

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL - 16 APRIL 2009

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 16 April 2009 at 4.00 pm

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

Chair: Provost McCormick presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education & Social Care, Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources, Head of Legal & Administration, Head of Environmental Services, Head of Corporate Communications & Public Affairs and Legal Services Manager (Courts & Litigation).

Apologies: Councillors Ferguson, Fyfe and Rebecchi.

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253	The Inverclyde Council - 19 February 2009	253
	Approved on the motion of Provost McCormick.	
254	Human Resources Appeals Board - 25 February 2009	254
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Brooks.	
255	Audit Committee - 3 March 2009	255
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Blair.	
256	Education & Lifelong Learning Committee (Special) - 3 March 2009	256
	Approved on the motion of Councillor McKenzie.	
257	Planning Board - 4 March 2009	257
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Wilson.	
258	Health & Social Care Committee - 5 March 2009	258
	Approval of the minute as a correct record was moved by Councillor McIlwee subject to correction to paragraph 171 (Revenue Budget 2008/09 - Period 9) by substitution of £89,000 for £111,000 at line 3.	
	Decided: that the minute as corrected be approved.	
259	Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee - 10 March 2009	259
	Approved on the motion of Councillor Moran.	

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- 260 General Purposes Board - 11 March 2009 260**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.
- 261 Regeneration Committee - 12 March 2009 261**
- Approval of the minute as a correct record was moved by Councillor Clocherty. Councillor Clocherty then moved suspension of Standing Orders to allow reconsideration of the decision at paragraph 204 (Proposed Demolition - Cemetery Lodge, Kilmacolm) and this was agreed unanimously.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the minute be approved as a correct record; and
 - (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to report to the next meeting of the Regeneration Committee on the suitability of Cemetery Lodge, Kilmacolm for private residential use.
- 262 Education & Lifelong Learning Committee - 17 March 2009 262**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor McKenzie.
- 263 Policy & Resources Committee - 31 March 2009 263**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor McCabe.
- 264 Planning Board - 1 April 2009 264**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor Wilson.
- 265 General Purposes Board - 8 April 2009 265**
- Approved** on the motion of Councillor Ahlfeld.
- 266 Transfer of Inverclyde District Court to the Scottish Court Service 266**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration advising the Council of (1) the confirmed date for the transfer of Inverclyde District Court to the Scottish Court Service and (2) the progress made towards implementation of the transfer.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the progress made towards implementation of the transfer of Inverclyde District Court to the Scottish Court Service be noted;
 - (2) that it be noted that the confirmed transfer date is 23 November 2009;
 - (3) that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Administration to submit a further report following conclusion of the transfer; and
 - (4) that the Council record its thanks for the work of all Officers and Magistrates involved in the operation of the District Court.
- 267 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - On-Street Parking Places (Without Charges) Order No 1 2009 267**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order - On-Street Parking Places (Without Charges) Order No 1 2009.

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Resolved on the motion of Councillor Moran seconded by Councillor Wilson that THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL incorporated under the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994, RESOLVE TO MAKE as they HEREBY MAKE a Resolution under Section 32(1) and Part III of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to permit the provision of parking places for disabled persons who hold a badge under the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 as amended, all as detailed in a copy of the Order forming a supplement to the principal minute hereof and that the Head of Planning & Housing and the Head of Legal & Administration be authorised to take all necessary action in connection therewith.

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 following two items of business 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 and for the item thereafter, the nature of the exempt information being that defined in the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as detailed in the minute of the relevant Committee or Board.

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Waterfront Leisure Centre - Court Action	6 and 12
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268	Waterfront Leisure Centre - Court Action	268
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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration making recommendations in relation to a court action raised in respect of the Waterfront Leisure Centre Project and the Council agreed to the recommendations contained in the report, all as detailed in the appendix.

269	Consideration of Motion to Rectify the Land Register	269
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There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive addressing the motion made by a number of Members relative to rectification of the Land Register in respect of land at East India Harbour which had originally been considered by the Council on 12 February 2009. The meeting was adjourned at 5.25 pm and reconvened at 5.35 pm and Councillor Blair left the meeting at the adjournment.

Decided: that consideration of the matter be continued to the next meeting of the Council on 11 June 2009 to allow all Elected Members a further opportunity to review the papers relative to the case and for the Head of Legal & Administration to organise additional briefing sessions for Members as required.

Appendices to Minutes

270	Human Resources Appeals Board - 25 February 2009	270
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Approved on the motion of Councillor Brooks.

271	Health & Social Care Committee - 5 March 2009	271
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Approved on the motion of Councillor McIlwee.

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| 272 | Regeneration Committee - 12 March 2009 | 272 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor Clocherty. | |
| 273 | Policy & Resources Committee - 31 March 2009 | 273 |
| | Approved on the motion of Councillor McCabe. | |

AUDIT COMMITTEE - 28 APRIL 2009

Audit CommitteeTuesday 28 April 2009 at 3.00 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair, Brooks, Clocherty, Dorrian, Fyfe, Loughran, MacLeod and McCallum.

Chair: Councillor Blair presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources, Chief Internal Auditor, Ms J Buchanan (for Chief Financial Officer), Head of Performance Management & Procurement, Head of Lifelong Learning & Educational Support and Mr J Hamilton (for Head of Legal & Administration).

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

274 Councillor Ken Ferguson**274**

Councillor Blair and Councillor Brooks, on behalf of the Committee, and the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources, on behalf of the Council's Officers, paid tribute to the late Councillor Ken Ferguson and extended sympathy to his family following their recent bereavement.

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

The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted item was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Committee to be informed of progress at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.

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

275 Education Services - Update on Special Investigation**275**

The Head of Lifelong Learning & Educational Support updated Members on the special investigation which had been reported to the meeting of the Committee held on 3 March 2009 and outlined the actions implemented and to be undertaken.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the position and welcome the steps taken; and
- (2) that it be remitted to Officers to continue to review and monitor the situation, reporting to the appropriate Committee(s) as required.

276 Changes to the 2008/09 Accounts**276**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer advising the Committee of (1) the main changes to the Annual Reporting Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2009 and (2) the requirement to adopt International Financial Reporting Standards which will

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impact from 1 April 2009 onwards.

Decided: that the Committee note (1) the changes which are required in preparing the 2008/09 Annual Accounts, (2) that the draft accounts for 2008/09 will be presented to the Committee at the end of June 2009 and (3) the requirement to adopt International Financial Reporting Standards.

277 **Risk Management Progress Report** 277

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Improvement & Performance on the progress made on risk management since the meeting of the Committee on 3 March 2009.

There was circulated Risk Assessment and Prioritisation Framework describing the framework within which risks will be assessed and monitored by the Council.

Decided: that the terms of the report and the Risk Assessment and Prioritisation Framework be noted.

278 **External Audit Action Plans - Outstanding Actions** 278

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Improvement & Performance advising Members of the status of outstanding actions from External Audit Action Plans as at 28 February 2009.

Decided: that the progress to date be noted.

279 **Internal Audit Progress Report - 9 February to 3 April 2009** 279

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Improvement & Performance presenting to Members the Monitoring Report on Internal Audit Activity from 9 February to 3 April 2009.

Councillors Ahlfeld and MacLeod declared a non-financial interest in this matter as Members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure. They also formed the view that the nature of their interest and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision making process.

Decided: that the progress made by Internal Audit during the reporting period be noted.

280 **External Audit Progress Report** 280

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Improvement & Performance presenting to Members the reports produced by Audit Scotland since the last meeting of the Committee.

Noted

SAFE, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 5 MAY 2009

Safe, Sustainable Communities CommitteeTuesday 5 May 2009 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Dorrian, McCabe, McIlwee, MacLeod, Moran, Blair (for Rebecchi), Wilson and White.

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection, Head of Environmental Services, Head of Planning & Housing, Head of Safer Communities, Ms M McCabe (for Chief Financial Officer) and Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Administration).

Apologies: Councillors Grieve and Rebecchi.

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

281	Capital Programme 2008/11 - Progress Report	281
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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection and the Chief Financial Officer (1) on the status of the projects forming the Environment & Community Protection Capital Programme and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.

Noted

281(a)	Environmental and Community Protection Directorate Performance Report	281(a)
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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection advising the Committee on progress made by Environment & Community Protection in achieving its key objectives as set out in the Directorate Plan 2008-11 and performance in relation to key performance indicators.

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

282	Environment and Community Protection Directorate Plan 2009-11	282
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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection appending the Environment & Community Protection Directorate Plan for 2009-11.

Decided: that the Committee adopt the Environment & Community Protection Directorate Plan for 2009-11.

283	Area Renewal Strategy Update	283
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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection informing the Committee of the financial expenditure and progress of area renewal across Inverclyde for the period up to the end of March 2009.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the progress made to date on early action fund grant

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aided projects for the area renewal strategy; and

(2) that the Committee note the progress made to date on the reprovisioning programme under area renewal projects by a registered social landlord operating within Inverclyde.

