initiatives** 197

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on (1) the outcome of the Scottish External Funding Seminar held in Inverclyde on 5 December 2008 and (2) options to promote and develop the maximisation of external funding into the local economy.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the report; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to consider a range of opportunities to raise awareness of external funding to the wider Inverclyde community and voluntary sector.

198 **Closure of Kilmacolm Village Centre** 198

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for the closure of Kilmacolm Village Centre to allow preparatory work to begin prior to the refurbishment of the facility.

Decided: that it be agreed to close Kilmacolm Village Centre from 5 April 2009.

199 **Corporate Asset Management Strategy** 199

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of the draft Corporate Asset Management Strategy and Action Plan, previously circulated, which had been the subject of an Elected Members' briefing. The

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report advised that the intended disposals list would be amended to take account of the Council's budget decisions.

Decided: that the Committee approve the Corporate Asset Management Strategy: Property, Land and Buildings and relative Action Plan and that the relevant appendices be made available to the public.

200 Pitches Strategy Update

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources (1) seeking approval of an updated Sports Pitches Action Plan in the light of the Council's recent budget decision to invest £3M in sports pitches over the next five years and (2) advising that the Scottish Government was allowing local authorities to bring forward expenditure from 2010/11 into 2009/10.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee endorse the approach taken in terms of pitch prioritisation;
- (2) that the Sports Pitches Action Plan update which recommends that the first tranche of funding of £500,000 for 2009/10 be used to upgrade the Broomhill blaes pitch to a 3G Fieldturf Pitch with appropriate floodlighting and fencing be approved, it being noted that changing accommodation will be provided as funds become available;
- (3) that approval be given to the acceleration into 2009/10 of a second 3G Fieldturf Pitch at George Road, Gourrock to be funded by the Scottish Government's Capital Acceleration Grant and that the financial implications be remitted to the next Policy & Resources Committee;
- (4) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to select appropriate tenderers and issue tender documents for the delivery of two synthetic football pitches and to accept the lowest or most economically advantageous tender in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations; and
- (5) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to bring forward proposals as soon as practicable for the allocation of the remaining funding for sports pitches for 2010-2014 in line with the approach endorsed in (1) above.

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)
Environmental Works by Riverside Inverclyde	6 and 9
Wellington Park Bowling Club	2 and 6
Non-Operational Property Portfolio Information Scheme of Delegation Register	2, 6 and 9
Proposed Demolition of Cemetery Lodge, Kilmacolm	2, 6 and 9
Lease - Old Largs Road, Greenock	2, 6 and 9
Lease - Hillend Drive, Greenock	2, 6 and 9
Proposed Disposal of Ground - Gibshill Road, Greenock	2, 6 and 9

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Proposed Disposal of Ground - Kempock Street, Gourock**2, 6 and 9**

- 201 Environmental Works by Riverside Inverclyde 201**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources (1) on proposals for the procurement of environmental works jointly with Riverside Inverclyde and (2) seeking approval to enter into a Framework Agreement as set out in the appendix to the report.
- Decided:** that the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources be authorised to negotiate and enter into a Framework Agreement with Riverside Inverclyde to undertake a range of environmental works on the Council's behalf in order to mitigate VAT.
- 202 Wellington Park Bowling Club 202**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the progress of developments at Wellington Park Bowling Club with regard to the redevelopment of the clubhouse following fire damage.
- Decided:** that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to award the contracts for the completion of the project, within the agreed financial allocation.
- 203 Non-Operational Property Portfolio Information Scheme of Delegation Register 203**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources providing information relative to non-operational property for the period September 2008 to February 2009.
- Noted**
- 204 Proposed Demolition - Cemetery Lodge, Kilmacolm 204**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for the demolition of Cemetery Lodge, Kilmacolm as the property is considered to be life expired and is not in a sound wind and watertight and habitable condition.
- Decided:**
- (1) that Cemetery Lodge, Kilmacolm be declared surplus to requirements; and
 - (2) that approval be given to the demolition of Cemetery Lodge, Kilmacolm and the buildings at the Cemetery entrance and that the solum be graded and landscaped to enhance the entrance area and that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to act accordingly.
- 205 Lease - Old Largs Road, Greenock 205**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to grant leasehold interests in premises at Old Largs Road, Greenock and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.
- 206 Lease - Hillend Drive, Greenock 206**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to grant leasehold interests in premises at Hillend Drive, Greenock and

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the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

207 Proposed Disposal of Ground - Gibshill Road, Greenock 207

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking consent to declare ground at Gibshill Road, Greenock surplus to requirements and the Committee agreed to take action, all as detailed in the appendix.

