

**APPENDIX  
REGENERATION COMMITTEE - 3 SEPTEMBER 2009**

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

**538 Community Facilities/Outdoor Leisure - Efficiency Review Update**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources (1) updating the Committee in respect of the efficiency reviews carried out on community facilities and outdoor leisure and (2) advising of progress with discussion with experienced Leisure Trusts regarding the management of community and outdoor leisure facilities.

Councillors Ahlfeld, McKenzie and White declared an interest in this item as Board members 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:**

- (1) that the Committee note the progress of the community facilities and outdoor leisure efficiency reviews to date;
  - (2) that the Committee acknowledge the interest in the management of community facilities, including school lets, from experienced Leisure Trusts;
  - (3) that it be agreed there is a business case to work exclusively with Inverclyde Leisure with a view to complete transfer of community facilities to them by 31 March 2010;
  - (4) that temporary management arrangements be put in place with Inverclyde Leisure for the temporary management of the portfolio of outdoor leisure facilities by 31 March 2010;
  - (5) that any transfer of the outdoor leisure facilities on a permanent basis should proceed once investment works are complete at which time authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources in consultation with the Head of Legal & Administration and the Chief Financial Officer to transfer the facilities to Inverclyde Leisure, subject to an appropriate business plan being in place;
  - (6) that, in the consideration of the revenue and capital implications of the use and retention of the current portfolio of centres as part of the ongoing budget setting processes, £43,000 be vired from the Leisure & Community salaries budget and income from the SLA on the Lady Octavia pitch to meet the target saving from this efficiency review in 2009/10; and
  - (7) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to submit a report to the Committee in due course on the level of Elected Member representation on Inverclyde Leisure's Board.
- (Councillor McCabe left the meeting following consideration of this item of business).

**539 Gourock Central Development**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources providing an update on progress with development options at the Central Gourock area. (Councillor McCabe returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

**Decided:**

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted;
- (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to write to Alexander George & Co (Investments) Ltd advising of the Committee's dissatisfaction that their regeneration proposals were not available for the meeting and requesting that their proposals be submitted in sufficient time to allow the Committee to consider the matter at the meeting to be held on 29 October 2009, failing which negotiations be progressed with Riverside Inverclyde;

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(3) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to ascertain the position with regard to the Public Transfer Fund monies awarded by the Scottish Government; and

(4) that a progress report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.  
(Councillor McKenzie left the meeting following consideration of this item of business).

**540 Ground at Upper Bow, Greenock**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for the transfer of an area of ground at Upper Bow, Greenock to River Clyde Homes for the purposes of supplementing their house building and area renewal proposals in Greenock.

**Decided:** that approval be given to the transfer of the area of ground at Upper Bow, Greenock shown outlined in the plan accompanying the report to River Clyde Homes in order to support the area renewal proposals and that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to conclude matters accordingly.

**541 Play Area at Auchmountain Hall, Maukinhill**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for the transfer at nil value to Cloch Housing Association Ltd of the play area at Auchmountain Hall, Maukinhill to support their contribution of £60,000 to upgrade the existing play area.

**Decided:** that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to (a) discuss the matter further with Cloch Housing Association Ltd and Auchmountain Community Resource Centre with a view to reaching a resolution and (b) thereafter, progress the matter, including seeking any appropriate permissions from the Scottish Government for the transfer of ground at less than market value.

**542 Ground at Kempock Street, Gourrock**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to re-advertise a site at Kempock Street, Gourrock for sale on the open market.

Councillor White expressed the view that consideration of the matter was not competent in terms of Standing Orders as six months had not elapsed since the decision of the Committee at the meeting held on 12 March. Following discussion, however, it was agreed that further consideration of the matter would not be contrary to the decision of the Committee at its meeting on 12 March and that the Committee consider the report. Councillor White requested that his dissatisfaction at the item being considered be recorded.

**Decided:** that consideration of the matter be continued and that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to submit a report to the Committee on proposals for a development brief for the site incorporating appropriate uses for the site, assessment criteria for any proposals received and advice as to whether it would be appropriate to include an "offers over" figure in any advertisement together with an update on the Town Centre Regeneration Fund including details of consultation.  
(Councillor Rebecchi left the meeting at this juncture).

**545 Lease of Premises: McLeod Street, Greenock**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking approval to renew and extend the lease of land at McLeod Street, Greenock with Craigend Resource Centre.

**Decided:**

- (1) that it be agreed, in principle, to lease the land adjacent to Craigend Resource Centre, McLeod Street, Greenock to Craigend Resource Centre subject to appropriate rental and lease arrangements being made; and
- (2) that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources in conjunction with the Chief Financial Officer and the Head of Legal & Administration to conclude discussions with Craigend Resource Centre on this matter.