284 Affordable Housing Investment Programme: Resources for Inverclyde

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection informing the Committee of the allocation of Affordable Housing Investment Programme (AHIP) funding for the financial year 2009/10 and how this will effect delivery of Area Renewal and Reprovisioning Programme works in Inverclyde.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the allocated £34.5M of Affordable Housing Investment Programme funding to Inverclyde for the financial year 2009/10; and

(2) that the Committee note the discussions to date on the expenditure of this funding by Registered Social Landlords operating within Inverclyde and arrangements for the monitoring of this expenditure throughout the 2009/10 financial year.

Councillor White left the meeting at this juncture.

285 Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy 2004-09 - Monitoring and Update Report 2009

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection (1) informing the Committee of progress against the strategic objectives set out in the Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy (LHS) 2004-09, and (2) seeking endorsement of the continuing relevancy of the LHS and the key issues identified for the preparation of the next LHS arising out of new guidelines and revised policies.

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

Decided: that the Committee note:

(1) the progress made in achieving the strategic aims and objectives of the Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy 2004-09;

(2) the revised timetable for the production of the 'new style' Local Housing Strategy; and

(3) the transitional arrangements required in the intervening period prior to the production of Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy 2011-16.

286 Inverclyde Local Plan 2005 - Monitoring and Update Report 2009

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection (1) informing the Committee of the findings of the review undertaken on the adopted Inverclyde Local Plan and (2) seeking endorsement of the continuing relevancy of the Plan and the key issues identified for the preparation of the new Inverclyde Local Development Plan.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the findings of the 2009 review of the adopted Inverclyde Local Plan (2005) set out in annex 1 and endorse the continuing relevancy of the Plan's policy guidance and, where appropriate, the keys issues identified that will form part of the preparatory work for the first Inverclyde Local Development Plan; and

(2) that it be remitted to the Head of Planning & Housing to establish a working group to review the Local Plan and that the working group comprise the Chair, Vice-Chair, a Member of the SNP and Liberal Democrat Groups, an Independent Member and appropriate Council Officers.

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287 Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 - Work to Meet the Needs of Disabled People 287

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection seeking the Committee's approval of a policy which brings the procedure for and delivery of adaptations into line with the duty to meet the needs of disabled people as set out in the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the mandatory changes and eligible works and levels of financial assistance for work to meet the needs of people with disabilities, introduced by the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 as at 1 April 2009; and

(2) that the Committee approve the Policy Statement on Equipment and Adaptations set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

288 Glasgow & Clyde Valley Strategic Review Group - Update on Waste Management Procurement Partnership 288

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection updating the Committee on the Glasgow & Clyde Valley Strategic Review Group headed by Glasgow City Council for the development of a waste treatment procurement partnership.

Decided: that the Committee note the content of the report and remit it to the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection to report on any significant developments during the procurement process.

289 Rhinopatch Proprietary System - A Sustainable Road Repair Solution 289

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection and the Chief Financial Officer seeking the Committee's approval for the procurement in respect of a single supplier proprietary road repair system (Rhinopatch) which provides a sustainable solution to potholes and patching operations.

Decided: that the Committee approve the procurement of the road repair system from a single source supplier.

290 Safer Communities Charges 290

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection seeking approval for a range of charges for works carried out by Safer Communities.

Decided: that the Committee approve the charges listed in Appendix 1 for 2009/10.

291 Delegated Powers: Authorisation of Officers 291

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection requesting the Committee to renew and update the delegated powers of the Head of Safer Communities with respect to the authorisation of officers.

Decided: that the Head of Safer Communities be given delegated powers to authorise officers under the Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Act 2007.

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

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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.

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Contaminated Land - Fir Street and Cedar Crescent	6, 8 & 12
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Increase in Kennelling Charges for Stray Dogs	6 & 8
Play Area Investment	6 & 8

292	Contaminated Land - Fir Street and Cedar Crescent	292
<p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection on the development of the remediation strategy for Fir Street and Cedar Crescent, Greenock.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the remediation measures initially proposed not be carried out given the new evidence which has been obtained since the last report to the Committee and that, instead, Safer Communities continue to monitor the site; and</p> <p>(2) that further information be provided to residents updating them on the situation and the reason for the decision.</p>		
293	Proposed Green Charter Unit	293
<p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection seeking approval for the creation of a Green Charter Unit, to include a new post of Carbon Management Officer and the secondment of the Energy Management Officer.</p> <p>Decided: that the Committee approves the creation of the Green Charter Unit as detailed in Section 5 of the report including a new post of Carbon Management Officer and the secondment of the Energy Management Officer from Property Resources & Facilities Management Services to this unit for an initial period of two years.</p>		
294	Demolition Order, Garvald Street, Greenock	294
<p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection advising of developments at a property in Garvald Street and seeking approval to make a Demolition Order which was agreed, all as detailed in the appendix.</p>		
295	Increase in Kennelling Charges for Stray Dogs	295
<p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection advising the Committee on the financial and other implications of the decision by the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SSPCA) to increase significantly their cost to the Council to kennel stray dogs and re-home unclaimed dogs</p>		

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and making recommendations in this regard which were agreed, all as detailed in the appendix.

296 Play Area Investment**296**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection requesting approval to prioritise spend of the 2009/2010 investment budget.

Decided:

- (1) that consideration of recommendation 3.1 be continued pending a further report on play area provision as detailed in decision 4 below;
- (2) that the Committee approve the allocation of £45,500 from the £250,000 2009/10 play area investment budget for the renovation of Overton Play Area;
- (3) that the Committee approve a request from the Quarriers Village Play Park Project for a £20,000 contribution from the Play Area Investment Budget to partly fund the installation of a play area within Quarriers Village; and
- (4) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection to carry out a review of play area provision across Inverclyde with a view to producing a play area strategy for the medium and long-term.

POLICY AND RESOURCES EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE - 5 MAY 2009

Policy and Resources Executive Sub-Committee**Tuesday 5 May 2009 at 5 pm****Present:** Councillors Blair, Brooks, Clocherty, McCabe, McKenzie and Wilson.**Chair:** Councillor McCabe presided.**In attendance:** Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education & Social Care, Corporate Director Improvement & Performance, Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources, Ms J Buchanan (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Administration), Head of ICT & Business Transformation and Head of Safer Communities.**The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Sub-Committee.****It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6 & 8 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.****297 Delivering the Future Operating Model****297**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (1) providing an update on progress made with the development of the Council's Future Operating Model and (2) seeking approval of the proposed approach for implementation as detailed in the report.

Decided:

- (1) that it be remitted to the Policy and Resources Committee to consider the matter further at a special meeting to be held on 14 May 2009 at 4 pm; and
- (2) that a briefing be arranged on this matter prior to the special meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee, for all Elected Members.

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Planning Board

Wednesday 6 May 2009 at 3.00 pm

Present: Councillors Brooks, Dorrian, Fyfe, Loughran, McCallum, McKenzie, Rebecchi and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection, Head of Planning & Housing, Development Control & Conservation Manager, Mr D Greenslade (for Head of Environmental Services) and Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Administration).

Apologies: Councillor Grieve.

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

298 PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR CONTINUED CONSIDERATION

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- (a) **Amendment to condition 29 of planning consent IC/06/008:
Land at Inverkip Station and land bound by Finnockbog Road, Everton Farm Road, Hill Farm Housing Development and Berfern Farm, Inverkip (09/0014/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning & Housing regarding an application by Stewart Milne Holdings for an amendment to condition 29 of planning consent at land at Finnockbog Road, Everton Farm Road, Hill Farm Housing Development and Berfern Farm, Inverkip (09/0014/IC), consideration of which had been continued from the meeting of 1 April 2009 to allow the Head of Planning & Housing to reach an agreement with the applicant.

The report recommended that planning permission be granted.

After discussion, Councillor Wilson moved that planning permission be granted. As an amendment, Councillor Rebecchi moved that consideration of the item be continued. On a vote, 3 Members voted for the amendment and 4 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided:

- (1) that planning permission be granted; and
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal and Administration to amend the Section 69 Agreement.

- (b) **Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse:
2 Carsemeadow, Quarrier's Village, Bridge of Weir (08/0317/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning & Housing regarding an application by Dr L Milne for alterations and extension to the dwellinghouse at 2 Carsmeadow, Quarriers Village, Bridge of Weir (08/0317/IC), consideration of which had been continued from the meeting of 1 April 2009 to afford Members and officers the opportunity to examine additional information.

Decided: that planning permission be refused as the original dwelling would become subordinate to the new extension and the extension would dominate the property thus having an unacceptable impact on the character and appearance of the existing dwelling,

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to the detriment of the appearance of the existing house and wider courtyard contrary to policy H15 of the Inverclyde Local Plan.