208 Proposed Disposal of Ground - Kempock Street, Gourock 208

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on offers to purchase the gap site at 38 Kempock Street, Gourock.

Decided: that no action be taken with regard to the sale of the site at 38 Kempock Street, Gourock and that the site be included within the Corporate Asset Management Strategy and considered further in due course.

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Education and Lifelong Learning Committee

Tuesday 17 March 2009 at 4.00 pm

Present: Provost McCormick, Councillors White (for Blair), Brooks, Clocherty, Fyfe, Grieve, Loughran, McCabe, McKenzie, MacLeod (for Osborne) and Wilson, Rev W Hamilton, Rev C McGranaghan and Mr B Anderson (for Father M McMahon), Church Representatives, Mr G Miller, Parent Representative and Mr T Tracey, Teacher Representative.

Chair: Councillor McKenzie presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education & Social Care, Head of Schools, Head of Lifelong Learning & Educational Support, Head of Support & Development, Head of School Estate Projects, School Estate Manager, Leadership Development Officer, Mr I Cameron (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Administration), Mr M Bingham (for Head of Corporate Communications & Public Affairs) and Chief Internal Auditor.

Apologies: Councillors Blair and Osborne and Father M McMahon.

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

209 **HMle Report on Port Glasgow High School and Community Learning and Development in Port Glasgow** 209

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care advising the Committee of the results of the HMle external evaluation of Port Glasgow High School and Community Learning and Development in Port Glasgow. The report advised that in relation to Port Glasgow High School, the 5 indicators of quality had all been evaluated as "good" and that in relation to the learning community surrounding Port Glasgow High School, 2 indicators had been evaluated as "very good", 2 as "good" and 1 as "weak".

Mr Alan Dick, Head Teacher of Port Glasgow High School was present along with Ms Maggie Paterson, Lead Officer, Community Learning and Development and Ms Claire Alexander, Adult Learning and Literacy Team Leader who all addressed the Committee on the outcomes of the evaluation.

Decided: that the Committee approve both the HMle report on Port Glasgow High School and the report on the inspection of the learning community surrounding Port Glasgow High School and commend the examples of good practice detailed.

210 **HMle Report on King's Oak Primary School and Nursery Class** 210

There was submitted an updated report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care advising the Committee of the results of the HMle external evaluation of King's Oak Primary School and Nursery Class. The report advised that of the 8 indicators of quality, 2 had been evaluated as "very good" and 6 as "good".

Ms Mairi McFarlane, Head Teacher of King's Oak Primary School and Nursery Class was present and spoke in relation to the outcome of the evaluation.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee approve the comments made in the HMle report on King's Oak Primary School and Nursery Class; and

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(2) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to the Head Teacher, staff and pupils of the school as well as staff within Education Services Headquarters for the work undertaken to achieve the evaluation.

211 **HMIe Report - Improving Scottish Education 2005-2008** 211

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care advising the Committee of the HMIe report on Scottish Education covering the period 2005-2008.

Decided: that the Committee approve the action taken by Education Services as described in the report to respond to the launch on 16 January 2009 of Improving Scottish Education 2005-2008.

212 **Revenue Budget 2008/09 - Period 9** 212

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Education & Social Care on the position of the Revenue Budget 2008/09 as at Period 9 (31 December 2008) which was projected to be on budget.

Decided:

- (1) that the current position of the Revenue Budget 2008/09 be noted;
- (2) that approval be given to the virement request totalling £133,540 as detailed in paragraph 7.1 and appendix 3; and
- (3) that the current position of the Earmarked Reserves as detailed in appendix 4 be noted.

