

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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| 128 | Health & Social Care Committee - 8 January 2009 | 128 |
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| 129 | Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee - 13 January 2009 | 129 |
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| 133 | Education & Lifelong Learning Committee - 20 January 2009 | 133 |
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| 134 | Education Appeals Board - 27 January 2009 | 134 |
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| 135 | Policy & Resources Committee - 3 February 2009 | 135 |
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| 136 | Planning Board - 4 February 2009 | 136 |
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| 137 | The Inverclyde Council - 5 February 2009 | 137 |
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| 138 | General Purposes Board - 11 February 2009 | 138 |
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141 Sustainability Sub-Committee - 19 February 2009 141

Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.

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.

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- 146 Membership of Regional Advisory Board 146**
- 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

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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 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.

Appendices to Minutes

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