299 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) Extension and alterations to dwellinghouse:
2 Wood Street, Greenock (09/0045/IC)**

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

Decided: that planning permission be refused for the following reasons:-

- (1) as the proposed gable ended extension would increase the massing of the house to a scale harmful to the character, pattern of development and appearance of this part of the Greenock West End Conservation Area and the setting of the Victorian villa at 177 Eldon Street, contrary to Policy HR11 of the Inverclyde Local Plan;
- (2) as the proposal would have a harmful visual impact upon the townscape of this part of the Greenock West End Conservation Area when viewed from Eldon Street, contrary to Policy HR12 of the Inverclyde Local Plan; and
- (3) as the scale of the proposed extension would increase the massing of the house to a scale that adversely affects the built heritage resource of the Greenock West End Conservation Area and contrary to Policy HR1 of the Inverclyde Local Plan.

**(b) Use of pavement as external seating area:
Green Oak Bar, 8 Inverkip Street, Greenock (09/0055/IC)**

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

After discussion, Councillor McCallum moved that planning permission be refused on the grounds of road safety and public nuisance. As an amendment, Councillor McKenzie moved that planning permission be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report. On a vote, 3 Members voted for the motion and 5 for the amendment which was declared carried.

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

- (1) that permission is granted for a period of one year from the date of this planning permission, and the use hereby permitted shall cease within one month from that date, unless a further application for the retention of the external seating area has been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority beforehand, to enable the Planning Authority to review the permission in the light of the effect of the external seating area on pedestrian safety and the amenity of the area during the permitted period;
- (2) that the seating area, hereby approved, shall not be used before 11am and after 8pm or dusk (whichever is the sooner) on any day, to minimise noise nuisance to the occupants of the residential properties on the opposite side of Inverkip Street;
- (3) that the applicant shall provide written confirmation to the Planning Authority in consultation with Transport Scotland that a public indemnity has been provided for the value of £5,000,000, to indemnify Transport Scotland against any public liability claims as a result of the footway occupation; and
- (4) that a minimum footway width of 2.0m shall be maintained, in the interests of road safety on Inverkip Street.

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**(c) Construction of 8 dwellinghouses:
20-26 East Crawford Street, Greenock (08/0301/IC)**

Decided: that planning permission be granted, subject to the conclusion of a landscape bond in respect of the provision of landscaping within the site and 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 use of any facing materials on the houses and walls hereby permitted, samples of all facing materials shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to enable the Planning Authority to retain effective control of facing materials, in the interests of visual amenity;

(3) that the open space areas shown on the approved plans shall be planted out prior to occupation of the first of the houses hereby permitted and that, for the avoidance of doubt, the planting shall consist of prickly shrubs, full details of which, including numbers and density, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to their planting, to help ensure the possibility of loitering in these areas is minimal in the interests of security;

(4) that any of the plants within the areas of open space that die, are removed or become diseased within the first 5 years of planting shall be replaced within the next planting season with others of a similar size and species, to ensure retention of shrub cover in the interests of security;

(5) that prior to the first of the houses hereby permitted being occupied, details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority of a lighting scheme for the car park area to the rear of the houses and the scheme shall be implemented in full, in the interests of security;

(6) 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;

(7) 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;

(8) 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;

(9) that no material shall be imported onto the site until written details of the source of the imported material has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning

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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;

(10) that prior to their erection, full elevational details of the fences and railings to be erected, including colour or other treatment, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to enable the Planning Authority to retain effective control of the appearance of fences and railings in the interests of visual amenity;

(11) that all surface water drainage from the site shall be treated in accordance with the principles of the Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems Manual (C697) (CIRIA 2007). Before development commences, details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority of the maintenance regime for the water detention areas, to reduce the risk of flooding;

(12) that interceptors shall be incorporated into the new road construction to ensure surface water runoff is contained within the site, to prevent waters being carried onto the public highway in the interests of safety; and

(13) that a Drainage Impact Assessment shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to the start of development on the site, to help minimise the risk of flooding.

**(d) Erection of 89 two storey dwellings:
Gilmour Street, Fairrie Street and Sinclair Street, Greenock (08/0303/IC)**

Decided: that planning permission be granted, subject to the conclusion of a landscape bond in respect of the provision of landscaping within the site, and the conclusion of bond arrangements under Section 69 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 in respect of the provision of play facilities outwith the site and 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 use of any facing materials on the houses or walls hereby permitted, samples of all facing materials shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to enable the Planning Authority to retain effective control of facing materials, in the interests of visual amenity;

(3) that permission is not granted for the submitted landscaping plan number P1 area A Rev A. A revised landscaping plan shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to the start of development. For the avoidance of doubt it shall detail the existing trees to be retained, areas of deterrent planting where plot boundaries face onto areas of open space and other planting details. The landscaping scheme to be approved in terms of this condition shall be completed in full before the end of the first planting season following occupation of the final dwellinghouse hereby permitted;

(4) that any of the trees, areas of grass or planted shrubs approved in terms of condition (3) above that die, become diseased, are damaged or removed within 5 years of planting shall be replaced with others of a similar size and species within the following planting season, to ensure the retention of an approved landscaping scheme;

(5) that details of maintenance and management for the landscaping approved in terms of condition (3) above shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to the start of construction of the development hereby permitted. Management and maintenance shall commence upon completion of the landscaping, to

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ensure the retention of an approved landscaping scheme;

(6) 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;

(7) 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;

(8) 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;

(9) that no material shall be imported onto the site until written details of the source of the imported material has been submitted to and approved, 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;

(10) that prior to the start of development, details of a survey for the presence of Japanese Knotweed shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority and that, for the avoidance of doubt, this shall contain a methodology and treatment statement where any is found. Development shall not proceed until treatment is completed as per the methodology and treatment statement. Any variation to the treatment methodologies will require subsequent approval by the Planning Authority prior to development starting on site, to help arrest the spread of Japanese Knotweed, in the interests of environmental protection;

(11) that prior to their erection, full elevational details of the fences and railings to be erected, including colour or other treatment, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to enable the Planning Authority to retain effective control of the appearance of fences and railings, in the interests of visual amenity;

(12) that prior to the start of development, full details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority of the upgrading of play facilities at Craigend Resource Centre, to ensure the provision of an appropriate grade of equipment;

(13) that the play equipment approved in terms of condition (12) above shall be installed and ready for use prior to occupation of the 60th house hereby permitted, to ensure the provision of an appropriate grade of equipment;

(14) that all surface water drainage from the site shall be treated in accordance with the principles of the Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems Manual (C697) (CIRIA 2007).

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Before development commences, details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority of the maintenance regime for the water detention areas, to reduce the risk of flooding;

(15) that prior to any construction work starting on site, tree protection measures in accordance with British Standards Recommendations for trees in Relation to Construction, currently BS 5837:2005, shall be erected and not removed during the course of construction work, to ensure the avoidance of damage to trees; and

(16) that the crib wall hereby permitted shall be fully planted by the end of the first planting season following construction of the wall, to ensure the appearance of the wall is softened in the interests of visual amenity.

**(e) Construction of 43 dwellinghouses:
Former School Site, Grosvenor Road, 22-24 Sinclair Street, 60-64 Carwood Street,
Greenock (08/0306/IC)**

Decided: that planning permission be granted, subject to the conclusion of a landscape bond in respect of the provision of landscaping within the site, and the conclusion of bond arrangements under Section 69 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 in respect of the provision of play facilities outwith the site and 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 use of any facing materials on the houses or walls hereby permitted, samples of all facing materials shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to enable the Planning Authority to retain effective control of facing materials, in the interests of visual amenity;

(3) that details of maintenance and management for the approved landscaping shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to the start of construction of the development hereby permitted. Management and maintenance shall commence upon completion of the landscaping, to ensure the retention of an approved landscaping scheme;

(4) that any of the trees, areas of grass or planted shrubs approved in terms of condition (3) above that die, become diseased, are damaged or removed within 5 years of planting shall be replaced with others of a similar size and species within the following planting season, to ensure the retention of an approved landscaping scheme;

(5) 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;

(6) 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;

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(7) 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;

(8) that no material shall be imported onto the site until written details of the source of the imported material has been submitted to and approved, 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;

(9) that prior to their erection, full elevational details of the fences and railings to be erected, including colour or other treatment, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to enable the Planning Authority to retain effective control of the appearance of fences and railings, in the interests of visual amenity;

(10) that prior to the start of development, full details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority of the upgrading of play facilities at Craigend Resource Centre, to ensure the provision of an appropriate grade of equipment;

(11) that the play equipment approved in terms of condition (10) above shall be installed and ready for use prior to occupation of the 22nd house hereby permitted, to ensure the provision of an appropriate grade of equipment;

(12) that all surface water drainage from the site shall be treated in accordance with the principles of the Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems Manual (C697) (CIRIA 2007). Before development commences, details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority of the maintenance regime for the water detention areas, to reduce the risk of flooding;

(13) that prior to any construction work starting on site, tree protection measures in accordance with British Standards Recommendations for trees in Relation to Construction, currently BS 5837:2005, shall be erected and not removed during the course of construction work, to ensure the avoidance of damage to trees; and

(14) that the landscaping scheme hereby permitted shall be completed in full before the end of the first planting season following occupation of the final dwellinghouse hereby permitted, to ensure implementation of the approved landscaping scheme.