213 **Capital Programme 2008/11 - Progress** 213

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care and the Chief Financial Officer on the progress of the Capital Programme 2008/11.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress of the specific projects detailed in appendix 1 to the report; and
- (2) that the Committee approve the cost increase of £79,792 in the Inverclyde Academy Road Improvement project as detailed in appendix 2.

214 **Education Service - Performance Report: January to February 2009** 214

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care (1) advising of the progress made by Education Services during the period January to February 2009 in relation to achieving the service objectives and (2) explaining how this contributed to the achievement of key corporate priorities.

Decided:

- (1) that the report be approved;
- (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Education & Social Care to report to the Committee on a proposed attendance strategy, setting out ways of maintaining and improving levels of attendance; and
- (3) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Education & Social Care to carry out an evaluation of the outdoor learning initiative provided for all P6 pupils in Inverclyde and to report thereon to the Committee.

215 **The Naming of the Amalgamated Gourock High School and Greenock Academy** 215

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care requesting the Committee to determine a name for the amalgamated Gourock High School and Greenock Academy.

Following discussion, Councillor McKenzie moved that Clydevew Academy be the name of the amalgamated Gourock High School and Greenock Academy. As an amendment, Councillor White moved that consideration be continued for a fresh ballot on the proposed name for the school. On a vote, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 12 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided: that Clydevew Academy be the name of the amalgamated Gourock High School and Greenock Academy.

216 Consultation on 16+ Learning Choices: First Step Activity and Financial Support 216

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care informing the Committee of the Scottish Government consultation on 16+ Learning Choices: First Step Activity and Financial Support and of the response submitted to the consultation by Education Services, working with partners, by the deadline of 20 February 2009.

Decided: that the response to the consultation set out in the appendix to the report be approved.

217 More Efficient Timetables in Secondary Schools 217

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care explaining how savings will be achieved from August 2009 by reconfiguring secondary school timetables to make more efficient use of available teaching, in accordance with the decision of the Council at its meeting on 12 February 2009.

Decided: that the Committee note the implications of the changes in secondary school timetabling as detailed in the report.

218 The Role of the Quality Improvement Team 218

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care providing information on the role of the Quality Improvement Team.

Noted

219 Speech and Language Therapy Contract 2009-2010 219

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care providing information on the Speech and Language Therapy contract which is due for renewal in 2009.

(Provost McCormick left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided: that agreement be given to contract with NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde for speech and language therapy services for young people for the period 2009-2010 at the costs specified in the report.

220 Communication and Language Base in Notre Dame High School - S1 Capping Figure 220

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care advising the Committee that five places in S1 will be required for young people admitted to the Communication and Language Base within Notre Dame High School.

(Provost McCormick returned to the meeting and Councillor Wilson left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided: that five places in S1 be reserved for young people admitted to the Communication and Language Base in Notre Dame High School in session 2009-2010.

221 School Transport - Paying for Privilege Passes: Approval to Consult

221

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care requesting approval to carry out a consultation in relation to a proposal for the introduction of a scheme to allow parents and carers to pay for a privilege pass on a school transport contract.

Decided: that approval be given to consult with head teachers and parents/carers on the introduction of a scheme to allow payment for a privilege pass.

222 Items for Noting

222

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care providing information for noting on (1) exclusions from schools in 2007/2008, (2) the school leaver destination report, (3) newly qualified teachers and (4) pupils in Scotland 2008.

Noted

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 for the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6 and 8 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Act.

223 Use of Learning Teaching Scotland as a Supplier of a Unique Service to Education

223

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care seeking approval to use the services of Learning Teaching Scotland to act as an agent to procure Microsoft licences for all Inverclyde schools.

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to the use of Learning Teaching Scotland as an agent to procure Microsoft licences for all Inverclyde schools for a period of one year commencing March 2009; and

(2) that it be noted that a report seeking permission for using the supplier will be submitted to the Committee on an annual basis.