**(f) Installation of 2 windows and 5 air conditioning units:
11-13 Union Street, Greenock (09/0016/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 windows herein approved shall be fitted with obscure glazing which shall remain in place in perpetuity with any future replacement glazing being of the same type, to prevent overlooking of the common garden area;

(3) that anti-vibrational mounts shall be fitted to the air conditioning units to prevent vibration affecting residential properties; and

(4) that the air conditioning units shall be fitted with a timer to ensure that they do not operate between 2300 hours and 0700 hours, conditions (3) and (4) being imposed to

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protect the privacy of nearby residential properties.

- (g) Change of use and conversion of former stockroom and part office at first floor to snooker hall:
38A Princes Street, Port Glasgow (09/0061/IC)**

Decided: that planning permission be granted.

- (h) Erection of 32 houses:
Moray Road, Port Glasgow (08/0163/IC & 08/0269/IC)**

Decided: that planning permission be granted, subject to the conclusion of a landscape bond in respect of the provision of landscaping within the site and 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 use of any external materials on the houses, walls, fences or hard standings hereby permitted, samples of all such materials shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Development shall then proceed utilising the approved materials, or any alternative agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to enable the Planning Authority to retain effective control of facing materials in the interests of visual amenity;
- (3) that prior to the commencement of work on site, full details of a landscaping scheme and programme for completion shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority, to ensure an appropriate landscaping scheme within the development;
- (4) that any of the trees, areas of grass or planted shrubs approved in terms of condition (3) above that die, become diseased, are damaged or removed within 5 years of planting shall be replaced with others of a similar size and species within the following planting season, to ensure the retention of an approved landscaping scheme;
- (5) that details of maintenance and management for the landscaping approved in terms of condition (3) above shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority prior to the start of construction of the development hereby permitted. Management and maintenance shall commence upon completion of the landscaping, to ensure the retention of an approved landscaping scheme;
- (6) 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;
- (7) 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;

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(8) 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;

(9) that no material shall be imported onto the site until written details of the source of the imported material has been submitted and approved, 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; and

(10) that prior to the start of development, details of a survey for the presence of Japanese Knotweed shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority and that, for the avoidance of doubt, this shall contain a methodology and treatment statement where any is found. Development shall not proceed until treatment is completed as per the methodology and treatment statement. Any variation to the treatment methodologies will require subsequent approval by the Planning Authority prior to development starting on site, to help arrest the spread of Japanese Knotweed in the interests of environmental protection.

**(i) Erection of 64 dwellinghouses:
Oronsay Avenue, Port Glasgow (08/0320/IC)**

Decided:

(i) that the Head of Legal and Administration be authorised to promote the Diversion Order relative to the development and, if after the 28 day period for statutory objections, no such objections to the Order are made, delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal and Administration to take all necessary action in connection therewith, including confirmation of the Order; and

(ii) that planning permission be granted, subject to the conclusion of a landscape bond in respect of the provision of landscaping within the site, and the conclusion of bond arrangements under Section 69 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 in respect of the provision of play facilities outwith the site and 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 use of any external materials on the houses, walls, fences or hard standings hereby permitted, samples of all such materials shall be submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Planning Authority. Development shall then proceed utilising the approved materials, or any alternative agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, to enable the Planning Authority to retain effective control of facing materials in the interests of visual amenity;

(3) that prior to the commencement of work on site, full details of a landscaping scheme and programme for completion shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority, to ensure an appropriate landscaping scheme within the development;

(4) that any of the trees, areas of grass or planted shrubs approved in terms of condition (3) above that die, become diseased, are damaged or removed within 5 years of

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planting shall be replaced with others of a similar size and species within the following planting season, to ensure the retention of an approved landscaping scheme;

(5) that details of maintenance and management for the landscaping approved in terms of condition (3) above shall be submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Planning Authority prior to the start of construction of the development hereby permitted. Management and maintenance shall commence upon completion of the landscaping, to ensure the retention of an approved landscaping scheme;

(6) that the footpaths crossing the site will be maintained in an open and usable condition until a Stopping-Up or Diversion Order in respect of these footpaths has been confirmed, to ensure that the footpaths are legally stopped up or diverted;

(7) 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;

(8) 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;

(9) 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;

(10) that no material shall be imported onto the site until written details of the source of the imported material has been submitted to and approved, 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;

(11) that prior to the start of development, details of a survey for the presence of Japanese Knotweed shall be submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Planning Authority and that, for the avoidance of doubt, this shall contain a methodology and treatment statement where any is found. Development shall not proceed until treatment is completed as per the methodology and treatment statement. Any variation to the treatment methodologies will require subsequent approval by the Planning Authority prior to development starting on site, to help arrest the spread of Japanese Knotweed in the interests of environmental protection;

(12) that prior to the start of work on the 32nd house, full details shall be submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Planning Authority of the upgrading of play facilities at Oronsay Avenue together with a programme for completion. For the avoidance of doubt,

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the programme of completion will see the play equipment approved, installed and ready for use prior to occupation of the last house hereby permitted, to ensure the provision of an appropriate grade of equipment within an appropriate timescale;

(13) that all surface water drainage from the site shall be treated in accordance with the principles of the Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems Manual (C697) (CIRIA 2007). Before development commences, details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority of the maintenance regime for the water detention areas, to reduce the risk of flooding; and

(14) that prior to any construction work starting on site, tree protection measures in accordance with British Standards Recommendations for trees in Relation to Construction, currently BS 5837:2005, shall be erected and not removed during the course of construction work, to ensure the avoidance of damage to trees.

**(j) Residential development at Woodhall/Broadfield area:
Woodhall/Broadfield Area, Port Glasgow (08/0279/IC)**

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

(1) that this permission is granted under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) (Scotland) Order 1992 on an outline application and the further approval of the Council or of the Scottish Ministers on appeal shall be required with respect to the under mentioned matters hereby reserved before any development is commenced:

- a. the siting, design and external appearance of any building to which the planning permission or the application relates;
- b. details of the access arrangements; and
- c. details of landscaping of the site;

to comply with Section 59 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;

(2) that in the case of the reserved matters as specified above application for approval must be made before:

- i. the expiration of 3 years from the date of grant of outline permission; or
- ii. the expiration of 6 months from the date on which an earlier application for such approval was refused; or
- iii. the expiration of 6 months from the date on which an appeal against such refusal was dismissed;

whichever is the latest, and provided only one such application may be made in the case after the expiration of the three year period mentioned in sub paragraph (a) above to comply with Section 59 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;

(3) that the development to which this permission relates must be begun not later than the expiration of 5 years from the date of this permission or within 2 years from the final approval of reserved matters, whichever is the later, to comply with Section 59 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;

(4) that prior to the start of development, details of a survey for the presence of Japanese Knotweed shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority and that, for the avoidance of doubt, this shall contain a methodology and treatment statement where any is found. Development shall not proceed until treatment is completed as per the methodology and treatment statement. Any variation to the treatment methodologies will require subsequent approval by the Planning Authority prior to development starting on site, to help arrest the spread of Japanese Knotweed in the interests of environmental protection;

(5) 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

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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;

(6) 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;

(7) 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;

(8) 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;

(9) that no development shall commence until fully detailed landscaping proposals have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to protect receptors from the harmful effects of imported contamination;

(10) that each of the four phases of development identified in the approved Masterplan shall have its approved landscaping scheme completed in the first planting season following completion of the last house in the phase and any specimens that in the subsequent 5 years die, become diseased or are damaged shall be replaced in the next planting season unless the Planning Authority gives its prior written approval to any alternatives, to protect receptors from the harmful effects of imported contamination;

(11) that no development shall commence until a bond to cover the costs of the implementation of the approved play areas and landscaping scheme has been lodged with the Council, to ensure the provision of play areas and landscaping;

(12) that no development shall commence until full details of all play areas included in the approved Masterplan have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the provision of play facilities in accordance with Local Plan Policy H11 and the Council's PPAN3;

(13) that the approved play areas shall be the subject of a phasing plan. Unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Planning Authority, works shall be completed in accordance with the phasing plan, to ensure the provision of play facilities in accordance with Local Plan Policy H11 and the Council's PPAN3;

(14) that applications for the approval of reserved matters shall be submitted substantially in accordance with the approved Masterplan, to ensure the provision of a quality residential development;

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(15) that no development shall commence until samples of all external finishes and details of all boundary treatments have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure a continuity of finishing materials and boundary treatments in this part of Port Glasgow; and

(16) that prior to the start of any work on site, the applicant shall submit for the written approval of the Planning Authority details of the management of all water culverts. Any necessary works arising from the approved culvert management details shall be completed prior to any house building commencing, to prevent flooding offsite and to comply with the requirements of SEPA.