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Policy & Resources Committee

Tuesday 31 March 2009 at 3.00 pm

Present: Councillors Blair, Brooks, Clocherty, Fyfe, McCabe, McIlwee, Dorrian (for McKenzie), MacLeod, Moran and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education & Social Care, Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection, Corporate Director Improvement & Performance, Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources, Chief Financial Officer, Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Administration), Head of Organisational Development & Human Resources, Head of ICT & Business Transformation, Head of Performance Management & Procurement, Head of Safer Communities and Head of Corporate Communications & Public Affairs.

Apologies: Councillors Ferguson and McKenzie.

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

224 Revenue Budget 2008/09 - Period 10

224

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Director Improvement & Performance and Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the position of the 2008/09 Revenue Budget as at Period 10 (31 January 2009) which showed a projected underspend of £376,000.

(Councillor Blair entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

(1)that the current projected underspend of £376,000 for 2008/09, as at 31 January 2009, be noted; and

(2)that approval be given to the virement of £1,000 in respect of transfer of budget from Legal & Administration professional fees detailed in paragraph 8.1 and appendix 4 of the report.

225 General Fund Revenue Budget 2008/09 - Period 10

225

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the position of the General Fund Revenue Budget 2008/09 as at Period 10 (31 January 2009) and (2) providing an update on the position of the General Fund Reserve and Designated Earmarked Reserves.

Decided:

(1)that the current position of the General Fund Revenue Budget 2008/09 be noted;

(2)that the position in respect of the General Fund Reserve and the associated Earmarked Reserves be noted; and

(3)that it be delegated to the Chief Financial Officer to determine the number and value of the Earmarked Reserves as part of the year end accounts process.

226 Capital Programme 2008/11

226

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the current position of the three year Capital Programme 2008/11.

Decided:

- (1)that the current position of the 2008/11 Capital Programme be noted;
- (2)that it be agreed to accelerate the projects detailed in section 2.4 of the report from 2010/11 to 2009/10 in order that the Council can receive £1.343M Capital Acceleration Grant from the Government; and
- (3)that approval be given to the removal of the land decontamination project and budget from the 2008/11 Capital Programme.

227 Significant Trading Operations - 2009/10

227

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer seeking approval with regard to the Significant Trading Operations to be operated by the Council for the financial year 2009/10.

Decided:

- (1)that approval be given to the continued designation of Building Services, Roads Maintenance and Vehicle Management as Significant Trading Operations for the financial year 2009/10; and
- (2)that it be noted the Chief Executive will submit a report to the next meeting of the Committee following a fundamental review of the Council's arrangements for identifying and reviewing Significant Trading Operations.

228 Improvement and Performance Capital Programme 2008/09 - 2010/11 - Progress

228

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Improvement & Performance and the Chief Financial Officer (1) providing an update on the status of the projects forming the Improvement and Performance Capital Programme and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.

Noted

229 Corporate Performance Report - January/February 2009

229

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Improvement & Performance appending the Corporate Performance Report for January/February 2009 which complements existing arrangements for Directorate Performance Reporting to the Committee and is a key component of the Council's overall Strategic Planning and Performance Management Framework.

Decided:

- (1)that the Committee endorse the performance information contained in the Corporate Performance Report; and
- (2)that it be noted that further reports on Corporate Performance will be submitted to future meetings of the Committee.

230 Improvement and Performance Directorate Performance Report

230

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Improvement & Performance advising of (1) progress made by the Improvement and Performance Directorate in achieving its key objectives as set out in its Directorate Plan for 2008/11 and (2) performance in relation to key performance indicators.

Decided:

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(1)that the Committee endorse the performance information contained in the report;
 (2)that it be noted that further reports on the performance of the Improvement and Performance Directorate will be submitted to future meetings of the Committee; and
 (3)that Members be requested to identify any further performance information for inclusion in the report to the next meeting of the Committee.

231 Regeneration and Resources Directorate Performance Report

231

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources advising of (1) progress made by the Regeneration and Resources Directorate in achieving its key objectives as set out in its Directorate Plan and (2) how they have contributed to the achievement of key corporate priorities.

Decided:

(1)that the performance information contained in the report be endorsed;
 (2)that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to submit a report on absence management to the next meeting of the Committee; and
 (3)that the Committee's congratulations be conveyed to those involved in achieving awards in respect of the Healthy Working Lives Scheme.