**(k) Erection of 102 houses:
Parkhill Avenue, Port Glasgow (08/0261/IC)**

Decided:

(i) that the Head of Legal and Administration be authorised to promote the Stopping Up Order relative to the development and, if after the 28 day period for statutory objections, no such objections to the Order are made, that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal and Administration to take all necessary action in connection therewith, including confirmation of the Order;

(ii) that planning permission be granted, subject to the conclusion of a landscape bond in respect of the provision of landscaping and play provision within the site, and 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 start of development, details of a survey for the presence of Japanese Knotweed shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority and that, for the avoidance of doubt, this shall contain a methodology and treatment statement where any is found. Development shall not proceed until treatment is completed as per the methodology and treatment statement. Any variation to the treatment methodologies will require subsequent approval by the Planning Authority prior to development starting on site;

(3) 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;

(4) 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;

(5) 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

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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;

(6) that no material shall be imported onto the site until written details of the source of the imported material has been submitted and approved, 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;

(7) that no development shall commence until fully detailed landscaping proposals have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure the provision of a quality landscape setting for the development;

(8) that no development shall commence until full details of the play area and landscaping contained within the Masterplan approved under outline planning permission 08/0279/IC have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, the approved play area and landscaping shall thereafter be completed in accordance with the Masterplan approved by planning permission 08/0279/IC, to ensure play provision and landscaping in accordance with Local Plan Policy H11 and the Council's PPAN 3;

(9) that no development shall commence until samples of all external finishes and details of all boundary treatments have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, to ensure a continuity of building materials in this part of Port Glasgow and that it be delegated to the Head of Legal & Administration and the Head of Planning & Housing to promote Footpath Stopping Up Orders under Section 208 of the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997; and

(10) that prior to the start of any work on site, the applicant shall submit for the written approval of the Planning Authority details of the management of all water culverts. Any necessary works arising from the approved culvert management details shall be completed prior to any house building commencing, to prevent flooding offsite and to comply with the requirements of SEPA.

(l) Erection of extensions to house together with installation of dormer window and front entrance porch:

Hollytree House, Broomknowe Road, Kilmacolm (09/0017/IC)

Decided: that planning permission be granted.

(m) Formation of driveway and access:

Englewood, Lochwinnoch Road, Kilmacolm (09/0047/IC)

Decided: that planning permission be refused as the proposed driveway would result in vehicles accessing Lochwinnoch Road at a location where visibility is compromised and, as a result, would be to the detriment of road safety.

300 ADVERTISEMENT APPLICATION

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning & Housing on an application for advertisement consent by Speyside Properties for the display of an internally illuminated 48 sheet advertising hoarding on the north elevation at the Port Glasgow Protestant Athletic Club, Chapelton Street, Port Glasgow (09/0011/CA).

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Decided: that advertisement consent be refused as the proposed hoarding, due to its size and location on a prominent elevation of the building, would detract from the appearance of the building and create undue prominence when viewed from outwith the site to the detriment of visual amenity at this location. As such, it is contrary to Planning Practice Advice Note (PPAN) no.13 and the proposed hoarding would, due to its size and prominent location, create a distraction to road users on the principal traffic route at a heavily trafficked junction to the detriment of road safety.

301 PLANNING APPEAL - 14 ARDOCH DRIVE, INVERKIP**301**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning & Housing advising that following the decision of the Board at the meeting held on 7 January 2009 to refuse planning permission for the construction of decking in the rear garden (in retrospect) at 14 Ardoch Drive, Inverkip (08/0252/IC), an appeal against the refusal of planning permission had been submitted to the Scottish Government.

Noted

302 PLANNING APPEAL - 38 LEAPMOOR DRIVE, WEMYSS BAY**302**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning & Housing advising that following the decision of the Board at the meeting held on 3 September 2008 to refuse planning permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse at land to the south of 38 Leapmoor Drive, Wemyss Bay (08/0064/IC), an appeal against the refusal of planning permission had been submitted to the Scottish Government.

Noted

303 PLANNING APPEAL - 8 PRINCES STREET, PORT GLASGOW**303**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning & Housing advising that following the decision of the Board at the meeting held on 4 June 2008 to refuse planning permission for the change of use retail shop (Class 1) to hot food take-away at 8 Princes Street, Port Glasgow (08/0022/IC) and the subsequent appeal by the applicant to the Scottish Ministers against that refusal, the Reporter appointed by the Scottish Ministers had issued his decision which was to uphold the appeal subject to conditions.

Noted

REGENERATION COMMITTEE - 7 MAY 2009

Regeneration Committee

Thursday 7 May 2009 at 3.00 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair, Clocherty, Loughran, McCallum, McCabe, McKenzie, MacLeod 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), Libraries Manager and Physical Investment Services Manager.

Apologies: Councillor Osborne.

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

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| 304 | <p>Capital Programme 2008/09 - 2010/11 - Progress</p> <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources and Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Capital Programme 2008/09 to 2010/11. (Councillor Loughran entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
 Noted</p> | 304 |
| 305 | <p>Regeneration and Resources Directorate Performance Report</p> <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the performance of Property Resources and Facilities Management and Economic and Social Regeneration in achieving their key objectives as set out in the Regeneration and Resources Directorate Plan and how they have contributed to the achievement of key corporate priorities. (Councillor Blair entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
 Noted</p> | 305 |
| 306 | <p>Regeneration and Resources Directorate Plan 2009-11</p> <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources appending the Regeneration and Resources Directorate Plan for 2009-11.
 Decided: that the Committee approve and adopt the Regeneration and Resources Directorate Plan for 2009-11 as appended to the report.</p> | 306 |
| 307 | <p>Economic Development Service Plan 2009/10</p> <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking endorsement of the Economic Development Service Plan 2009/10.
 Decided:
 (1) that the Economic Development Service Plan 2009/10 appended to the report be endorsed;
 (2) that a report be submitted to the Committee providing an overview of the impact</p> | 307 |

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of the economic recession on Inverclyde, the report to include any proposals for preparing for the economic recovery; and

(3) that a briefing be arranged for all Members prior to submission of the report on the future of the Spango Valley site.

308 Inverclyde's Tourism Strategy 2009-2016

308

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking approval of Inverclyde's Tourism Strategy 2009-2016.

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to Inverclyde's Tourism Strategy 2009-2016 as appended to the report and that it be remitted to the Head of Economic & Social Regeneration to develop an action plan for submission to the Committee shortly after the summer recess; and

(2) that arrangements be made for Elected Member input into the preparation of the action plan through the establishment of a short term working group.

309 Summer Playschemes 2009

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources informing the Committee of the programme of activities proposed for this year's summer playschemes.

Decided: that approval be given to the programme of activities being organised for this year's summer playschemes within the Regeneration & Resources Service.

310 Free Use of Swimming for Under 16s and Over 60s

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the uptake during 2008/09 of the free swimming initiative for under 16s and over 60s.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the uptake of the free swimming initiative in 2008/09; and

(2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to monitor regularly Inverclyde Leisure's performance with regard to the scheme and to submit a further update report at the end of the 2009/10 financial year.

311 Under 16s Free Use of Sports Pitches for Under 16s

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources advising the Committee of the uptake during 2008/09 of the scheme to provide free use of pitches for under 16s within the Inverclyde area.

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

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the positive uptake of the scheme during the 2008/09 financial year and remit it to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to submit a further update report at the end of the 2009/10 financial year; and

(2) that the Committee note the possible future shortfall in the budget and remit it to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to monitor the position closely during the 2009/10 financial year.

312 Birkmyre Park - Update

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources advising of the consultation which has taken place in respect of the pitch use at Birkmyre Park.

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

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress of the consultation on the redesignation of the pitches at Birkmyre Park;
- (2) that a report be submitted to The Inverclyde Council, as the Trustees of the Birkmyre Park, proposing redesignation of the pitch at Knockbuckle Road into a dual use pitch; and
- (3) that subject to approval by The Inverclyde Council, a report be submitted to the Committee at the end of the forthcoming season on the dual use of the pitch.

313 **The Potential of Sport - Maximising Sport's Contribution to National and Local Outcomes**

313

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources highlighting and summarising a report recently produced by Sportscotland entitled "The Potential of Sport" which sets out how sport can contribute to national and local outcomes.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the report "The Potential of Sport" produced by Sportscotland be noted; and
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources, through the Sport Strategy Group, to incorporate the report's findings into the various strategic frameworks within the Council and the Inverclyde Alliance.

314 **Scottish Community Empowerment Action Plan**

314

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources (1) advising the Committee of the implications for Inverclyde of the new national policy on community empowerment and (2) seeking approval of action in this regard.

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

Decided: that it be remitted to the Head of Economic & Social Regeneration to submit a report to the Policy & Resources Committee in respect of the actions detailed and to report within six months with an update on progress.

315 **Community Council Review Update**

315

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the ongoing review of Community Councils at a national level and within Inverclyde.

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

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress of the review of Community Councils at a national and local level;
- (2) that it be agreed that the Convener of the Regeneration Committee chair the local Community Council Working Group;
- (3) that it be remitted to the Community Council Working Group to report to the Committee as soon as is practicable on the outcome of the consultation process on the

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local and national reviews; and

(4) that an update report on progress made be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

316 Area Renewal Fund

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources (1) advising of progress made in relation to the Area Renewal Fund and (2) seeking approval for the establishment of implementation groups and early funding proposals.

Decided:

(1) that the progress in relation to the Area Renewal Fund be noted; and
(2) that approval be given to the proposals for the establishment of implementation groups and early funding as set in paragraph 5 of the report.

317 Fairer Scotland Fund - Update

317

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources apprising the Committee, as part of the regular reporting regime, of the performance of the Fairer Scotland Fund 2008-2010.

The Head of Economic & Social Regeneration reported orally to the Committee on the updated position.

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

Decided: that the Committee note the Fairer Scotland Fund position statement as detailed in the report including the oral update provided by the Head of Economic & Social Regeneration.

318 Special Economic Interventions

318

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to utilise the allocation of £76,000 for special economic interventions allocated from underspend monies from Scottish Enterprise.

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

Decided:

(1) that agreement be given to support the following initiatives utilising the £76,000 for special economic interventions allocated from underspend monies from Scottish Enterprise thus assisting the Council's broad social and economic objectives:

(a) Marketing Grant - £18,000 to assist company growth/survival/retention;
(b) Third Sector Support - £15,000 to provide training and capacity building for third sector organisations;

(c) Property Assistance - £21,000 for town centres regeneration, in addition to the property assistance budget, with a view to attracting additional match funding from Riverside Inverclyde;

(d) Support for Employers/Apprentices - £75 per week per trainee as a wage subsidy to employers in the construction industry to retain apprentices for up to six months which, based on 11 trainees, equates to approximately £22,000; and

(2) that a report be submitted to the Policy & Resources Committee requesting authority to vire part of the existing Earmarked Reserves expenditure to Capital to offset this expenditure.

319 Inverclyde Construction Plus

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the current position relative to the development of Inverclyde Construction Plus. (Councillors Blair and McCallum returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

- (1) that the Policy & Resources Committee be requested to approve participation in Inverclyde Construction Plus and adherence to the Partnership Agreement as detailed in Appendix 1;
- (2) that the Policy & Resources Committee be requested to adopt a Community Benefits policy for the future letting of appropriate contracts by Inverclyde Council; and
- (3) that approval be given to a formal launch of Inverclyde Construction Plus within existing financial resources, with the support of the Council's Corporate Communications and Public Affairs Team.

320 Covered Walkway - Port Glasgow Town Centre

320

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources providing further information on the feasibility study carried out on a potential covered walkway linking the Tesco site with the existing Port Glasgow town centre.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee endorse the contents of the feasibility study and delegate authority to the Head of Economic & Social Regeneration to provide formal feedback to the Port Glasgow Traders' Association; and
- (2) that a further briefing be arranged for all Members of the Council on the proposals for the comprehensive development of Port Glasgow town centre.

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.

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321 Gourock Central Development

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources (1) providing an update on progress with development options at the Gourock Central area and (2) recommending proposals for implementing the development which were agreed, all as detailed in the appendix.

322 Riverside Inverclyde - Operating Plan 2009-12

322

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources (1) providing an update on the activities of Riverside Inverclyde and (2) seeking endorsement of the Operating Plan 2009-12.

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

Decided: that the Riverside Inverclyde Operating Plan 2009-12 detailed in Appendix A to the report be endorsed.

323 Proposed Demolition - Cemetery Lodge, Kilmacolm

323

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources confirming the rationale for demolishing the Cemetery Lodge, Kilmacolm following the decision of the Council at its meeting on 16 April 2009 to request a report on the suitability of the property for private residential use.

Decided:

(1) that it be confirmed that the Cemetery Lodge, Kilmacolm be declared surplus to requirements; and

(2) that approval be given to the demolition of the Cemetery Lodge, Kilmacolm and the buildings at the Cemetery entrance, that the solum be re-graded and landscaped to enhance the entrance area and that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to act accordingly.

324 Land at Drumfrochar Road, Greenock - Proposed Disposal Negotiations with Single Party

324

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources requesting the Committee to consider the proposed disposal of land at Drumfrochar Road, Greenock and to grant permission for negotiations with a single party, which was agreed, all as detailed in the appendix.

325 Tendering Process: Kelburn, Port Glasgow and Gourock Park, Gourock

325

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the responses to the competitive tendering advertisement processes at Kelburn, Port Glasgow and the Gourock Park, Gourock sites and the Committee agreed to the recommendations contained in the report, all as detailed in the appendix.

326 Bus Stances at Kilblain Street, Greenock

326

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for the transfer of the bus station area at Kilblain Street, Greenock in order to secure a major funding commitment and facilitate improvements in the area which was agreed, all as detailed in the appendix.

EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE - 12 MAY 2009

Education and Lifelong Learning Committee

Tuesday 12 May 2009 at 4.00 pm

Present: Provost McCormick, Councillors Blair, Brooks, Clocherty, Fyfe, Grieve, Loughran, McCabe, McKenzie, 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: Chief Executive, Head of Schools, Head of Lifelong Learning & Educational Support, Head of Support & Development, Head of School Estate Projects, School Estate Manager, Mr I Cameron (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Administration) and Head of Corporate Communications & Public Affairs.

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

327 **HMle Report on Kelly Street Children’s Centre**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care advising the Committee of the results of the HMle and Care Commission Inspection of the pre-school provision at the Kelly Street Children’s Centre, Greenock. The report advised that of the Indicators of Quality recently amended by the HMle, two had been evaluated as “excellent” and three as “very good”.

Ms Anne-Marie Boyd and Ms Tricia Wylie, Head Teacher and Depute Head Teacher of the Centre were present together with two pupils and Ms Boyd addressed the Committee relative to the inspection report.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee endorse the comments made following the HMle and Care Commission inspection of Kelly Street Children’s Centre; and
- (2) that the Committee’s appreciation be conveyed to the Head Teacher, Depute Head Teacher, staff and pupils of the Centre as well as staff within Education Services Headquarters for the work undertaken to achieve the evaluation.

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

328

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.

Noted

329 **Education Service - Performance Report: March to April 2009**

329

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

Decided: that the report be approved.

330 **Consultation on Additional Support Needs**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care providing information on the consultation arrangements relative to additional support needs, as agreed by the Committee at its meeting on 3 March 2009.

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

Decided:

- (1) that the report be noted; and
- (2) that a further report be submitted to the Committee in August 2009.

331 Consultation on School Transport - Paying for Privilege Passes

331

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care on the results of the consultation with head teachers and parents/carers on the introduction of a scheme to allow payment for a privilege pass on a school transport contract, as agreed by the Committee at its meeting on 17 March 2009.

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

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the results of the consultation both for and against the paying for privilege passes together with the potential to offset other transport costs; and
- (2) that given the savings identified in the budget process, it be agreed to proceed as planned and effect the savings.

332 Results of the Wider Consultation on the Future of the School Age Language Unit (SALU) in Highlanders Academy Primary School

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care (1) providing details of the responses received to the wider consultation on the future of the School Age Language Unit (SALU) in Highlanders Academy Primary School, (2) highlighting the issues raised during the consultation and their implications and (3) seeking approval for the adoption of Option 4 as detailed in the report.

Following discussion, Councillor McKenzie moved that Option 4 (pupils needs are met in their mainstream school with visiting support from speech and language impairment teacher and therapist) be approved and that as responsibility for developing the best provision for young people with speech and language impairments lies with Education Services, the views of professionals should be taken into account. As an amendment, Mr Tracey moved that Option 1 (the status quo) be approved and that as responsibility for developing the best provision for young people with speech and language impairments lies with Education Services, the views of professionals should be taken into account. On a vote, 6 Members voted for the amendment and 6 for the motion. There being equality in voting, the Convener exercised his casting vote in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

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

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Decided: that Option 4 (pupils needs are met in their mainstream school with visiting support from speech and language impairment teacher and therapist) be approved and that as responsibility for developing the best provision for young people with speech and language impairments lies with Education Services, the views of professionals should be taken into account.

Mr Tracey asked that his dissent at the decision be recorded.

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333 Implementing New Timetables in Secondary Schools

333

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care providing an update on how schools are progressing with the implementation of a reconfigured school day in secondary schools.

Decided: that the Committee approve the progress made as detailed in the report.

334 **Amendment to Term Dates for Session 2010/11** 334

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

Rev Hamilton left the meeting at this juncture.

335 **Early Years Framework** 335

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care (1) providing information on the Early Years Framework and (2) proposing that a new strategic group be established to progress the recommendations of the Early Years Framework.

Decided: that the Committee approve the policy imperatives within the Early Years Framework and support the development of a strategic group to progress the recommendations made.