232 Modernisation and Efficiency Programme - Progress Report

232

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Improvement & Performance on the progress made in implementing the Council's Modernisation and Efficiency Programme.

Decided:

(1)that the Committee note the good progress being made with the implementation of the Council's Modernisation and Efficiency Programme;
 (2)that the revised funding profile for the Modernisation and Efficiency Programme as detailed in appendix 2 to the report be approved;
 (3)that a further report on progress of phase 2 of the Modernisation and Efficiency programme be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee; and
 (4)that the utilisation of the additional £1M allocated from reserves be reported to the next meeting of the Committee.

233 Treasury Management - Strategy 2009/10

233

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer seeking approval for (1) the Treasury Management Strategy for 2009/10 and (2) the Council's Prudential Indicators for the next three years.

Decided:

(1)that the Committee approve the Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators outlined in the report; and
 (2)that approval be given to the following addition to the Council's Counterparty Criteria: "Where a UK bank has been nationalised or has received substantial support from the UK Government (involving more than 50% ownership) then the maximum investment will be £15 million and the maximum period for an investment will be 364 days".

234 Audit Scotland Report on Overview of the Local Authority Audits 2008

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Improvement & Performance (1) on the publication of the Overview Report of the Local Authority Audits for 2008 by Audit Scotland on behalf of the Accounts Commission and (2) summarising the key messages for local authorities identified in the report.

Decided:

(1)that the Committee note the Overview Report of the Local Authority Audits for 2008; and

(2)that officers ensure that the future challenges identified in paragraph 5 of the Overview Report are addressed through the relevant elements of the Strategic Planning and Performance Management Framework.

235 InForm - A Corporate Comments, Compliments and Complaints Framework for Inverclyde Council

235

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Improvement & Performance providing an update on the development and implementation of InForm - a Corporate Comments, Compliments and Complaints Framework for the Council, a copy of which was appended to the report.

Decided:

(1)that it be agreed to implement InForm across all services from 1 April 2009; and

(2)that monitoring information generated from InForm be reported to the Committee on a regular basis.

236 Corporate Security Contract

236

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection seeking authority to issue a tender for a new corporate contract for the provision of security services.

Decided:

(1)that, in terms of paragraph 26.5 of the Council's Financial Regulations, the Head of Environmental Services be authorised to enter into a tendering process in respect of security services;

(2)that it be noted the tendering exercise will be subject to the European Procurement regime; and

(3)that authority be delegated to the Head of Environmental Services to take all necessary steps to progress the tender, in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts and the appropriate Regulations.

237 Area Renewal Fund/Play Areas Fund

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection and the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources setting out proposals for the use and monitoring of the Area Renewal Fund and the Play Areas Fund.

Decided:

(1)that the Area Renewal Fund be overseen by the Regeneration Committee with proposals for expenditure being submitted formally by the Corporate Area Renewal Group through the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources; and

(2)that the Play Areas Fund be overseen by the Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee with proposals for expenditure being submitted formally by the Head of Environmental Services through the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection.