336 **Additional Support for Learning Bill 2009** 336

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care advising of changes to the Additional Support Needs legislation proposed in the Additional Support for Learning Bill 2009.

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

Decided: that the Committee note the changes to Additional Support Needs legislation introduced by the Additional Support for Learning Bill 2009, as detailed in the report.

337 **St Stephen's Enterprise Centre - Progress Report** 337

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care providing information on St Stephen's Enterprise Centre, Port Glasgow.

Decided:

(1) that the report be noted; and

(2) that approval in principle be given to the scope for development at the Enterprise Centre, as detailed in the report.

338 **Gibshill Children's Centre** 338

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care providing information on the development of Family Support Services in Gibshill Children's Centre.

Noted

339 **A Leadership Strategy for Education Services** 339

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care appending a proposed strategy for School Leadership.

Decided: that the Leadership Strategy set out in the appendix to the report be approved.

340 **Education Services - Priorities 2009/2010** 340

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care appending the priorities for Education Services in session 2009/2010.

Decided: that the priorities for Education Services in session 2009/2010 appended to the report be approved in order that they can inform the Service and Directorate Plans for 2009/2010.

341 **Priorities for Admission when Transferring from Primary School to Secondary School** 341

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

342 **Proposal to Create Principal Teacher Posts in the Visual Impairment (VI) and English as an Additional Language (EAL) Services** 342

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care requesting approval to create Principal Teacher posts in both the Visual Impairment and English as an Additional Language Services; and

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to the creation of Principal Teacher posts in the Visual Impairment (VI) and English as an Additional Language (EAL) Services; and

(2) that Education Services in consultation with Human Resources and other partners carry out an evaluation of the posts and arrange for appropriate specifications and advertisements to be prepared with a view to filling the posts.

343 **Strategies to Improve Attendance in Inverclyde Schools** 343

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care on the strategies which will be used within Inverclyde schools to build on attendance figures in future academic sessions.

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to implementing the range of strategies detailed in the report to improve attendance figures in the sessions ahead; and

(2) that a progress report be submitted to the Committee in due course, the report also to include a breakdown of authorised and unauthorised absences from school.

344 **Update on the Dyslexia Friendly Schools Award (DFSA) and Provision for Pupils Suffering from Mearls Irlen Syndrome** 344

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care providing an update on progress made in relation to the Dyslexia Friendly Schools Award (DFSA) and advising of provision for pupils suffering from Mearls Irlen Syndrome.

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

Decided:

(1) that the report be noted; and

(2) that the Committee approve the continued involvement of Education Services in the Dyslexia Friendly Schools Awards and also the palliative work with pupils suffering from Mearls Irlen Syndrome.

345 **Use of B-Active as a Supplier of a Unique Service to Education** 345

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care seeking approval to obtain the services of B-Active which provides sports coaching and

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associated transport services for young people whose behaviour causes concern at times within schools.

(Rev McGranaghan left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided: that approval be given to the use of B-Active as a unique supplier in 2008/09 and that the company be added to the list of unique suppliers submitted to the Committee in the next financial year.

346 Provision of Wrapround and Out of School Care

346

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care (1) advising of the increase in wrapround provision within early years establishments and (2) seeking approval to increase the charges for out of school care.

Decided:

- (1) that the report be noted; and
- (2) that approval be given to increase the charges for out of school care as detailed in the report.

347 Sports Strategy Update

347

There was submitted a replacement report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care on the progress being made to implement the Inverclyde Sports Strategy.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the progress being made by Education Services to implement the Inverclyde Sports Strategy; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to the Committee at the start of the new school session setting out the initiatives in place within Inverclyde schools.

348 St Columba's High School Transport

348

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care providing details of the transport arrangements for St Columba's High School for the period of the school's relocation within the former Greenock High School building.

Decided:

- (1) that the Council's current policy for secondary schools be applied; and
- (2) that the current transport arrangements for St Columba's High School be maintained and expanded if required, it being noted that paying for privilege passes as agreed at paragraph 331 above is an option for those not entitled to transport.

349 Items for Noting

349

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care providing information for noting on (1) Teachers in Scotland 2008, (2) Expenditure on School Education in Scotland 2008, (3) the Scottish Survey of Achievement in Mathematics and Numeracy 2008 and (4) the Scottish Design Awards.

Noted

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD - 13 MAY 2009

General Purposes BoardWednesday 13 May 2009 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair (for Fyfe), Brooks, Dorrian, Grieve, MacLeod, McCallum, McKenzie and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor Ahlfeld presided.

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

Apologies: Councillors Fyfe and McIlwee.

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.

350 Application for Taxi Driver's Licence: Mr Joseph Glover 350

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration on an application for a Taxi Driver's Licence following an adverse medical report from the Council's Medical Adviser.

Decided: that the application be refused.

351 Application for Taxi Licence: Mrs Eileen McGeachy 351

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration on an application for the grant of a Taxi Licence namely plate number 25 which was previously held by Mr Robert McGeachy trading under the name of Matilda Care. The Board heard Ms Jilly Melrose of Lyons Laing, Solicitors.

Decided:

- (1) that the application be granted; and
- (2) that evidence of performance be provided as required.

352 Taxi Licences for Vehicles Especially Adapted for the Disabled: Clyde Cabs 352

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Administration requesting that the Board consider whether or not to require the surrender of the five taxi licences granted to Clyde Cabs, 9 Ashgrove Lane, Port Glasgow. At its meeting on 11 February 2009 the Board had decided that a business address and 24 hour landline be provided and that evidence of use of all vehicles and all contracts be provided in three months for consideration by the Board. The Board heard Constable Gailey and Mr Patrick Sweeney.

Decided: that Clyde Cabs be required to surrender the five licences held by it for vehicles especially adapted for the disabled within fourteen days.

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 14 MAY 2009

Policy & Resources Committee

Thursday 14 May 2009 at 4 pm

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

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection, Corporate Director Improvement & Performance, Chief Financial Officer, Head of ICT & Business Transformation, Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Administration), Head of Safer Communities and Head of Corporate Communications & Public Affairs.

Apologies: Councillors Fyfe and McIlwee.

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

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 & 8 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

353 Changing the Shape of the Council - Building a Foundation for the Future

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (1) providing an update on progress made with the development of the Council's Future Operating Model (FOM) and (2) seeking approval for the proposed approach to the first phases of implementation. During consideration of this matter, Councillor Blair expressed the view that it was regrettable it had not been possible for the information within the report, which was considered exempt in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, to be set out separately in an appendix to the report to allow the item to be taken in public. Following discussion, it was agreed unanimously to discuss the general principles relating to the Future Operating Model in public with consideration of the details of the support contract following exclusion of the public and press.

The Committee then discussed the general principles of the Council's Future Operating Model.

The Committee adjourned at 4:58 pm and reconvened at 5:05 pm. Councillor Rebecchi did not return to the meeting following the adjournment.

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 undernoted issues relative to the item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6 & 8 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

There followed discussion on matters relating to the existing support contract and,

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thereafter, the Committee resumed consideration in public.

After discussion, Councillor McCabe moved:-

- (1) that the new Programme Governance Structure outlined in the report be approved;
- (2) that approval be given to the establishment of the Core Programme Team;
- (3) that the timeline and content of phases 1, 2 and 3 as set out in appendix 3 to the report be agreed;
- (4) that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive to make appropriate arrangements to fill the remaining posts within the Core Programme Team, in consultation with the Head of Organisational Development & Human Resources, as soon as practicable;
- (5) that agreement be given to the reconfiguration of the Wallace Place Contact Centre and minor works to 7/8 Clyde Square to meet the requirements of phases 1, 2 and 3;
- (6) that the Committee agree, in principle, to the conversion of the ground floor frontage (Clyde Square) of the Municipal Buildings to form a new Customer Contact Centre, incorporating a new corporate reception area, and authorise the appropriate design work, specification and issuing of tenders for this;
- (7) that the extension of the existing support contract with PricewaterhouseCoopers to assist with the implementation of phase 1 and the detailed design for phase 2 be noted;
- (8) that it be noted that the proposals considered within the report can be progressed from within existing budgets; and
- (9) that it be noted a further report will be submitted to the Policy & Resources Committee in November 2009 providing a detailed Financial Model, associated property solutions and timescales for the implementation of the Future Operating Model, including phases 4, 5 and 6.

As an amendment, Councillor Blair moved:-

- (1) that the new Programme Governance Structure outlined in the report be approved;
- (2) that approval be given to the establishment of the Core Programme Team;
- (3) that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive to make appropriate arrangements to fill the remaining posts within the Core Programme Team, in consultation with the Head of Organisational Development & Human Resources, as soon as practicable;
- (4) that agreement be given to the reconfiguration of the Wallace Place Contact Centre and minor works to 7/8 Clyde Square to meet the requirements of phases 1, 2 and 3 (up to an expenditure limit of £1M);
- (5) that the relevant Officers be instructed to enter into negotiations with the Council's Alliance Partners, including NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde, River Clyde Homes, Inverclyde Leisure, Strathclyde Police and Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, with a view to establishing a joint project;
- (6) that Officers be instructed to produce as accurate as possible estimates of costs for phases 4, 5 and 6; and
- (7) that, otherwise, consideration of the project be continued until November 2009, or earlier, for further reports.

On a vote, 1 Member voted for the amendment and 8 for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided:

- (1) that the new Programme Governance Structure outlined in the report be approved;

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- (2) that approval be given to the establishment of the Core Programme Team;
- (3) that the timeline and content of phases 1, 2 and 3 as set out in appendix 3 to the report be agreed;
- (4) that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive to make appropriate arrangements to fill the remaining posts within the Core Programme Team, in consultation with the Head of Organisational Development & Human Resources, as soon as practicable;
- (5) that agreement be given to the reconfiguration of the Wallace Place Contact Centre and minor works to 7/8 Clyde Square to meet the requirements of phases 1, 2 and 3;
- (6) that the Committee agree, in principle, to the conversion of the ground floor frontage (Clyde Square) of the Municipal Buildings to form a new Customer Contact Centre, incorporating a new corporate reception area, and authorise the appropriate design work, specification and issuing of tenders for this;
- (7) that the extension of the existing support contract with PricewaterhouseCoopers to assist with the implementation of phase 1 and the detailed design for phase 2 be noted;
- (8) that it be noted that the proposals considered within the report can be progressed from within existing budgets; and
- (9) that it be noted a further report will be submitted to the Policy & Resources Committee in November 2009 providing a detailed Financial Model, associated property solutions and timescales for the implementation of the Future Operating Model, including phases 4, 5 and 6.

EDUCATION APPEALS BOARD - 21 MAY 2009

Education Appeals Board

Thursday 21 May 2009 at 1 pm

Present: Councillors Dorrian, MacLeod, Brooks (for McIlwee) and Moran.

Chair: Councillor Moran presided.

In attendance: Mr J Hamilton (for Head of Legal & Administration) and Ms B McQuarrie (for Head of Organisational Development & Human Resources).

Apologies: Councillors McCabe, McIlwee and Rebecchi.

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.

354 Grievance Appeal: Employee in Education Services

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The Board considered a grievance appeal on behalf of an employee in Education Services and it was agreed that the grounds of the appeal had been substantiated and that the appeal be upheld, all as detailed in the appendix.

POLICY AND RESOURCES EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE - 21 MAY 2009

Policy and Resources Executive Sub-CommitteeThursday 21 May 2009 at 4 pm

Present: Councillors Blair, Brooks, McIlwee (for Clocherty), McCabe, McKenzie and Ahlfeld (for Wilson).

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive and 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 Sub-Committee.

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)
Release of an Employee under the Council's Voluntary Severance Scheme	1
Commissioning Review of Policies and Procedures for School Admissions and Placing Requests and their Operational Implementation	6 and 8

355 Release of an Employee under the Council's Voluntary Severance Scheme 355

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive and Head of Organisational Development & Human Resources (1) recommending the release of an employee in Education & Social Care under the Council's Voluntary Severance Scheme and (2) making further recommendations in this regard which were agreed, all as detailed in the Appendix.

356 Commissioning Review of Policies and Procedures for School Admissions and Placing Requests and their Operational Implementation 356

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive seeking formal approval to appoint an experienced consultant to conduct an independent review of the policies and procedures for school admissions and placing requests and their operational implementation following the recent decisions made by the Council's School Appeals (Placing Requests) Committee which was agreed, all as detailed in the Appendix.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE - 25 MAY 2009

Health & Social Care CommitteeMonday 25 May 2009 at 3.00 pm

Present: Provost McCormick, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Fyfe, McCabe, McIlwee, MacLeod and Moran.

Chair: Councillor McIlwee presided.

In attendance: Head of Social Work Services, Head of Community Care & Strategic Services, Head of Support & Development, Service Manager (Homeless), Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Administration), Ms A Edmiston (for Chief Financial Officer) and Mr M Bingham (for Head of Corporate Communications & Public Affairs).

Apologies: Councillors Grieve and Rebecchi.

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

357 Capital Programme 2008/09 - 2010/11 - Progress 357

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care and the Chief Financial Officer (1) updating the Committee in respect of the status of the projects forming the Health and Social Care Capital Programme and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.

The Head of Support & Development updated the Committee with regard to the Inverclyde Centre Phase 3 project.

Decided: that the terms of the report and the update by the Head of Support & Development be noted.

358 The Integrated Children's Services Project - Final Report 358

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care (1) appending the final report of the Integrated Children's Services Project and (2) highlighting the key achievements of the project and the areas of work that require continuing attention to improve integrated service delivery that secures better outcomes for children, young people and families.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the contents of the Integrated Children's Services Project final report and the achievements described within it and ratify the formal ending of the initiative; and

(2) that the Committee note the continuing work to improve integrated service delivery as set out in section 4.12 of the report and that it be remitted to the Head of Social Work Services to take these actions forward in consultation with the partner agencies and services and to report on progress at an appropriate future date.

359 Choose Life Inverclyde 359

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care (1) updating the Committee on the local implementation and developments of the "Choose Life" initiative and (2) appending local implementation action plan and training plan 2008-2010.

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Decided:

- (1) that the findings of the Choose Life Inverclyde progress report appended to the report be noted; and
- (2) that further annual performance and progress reports be submitted to the Committee following the announcement of national suicide statistics for Scotland.

360 Services to Gypsies/Travellers in Inverclyde**360**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care (1) on the Council's current arrangements for responding to unauthorised gypsies/travellers encampments and seeking approval of an updated policy a copy of which was appended to the report and (2) seeking approval for ongoing discussions with neighbouring local authorities on the possible development of an official transit site.

Decided:

- (1) that the policy and procedural guidelines on establishment of unauthorised encampments by gypsies/travellers in Inverclyde appended to the report be approved; and
- (2) that approval be given to further discussions with neighbouring local authorities with a view to developing proposals for an official transit site for discussion/approval at a future meeting of the Committee.

361 Older People's Care Homes - Payment for Quality**361**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care informing the Committee of the Care Homes for Older People "Payment for Quality" agenda and the funding/monitoring implications for 2009/11.

Decided: that the Committee note the outcome of the National Care Home fee negotiation.

362 Telecare Development Programme**362**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care providing an update on the progress and future plans for the Telecare Development Programme in Inverclyde.

The Head of Community Care & Strategic Services advised the Committee that the Inverclyde Partnership had been awarded £125,000 for the year 2009/10 and that, as at April, 504 people had benefited from the service.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress of the Telecare Development Programme in Inverclyde be noted and that the Committee support and promote further mainstreaming of Telecare at a local partnership level, within the policy context of shifting the balance of care;
- (2) that approval be given to the draft Inverclyde Telecare Strategy 2009-2011 appended to the report; and
- (3) that the Committee's thanks be conveyed to the staff involved in the Inverclyde Partnership.

363 Initial Response to the Recent Report by Audit Scotland on Drug and Alcohol Services in Scotland**363**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care (1) on the main findings of the Audit Scotland report on drug and alcohol services, (2) highlighting the key issues in the report and (3) advising of the work of the Inverclyde

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Drug and Alcohol Forum, its impact and strategic direction and relationship to the Community Planning Partnership.

Decided:

- (1) that the content and key messages of the Audit Scotland report on drug and alcohol services in Scotland be noted;
- (2) that the current and developing arrangements for performance monitoring and reporting adopted by the Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Forum be noted;
- (3) that the Committee note outcome measures and strategic developments which have a direct relationship to Audit Scotland's findings; and
- (4) that approval be given to the use of the Audit Scotland self evaluation template and that a further report be submitted to the Committee on its completion.

364 Social Work Services Business Plan Update 2009/2010**364**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care seeking approval of the Social Work Services Business Plan Update 2009/2010, copies of which had been circulated separately to Elected Members and stakeholder organisations and made available within relevant premises.

Decided: that the Committee note and approve the Social Work Services Business Plan Update 2009/2010.

365 Items for Noting**365**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care providing information relative to (1) contracts relating to the provision of social care services and (2) the Provost's Fund Christmas 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 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	Paragraphs(s)
Care Home Rates 2009-2010	6 and 8
Budget Virement: Grants to Voluntary Organisations	2, 6 and 9

366 Care Home Rates 2009-2010**366**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care advising of the revised care home rates for under and over 60s which reflect the weekly gross cost per person for permanent and respite placements in registered residential establishments within Inverclyde.

Decided: that the Committee note the revised care home rates for 2009-2010 as set out in the appendices to the report.

The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Committee to

consider the matter at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.

367 Budget Virement: Grants to Voluntary Organisations

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care seeking approval to vire £12,000 from the Social Work Budget to the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Budget within Economic & Social Regeneration.

Decided: that approval be given to the virement of £12,000 from the Social Work Budget to the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Budget as detailed in the report.