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- 238 Clyde Valley Community Planning Partnership - Review of Joint Working and Shared Services 238**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Improvement & Performance (1) on the recent decision by the Clyde Valley Community Planning Partnership to commission a review of joint working and shared services and (2) outlining the current position of the Council with regard to joint working and shared services and proposing a number of key issues to be raised during the consultation which will be undertaken as part of the review.
- Decided:**
- (1)that the Council engage positively with the review;
 - (2)that agreement be given to the position outlined in the report for the Council with regard to the future development of joint working and shared services;
 - (3)that it be agreed the position outlined in the report be communicated to Sir John Arbuthnott and the other seven authorities comprising the Clyde Valley Community Planning Partnership; and
 - (4)that further updates on progress with the review be submitted to the Committee when appropriate.
- 239 Provost's Ball 239**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care on the outcome of the Provost's Ball 2008.
- Decided:**
- (1)that the Committee note the success of the Provost's Ball and agree to adopt the same format in the future; and
 - (2)that it be remitted to the Chief Executive to refer the matter to the Provost's Forum to discuss the arrangements and date for the next Provost's Ball.
- 240 Voluntary Severance - Update Report 240**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development & Human Resources (1) updating the Committee on those employees released through voluntary severance and (2) seeking approval to extend the authority delegated to the Chief Executive to release employees as part of the voluntary severance trawl or budget proposals.
- There was circulated appendix to the report providing details of the number of employees released and relative financial information.
- Decided:**
- (1)that the Committee note the current position in respect of employees who have been released under the delegated authority granted to the Chief Executive as set out in the appendix to the report;
 - (2)that the current delegated authority granted to the Chief Executive be extended until 26 May 2009; and
 - (3)that a report on the position in respect of voluntary severance and any employees who may have been released under the authority delegated to the Chief Executive be submitted to the meeting of the Committee to be held on 26 May 2009.
- 241 Responding to the Economic Downturn 241**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Improvement & Performance (1) outlining the potential risks for the Council of the current economic downturn at corporate and service level and (2) suggesting an approach to identify appropriate actions which can be taken to mitigate these risks.

Decided:

(1)that the Committee note the potential risks for the Council of the current economic downturn at corporate and service levels;

(2)that the action already undertaken through the 2009/2011 budget and as a result of the report to the Regeneration Committee in January 2009 be noted;

(3)that it be agreed that an action plan be prepared for the next meeting of the Committee focusing on maintaining key investment programmes and services in the medium term, reviewing governance frameworks, policies and delivery arrangements where appropriate and ensuring the Council is able to manage effectively through the economic downturn and prepare for the recovery;

(4)that the extent of ongoing activity by Economic and Social Regeneration to support local businesses as outlined in section 4.17 of the report be noted; and

(5)that the report be remitted to the next meeting of the Inverclyde Alliance Board.

242 Target Operating Model - Implementation Plan

242

It was noted that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

243 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive

243

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive since the last ordinary meeting of the Committee relative to (1) extension to the delegated authority to the Chief Executive in respect of the release of employees through the Council's Voluntary Severance Scheme and (2) the issue of tender documents for the Inverclyde Interpretation Strategy to specialist consultants not on an approved list.

Noted

244 Sports Pitches Action Plan Update - George Road, Gourock: Remit from Regeneration Committee

244

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on a remit from the Regeneration Committee of 12 March 2009 requesting the Committee to approve the financial implications in respect of the acceleration into 2009/10 of a second 3G Fieldturf Pitch at George Road, Gourock to be funded by the Scottish Government's Capital Acceleration Grant.

Decided: that the Committee approve the financial implications in respect of the acceleration into 2009/10 of a second 3G Fieldturf Pitch at George Road, Gourock to be funded by the Scottish Government's Capital Acceleration Grant.

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 for 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:-

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Appendix 1 relative to Agenda Item 17 (Voluntary Severance	1
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- Update Report)**Appendix 1 relative to Agenda Item 13 (Corporate Security Contract) 6 and 8****Appendix 2 relative to Agenda Item 20 (Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive) 6****Relocation of Greenock Arts Guild 6 and 9****245 Appendix 1 relative to Agenda Item 17 (Voluntary Severance - Update Report) 245**

There was submitted Appendix 1 relative to agenda item 17 (Voluntary Severance - Update Report) providing details of the number of employees released and relative financial information.

Noted**246 Appendix 1 relative to Agenda Item 13 (Corporate Security Contract) 246**

There was submitted Appendix 1 relative to agenda item 13 (Corporate Security Contract) providing details of expenditure on corporate security during 2007/08.

Noted**247 Appendix 2 relative to Agenda Item 20 (Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive) 247**

There was submitted Appendix 2 relative to agenda item 20 on the invitation of tenders for the Inverclyde Interpretation Strategy from specialist consultants not on an approved list.

Noted**248 Relocation of Greenock Arts Guild 248**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on (1) the relocation of Greenock Arts Guild from Campbell Street, Greenock to East India Harbour and (2) the funding package to support the relocation and construction of a new theatre complex. The Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.